



# SÃO PAULO

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## Scene One

Sao Paolo, Brazil.

Morning. Street. A boy, JACKO, 12 stands behind a makeshift table, with wooden dolls.

A Girl, CAROLA, walks up.

CAROLA                    Hi.  
JACKO                     Hi.  
CAROLA                    Did you made it?  
JACKO                     Yes I made all of  
                              This doll.  
CAROLA                    Can I show me  
                              You show it?  
JACKO                     Sure.

SHE picks it up.

JACKO                    But  
                              Don't  
                              Don't  
                              Break it  
CAROLA                    Yes  
JACKO                    It is  
                              My  
                              My  
                              Items  
CAROLA                    Yes I don't want it  
JACKO                    I know  
                              Because you are not tourist  
CAROLA                    How many did you  
                              Sell today?  
JACKO                    Just three dolls  
CAROLA                    Really

JACKO                    You know  
                              Today is cool  
                              Tourists doesn't come  
                              Here

CAROLA                 I can't believe  
                              They want it

JACKO                    Me too  
                              But they're  
                              Satisfied  
                              Just buy  
                              Brazil thing  
                              As souvenir

CAROLA                 Don't you  
                              Made another  
                              Craft?

JACKO                    I used  
                              To made  
                              But I  
                              Don't  
                              Make  
                              Another  
                              Thing

CAROLA                 How did you learn  
                              To make  
                              The doll?

JACKO                    Just my way  
                              I like to make something  
                              When I was  
                              Child

CAROLA                 So you  
                              You sold  
                              Three items today  
                              You have a little money

JACKO                    Yes but why do  
                              You  
                              Ask  
                              About that?

CAROLA                 I don't eat for two days  
                              I'm really hungry now  
                              Please give me change

JACKO                    You know  
                              I can't

CAROLA                 Why?

JACKO                    It's a rule to live here  
                              If you want  
                              To eat  
                              You have to make money  
                              Yourself

CAROLA                 But I don't have  
                              Any  
                              Skill  
                              To get money

JACKO                    I know a lot  
                              Of  
                              People who  
                              Doesn't have skills  
                              But they  
                              If they don't have skills  
                              They  
                              They made money  
                              They can make money  
                              To do  
                              Something  
                              So  
                              How bout  
                              How

Pause.

                              You look so beautiful  
                              How bout sell  
                              Yourself

Pause.

                              Have to ever  
                              Sold  
                              Yourselves?

CAROLA                 No I never sell

JACKO                    It's strange  
                              I know a lot  
                              Of girl

Who  
Sold  
Herselves

CAROLA

Yes  
I'm  
I'm different from her  
I have pride  
To myself

JACKO

But you  
Instead of  
Sell yourselves  
You ask for money  
You don't have pride  
Why do you  
Ask me  
A lot  
Another  
Person  
In here

CAROLA

So...  
I  
I want to see your dolls.

JACKO

Do you like?

CAROLA

No I don't like these  
But I can sell these

JACKO

Do you want  
To sell these?

CAROLA

Yes  
You will make  
Many dolls and I will  
Sell them  
How bout my plan?

JACKO

That made good plan  
Because  
You can beautiful  
You can sell  
Sell  
More  
Than  
Me

CAROLA

Yes I  
Maybe I  
Sell  
More than  
You  
So we will  
Give more money  
Than now

I will sell  
One doll  
I keep two dollars.

JACKO

Two dollars! These dolls  
Are each  
Five dollars  
I sell but you  
Just sell  
Doll  
I  
It takes about  
Three hours to  
Make a  
Doll  
So  
If you  
Sell  
A  
Doll  
So  
If you  
Sell  
A  
Doll  
You can keep  
One dollar.  
How bout it?

CAROLA

One dollar?  
I don't  
I'm not satisfied  
With one dollar.

JACKO

Oh.  
Have you ever  
Sold something?

CAROLA

No  
I have never sold



	Something
JACKO	That's difficult. Tourist. If you want to Sell something you have to Communicate with tourist Can you Will you do?
CAROLA	I will do. Okay if I will sell Ten dolls I'll keep It two dollars.
JACKO	Two dollars!
CAROLA	I will sell Ten dolls and then I will keep It.
JACKO	Each two dollars
CAROLA	Yes.
JACKO	I can't agree Your offer  Please offer Another person.
CAROLA	So you want To see more?
JACKO	Of course
CAROLA	If we will succeed We will get a lot of money
JACKO	Why Do you Have confidence?
CAROLA	Because I'm Young and Beautiful. Many tourist

Want to buy  
From me.  
Don't you think so?

JACKO No.  
You don't  
You don't know  
Selling  
You are  
You don't have skill  
To sell.

CAROLA I want to try  
One day  
So if I  
Will  
I will  
Be able  
I will sell  
Only  
One doll  
I give up.

JACKO Okay  
I'll give you  
One chance

CAROLA Really

JACKO Yes  
But  
If  
You will not  
Sell  
Them  
You  
Never  
Come to  
Here  
Right?

CAROLA Okay  
I understand

A TOURIST is passing.

CAROLA Is she tourist?  
  
Hi Miss.

How are you?

TOURIST I'm fine.

CAROLA How bout this doll?

TOURIST Did you make  
This doll?

CAROLA No my owner did.

TOURIST Is this animals?  
I can't understand.

CAROLA It's original Brazil  
Art  
It's not animal  
And not person.

TOURIST That's interesting.

CAROLA It's a good idea  
For souvenir

TOURIST Do you think  
Is this  
Is this  
Concern with  
Religion or  
Something?

CAROLA Mmm... yes- ah-  
mmmm...  
I'm sorry  
I don't  
Know well  
But I..

TOURIST Is this  
Protect me  
If I  
I am in trouble

CAROLA Sure  
I have  
I have it  
I always have it

TOURIST Really

CAROLA Yes  
It will help  
You  
Now it's just  
Six dollar

TOURIST Six dollar

CAROLA Very cheap

TOURIST I don't think so  
Y'know it's so  
Small and light  
It's not  
Valuable.  
Six dollars.

CAROLA But it's  
Ummm... like a god

TOURIST God  
mmm...

CAROLA I don't  
I can't sell  
So cheap

Pause.

Okay  
How bout  
Five dollar?

Do you have  
Family?

TOURIST Yes I have  
A husband  
And  
Only husband

The GIRL picks up another doll.

GIRL This is for your husband  
If you get two  
I can sell  
Nine dollar.

TOURIST                    That means  
Each  
Four fifty

CAROLA                    Yes

TOURIST                    I don't think  
My husband  
Like dolls  
Maybe he don't  
Believe in  
Dolls

CAROLA                    Do you have parents?

TOURIST                    They are still alive

The GIRL picks up another doll.

CAROLA                    They're for them  
You will get three

TOURIST                    If I get three  
How much?

CAROLA                    I will sell  
Thirteen dollar

TOURIST                    Thirteen dollar

That is  
About  
Four

CAROLA                    Yes

TOURIST                    How bout  
Six dollar

CAROLA                    Only six?

