

LOST BOYS:
A TYA Musical in Verse

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SETTING

A place where time has stopped, except when it goes

CHARACTERS

The Wonderer: in search of her voice

The Ensemble (Lost Boys): 3-30 performers of any age, have all lost something

SYNOPSIS

A TYA musical in verse developed in collaboration with young artists on the things we lose and how to find them - where the lost boys are actually girls.

NOTES ON THE TEXT

When the Wonderer has no voice, the text is whispered by the whole cast and gestured by the Wonderer. The Ensemble lines may be dispersed among 3 actors or far more in whatever way serves the needs of the production.

Darkness.

ENSEMBLE

NOT ALL WHO WONDER ARE LOST

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AHHHH

AHHHH

A girl enters with a kazoo in a spotlight.

SOUND: TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK....

As lights gently come up, statues are revealed around the space.

As she investigates them, they move behind her back.

SOUND: TICK TICKING recedes and out pops:

ENSEMBLE

Welcome, Dear Wonderer

We're so glad you've Arrived

We've been Waiting for you

Since a quarter to 5

A quarter to 5, you say

How can that Be?

You see, here, times Moves

A tad Differently

It is always Stopped

It never ever Goes

Did you hear that Tick Ticking?

That's why we Froze

When hiding from Time

Best not make a Fuss

If we are Statues Enough

It won't Recognize us

But you can't hide from time,

You say, you must Understand

Anything is possible

Here in Never Land

OUT OF TIME

FDC/ DD^bCB^b/FED/FCDB^b/FEE^bD

WHAT WOULD YOU PAY
FOR THIS TERRIBLE DAY
TO BE OVER
CLOSING THE DOOR
ON THE FIGHTING A WAR
YOU CAN'T WIN

ALL THE ENDLESS EARTHQUAKING
YOU DESPERATELY FAKE IT
YOU'RE ENDING BEFORE YOU BEGIN

WELCOME TO THE PLACE
WHERE THE RULES DO NOT APPLY

CAUSE YOU'RE OUT OF TIME
DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH
DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH

DOESN'T IT ALWAYS FEEL
LIKE YOU'RE RUNNING BEHIND
DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH
DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH

EVERY DAY IT'S THE SAME
IT'S LIKE YOU'RE LOSING YOUR MI — — — — — ND

1234 HEY

CAUSE YOU'RE OUT OF — — —

WHAT WOULD TRADE
FOR THE FEEL OF THE WEIGHT
OFF YOUR SHOULDERS
SLOWING THE PACE
OF THE RACE
THAT YOU'RE DESTINED TO LOSE

CAUSE YOUR WORLD'S IN A TIZZY
IT'S MAKIN' YOU DIZZY
YOU'RE DOOMED ANY WAY THAT YOU CHOOSE

WELCOME TO THE PLACE
WHERE THE RULES DO NOT APPLY

CAUSE YOU'RE OUT OF TIME
DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH
DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH

WELCOME FRIEND, YOU HAVE REACHED
THE END OF THE LINE
DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH
DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH

WHY NOT REFUEL IN THE POOL
CAUSE THE WATER IS FI — — — NE

1234 HEY

CAUSE YOU'RE OUT OF — — —

D Db C B
DEADLINES ARE LOOMING
THE BREADLINES ARE GLOOMING
AND YOU DON'T KNOW JUST HOW MUCH LONGER YOU'LL TAKE IT
THE WIND'S GETTING COLDER
CHAGRINED GETTING OLDER
ROOTS AND THE SHOOTS AND THE SUITS GONNA BREAK IT
THE BUBBLES ARE BLOWING

THE TROUBLES ARE GROWING
THE SHOVELS ARE THROWING THE DIRT AS YOU'RE SHAKING DEATH
THE TICKING AND TOCKING
CAUSE IT'S NEVER STOPPING
THE CROCODILE CLOCKING YOU CAN'T CATCH YOUR BREATH

CAUSE YOU'RE OUTTA TIME
DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH
DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH

YOU'RE OUT OF TIME
DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH
DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH

YOU'RE OUT OF

TCK TCK TCK TCK
B O O M

ENSEMBLE

Don't look so Terrified
It's not all Doom and Gloom
We've got time here to Spare
We've got Time, Space and Room

You are Awfully quiet
Are you always this way?
Maybe it's Shock -
We've said to much today

I knew it - it was too soon
You weren't Ready for a song
The Dancing, the Singing
No, No - it's all wrong

We never get Wonderers
That must be it
Are you feeling quite well?
Maybe better you sit

Could you Gesture or Motion
To let us know you are alright
A Flag or a Flare or a -

WONDERER

KAZOO sound for 1,2,3.

