

## **AUDITION MONOLOGUES**

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.)

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The Wong Kids in the Secret of the Space Chupacabra, Go! by Lloyd Suh Character: Violet

This is why you have no friends! You've got to stop acting like a unique, UFO-obsessed kid—you'll never fit in! Because you're always doing weirdo things like wearing your underwear on the outside of your pants, trying to make rocks move with the power of your mind, Bruce it's like totally bringing me down! I grew up. See? I don't have time to stare at rocks and be a nerd and stuff. Once you start Seventh Grade, you'll understand. You have to put away your kiddie toys, your comic books and sci-fi magazines, because the post-adolescent world is not some happy fun playground of imagination and possibility. It is a harsh, real world that judges any peculiarity that you might have, forcing you to adhere to an exhaustive regimen of conformity and social rules in order to survive the wilderness of school dances and puberty. Trust me.



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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."

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Our Town by Thornton Wilder

Character: Emily

Well, up to a year ago, I used to like you a lot. And I used to watch you while you did everything— (quickly covering) because we'd been friends so long! And then you began spending all your time at baseball. And you never stopped to speak to anybody any more— not to really speak— not even to your own family you didn't. And George, it's a fact that ever since you've been elected Captain you've gotten awfully stuck up and conceited. And all the girls say so! And it hurts me to hear them say it, but I've got to agree with them a little, because it's true. I always expect a man to be perfect. My father is. And as far as I can tell, your father is. There's no reason on earth why you shouldn't be too!