No  
I can't-

TOURIST                    I think  
It's enough  
For you

CAROLA  
It's  
They're not mine.

TOURIST  
Whose are they?

CAROLA  
My  
Friend made  
Them.

So  
I can't sell  
Under thirteen.

TOURIST  
Under thirteen  
I can't sell them.

The TOURIST puts them back, and  
walks away.

CAROLA  
Wait wait  
You look so  
Rich than me  
I don't have  
Family and house  
So please help  
Us

TOURIST  
But I  
I saw  
Another store  
Like  
Another doll store  
He sold dolls  
Like these  
Each  
Three dollars  
I wonder  
He  
It's enough for him

CAROLA  
I don't  
Believe  
Maybe he  
Made by  
Machine  
But my owner  
Made by his hand  
And he has high  
Skill to make

Dolls.

The TOURIST comes back and picks up  
a doll.

TOURIST I can't understand  
How he is creative  
Can you  
Discount  
Cheaper?

CAROLA Okay  
How bout twelve these  
Three items

TOURIST Okay.  
No thanks.

SHE leaves.

CAROLA Come back  
Please come back  
Hi Miss  
How ten dollar?

TOURIST Ten dollar?

CAROLA Yes

TOURIST Nine dollar?

CAROLA Okay.  
Please come back.  
I'll sell you for nine dollar.

The GIRL starts packing them up.

TOURIST Okay.  
Let me see them  
It's  
It's  
There is  
A chip  
And this is  
Bad smell.  
And this is  
I don't like this face  
I'm sorry

CAROLA                    You interested in them

TOURIST                   But I changed my mind.

                                  The TOURST leaves.

                                  JACKO comes back.

JACKO                     See.

CAROLA                   Hi.

JACKO                    It's  
                                  Really hard

CAROLA                   No.

JACKO                    But you couldn't sell  
                                  Even one doll.

CAROLA                   So that woman  
                                  That woman  
                                  mmm...  
                                  doesn't understand well  
                                  Maybe  
                                  Man or boy  
                                  Will come  
                                  (whispering) I can sell

JACKO                    I said I have  
                                  Only  
                                  One chance  
                                  But you failed  
                                  So  
                                  It's  
                                  Over.  
                                  Go home.

CAROLA                   Please give  
                                  Me one more  
                                  Chance.

JACKO                    I don't think so

                                  You  
                                  Don't  
                                  Sell anything  
                                  Get out of here  
                                  I have to



Continue  
My work.

The GIRL is leaving.

JACKO

Here is  
Here is  
My gift

HE hands her a doll.

CAROLA

Why do  
You give me

JACKO

You practice  
Your selling.

CAROLA

Thank you.

SHE leaves.

LIGHTS DOWN.

## Scene Two

A Kitchen.

A woman, DIANA, 32, stands at a kitchen table.

Her HUSBAND, wearing a police uniform enters.

DIANA                    Hi.  
HUSBAND                Morning  
DIANA                    You're home.  
HUSBAND                Yeah  
DIANA                    You looked tired.  
HUSBAND                Yes I'm really tired  
DIANA                    You want breakfast?

I made  
Spicy chicken  
Last night  
And I  
Had  
I ate it  
Alone  
It's left over.

SHE puts a plate in front of him.

HUSBAND                You know  
I don't like  
Meat

HE pushes it away.

DIANA                    What did  
You say?  
HUSBAND                I don't like meat.  
DIANA                    You don't like meat.  
HUSBAND                You remember?  
DIANA                    Yes. I'm sorry.



HE lights up a cigarette.

DIANA                    Please eat something  
                              For me

HUSBAND                I just want water

DIANA                    Did you eat something  
                              Last night

HUSBAND                I just drink

DIANA                    You seem to have lost weight

HUSBAND                A little bit

DIANA                    Recently I  
                              Couldn't sleep  
                              Very well

                              I haven't  
                              Seen your face  
                              In the daylight

HUSBAND                Are you bored?

DIANA                    No I'm not  
                              I'm just worrying about you

HUSBAND                I have a lot  
                              I have  
                              Hard work  
                              So  
                              I don't  
                              I don't have time  
                              So we can't  
                              We can't talk

SHE looks down at her palms.

HUSBAND                I think you should  
                              You should  
                              Work  
                              Don't you think so?

DIANA                    Yes I've been  
                              Thinking about

HUSBAND                What about it?

DIANA Do you mind  
If I go out  
At midnight?

HUSBAND It's all right  
What kind of job?

DIANA You know  
It's a job  
Where I used to work  
Before we met

Pause.

Do you know that bar  
In downtown?

HUSBAND My friend  
Called me yesterday  
Asked me to work  
With her

HUSBAND Is it safe?

DIANA Of course  
It is

HUSBAND Why do  
You think so?

DIANA Because it was  
Safe before.

HUSBAND Downtown is  
Too dangerous  
I think

DIANA But nothing has changed  
In downtown

It was safe  
Before and it is  
Safe now too

HUSBAND All right

How long  
Would you work?

DIANA I would be there  
At eleven.

From eleven to three.

Pause.

It is nightshift.

HUSBAND Three times or four?

DIANA Three times a week.

Maybe you  
You have a  
Nightshift three times a week  
So I think it all right  
With us

HUSBAND How much would  
You make?

DIANA Fifty dollars a day

HUSBAND That's nice.  
Okay  
I agree with you  
You can work

DIANA Are you worrying  
About me?

HUSBAND No I'm not

DIANA Okay  
I will call her  
If you don't eat  
I have to wash up

SHE clears the table.

HUSBAND Could you change  
An ashtray?

DIANA You have been  
Smoking  
You've been smoking  
Three packs

It is too much  
Whole pack since  
You came home

HUSBAND            But  
                         I can't  
                         I can't quit  
                         Smoke  
                         I have  
                         A stress  
                         I  
                         And I drunk  
                         Everyday too much  
                         But I'm healthy  
                         Don't worry about it

DIANA                Okay  
                         If you say so  
                         Do you wanna  
                         Sleep?

HUSBAND            Yes.  
                         I wanna sleep One hour  
                         Because I have to  
                         Because I have to  
                         Go out

DIANA                Okay  
                         Do you have  
                         Anything  
                         That I have to wash?

HUSBAND            All right

                         HE gets undressed. Hands her his dirty clothes.

HUSBAND            Here you are

DIANA                Okay  
                         This is what  
                         I wash  
                         Yesterday

HUSBAND            Do you mind changing the sheet?

                         SHE changes the sheet.

                         HE sits down on the bed.

HUSBAND

And  
Could you  
Polish my  
Leather shoes  
Boots

DIANA

Sure

HUSBAND

Thank you.

HE lies down.

I feel sleepy.

LIGHTS DOWN.



Scene Three

The street. The BOY with his dolls.

The GIRL runs past him with a loaf of bread under her arms.  
SHE trips and falls.

The BOY hides his dolls and runs to her.

JACKO                    Hey you

CAROLA                 What?