ENSEMBLE

— Quite.

So I'll say one more thing
That may make your eyes Crossed
You are here for one reason:
Because YOU ARE LOST

Losing in Fine though
We lose all the Time
I've lost Track of the things
That I've Lost that are mine

So now, you're among them
And so we are too

Which is why, we may have Mentioned
We were Waiting for you

So Be Curious Now
Without feeling Constrained
Because sometimes in Losing
There's Much to be gained

(WHAT I'VE LOST)

I lost a Tooth
Outside today
I lost the Path
And I lost my Way

I lost the Seeds
To plant a Crocus
I lost my Drive
And I lost my Focus

I lost my Purse
On some money Spent
I lost Control
And the Argument

I lost my Country
I lost my State

I lost some Friends
And I lost some Weight

I lost the extra
Socks I Brought
I think I Lost
my train of Thought

I lost my Footing once
On a Log
I lost my Cat
I lost my Dog

I lost my Keys
I lost my Head
I lost my Shoes
I lost the Thread

I lost some Time
on Plush summer grasses
I lost my Marbles
I lost my Glasses

I lost my Faith
When my life was Wrecked
I lost Integrity
I lost Respect

When I lost my Homework

I lost my Mind

I lost the Ball

in the Seek and Find

I lost a Memory

I Treasured once

I lost my Joy

When I lost Touch

I lost my Identity

In the Dark

I lost my Fight

And I lost my Spark

I lost my Breath

And Energy too

I lost my Umbrella

Of Cerulean Blue

I lost my Patience

I lost a Ring

I've lost, well,

pretty much Everything

I lost my Nerve

When I had a Choice
And You - what did You lose?

WONDERER

(whispered with entire ensemble & gestured)

I Lost my Voice

ENSEMBLE

Lost your voice, you say
Who would have Thought it?
When would you Last say
You think that you saw it?

Did you look in the Freezer
Sometimes things end up there
Or Sometimes I put something
Down Under my Chair

Then I get up to Leave
Without stopping to Look
That's how I Last lost
my Favorite Book

Or sometimes I Search
Throughout the Whole House
And I Rage and I Scream
And I Cry and I Grouse

And Just when I think
I can No longer stand
I look - There it is
In the Palm of my Hand

Did you look in your Pockets
Your Bag and your Bed?
Did you check in your Jacket
And on top of your Head?

Or maybe all this Time
It's been Looking for You
If That's the case, now
Here's what you must do

You have to stop Going
And looking around
Take time to Settle Down
Feel your Feet on the Ground

Allow breath in through your Nose
Feel it travel Due South
Then release it in Time
Out through your Mouth

Let's try it again - You do it too

See, In through your Nose
Out your Mouth
When you're through

Maybe your Voice
Just needs Time to appear
And it will call out to you
If you stay still Right Here

NEVER LAND

AF#(D)E/ AF#G#

F#ED

IT'S SO EXHAUSTING
THIS RUNNING IN PLACE
AND THE CHAOS IT'S COSTING
IN LINES ON MY FACE

AND IT'S HARD TO SPEAK WORDS WHEN YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND
AND IT'S HARD TO KEEP FLYING AND NEVER LAND

AHHHHH

IT'S SO AMUSING
THE TABLES WE'LL TURN
ALL THE EGOS
WE'RE BRUISING
AFRAID TO GET BURNED

AND IT'S HARD HOLDING FEARS IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND
I'M SO SCARED I'LL KEEP FLYING AND NEVER LAND

