

1 SONG: "TODAY IS THE DAY" - ELIJAH AND COMPANY

fx; Elijah's office door closes

JONATHAN

(sarcastically)

Is today the day of Elijah's singing competition? I *couldn't tell*.

2 THEME SONG

3 INT. RECTORY

PASTOR

Liv, Jonathan, Carol Ann listen up.

LIV

Carol Ann isn't here, she's in the basement helping Fran knit sweaters for the windmill children.

PASTOR

Well can someone go get her?

fx; silence.

JONATHAN

I'm not going all the way downstairs to get Carol Ann. I'm not going to get lost in the Labyrinth. Unless there's a David Bowie inspired wizard down there. Then you can cast a spell on me...

LIV

I'll send Carol Ann a text...

fx; text sounds

PASTOR

Carol Ann doesn't text.

LIV

Oh whoops...Carol Ann didn't want me to tell you that her phone has texting capabilities.

PASTOR

What? Carol Ann can text?

JONATHAN

I don't even Carol Ann's phone number saved in my phone.

fx; shuffling

CAROL ANN

(in the distance)

One second, I'm climbing this steep stairwell.

PASTOR

Next you're going to tell me the city inspector didn't approve of our makeshift staircase.

LIV

He didn't, we still have to get that staircase fixed.

CAROL ANN

What's going on gang?

PASTOR

Carol Ann since when can you text off your phone?

CAROL ANN

Um...I don't know. What's a cell phone?

JONATHAN

Jesus Carol Ann, I can see that new Iphone all the way from here! How did you afford that?

CAROL ANN

Well Patrick did so well on his last project that he got enough money to buy me this phone...

PASTOR

And you didn't want me to text you?

CAROL ANN

Well Pastor sometimes you get...well, needy. And I figured if you knew I texted, you'd text me about all the things that need to happen around here.

PASTOR
Well consider me insulted.

JONATHAN
Pastor Jamie *finally* realizes we've
been insulting her...

PASTOR
I still want an update on the roof re-
shingling by the way.

LIV
You called all the troops. What's up
Pastor Jamie?

PASTOR
We're all going to see Elijah perform
in the Regional District Multi-Faith
Singing Competition Semifinals today.

fx; crickets

JONATHAN
I'd rather be straight.

LIV
I have so much work to do.

CAROL ANN
I think Fran needs me...

PASTOR
None of you want to go see Elijah
sing?

JONATHAN
We see Elijah singing all the time.
When does he not sing?

LIV
Besides that sounds like a long day
being around singers. Nobody in their
right mind really wants to hear all
that bad singing...

4 SONG: "YOU'RE NOT SUPPORTIVE (PASTOR, JONATHAN, LIV AND CAROL
ANN) "

PASTOR
Well listen up, if you three don't
come on our road trip to the

conference center then I'll make you help out the SCONDIES event today.

CAROL ANN
I like the SCONDIES...

PASTOR
Well today is the day the SCONDIES all go to the health clinic for their check ups...*together*.

LIV/JONATHAN/CAROL ANN
Let's roll on out to that conference center / No need to threaten us, Jesus! / I've seen Agnes at the clinic, it's not fun...

5 INT. CHURCH SHUTTLE

ELIJAH
I'm really honored you guys want to come see me perform in the Regional District Multi-Faith Singing Competition Semifinals.

LIV
Well it was either this or help Garfield get probed.

JONATHAN
I don't want to see any of the SCONDIES probed...

CAROL ANN
It's a great day to be behind the wheel.

PASTOR
I'm not sure if it's a great idea for Carol Ann to drive.

LIV
It was *your idea* for Carol Ann to drive the shuttle.

PASTOR
I know, I'm just saying it wasn't a good idea.

CAROL ANN
None of the accidents were my fault! I

just happen to the in the car.

JONATHAN

Just like I happened to just 'be' at the club last weekend when it got 'shut down' for 'prostitution.'

fx; pop and hiss.

ELIJAH

What is that noise which sounds like my rival, Rachel Ryans?

LIV

Well anytime I hear a pop and hiss like that I have to assume it's a flat tire.

JONATHAN

It takes a flat tire to know about flat tires.

fx; bumpy sounds

PASTOR

WOAH, Carol Ann don't drive on that flat tire.

CAROL ANN

Oh I thought that was just the bumpy road.

JONATHAN

We're on the highway, not a forest trail or on a typical street in Detroit!

ELIJAH

Oh no, we're going to be late!

PASTOR

Don't worry I'll order us an Uber right now!