JACKO                    Are you okay?

CAROLA                 Yes

JACKO                    You need help?

SHE is on the ground.

CAROLA                 I just  
I'm not pain  
In my  
Ankle  
But it's okay  
Don't worry

JACKO                    But you  
Can't stand  
Let me see  
Your ankle

HE touches her ankle.

JACKO                    Do you feel hurt here?

CAROLA                 Yes I feel  
A little  
Hurt  
But I have to  
Go  
Have to go.

JACKO                    Wait.

SHE drops the doll he had given her.

HE picks it up.

JACKO

Oh this is  
Mine  
My doll.

What happened  
You  
You  
Did you do  
Something bad

CAROLA

No I just  
Fall down  
On the street

JACKO

Where is  
Your home?

CAROLA

I live

Pause.

I don't  
Decide to live  
I change everyday.

JACKO

Where are  
You going?

CAROLA

I'm going to  
Meet my friend  
Good-bye

JACKO

Maybe you  
Will be caught  
By them

SHE tries to hide the stolen loaf of  
bread.

JACKO

If you will  
Be caught  
You  
If you are  
Caught by them  
You will  
Punish  
By them  
I can

Carry your  
Bread  
If you  
Want  
I think it is better  
Don't you think so?

CAROLA But I'm really hungry  
If I can't eat it  
I'm  
I can't live anymore

JACKO But  
It's hard to  
Run away  
For you  
Because of your leg  
My place is near here  
You can  
Hide  
Protect you  
You need  
Rest  
To rest

CAROLA Why are you kind to me?

JACKO Because  
This doll  
Told me  
Do you remember  
This is  
I made this  
Anyway we  
Have  
No  
Time  
Please give me  
The bread

CAROLA So  
Is your  
Place  
Do you  
Have any  
Food  
In your place?

JACKO Yes

I have  
Some  
Bananas  
In my hut

CAROLA Can I eat banana?

JACKO Sure  
If you want

SHE reluctantly gives him the bread.  
Pointing to the doll.

CAROLA And it's  
Mine

HE gives her the doll.

JACKO You can have it

CAROLA Thank you

JACKO I'll take you  
To my place  
So  
Wait.

CAROLA Where are you going?

HE starts to pack up dolls.

JACKO I have to make errand.  
I just  
There is my  
Important items  
My living

Now I will  
Bring this bread  
First and then I'll  
Take you

CAROLA So  
I keep  
Your dolls  
And I'm waiting  
That you  
Back soon

JACKO  
I swear  
I don't  
Cheat you

But  
If you  
But I can  
Understand your  
Feelings  
Because we didn't  
Know  
Each other

CAROLA  
Yes so  
When you will come back here  
I might sell your dolls

SHE limps to him.

Please  
Give me  
The dolls

JACKO  
Okay  
You  
Give me  
This bread  
I trust you  
Here  
You are.

HE hands her the dolls.

JACKO  
Stay  
Here.

CAROLA  
They're  
Chasing to you  
You have  
To hurry

HE runs off with the bread.

SHE sets up the dolls and waits.

MUSIC. People pass, some are dancing.

The sudden sound of RAIN. People  
flee.

SHE packs up.

A MOMENT LATER, HE comes back.

SHE's not there.

## Scene Four

CAROLA sits in a shack. The bag of dolls.

Waiting.

The sound of HEAVY RAIN.

JACKO comes in.

CAROLA                    Someone there?

JACKO                    What are you doing here?

                              Why are you here  
                              This is  
                              My  
                              Place

CAROLA                    I didn't know  
                              I'm just running away  
                              From the bar  
                              And  
                              Found the shack  
                              And I  
                              Hid here

JACKO                    I can't believe  
                              That  
                              I said  
                              You have to  
                              I said  
                              Stay there  
                              And waiting for me

CAROLA                    I waited  
                              There  
                              But  
                              You  
                              Didn't come.  
                              Long time  
                              And I thought

                              It started to  
                              Rain  
                              And I thought  
                              mmm...  
                              I change  
                              Place for

JACKO My work  
 So where is  
 My dolls  
 Did you  
 Already  
 Sell the,  
 How much did you get

So maybe  
 You  
 You  
 Looking for another dolls  
 Don't you?  
 To steal

CAROLA No I never  
 Steal  
 So...  
 How bout the  
 How bout bread

JACKO Here

HE takes it, hidden away, and gives it to her.

CAROLA This is my bread!

JACKO I know its your  
 I know  
 How much you  
 You  
 Need  
 The bread

SHE starts to eat.

JACKO Instead I bought  
 I bought the bread  
 I apologize to the owner  
 He punched  
 My face  
 But I  
 Saved the bread  
 And I stole  
 Some strawberry jam.

HE gives it to her.



CAROLA

You didn't  
Pay money

JACKO

Yes, you know  
I didn't sell  
Only dolls today  
I don't  
Have  
I have no money

CAROLA

These are  
Your dolls  
I'm sorry I couldn't sell  
Them

SHE gives him back the dolls. HE holds  
them.

JACKO

These are  
No mean  
These don't  
Have any meaning  
It takes  
About three hours to  
Make a doll  
But  
I can't  
I sell it  
About  
Around

Pause.

Five  
I sell it  
Less than  
Five dollars  
They couldn't  
They couldn't make big money  
So I  
Don't need them  
Anymore

HE throws them down.

SHE picks them up.

CAROLA

I love these dolls

JACKO                      What?

CAROLA                    I love  
You made dolls

JACKO                    Why?  
I think almost all people  
Don't like  
Don't like  
Dolls  
They thought  
These just  
A souvenir or  
Childish thing

CAROLA                    But I don't think  
So  
My grandfather made  
My grandfather was  
A wood craftsman  
He made  
Dolls  
His skill was so  
High and his  
Made  
His doll  
Has

(Japanese)

Soul.  
It  
They didn't  
Just a doll  
I felt ahh...  
I felt what  
I saw your dolls  
At first  
Your dolls  
Reminded me  
Grandfather

SHE is holding her bread like a baby.

We can hear  
Music

JACKO                    Really

I can't hear

CAROLA I can hear

JACKO What kind  
Of music  
Do you hear?

CAROLA I hear

Pause.

Dance music

JACKO Really

CAROLA I can hear  
Something  
Approaching

JACKO Yes.  
Maybe somebody  
Has a stereo  
And they will  
They are approaching  
Here. Bicycle.

MUSIC gets LOUDER. CAROLA starts  
to dance.

CAROLA I am a dancer.

SHE continues to dance until it fades.

CAROLA Who is he?

JACKO I don't know  
But maybe it's some  
Stupid guys

SHE walks around the shack.

JACKO So  
How was your  
Ankle?

CAROLA It's okay  
But I  
Run

Run away  
When I ran away  
The pain disappeared

Pause.

HE watches her. SHE sits near him.

JACKO

Where did  
You run from?