AHHHHHH

AHHHHHH

IT'S ALL I'M LOSING
THESE FURIOUS GAMES
WITH THE RULES SO CONFUSING
AND DATES WITHOUT NAMES

AND I'M GRINDING THESE TEARDROPS ALL DOWN INTO SAND
I'M SO CERTAIN OF FLYING: I'LL NEVER LAND

LISTEN CLOSE, I HEAR A VOICE
SHATTER ITS WAY THROUGH THE NOISE

IT SAYS,

GO TO SLEEP MY BEAUTIFUL BABY
GO TO SLEEP MY CHILD
GO TO SLEEP MY WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL
YOU'VE BEEN AWAKE QUITE A WHILE

GO TO SLEEP MY BEAUTIFUL BABY
DON'T YOU WORRY NOW

EVERYTHING IS WONDERFUL WONDERFUL
WE'LL GET BY SOMEHOW

GO TO SLEEP MY BEAUTIFUL BABY
REST YOUR HAND IN MINE
YOUR LIFE WILL BE WONDERFUL WONDERFUL
TRUST ME - GIVE IT TIME
X2

ENSEMBLE

Let's check with our Wonderer:
How did that go?
Has your voice Reappeared?

WONDERER

I don't think so.

ENSEMBLE

Hm, I was *sure*
You Tricky Voice would Quit
Hiding from you
If we Waited for it

Ok, check the List
No more Waiting, that's True
Now we must Venture
Into Phase Two!

TICK TICK SOUND.

Uh oh, Listen Up
Listen up if you Will!
This goes for you too
It's Time to be Still

TIME has returned to us
Trying to Find you
So stand here Stock Still
Like a Marble Hewn Statue

All freeze.

ENSEMBLE

(still frozen, talking from side of mouth)

Don't Move a Muscle
It'll Know if you do
The Last thing you want
Is Time to catch up with you

TICK TICK TICKING recedes.

ENSEMBLE

The Coast is now Clear
Is Everyone dandy?

WONDERER

(KAZOO.)

ENSEMBLE

I have to Admit
that thing comes in Handy.

Tick Ticking Time
It gives me such a Scare
Then there are other Times
I don't notice it's There

A Day will go by
Or a Week or a Year
Maybe a Decade
Before I Feel Fear

Wait Wait that's It
Your Voice - in the Shade
Maybe it's Hiding
Because it's Afraid

"What a brilliant idea!"
That sounded British
When you last saw it,
Was your voice feeling Skittish?

Was it Hemming and Hawing
Or Choking or Sad
Was your Jaw clenched and Angry
Or Tongue-tied and Mad

Let's not Overwhelm

our Wonderer, Let's Go -
Instead of just Telling,
Let's put up A Show

Preparing for the performance.

A-hem, Welcome All
Welcome our Honored Guest,
Open your Candies,
Silence Phones, all the rest

Now we will perform for you
Without much Commotion
“Why Your Voice May Have Left:
An Ocean of Emotion”

A play within the play.

(OCEAN OF EMOTION)

I have so many Emotions
Churning inside
They manifest Worlds
They Turn like the Tide

They help me to Learn
And to Share and to Grow
Sometimes they come Fast
Sometimes they leave Slow

I'm Happy and Hangry

And Silly and Sad

Excited and Frustrated

Jealous and Mad

It's harder to Cope

When I haven't had Sleep

When I'm feeling Stressed Out

Or need Something to Eat

I can Handle them Better

When I breathe in Deep

And Feel where I am

And stand on my feet

I feel Cautious and Anxious

Peaceful and Proud

And I feel Such Relief

When I Name them Out Loud

Sadness

I am Heavy Exhausted

Weighed like a Stone

Shrouded and Lost

Adrift and Alone

Sometimes I Don't Care
Sometimes I Feel Bad
These are the moments
When I'm feeling Sad

Frustration

I am Jagged and Blurry
Confused, Angry Red
When Effort and Worry
Collide in my Head

I am Angular, Pointy
Like Teeth are Serrated
These are the moments
When I feel Frustrated

Troubled

I am Cloudy and Hazy
A gray fog Descends
A Tether that's Frayed
And Loose at both ends

A Furrowed brow Frowning
A vision that's Doubled
These are the moments

When I'm feeling Troubled

Stressed

I am Stuck in one Place
Or I cannot Stand Still
I'm a bunny Mid-Chase
I'm a Fish with no Gills

It's Too Much to carry
My Buttons all Pressed
These are the moments
When I'm feeling Stressed