JONATHAN

(snarky)

Maybe we should sing about this experience...

ELIJAH

Great idea!

JONATHAN
I wasn't serious--

6 SONG: "I'LL STILL BE POSITIVE" - ELIJAH, CAROL ANN, PASTOR,
LIV AND JONATHAN

PASTOR
Look there's our Uber!

ELIJAH
Oh thank the gods and goddesses or
demons who got that Uber here quick.

LIV
We'll stay back and wait for the
insurance company.

PASTOR
Okay, well Quadruple A will be here in
a second.

JONATHAN
Quadruple A?

PASTOR
It's like a cheaper form of Triple A.

LIV
So they won't show up as fast and
won't do as great of a job fixing this
tire?

PASTOR
That's a double yes!

fx; doors open

ELIJAH
Thank you Uber driver for getting here
so quickly.

MARCY
You're awfully welcome--oh my gosh
look who just hopped into my
automobile.

PASTOR
Marcy, you're our Uber driver?

fx; door close

MARCY

Absolutely, I Uber on the side. It's good money and you never know when you might run into a music executive. One time I met Brad Kervec...he's the one in charge of all those infamous unfamous pop singers...

ELIJAH

Let me guess, you don't want to do pop music do you?

MARCY

Of course not, I'm quite alternative.

PASTOR

That's the word for it.

ELIJAH

I don't like this *alternative* ride to the conference center.

MARCY

Well just sit back and tune into some Marcy Playground deep cuts.

ELIJAH

I'd rather have silence.

PASTOR

Marcy, what got you into this line of work?

MARCY

I saw an ad and just went for it. You know what they say, you just gotta succeed...

7 SONG: GOTTA SUCCEED (MARCY, ELIJAH)

PASTOR

Well thankfully the conference center is here.

MARCY

What a great trip, please leave a five star rating.

fx; door closes.

ELIJAH

Actually that wasn't a bad ride, maybe we could give Marcy five stars.

PASTOR

I guess so...and I'll leave her a tip too.

fx; swipe

MARCY

They were terribly flat in that song we sang...I'll *have* to give them a one-star customer review.

fx; swipe

PASTOR

Do you think that the table over there that says 'registration table' is where we have to register?

ELIJAH

I hope so...

REGISTER LADY

Hi are you here to register for the Regional District Multi-Faith Singing Competition Semifinals?

ELIJAH

Is the current pope a Jesuit?

REGISTER LADY

I don't know, this is a specifically a multi-faith singing competition's semifinals so I don't really know the particulars of any religion...

ELIJAH

I'm sorry that was an insensitive joke...I'm Elijah Moses Corinthian, representing the Society of the Children of the Natural Earth.

REGISTER LADY

Ah perfect...you're contestant twelve...just go through these doors over there.

ELIJAH
Well wish me luck...

RACHEL RYANS
NOT SO FAST!

ELIJAH
Oh my gosh, not you!

PASTOR
Who's that?

ELIJAH
Pastor Jamie, meet my college rival
and current rival...Rachel Ryans...

RACHEL RYANS
Well, I'm so glad to see you. Today is
the day!

fx; today is the day instrumental picks up

PASTOR
We already did that song.

ELIJAH
Are you ready for second place? Oh
wait, even after I beat you, I still
see more talent here than you.

RACHEL RYANS
Remember that time I did a cover of
Adele and everyone thought the real
Adele had been performing? That's
going to happen tonight.

ELIJAH
Nobody thought you were the real
Adele! They were surprised you would
really pick Adele because it was *real*
obvious that you were going to
butcher.

RACHEL RYANS
What song will you be singing Elijah?
I Can't Confront The Devil? Too Scared
To Do Anything Even With God Or A
Higher Power's Grace?

ELIJAH
I'll have you know that neither of

those songs fit my range.

RACHEL RYANS

And here I was thinking you had great range...I'll make sure not to invite you to my choir practices.

ELIJAH

What ignorant, stupid, hillbilly invited your untalented butt to teach choir practices at their lackluster academy.

WYATT

Why hello everyone, it's great to see you here. Did you meet the new Liturgical Minister of Deerfield Friends Community Church, Rachel Ryans?

PASTOR

Oh goody, Deerfield's Pastor Wyatt is here.

ELIJAH

Well doesn't that make sense that our rival church has my college rival and current rival working for them! What happened to Mrs. Chardonnay, the old Deerfield Friends Community Church liturgical minister?

