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Spotlight on Performance Script

Reflections

Costume/Prop Suggestions

The five main characters (Anna, Emily, Heidi, Rob, and Ted) are dressed in regular school attire. The only props needed are MP3 players for each character. These don't necessarily need to work—any sort of mechanical-looking device will serve the purpose. The Choir represents music coming out of the MP3 players—they can be dressed in regular school attire.

Set Suggestions

The only required pieces are five chairs for each of the main characters. Carry-on set pieces and props can be used in the various choir pieces. Have students study the lyrics for ideas to create these types of props and set pieces.

Script Begins

Song 1: Huainito, p. 351

Anna: *(overly emotional)* That is so sad. That poor little dove. I feel so bad.

Emily: *(starting to cry)* Me too.

Heidi: This is worse than a “chick flick.”

(Rob and Ted enter stage right.)

Rob: Hey guys, what's going on?

Ted: *(As he gets closer, he realizes they are crying.)* What's the matter?

Anna: Well, there were these two little doves and one of them... *(so emotional that she can't go on)*

Emily: One of the doves deceived... *(so emotional that she can't go on)*

Rob: Wait a minute. What doves?

Heidi: The doves in the song.

Rob: Wait a minute. You're crying about a couple of doves in a song?

Anna, Emily, and Heidi: *(in unison)* Yes! *(They all burst into tears.)*

Rob: It's a made up story. How can a made up story get to you?

Anna: Rob, as I recall, aren't you obsessed with *Star Wars*?

Rob: I wouldn't say *obsessed*.

Heidi: Dressing up every Halloween your entire life as *Star Wars* character...

Anna: *(interrupting)* Wall to wall posters in your room...

Rob: *(interrupting)* But that's different.

Emily: *(interrupting)* and pictures in your locker...

Anna: *(interrupting)* and on every notebook.

Rob: *(interrupting)* But that's different.

Heidi: And I'll never forget the year you wrote that paper on who you wanted to be when you grew up. Everybody else wrote about people like their mom and dad, or Mother Teresa, or even some sports figure... you wrote about Luke Skywalker.

Rob: Okay, okay. I admit I like *Star Wars*, but to say I'm obsessed...

Anna, Emily, and Heidi: *(in unison)* You're obsessed.

Ted: They're right.

Heidi: We're not saying there's anything wrong with that. But you said, "how could a made up story get to you?" We're saying that a made up story gets to you.

Rob: Okay, okay. Guilty as charged.

Emily: It takes a strong man to admit he was wrong.

Rob: Well, not really *wrong*, but...

Ted: *(interrupting)* I'd quit while I was ahead if I were you.

Rob: *(giving up)* Whatever.

Anna: Heidi, what else do you have on your MP3 player?

Heidi: I have this song from the Philippines. It has a real different name. Dandan something...

Rob: I know it. Yeah, Dandan...

All: *(in unison)* "Dandansoy."

Anna: I think it's kinda sad, too.

Heidi: Yeah, I think it's about somebody leaving on a journey or something like that.

Rob: You guys... can you try not to cry this time?

Emily: We're not making any promises.

Song 2: Dandansoy, p. 356

(All three girls are fighting back tears.)

Rob: Okay, you guys... we got through that one pretty well. Emily, what else do you have on your MP3 player?

Emily: Here's one. I really like it and it's not sad; but it is about birds. Not about *heartbroken* birds, just migrating birds.

Heidi: I think we can get through that all right.

Song 3: Bashana Haba'ah, p. 360

Emily: I think we all did pretty well on that one. What do you think?

Anna: I think we did great, but it's not that difficult to hold it together when you're listening to a story about migrating birds.

Heidi: You know... music is pretty amazing. It can touch us in so many ways. I mean, the fact that we all lost it over a song about heartbroken doves does say something about the power of music.

Emily: You're right. Music goes deep into our souls like almost nothing else can.

Anna: The lyrics can tell us about something that's true... or something just made up—fictional.

Heidi: The important thing is that music moves us.

Emily: Sometimes music is something that we can express when our hearts are so full that we don't know what to say so we say it with a song.

Ted: I have a song on my MP3 player that's kind like that.

Anna: Can we hear it?

Ted: Sure.

Song 4: Sing Hosanna, p. 362

Heidi: I like that song. It is the kind of song that puts a smile on your heart.

Rob: *(not understanding what that means)* A smile on your heart?

Heidi: It's a metaphor that means it makes you happy.

Rob: A meta*what*?

Heidi: A metaphor. It's another way of saying something to help you understand it.

Rob: Maybe we'll get to that next semester.

Heidi: You know, some songs make us sad and some make us happy; or shall I say some songs put a smile on our hearts and other songs just seem to inspire us to love deeper and to be better people. I've got a song on my MP3 that makes me feel that way. You guys want to hear it?

All: *(in unison)* Sure!

Song 5: Jordan's Angels, p. 365