Inspired

I'm the Spacious Blue Sky
I am Green as Desire
I am Light as a Snowflake
Courageous as Fire

I am Vast and Expansive
Like Magic Conspired
These are the moments
When I feel Inspired

Restless

I'm an Uneasy Shaking
A Leaf in the Wind
A Chestnut Earthquaking
A Top in a Spin

A Stomach that Rumbles
A Wave that is Crest-less
These are the moments
When I'm feeling Restless

Peace

I am Open and Easy
As Gentle as Air
Part Strong and part Breezy
With Compassion and Care

I'm Receptive to Others
And feel such Release
These are the moments
When I am at Peace

Thoughtful

I feel Nestled Inside
The Coziest Bed

The World is so Wide
Inside of my Head

I might seem Distracted
Like I Wander a Lot
These are the moments
When I'm Lost in Thought

Drained

I am Empty and Hollow
Turned Out from Inside
The Foam as it Follows
The Loss of the Tide

I am Running on Fumes
On a Motor that's Strained
These are the moments
When I'm feeling Drained

Energized

I'm a Dog on a Run
Or a Stalk Sprouting Tall
Flowers Bent to the Sun
Or a Squirrel in the Fall

I'm Well-Rested and Eager
And Just the Right Size
These are the moments
I feel Energized

Rage

I am Volcanic Eruption
An Avalanche Crash
An Iceberg Abruption
A Hot Lightning Flash

An Electric Guitar
A Bear trapped in a Cage
These are the moments
When I'm feeling Rage

Frightened

I am Tiptoeing Wide-Eyed
I am Taut and Aware
I see Shadows on All sides
And Ghosts in Midair

I am Tiny and Quick
Every Muscle is Tightened

These are the moments
When I'm feeling Frightened

Hopeful

I'm a Helium Balloon
A Mockingbird Call
A Beam from the Moon
A Shiny Red Ball

I am Light and Robust
And Enormous in Scope
These are the moments
When I'm feeling Hope

Empathy

I am Yielding and Porous
A Fish in the Sea
Kaleidoscopic Auroras
Blue Simplicity

The Lines become Blurry
Between the You that is Me
These are the moments
I feel Empathy

Ecstatic

I'm Electric and Buzzy

As High as the Trees

Sweaty and Fuzzy

A Hive full of Bees

I am Orange and Scribbly

Pink Bouncy Static

These are the moments

I'm feeling Ecstatic

Pride

I am Inflated with Sunlight

Strong like a Rock

A Lion at Full-Height

A Purple Peacock

I Am who I Am as

I Shine from Inside

These are the moments

When I'm feeling Pride

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Now we've showed you the Gamut

From Cheerful to Sad

Happy, Resentful

From Joyful to Mad

It's a Lot to consider

As we spin through this Reel

But what we are wondering is:

What do you Feel?

All look to Wonderer, expectantly.

Time stops.

We are inside the Wonderer's head.

WONDERER

AG#F#E/ DC#BA

MY EMOTIONS ARE BIG

LIKE THE MOON AND THE SUN

SOFT AS PILLOWS AT NIGHT

HARD AS DAY WHEN ITS DONE

F#G#BE/ AG#DG#

THEY ARE DARKNESS AND LIGHT

JOYFUL AND SHOCKS

LIQUID LIKE RAIN

AND HEAVY LIKE ROCKS

AD/ C#A

SOMETIMES I FEEL...(gesture)

SOMETIMES I FEEL...(gesture)

SOMETIMES I FEEL...(gesture)

SOMETIMES I FEEL...(gesture)

AC#D/ AC# ABC#D/ AC# ABC#D ABDE

SOMETIMES I FEEL SAD AS A HURRICANE
SOMETIMES I FEEL LIGHTER THAN AIR
SOMETIMES I FEEL RESTLESS AND WIND BLOWN BEYOND WHAT I DON'T KNOW
AS IF THE WHOLE WORLD DOESN'T KNOW THAT I'M THERE

AND SOMETIMES I AM ANGRY AS THUNDER
SOMETIMES I AM SOLID AS SNOW
SOMETIMES I'M AWAKE AND A-WONDERING
FEARFUL AND BLUNDERING
WHAT IN THE WORLD I DON'T KNOW I DON'T KNOW