WYATT

Mrs. Chardonnay had unfortunately too many chardonnay while on vacation in Chardonnay, France.

ELIJAH

Oh my gosh, she passed away? She was one of my musical mentors?

WYATT

I'm sorry, no Mrs. Chardonnay decided to open a chardonnay bar in Chardonnay, France. She had so much she wanted to go into the business. She's quite alive, more alive than ever.

RACHEL RYANS

Well if this quesadilla (say 'ka-sa-

dill-a) wasn't spicy enough...we work
for rival parishes.

PASTOR

Actually we don't usually use the word
parish--oh, sorry I can hear the
overture, my apologies.

8 SONG: MY ENEMY IS MY ENEMY (RACHEL RYANS AND ELIJAH)

RACHEL RYANS

Well that was a splendid warm-up.
Can't wait to see you sing up on stage
Elijah...

fx; footsteps

ELIJAH

Wish me luck Pastor, I promise to
bring greatness to SCONE...

fx; footsteps

WYATT

Well Pastor Jamie, shall we go find
seats in the arena?

PASTOR JAMIE

I could really use a miracle...

fx; loud sounds in the background

JONATHAN

Well remind me why to spend good money
on insurance policies, because
Quadruple A took *quadtruple* the time
needed to fix a tire.

LIV

It's like the guy didn't know how to
fix a flat tire.

CAROL ANN

Even *I* know that you have to remove
the old flat tire first...

PASTOR JAMIE

Oh thank goodness, Jonathan, Liv,
Carol Ann, come sit with me and Pastor
Wyatt. Specifically someone else can
sit by Wyatt.

LIV/JONATHAN
I'd LOVE TO!

9 INT. ARENA

OVERHEAD VOICE
Thank you to Rabbi Smith for his song,
'There Are More Jewish Holidays Than
Just Hanukah'.

fx; applause

PASTOR WYATT
Oh I believe Rachel Ryans is up next!

PASTOR
Well I bet she's the cat's meow isn't
she?

PASTOR WYATT
I don't think Rachel Ryans likes cats,
I think she's more of a dog person...

MARCY
(from the background)
Excuse me, watch out, coming through,
please move, ugh eating in the
theater...I know it's an arena but
this is just unacceptable!

LIV
Oh geez, who invited Marcy to this?

PASTOR JAMIE
She was actually our Uber driver...

JONATHAN
I'd rather have walked here then sat
in the backseat of Marcy's car.

LIV
I bet she played Marcy Playground on
the Uber ride over...

PASTOR
It was *exclusively* Marcy Playground...

JONATHAN
Marcy what are you doing here?

MARCY

Well nobody really needs any Ubers right now and I figured I'd come see Elijah perform.

LIV

Awh, are you rooting for him?

MARCY

Well if anyone has to win this event full of hyper-religious, goofy karaoke night rejects that not even a children's choir would want...I would hope Elijah wins.

LIV

That might be the sweetest thing you've ever said.

OVERHEAD VOICE

Coming up next here in the Capital City Conference Center Arena is the liturgical minister from Deerfield Friends Community Church! Rachel Ryans has performed across the state, has done time in a small alternative band called 'Rachel Ryans and the Recess Crew'...

MARCY

That sounds awfully similar to Marcy Playground!

LIV

Yeah, you would know. You plagiarize off of Marcy Playground all the time.

MARCY

That's not true at all, I was part of Marcy Playground...

LIV

(under her breath)
Yeah, yeah, was...not.

PASTOR WYATT

Let's go Rachel Ryans!

JONATHAN

Can't you just call her Rachel? Why is Rachel Ryans always called Rachel

Ryans?

PASTOR WYATT

Because Rachel Ryans sounds too good to say! Pastor Jamie Lowell Day-Smithick is also up there on the good names list.

PASTOR JAMIE

Shut up Wyatt, your second rate liturgical minister is going to sing...

10 SONG: "I'LL TAKE ANY FAITH" (RACHEL RYANS)

OVERHEAD VOICE

And that was Rachel Ryans. Fun fact, she was the president of her college a cappella club, 'Hymns and Hers.'

MARCY

Another *terrible* name.

JONATHAN

Put 'Hymns and Hers' right next to 'Marcy Playground' in the bad name book.

PASTOR WYATT

Pastor Jamie...we haven't talked about...well, you dating that *lawyer*.

PASTOR

There's nothing to talk about. Desmond and I are quite happy.

PASTOR WYATT

Well all I care about is that you're happy.

PASTOR

Good. I am happy.