CAROLA

So I was  
In bar  
Until I came here  
Because I  
I thought  
I have to sell these  
Dolls and then  
I went to the bar  
I talked  
Many people  
And I  
I explained  
The dolls  
But I couldn't  
Sell.

So in the bar  
I met a  
Strange person  
He  
He wanted  
Talk  
Wanted to talk with me  
But I didn't want  
To do.  
He

Pause.

He wanted  
To drink  
To buy me a drink  
But I  
I said I don't need  
It  
He was angry  
And he  
He

He  
Wanted to hit me  
So I run away  
From him.  
And then I found  
The shack (happy)  
And I hide  
Here  
From him.

JACKO Are you okay?

CAROLA Yes but I'm  
Afraid  
Scared  
When he will  
Come here

JACKO Don't worry  
You know  
This is  
Here under the bridge  
People  
Can't find  
This place  
Easily  
But why  
Did you  
Go the bar  
You know  
There is  
Dangerous place  
Dangerous place  
As a young girl

CAROLA Yes but  
I thought  
The drunken person  
Would buy  
Them

JACKO Oh.  
You are  
Smart.  
But  
I think  
I told  
Not  
Valuable.

You  
Don't have to  
Sell them.  
Such a  
Dangerous place.

CAROLA

So I want to  
When you  
Come back  
I want to sell  
All of  
These dolls.  
And you will admire me  
But I  
Couldn't.

Pause.

JACKO

You look  
So tired

You should  
Sleep

CAROLA

Yes  
I  
Actually I want  
To sleep  
But here is your house  
I have to go out  
To my place

JACKO

You can  
Sleep  
Here  
If you want

CAROLA

Thank you  
For  
Kindness

So where  
Can I sleep?

JACKO

Oh, this is  
Very  
Dirty  
So how bout  
There

CAROLA

Is this  
Your bed?

JACKO

Yes  
But it's okay  
It's  
Cleaner

CAROLA

Thank you I'll sleep  
On the bed

SHE lies down with the bread.

Pause.

Do you want to  
Eat?

JACKO

Yes  
Actually  
I forgot  
That I didn't  
Eat  
Anything  
Today

HE sits next to her.

SHE gives him a piece.

CAROLA

It's your's

THEY eat.

JACKO

This is really  
Nice

CAROLA

Yes I love  
This  
Bread  
So do you  
Do you  
Live here  
Alone?

JACKO

Yes I've been here  
For long time.

CAROLA

How bout your family?

JACKO

When I was  
Eight. I had  
Father mother and sister  
Younger sister  
But my father  
Was arrested  
By police  
And he  
Was in jail  
He went to the jail  
He was  
Died  
In the jail.

Pause.

My mother  
and sister  
Go away  
With  
Another  
Man.  
When I was  
A little boy  
So after then  
I live by  
Myself.

CAROLA

Why didn't you  
Run away with them?

JACKO

My mother  
Left  
Me because I  
Don't need  
She don't need me  
To make a new family  
So my sister  
Was a baby  
When  
She  
Couldn't  
Maybe she couldn't  
Be left.

CAROLA

Why you father  
Arrest?



JACKO

He was  
A sailor  
Sailor  
And he carried

Pause.

Coffee  
Beans  
To  
Neighbor country  
By  
Boat  
But-

Pause.

The pay  
Was not enough  
For us  
So he  
He  
So he  
He  
Imported  
Illegal  
Thing  
Like  
Drug or something  
To make  
Money

THEY eat.

So would you  
Like strawberry  
Jam?

HE opens the jar.

CAROLA

Yes  
Thank you  
I haven't such a  
Jam for a long  
Time.

THEY eat.

LIGHTS DOWN.

## Scene Five

HEAVY RAIN.

A garden. The HUSBAND is gardening on his knees.

DIANA comes out of the house with an umbrella.

DIANA                   Hi. You're head.

HUSBAND               Yeah.

Morning.

DIANA                   Morning.

HE stands up and stretches.

DIANA                   Very beautiful.

HUSBAND               Hmmm?

DIANA                   They are beautiful.

HUSBAND               Do you like roses?

DIANA                   Yes. I love it.

You haven't  
Eaten before  
I made fruit juice  
For you  
But you haven't drunk it

HUSBAND               I'm sorry I don't  
Have appetite today

Can you help me?

I'm putting support rod  
In

DIANA                   Do you know  
It's raining

HUSBAND               Yes it's heavy rain  
But I have to  
Do it

SHE holds the umbrella over him.

DIANA                    But you should  
                              Take off  
                              Your uniform  
                              It will get dirt  
                              Dirty

HUSBAND                Yes I know  
  
                              Will you get me  
                              The shovel please?

DIANA                    Which one?

HUSBAND                The large one

SHE gives it to him.

HUSBAND                Could you give me  
                              Your jacket?

I need a few minutes.

DIANA                    Okay.

SHE holds the umbrella over him.

DIANA                    Look there are  
                              A lot of insects

HUSBAND                Yeah I know  
  
                              Could you  
                              Bring the insecticide?

DIANA                    What?

HUSBAND                Insecticide.

DIANA                    Insecticide  
                              Insecticide  
                              This one?

HUSBAND                No

DIANA                    Oh this one

There is label  
Do you kill  
The insect?

HUSBAND           Where is the  
Mask?  
The mask?

DIANA                Okay

SHE gives him a mask.

HUSBAND            Oh it's too dirty  
Could you change it?

DIANA                Yes.

HUSBAND            Thank you

DIANA                It's poison

HUSBAND            Yes  
Could you leave  
For a moment

Oh excuse me  
Could I take umbrella?

SHE gives it to him and goes away.

HE sprays. SHE returns.

DIANA                Could I go close to  
You?

SHE stands under the umbrella.

DIANA                Why those insects  
Coming?  
You use insecticide  
Every  
Day  
But why those insects  
Are coming  
Back?

HUSBAND

Because

Pause.

It's natural  
Do you like gardening?

DIANA

I don't know  
But I like  
Flowers  
Which is the best flower  
Today?

HE kneels.

HUSBAND

I think this  
One but my  
Favorite one is  
Lily.

DIANA

Which one?

THEY bend forward, towards it.

DIANA

It's really beautiful.  
Could you pick it for me?

HUSBAND

No I can't  
Do that.

DIANA

I have to bring the  
Best flower to Church

HUSBAND

Why do you have  
To go to Church?

DIANA

It's the day to  
Go to Church

HUSBAND

Why?

DIANA

I told you  
So you should take  
Special drink before  
We go to  
Church and we have to  
Bring this lily.

HUSBAND

I can't cut them.

DIANA                   How bout  
This rose?

Pause.

HUSBAND               Ummm...

Kneeling.

Which color do you want?

DIANA                   I love red.

HUSBAND               How many  
Do you need?

DIANA                   Ummm...  
Maybe mmm...  
Just one

HUSBAND               One

DIANA                   Just one

HUSBAND               Okay

DIANA                   Thank you  
That's beautiful

HUSBAND               Really big, yeah?

DIANA                   Yes  
But could you  
Take off  
This insect?

HUSBAND               Yes

HE takes it off.