AND SOMETIMES I FEEL...(gesture)
SOMETIMES I FEEL...(gesture)

SOMETIMES I FEEL SO ALONE

ENSEMBLE

SOMETIMES I FEEL...(gesture)
SOMETIMES I FEEL...(gesture)

SOMETIMES I FEEL...(gesture)
SOMETIMES I FEEL...(gesture)

SOMETIMES I FEEL TAME AS A TIDAL WAVE
SOMETIMES I FEEL TANGLED AND LIED
SOMETIMES I'M A SLAVE TO MY BRIGHTER DAYS
HAVENS OF HIDDEN HAZE, DROWNING THE DEMONS
I DOUBT FROM INSIDE

AND SOMETIMES I AM BRAVE AS A WATERFALL
SOMETIMES I'M UNDONE AND UNSURE
SOMETIMES I WON'T SAY BUT I'D RISK IT ALL
BACKED UP AGAINST THE WALL
SHATTERING WINDOWS
AND BREAKING DOWN DOORS

SOMETIMES I FEEL...(gesture)
SOMETIMES I FEEL...(gesture)

SOMETIMES I FEEL SO ALONE
WHERE HAVE YOU ALREADY GONE? (x3)
SOMETIMES I FEEL SO A-

SOMETIMES I FEEL SO A-
SOMETIMES I FEEL SO ALONE

Snap out of Wonderer's mind and back to the pageant.

Ensemble is exactly where they were before the song.

Time begins again.

ENSEMBLE

Well, Wonderer, we are waiting
We must get on with the show -
How are you feeling?

WONDERER

I guess... I don't know.

WONDERER (cont.)

BUT FOR ALL OF THEIR STRAINS
NOW THEIR MUSIC WILL GUIDE ME

ENSEMBLE

THESE WILD WATERCOLORS
ARE THE OCEAN INSIDE ME

The Pageant is over.

Applause.

Well done, well done All
You've brought Tears to my eyes
I dare say I'll ask you
Someday to Reprise

I laughed, I cried, I'm moved

By this Remarkable play
After that, it'd be Heartless
For your voice to stay away

So, C'mon let's hear it
Everyone's Waiting

WONDERER

I don't think it's back

ENSEMBLE

Well, that is Frustrating!

I was certain your voice
Was Afraid all along
That it'd want to return
If it felt something Strong

WONDERER

Wait— it came back a Little

ENSEMBLE

A small victory, yes
But we don't want *Improvement*
We want Success!

Don't think me Churlish
Or dripping with Gall
But your voice, well,

Still, it seems a bit Small

We want your voice back

In all of its Wonder

With all of its Range

And all of its Thunder

It's a Riddle for sure

How could it not be?

Ah well, we'll have to

Move onto Phase Three!

TICK TICKING sound.

Ok Everyone

You know the Drill

Hold your Breath, Hold you Tongue

Keep Very Still

Hey, psst psst, Wonderer!

Don't Move Around!

WONDERER

Does it occur to you lot

That I Want to be found?

TICKING recedes.

ENSEMBLE

Time come to find you

Are you out of your Mind?

If time finds you out
You won't Know what you'll find

WONDERER

Is that what you're afraid of
Is that why you won't Grow?

ENSEMBLE

Wonderer, You Don't Know
The things You Don't Know

We're trying to Help you
Why can't you See
We'll surely find your Voice
When we get to Phase 3

WONDERER

Phase 3, what is that?

ENSEMBLE

The Hardest by far
Maybe your voice left
Cause you don't know Who You Are

Animal, Mineral,
Vegetable, Pearl?
A Vampire, a Wolf?

WONDERER

I guess I'm a Girl.

Who are You?

ENSEMBLE

(IDENTITY)

I'm a cat

And a Mime and a Dragon

I'm an Organic Farmer

Selling produce from a wagon

I'm a Dancer, a Dreamer

An Accountant, a Nurse

I'm a Novelist who only writes

Stories in verse

I am a Chiropractor, a Teacher

I'm into Feng Shui

I sculpt from Found Objects:

Wood, Ice, Bronze and Clay

I'm an Owl, I'm a Storm

I Disappear when no one's looking

I'm a Magician turned Jester who

Sings while she's Cooking