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I first saw this several years ago and reviewed it then. I enjoyed it so much that I've tried to see it again, or purchase it, but it simply wasn't available anywhere. Copyright issues had taken it off the market. Recently, I checked again, and suddenly, there it was! I ordered it immediately, and am still

happy with it. I'm going to lend it to my choir director, a retired music/band teacher."Handel's Last Chance" is part of a series produced by HBO several years ago. Each involves a famous composer and a child. In each episode, the child is part of the solution to the problem at hand. In this case, it's Jamie, an Irish boy with a lovely singing voice. He and Handel help each other. Handel desperately needs a good, strong singer for the premier performance of "Messiah." Jamie needs help. His poverty-stricken, widowed mother arranged a scholarship to a high-class prep school; the school bully makes Jamie's life miserable. Then Jamie's mother, a laundress, is put in debtor's prison. Jamie is shown doing her laundry work at night, and trying to be a student by day. One can imagine how frustrated he'd become. In exchange for singing and staying in school, Handel offers food, encouragement and assistance with the bully.

Exactly what we wanted, worked perfectly!

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