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The Applause Libretto Library is important to have around, but if you thought Brown's musical was going to be more than just the songs, it ain't necessarily so. There's a few lines of dialogue, but nothing major-- just the lyrics. Also, Brown's introduction is candid.

(Applause Libretto Library). An emotionally powerful and intimate musical about two New Yorkers in their twenties who fall in and out of love over the course of five years. The show's unconventional structure consists of Cathy, the woman, telling her story backwards while Jamie, the man, tells his story chronologically; the two characters meet only once, at their wedding in the middle of the show. Jason Robert Brown won Drama Desk Awards for the music and the lyrics after the Off-Broadway premiere in 2002 starring Norbert Leo Butz and Sherie Renee Scott. The show has since been produced at almost every major regional theater in the U.S., and has been seen in Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Germany, Italy, Canada, Spain, and the UK.

About the Author  
Jason Robert Brown is the Tony Award-winning lyricist and composer of *Parade*, *The Last Five Years*, and *Songs for a New World* as well as the musical *13*, which he collaborated on with Dan Elish. At his bar mitzvah he sang a song he had written about breaking up with his girlfriend, even though he had not at that time ever had a girlfriend. Jason lives in California with his wife and daughter.