PASTOR WYATT

Good.

fx; silence.

PASTOR WYATT

But what about me? Why don't you like me?

PASTOR
Pastor Wyatt please!

PASTOR WYATT
I'm serious Jamie. I'm a good man, an honest man. A man of the cloth!

JONATHAN
Same here girl, I look really good in cloths!

PASTOR WYATT
Jamison, when I subbed for you during your mission trip, everyone at the church told me they're SHOCKED we aren't together!

LIV
You know Pastor Wyatt, who needs Pastor Jamie when you have someone else in your vicinity who is gorgeous and single...

JONATHAN
Yeah, me!

PASTOR
Pastor Wyatt, I'm not saying you're not beautiful.

PASTOR WYATT
Good, because I am.

PASTOR
I'm just happy and in love with Desmond that's all.

PASTOR WYATT
Well why not me?

PASTOR
Because it's not about you...

PASTOR WYATT
Well let me prove to you...

PASTOR
Oh geez--

- 11 SONG: "I THINK I'M DECENT" - PASTOR WYATT, PASTOR JAMIE,
MARCY AND LIV

OVERHEAD VOICE

Up next is Liturigcal Minister, Elijah
Moses Corinthian from the Society of
the Children of the Natural Earth.
Elijah knows ten instruments and has
been singing since he was ten days
old.

PASTOR

Please Wyatt, can you shut your trap?
My best friend is about to perform for
the room.

WYATT

I'll be quiet--

PASTOR

You're not being quiet!

MARCY

Come on Elijah, don't make me a fool
like Garfield did when he batted for
me at the latest church softball game!

LIV

Let's go Elijah! If Elijah wins I'll
finally have the courage to ask Pastor
Wyatt out.

JONATHAN

Psh, if Elijah wins I'll force myself
to Uber back to the rectory with Marcy
as my driver.

MARCY

It'll be a good time then...

- 12 SONG: "I'VE COME A LONG WAY" - ELIJAH

PASTOR

That was fantastic! I'm speechless.

LIV

That was like ELijah's Whitney Houston
moment!

JONATHAN

I don't know if we should go that far

out of respect to Miss Houston, but damn that was amazing, go Elijah!

PASTOR WYATT

I got to admit Pastor Jamie, we both have great liturgical ministers at our churches.

PASTOR

Oh I don't admit that, I think Rachel Ryans sounds pretty bad...

fx; swipe

OVERHEAD VOICE

Alright, in third place here at the Regional District Multi-Faith Singing Competition Semifinals is Deacon Vrable with his song "You Can Trust Me With Your Kids"

fx; light applause.

OVERHEAD VOICE

In second place is Sister Christian with her song "One Day I'll Ask God Why People Are Sometimes Bad"

fx; light applause

PASTOR

Come on Elijah, bring it home.

OVERHEAD VOICE

And in first place...taking home the trophy and joining the other members of the Top 3 to go to the Interregional District Multi-Faith Singing Competition Finals is.... Cult Leader Mark Henry Davis for his song, "Are Cults Intrinsically Bad?" Congrats to our three winners.

PASTOR WYATT

Oh Rachel Ryans didn't win...

PASTOR

Neither did our Elijah, but I'm mighty proud of him.

JONATHAN

Well, nobody really wins from our church do they?

MARCY

That's not true, I won at bingo just last week.

JONATHAN

Proving my point that a nobody wins...

fx; swipe

RACHEL RYANS

Well neither of us placed in the top three...

ELIJAH

There's always next year.

RACHEL RYANS

I was quite impressed with your song Elijah...it was inspiring.

fx; some say things are here get inspirational.

ELIJAH

Awh thanks Rachel! Your song was fine.

RACHEL RYANS

I'd say maybe we could put the rival stuff in the past. But honestly, having you as my rival makes me work harder.

ELIJAH

I agree! Besides you work for SCONE's mortal nemesis: Deerfield Friends Community Church. There's no way we can be even friendly.

RACHEL RYANS

Well I'll see you again at Starbucks.

JONATHAN

Is that where Rachel Ryans works like most people with a degree in the arts?

ELIJAH

Oh and you'll see the SCONE choir at the upcoming City Choir Corral.

RACHEL RYANS

You'll be going down once again Elijah
Moses Corinthian.

ELIJAH

Same to you Rachel enter-middle-name-
here Ryans.

13 SONG: "TODAY IS THE DAY" (REPRISE) - ELIJAH, RACHEL RYANS,
COMPANY

14 END THEME SONG