I feel like  
Sleeping

DIANA                   But we are  
Going to Church

HUSBAND               Me?

Pause.

But I feel  
Like sleeping  
Could you go there  
Alone?

DIANA                    But today is  
Special day

HUSBAND                What celebration?

DIANA                    It's not  
Celebration day  
But you have  
To go  
With me

Pause. (Japanese)

HUSBAND                Why  
Are we going to  
Have to go  
Church?

DIANA                    You have  
A lot of  
Things  
To tell  
God.

HUSBAND                I'm afraid  
I can't believe  
In God

DIANA                    But  
You have  
To have  
Something to  
Believe in.  
Why  
How can you  
Live  
Without  
Those things?

HUSBAND                To tell the truth  
I can't believe  
In religion

DIANA  
What's the matter  
With you?  
Today  
Is  
We have to  
Go to Church  
To meet my mother

HUSBAND  
Your mother

DIANA  
You haven't  
Grieved for  
My mother  
For a long time.

HUSBAND  
I can't go  
There  
Sorry

DIANA  
But she is waiting  
For us

HUSBAND  
Because I'm really tired  
Besides  
I have to work  
The day.

DIANA  
How bout after  
You work?

HUSBAND  
I couldn't sleep  
Few days

DIANA  
So you mean  
If you had  
Some rest  
You could go  
With me

HUSBAND  
If I had  
Some time  
I will  
I want to sleep.

DIANA  
You  
You  
Are you tired?



HUSBAND I'm really tired.  
 Could you talk  
 To your mother  
 About me?

DIANA I've been talking  
 About you

HUSBAND What did  
 She say?

DIANA She wants  
 To hear  
 About your  
 About your  
 About you.

SHE follows him around with umbrella  
 as HE gardens.

DIANA She wants to  
 Meet you

HUSBAND Some day.

DIANA Maybe  
 One day  
 She is glad  
 If you give  
 Her your flower.

HUSBAND Oh  
 I see.

(Music.)

Does she like  
 Lily?

DIANA Yes  
 She loves flowers.

HUSBAND Okay  
 I will  
 Cut them

HE cuts the lilies.

HUSBAND Here you are

DIANA

I can make  
Bouquet

How long does  
How long do  
Those flowers  
Last?

HUSBAND

I think about  
One week

DIANA

One week?  
It's enough

I'm going  
To Church  
So if you  
Feel  
Better  
You can come.

HUSBAND

All right.

DIANA

Your breakfast is  
On the table  
You must  
You must  
Drink fruit juice  
At least

HUSBAND

Thank you

Could you  
Bring me cigarettes  
Please?

SHE goes into house.

DIANA

But it's only one left.

Here.

SHE gives him the opened pack.

HUSBAND

And matches  
Please.

DIANA

Sorry

SHE goes in the house, comes back with matches.

SHE holds the umbrella while HE lights up.

HUSBAND  
Do you mind  
Getting carton  
Of cigarettes?

DIANA  
Okay  
I will get it  
On the way  
From Church

HUSBAND  
Thank you

HE works.

DIANA  
All right.

SHE enters house with umbrella. HE follows, soaking.

HUSBAND  
I will have  
A glass of juice  
Inside

HE dries himself off.

HUSBAND  
What time are you going to Church?

DIANA  
I'm leaving.

HUSBAND  
Maybe  
I will rest  
On couch.

DIANA  
I'm waiting  
For you  
At the Church.

SHE leaves the house with umbrella.

He smokes.

LIGHTS DOWN.

## Scene Six

LIGHTS UP.

A Church.

From the ceiling hang hundreds of molds of people's afflicted body parts that they have hung in hopes of relief. A common practice in South American Catholicism. Usually made of wood, these are made of slightly transparent wax and are referred to here as "ex-votos."

A WOMAN, 55, well-dressed, beautiful, sits in a pew watching DIANA across the aisle. SHE is putting lilies on a statue, kneeling. And then stands and sits in a pew.

THEY sway in the same direction.

WOMAN	What a beautiful lily I like it
DIANA	Of really Thank you
WOMAN	I like it
DIANA	My husband raised them
WOMAN	Oh
DIANA	They are special In the morning
WOMAN	Today
DIANA	Yes  Do you often Come here?
WOMAN	Yes of course 'Bout two times a week
DIANA	I have never seen you
WOMAN	And you Your husband and you How many times Come here

DIANA I often come here  
 But my husband  
 Doesn't know  
 How to get here

WOMAN Where do you live  
 In the neighborhood?

DIANA St. Antonio Street

WOMAN St..Antonio Street!

DIANA Did you get  
 Did you get  
 Walk here

WOMAN Yes

DIANA And where do  
 You live?

WOMAN I live nearby  
 I walked here  
 About ten minutes

DIANA Oh really  
 Near

Silence.

WOMAN I have  
 Many ex-votos  
 In my house.  
 And you?

DIANA What did you say?

WOMAN Do you have ex-votos?

DIANA No never

WOMAN I have a lot  
 Of ex-votos  
 In my house  
 And also a lot  
 Are mine

Pointing to the wax casts of body parts.

Arms, feet, breasts.

DIANA                    You are  
Ex-votos person

WOMAN                   No.  
I had several times  
I have a pain and  
In my body

DIANA                    I know  
The story  
  
Does it  
Work well?

WOMAN                   Yes  
Yes

DIANA                    Oh really?

WOMAN                   Yes

DIANA                    How many  
Body parts  
Have you  
Had made?

WOMAN                   I don't know.  
I didn't count.

DIANA                    Which is  
Your's?

THEY stands an walk underneath. The  
WOMAN pointing to her's.

WOMAN                   This foot  
And right foot  
And left foot  
And elbow  
And  
And  
Neck  
It's mine

DIANA                    What happened  
To your elbow?

WOMAN Almost I slipped  
 On the street  
 When I stepped down  
 And then  
 Several times I slipped  
 On the street  
 Front road  
 I slipped  
 I  
 I  
 Always I take  
 I put on  
 High heels.

DIANA Mmmm...

Old road  
 Get your  
 High heel

WOMAN I don't like  
 Low shoes  
 I don't like.

Finished with the tour, the WOMAN  
 goes back to her seat.

DIANA Thank you

The WOMAN sits.

WOMAN By the way  
 What's your name?

DIANA I'm Diana  
 What's your name?

WOMAN I'm Señora Viera.

DIANA What?

WOMAN Señora Viera

DIANA Hmm...

WOMAN I- I- is a Viera

DIANA Wonderful name

Pause.

WOMAN Do you have any  
Pain in your  
Body?

DIANA Yes  
But I'm fine

WOMAN I have pain  
In my lung  
But maybe  
It is because of the air

DIANA I think you should  
Make a  
Ex-voto.  
You must  
Be well.

WOMAN Oh.  
Thank you but  
I'm just fine.

Pause.

DIANA May I ask you  
A question  
You have lived alone  
For a long time, haven't you?

