



## The Academy @ MSA - Male Monologue

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Disappear* by Anonymous

Character: Guy

Background Info: Even in the best of families things get tense, things go bad. Kids try to do their best and parents wish they had done better. A little misunderstanding can go a long way.

"Kids are supposed to have a good time! I'm a kid! I'm not having any fun! No fun at all! (Turns away from parents, turns back) Mom, dad... I... I tried. I really did. I did my best but... Shoot! Did it ever dawn on you two geniuses that I might not be the genius you thought I was! I am just an ordinary person. I am. And I'm okay with that. Are you? (Upset) Are you? (A pause) And that's all I want to be! Just me! Can I do that? Can I just come in this house and be with my family? Please! (A pause) I love you so much. I do. Could I just come in and... and not be put under a microscope. Like... like a little specimen. Because I tell you what! I can't take it anymore. I can't! I am about to burst wide open. Blow up into a million little pieces! And just.... just... disappear." (Turns and exits.)

### HIGH SCHOOL

*This is a Test* by Stephen Gregg

Character: Alan

"It's true. My future is bleak. I'm a terrible student and everybody knows it. (Pause.) I'm not an athlete. I don't debate. Or play chess. I'm funny looking. All my library books are overdue. I don't have any friends. I'm an orphan. (Pause.) Well, I have parents but they probably don't like me very much. I wouldn't either. (Pause.) Wait a minute. Snap out of it. Quit feeling sorry for yourself. You have plenty of fine qualities. (A long pause) What about my singing? Just last week Mrs. Mandell said that my voice had great potential. "With a little training," she said, "you could have been a very fine tenor." Those were her exact words. "A very fine tenor." And that's something that makes me different. It's just one example of the many fine qualities that make me unique. I can always remember that no matter what happens, I have my music to make me just a little bit special."