AND NOW I SEE (*PREVIEW)*

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Director’s Note: The introductory scripture is intended to be read from off-stage before each scene, with music underlying. It is also very effective to have the scene from the scripture acted out in pantomime (perhaps even in silhouette) on a side stage or on a video.

*As Jesus went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”*

*“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.*

Scene 1 (the family kitchen)

(*Jen’s looking through the mail at the kitchen table; Sam comes in from mowing*)

Jen: Hey, sweaty man.

Sam: Hey, lazy woman. (*she swats him, he laughs*) Do we have any cold Cokes in the fridge?

Jen: (*hands him a Coke*) I saw you coming – I’m way ahead of you.

Sam: Ah! That’s why I love you. (*takes Coke and starts to drink*)

Jen: Of course. You know Brady could have mowed the lawn when he got home from school today.

Sam: Yeah, but there’s no reason I couldn’t do it.

Jen: Except that it makes him lazy when you do his chores for him.

Sam: Eh, I’ll do his chores and he can get a job and support the family. Maybe he’ll have better luck than I’m having.

Jen: Stop it. Have you heard from the recruiter yet?

Sam: Naw. He’ll get back to me. He always does. Jack’s good like that.

Jen: It’s been a week since the interview, you’d think . . .

Sam: (*trying to change the subject*) Hey, doesn’t Carrie have a band concert next week?

Jen: Yeah, Monday night. Last one for the year.

Sam: Ah – a summer with no clarinet screeching. Sounds glorious.

Jen: Ugh, I hear ya. I know she’s getting better, but first year band lessons are brutal.

Sam: It’s like the soundtrack of hell. Is the concert just her school this time or the whole district again?

Jen: I hope it’s just hers – those district concerts go on forever. (*his phone vibrates and he gets it out of his pocket*) I guess it’s a good thing that they try to get the kids out there performing as much as possible, but --

Sam: Aha – told you Jack would get back to me. (*stands and walks away from table a bit; more professional tone in his voice*) Hello, this is Sam….. Yes, Jack! How you doing? …… No – no that’s okay. I knew I’d hear from you as soon as you knew something……yeah…..Uh huh….Uh huh *(the news is clearly not good; Jen sighs and puts her head in her hands*)….. Yep, well, that seems to be the way of the business world these days…..yeah …. Well, I really appreciate your efforts on my behalf, Jack……Yeah, we’ll talk again next week…..Right. Have a good weekend. Bye. (*he hangs up phone; quietly*) They decided not to fill the position after all. Hiring freeze.

Jen: Again?

Sam: Yep. (*he sits; both pause*)

Jen: So, that’s it, right? There’s nothing else out there.

Sam: Not at the moment. (*another pause*)

Jen: I can’t believe it’s been ten months and . . . nothing. I still can’t believe they let you go in the first place.

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