WOMAN Yes  
I live  
Twenty years alone

DIANA You must be  
Lonely

WOMAN No.  
But I feel  
Well  
And...

DIANA You have some  
You have some  
Dogs?

WOMAN No



	I haven't
DIANA	Oh
WOMAN	And you?
DIANA	No.
WOMAN	Do you have any Children?
DIANA	No I mean I haven't Yet
	And do You?
WOMAN	No.
DIANA	Why Are you Do you want To be healthy Healthier Like making Those ex-votos
WOMAN	I make ex-votos And then Right now I feel very well
DIANA	So you want To live Longer
WOMAN	Yes But several times Other parts pain but right Now well and different parts Pain
DIANA	You're Really busy Body parts
WOMAN	Yes But

I didn't made them  
I went to  
Ex-voto maker

Pause.

DIANA  
Maybe  
It must cost a lot of money

WOMAN  
My husband dead  
Twenty years ago  
But my husband left a lot of money

Pause.

Can I ask you  
A question

DIANA  
Sure

WOMAN  
How long  
Did you  
In this city

DIANA  
I came  
Here  
When I was  
Fourteen and  
Almost

Hands finger

Twenty years ago

WOMAN  
When did you  
Get married?

DIANA  
I got married  
When I was twenty-five

WOMAN  
How old are you?

DIANA  
I'm thirty-two

WOMAN  
And your husband?

DIANA  
My husband is  
Thirty-six

WOMAN                   Thirty-six?  
                                  Oh  
                                  What does  
                                  He do?

DIANA                    He's a policeman

WOMAN                   A policeman

                                  And where are you  
                                  Originally from?

DIANA                    I was  
                                  Born in countryside

WOMAN                   And how  
                                  Bout your husband?  
                                  Same place?

DIANA                    No  
                                  We met  
                                  Each other  
                                  In this city?

  Pause.

WOMAN                   Your husband job  
                                  Very busy

DIANA                    Yes.  
                                  He's been  
                                  Very busy

  Pause.

WOMAN                   Are you stay  
                                  In your home  
                                  Long time?

DIANA                    No  
                                  I have many places  
                                  To go

WOMAN                   Do you have  
                                  A work?

DIANA                    No but  
                                  I am going to find  
                                  A job

WOMAN                    Why do you  
                                  See the statue?

DIANA                    I don't know but  
                                  I just feel like it

WOMAN                    I think  
                                  You something  
                                  Something  
                                  Problem

DIANA                    Why do  
                                  You say that?

WOMAN                    You look  
                                  You have  
                                  A problem

DIANA                    I'm fine

WOMAN                    You seem upset.  
                                  Why  
                                  Do you see  
                                  The statue?

DIANA                    I when I  
                                  See the statue  
                                  I feel  
                                  (Japanese)  
                                  something  
                                  feel like I did it.  
                                  Or (Japanese)  
                                  Sense of  
                                  Accomplishment

                                  Angel is  
                                  Standing on a man  
                                  Angel has little black face  
                                  And he has a ring  
                                  A halo on his face  
                                  And a Bible in his hand  
                                  And he is standing on a man  
                                  Who is  
                                  White man  
                                  And the white man is begging  
                                  Something

WOMAN                    Oh.

DIANA  
 Maybe  
 Most of people  
 Don't like it.

WOMAN  
 I think  
 Maybe  
 You have a pain  
 In your mind.  
 You should  
 Got o  
 Ex-voto maker  
 Ad then you  
 Feel good become well

DIANA  
 Thank you

WOMAN  
 Do you have  
 Pain in your head?

DIANA  
 No  
 I don't  
 No  
 I don't

WOMAN  
 I'm serious  
 I'm afraid your  
 Physical mind  
 I think you should  
 Go ex-voto maker  
 Then you feel  
 Very well  
 And then become  
 Your mind is healthy

The WOMAN moves closer.

He will  
 Mold if you  
 Head pain  
 And put the  
 Wax and then  
 Put off  
 Become you  
 Right now you  
 Feel well  
 And then come to Church  
 You come to Church  
 And hang this.

Don't you think so?

DIANA  
It's  
Very kind of you  
To say  
But I've never  
Had had  
In my mind

WOMAN  
Are you sure?

DIANA  
Yes I'm very sure

WOMAN  
But I don't  
Think so.  
You're very  
Deeply pain  
In your mind

DIANA  
Thank you  
I'm just fine  
I've got to go.

SHE stands quickly and starts to walk  
away.

WOMAN  
I think you should  
Make your own  
Ex-votos  
Of your head

The WOMAN stands.

Please  
His  
Address

The WOMA shouts after DIANA, as she  
leaves the church.

His address  
This street  
One block and  
Then go straight  
And on your right  
Yellow house.

LIGHTS DOWN.

Scene Seven

LIGHTS UP.

The sound of RAIN, still.

JACKO is sitting where DIANA was.

The HUSBAND walks into the Church, wearing a raincoat, but no umbrella. HE is soaked.

HE bumps his knee.

HUSBAND	Oops.
	Hi
JACKO	Hi
HUSBAND	Did you see the woman She wear wearing Red sweater and Black pants
JACKO	Well I just Come to here About Ten minutes
HUSBAND	Ten minutes
JACKO	Ago  I met an old A woman Who has an Umbrella
HUSBAND	Ten minutes ago  I think she's My wife  Did she look like a stranger?
JACKO	I don't know but I remember But she was holding A lot of ex-votos And also

Recommended to me  
To make  
Ex-votos

HUSBAND Did she?

I didn't know  
Her hobbies  
I didn't know that

JACKO I don't know  
But if she is your wife  
You should  
You should  
Pay  
Pay attention  
About her  
I think she is  
Kind if  
Crazy woman

HUSBAND Did she  
With somebody  
Woman or people

JACKO No she was  
Just alone and  
Just alone  
But she said she often come to this Church

HUSBAND Yes I know

Anyway, tell me  
Why your hand dirty?

JACKO Oh  
Because I

HUSBAND What do you?

JACKO Why  
Do you  
Ask  
About that?

Pause.

HUSBAND I'm interested in  
You



JACKO Me?

HUSBAND Yes you looks  
Like  
A little  
Poor

JACKO It  
That doesn't  
Concern with you  
Even if I'm poor  
You  
You  
Is that something wrong?

HUSBAND Are you going to school?

JACKO School

HUSBAND I've never seen  
A  
School

Em, tell me  
How often  
Go to  
Here?

JACKO stares straight at statue.

Tell me.

Pause.

JACKO Don't you find  
Your wife?

HUSBAND Maybe

JACKO You should  
Go back home

HUSBAND I know

What do you think  
About Church?

To tell the truth

I don't like  
This mood

What do you think?

JACKO (whispering)  
Church  
I  
Came here  
I  
Came here  
When I was  
When I have  
Something  
Problem with my  
Heart  
mmm...  
but  
I don't  
Depend on god  
Every time.

HUSBAND I think I'm  
Feeling

Pause.

Ummm...

Touches heart.

