AFTER ALL Cast of Characters

(7 actors playing 9 roles)

	<u>HERO</u> :	A young woman of independent means. The daughter of the late American Ambassador to Italy and owner of the villa. Mid-20's soprano. Unspoiled, open-hearted, ingenuous.
	<u>BEATRICE</u> :	Hero's cousin. An American writer. Late-30's mezzo-soprano. Sparkling, self-possessed, passionate and thoughtful.
*	MARGARET:	Personal assistant to Hero. Also an American. Early-30's mezzo-soprano. Earthy, sensual, street-smart.
	<u>PEDRO</u> :	Commander of an international peace-keeping force. Descended from Spanish nobility. 40, baritone. Charismatic leader with natural authority. Private.
	<u>CLAUDIO</u> :	First Lieutenant to Pedro. From a prominent Florentine family. Mid-20's tenor. Good looking, exuberant, and brave, with a bright future and a jealous streak.
	<u>BENEDICK</u> :	Second Lieutenant to Pedro. From a middle- class family in Padua. Late-30's high baritone. Irrepressibly witty, independent, fun-loving and compassionate.
**	<u>JOHN</u> :	Pedro's disinherited younger half-brother, employed as his special envoy. Early 30's baritone. Off-beat, tragicomic bad-boy. Recklessly mischievous.

* Also plays the part of FRIAR FRANCIS (town church leader).

** Also dances the part of BORACHIO (Margaret's lover, John's cohort).

TIME: A recent summer

PLACE: A seaside Italian villa in Messina