I'm feeling  
Dizzy

JACKO Dizzy

HUSBAND Dizzy and  
I feel like  
Vomiting

Pause.

JACKO Maybe  
You  
You feel  
You feel  
Bad secret

HUSBAND Are you Christian

JACKO  
Yes  
People who live in  
Here  
Believe  
Believe in god  
Because  
It is  
Only  
It's only things  
To give us  
Hope  
Don't you think so?

HUSBAND  
I don't think so  
  
Pointing to an ex-voto.  
  
They looks like  
scary

JACKO  
Yes  
They look like so real  
But  
If you believe  
The god  
You can  
You can  
Happier  
Your life is  
More happier.

HUSBAND  
Anyway do you  
Have a time  
Why don't you go to  
My home  
I wanna talk more  
With you

JACKO  
Why  
Did you ask me about that  
I'm only a twelve year old boy  
We have no  
We have no  
We have nothing in common

HUSBAND  
If you have  
The time  
I want



I didn't  
 But this  
 My friend  
 Stole from  
 A store

HUSBAND

Your friend?

JACKO

She didn't  
 Have anything  
 For  
 Three says  
 You know  
 It's a  
 It's usual  
 Things  
 To steal food for us

I know  
 You  
 You are  
 A policeman  
 Because  
 I  
 I recognize  
 Your face

HUSBAND

Yes  
 I'm policeman  
 I usually  
 I usually  
 Catch a lot of thieves

JACKO

Maybe  
 You know  
 Her  
 She is  
 A dancer  
 She is a  
 Famous dancer

Yesterday  
 She stayed  
 My home  
 Because I  
 I was  
 Hiding her  
 From the  
 Police

Because  
She stole  
A bread  
But when  
When I  
Woke up  
This morning  
She  
She disappeared  
But  
She  
She  
She ate this bread  
Yesterday with strawberry jam  
But when I  
Woke up and look around  
My home  
This  
Whole  
There is  
A  
Whole bread  
On the table  
And also we  
Drank  
Water  
There were  
Two glasses  
On the table  
One of them  
Is empty  
That I was  
Drinking  
The other one  
Was full  
I  
I remember  
She  
Was drinking  
That water  
But  
The water  
Is still  
Was still full  
So  
I  
Pinched  
My cheek  
And I want to

Make sure that I'm  
Still  
Alive  
I want to make sure so  
I came here

HUSBAND            I want to  
                          Help you  
                          So  
                          Why don't we  
                          Look for her

JACKO                I can't  
                          Because  
                          I don't believe  
                          Policemen

HUSBAND            You can believe me  
                          I know  
                          Almost all policemen  
                          Play dirty  
                          But you can believe me

JACKO                Of you're  
                          If you want me to  
                          Believe you  
                          You  
                          You  
                          Show me  
                          Something  
                          To prove  
                          That you are not  
                          A bad policeman

Pause.

HUSBAND            What should  
                          I do  
                          You can believe?

Long Pause.

JACKO leaves the Church.

LIGHTS DOWN.

Scene Eight

A BAR. Sunny afternoon. Two weeks later.

Fado music plays. There are professional bar dancers on a stage off-stage.

DIANA, a waitress, is serving A MAN WITH A MOUSTACHE.

SENORA VIERO walks in, carry a heavy suitcase.

SENORA VIERO            May I have a seat

DIANA                     You can sit anywhere  
                                  What can I get for you

SENORA VIERO            Coffee please

DIANA                     Coffee

SENORA VIERO            Yeah

DIANA                     Sure

                                  Here's your coffee  
                                  Anything else?

SENORA VIERO            No thanks

JACKO comes in.

DIANA                     Hi How are you

JACKO                     Can I have  
                                  A beer?

DIANA                     A beer

JACKO                     Yeah

DIANA                     Sure

SHE brings a beer.

JACKO                     What is the cheapest dish  
                                  In your bar

DIANA                     I'm sorry



JACKO I'm hungry but  
I don't have  
Enough money  
Do you have some food

DIANA I know  
There is menu

SHE shows it to him.

HE slaps some money in her hand.

SHE puts a bowl down.

DIANA Here are nuts

JACKO How much are the nuts

DIANA It's okay  
You can take it

JACKO Thanks

Excuse me miss

SENORA VIERO Yes

JACKO If you don't eat them  
Can I have them

SENORA VIERO Take them

He eats

JACKO This is good  
What's this?

SENORA VIERO Dried plum

Pause.

JACKO I haven't eaten  
Anything  
Since  
Yesterday

SENORA VIERO Excuse me?

JACKO I

This taste very good  
 Maybe this is  
 This is luxury food

You  
 You  
 Always eat  
 Eat  
 Eat  
 Eat like this

SENORA VIERO      Yes  
                             Of course

                            Do you  
                             Some more dried plums  
                             Would you like more

JACKO                Yes

SENORA VIERO      Have you ever eaten that

JACKO                No!  
                             This is first time to eat.

SENORA VIERO      Do you want  
                             To eat  
                             More

                            Excuse me

DIANA                I'll be right there

SHE comes

                            Yes.

SENORA VIERO      Could you  
                             Please  
                             Some dried plums  
                             To him

DIANA                To him  
                             And then

SENORA VIERO      I pay

DIANA                Okay okay okay

Just one plate?

JACKO Three plate please

SHE returns with three plates.

DIANA Here you  
Are

SHE places them down. HE eats fast.

JACKO Oh  
I remember  
I saw you  
At the Church

SENORA VIERO Really?  
I don't know

JACKO Maybe  
You are  
Rich because  
You  
Have  
A lot of  
Ex-votos and

SENORA VIERO I don't know  
What's ex-votos  
Maybe you  
Maybe the person  
Wasn't me

JACKO I don't think so  
I remember your  
Face  
Because you  
Have  
A big  
Mole  
On the  
Forehead

SENORA VIERO Maybe  
The person  
Wrong

JACKO Have you ever  
Made

Ex-voto

SENORA VIERO I don't know  
Ex-voto?

JACKO Yes

SENORA VIERO What is the  
Ex-voto?

JACKO Ex-voto  
Is  
Molds  
If you have something  
Problems in your body  
You make  
You make  
A molds and bring to  
The Church  
And put  
It over  
The altar  
You problems will go  
Away

SENORA VIERO Really  
Do you believe it?

JACKO Yes  
But I have never  
Make it  
Because I am  
I have  
I don't have  
Any problems in my body  
Because I am young  
I think  
Your age  
Your generation  
Has something problem  
Don't you?

SENORA VIERO I think so  
But if I had a pain  
I will go to  
The hospital

JACKO Finished.

DIANA takes the three plates away.

DIANA You want some coffee

SENORA VIERO Yes please

DIANA pours

Thank you

DIANA looks at SENORA VIERO up  
and down.

DIANA Excuse me

Mrs. Senora Viero

SENORA VIERO Yes

DIANA Oh  
I don't  
I can't  
Believe  
We meet here  
How are you?

SENORA VIERO Do you know  
Me?

DIANA Don't you recognize me

SENORA VIERO I don't know

DIANA We met in the Church

SENORA VIERO Church?

DIANA You gave me  
Address of mold maker

SENORA VIERO Mold maker. That mold maker

DIANA Actually  
I went to meet him  
Two weeks ago  
And I  
I got  
My head  
Yesterday

SENORA VIERO Did you make  
Ex-voto

DIANA It's kinda big  
You know

I have to go to Church  
To hang it  
I don't know if  
I can get space

SENORA VIERO I remember  
Did you pay  
To him  
The ex-voto  
Fee

DIANA Yeah I pay him

SENORA VIERO That's too bad

DIANA What?

SENORA VIERO You Do you believe  
The ex-voto  
Do you believe  
Him?

DIANA Of course  
I believe him

He's a  
He's a nice man

SENORA VIERO I'm sorry  
I want to  
Say about him

DIANA What do you mean?

SENORA VIERO I wan to  
I want to  
Forget about him

DIANA He said  
Something  
Did he say  
Anything bad

To you

SENORA VIERO I don't want  
To say

DIANA Maybe you  
Will be free

SENORA VIERO You look happy

DIANA I feel great  
I feel great

Now I can  
Now I can  
See everything vivid  
And cheerful  
Thanks you thank you

SENORA VIERO You're welcome

DIANA Yeah I like  
Your outfit

DIANA leaves.

JACKO, looks at the stage.

JACKO I am not wrong.

You were the woman  
Who I saw  
At the Church

SHE nods

But I think  
You look  
Happy  
Now

When I saw you  
At the Church  
You were  
Scared from  
Something

SENORA VIERO Now I'm free

JACKO Free

SENORA VIERO I feel very well  
I rearrange my room and  
Now I'm going to go trip  
I'm very happy

JACKO Trip  
Oh that sounds good  
I envy you  
Because I have  
Never gone out  
Of this town

SENORA VIERO Really?  
Now what do you do?

JACKO I make a  
Wooden dolls  
And sells them  
On the street

Excuse me  
Can you  
Move?

DIANA crouches.

SENORA VIERO How old are you?

JACKO I'm fifteen years old

SENORA VIERO Fifteen?

JACKO Fifteen.  
But  
Don't you think  
I'm teenager

SENORA VIERO You look like  
Eighteen or nineteen  
I think

JACKO Maybe  
I  
I  
Live  
Alone  
And



Make money  
By myself

DIANA returns.

DIANA                   What a nice suitcase  
Oh looks like you are going away

SENORA VIERO        Yes  
Of course  
Today I am going on trip

DIANA                   Where are you going?

SENORA VIERO        Around the world

DIANA                   Sounds great  
  
Alone?

SENORA VIERO        Yes

DIANA                   You hear that?  
She's going on trip  
Around the world

JACKO                   Oh  
What city  
Are you going to  
First

SENORA VIERO        Maybe  
I'm going to  
Lisbon

JACKO                   Lisbon  
Where is Lisbon?

SENORA VIERO        There is  
Portugal  
And  
Famous  
Seaside city

DIANA                   Yeah  
Your parents  
Living there?

SENORA VIERO        Nobody

Nobody  
Live there

DIANA                    You know  
                                 How wonderful  
                                 Lisbon is

JACKO                    I can't imagine

DIANA                    Maybe you can't imagine  
                                 Old castle  
                                 You can feel  
                                 You can feel  
                                 Ancient atmosphere  
                                 Where you are  
                                 Walking on the street  
                                 It's fancy.  
                                 We never  
                                 We never  
                                 Imagine  
                                 We can never  
                                 Imagine  
                                 Let me open  
                                 The bottle  
                                 Of porto  
                                 Let's celebrate

SENORA VIERO            Thank you

SHE opens a bottle of wine.

Pours each a glass.

JACKO                    Here's to  
                                 Senora Viero's

SENORA VIERO            Trip

JACKO                    Good trip

SENORA VIERO            (to Diana)  
                                 Here's to  
                                 Your happiness

DIANA                    And  
                                 Here is to  
                                 (To Jacko)

Pause.

Here is to  
Adolescence

THEY drink and laugh.

SENORA VIERO I don't know  
The reason

JACKO It tastes  
Like adult

DIANA You should put on  
Moustache

THEY laugh.

SENORA VIERO I have to go  
Now  
Check please

SHE brings the check.

DIANA Here is your check

Need change

SENORA VIERO No, keep the change

SHE lifts her suitcase.

Thank you

DIANA Have a nice trip

SENORA VIERO Bye now

SHE leaves

DIANA She is nice

JACKO Yes

DIANA She is a generous person

JACKO She is rich

DIANA Do you have family?

JACKO                   No I don't

DIANA                   You live by yourself?

JACKO                   Yeah, how bout you?

DIANA                   Yes me too

JACKO                   Don't you dancing

Beat

DIANA                   Of course

Can you dance

JACKO                   No  
I like just  
To see

DIANA                   Oh I teach you

JACKO                   No thanks  
It's okay  
So how long  
Have you worked  
At this bar

DIANA                   It's been  
Two weeks

HE motions to the stage.

JACKO                   How many  
Dancers  
Are there?

DIANA                   You mean  
Those dancers

They  
They're performing  
Three times a week  
We have  
Always ten dancers

JACKO                   Ten dancers?  
I'm looking for  
A girl

CAROLA Who  
Who name is  
Do you know-

DIANA Carola?

JACKO Do you know her

DIANA There is no one  
By that name

CAROLA Can I ask you  
Who is

HE unfolds a piece of paper.

JACKO This is a picture  
I  
Drew it

DIANA Really

JACKO She is Carola  
Have you ever  
Seen her

DIANA What a nice picture

JACKO She is good  
At dancing  
I think might  
Be  
Dancing somewhere

DIANA Do you  
Want me  
To hang it?

JACKO No  
Never mind

HE takes it from her.

JACKO I knew she  
I can't find  
Her  
Anymore

HE crumbles it up.

DIANA                   What are you  
                              Doing?

JACKO                   It's okay  
                              I decide  
                              To  
                              Forget  
                              Her

DIANA                   How do you feel?

JACKO                   I have looked  
                              For her  
                              For two weeks  
                              But  
                              Two weeks  
                              In all  
                              This city  
                              But I  
                              Can't  
                              I can't find any  
                              Trace of her  
                              Maybe she  
                              Would  
                              Leave somewhere  
                              Don't you  
                              Think so?

DIANA                   Do you think  
                              You think she  
                              Will never  
                              Be back

JACKO                   Yes  
                              Because  
                              She  
                              Has  
                              I think  
                              She has  
                              Only bad memories  
                              Of this city

DIANA                   You are young  
                              And you  
                              Have time  
                              How old are you

JACKO                   I'm eighteen

I'm eighteen years old

DIANA Really

JACKO Yes

DIANA I thought  
You were  
Never mind

Her boss is looking at her, SHE stands.

DIANA I'm off  
At twelve  
You wanna come  
To the Church?

JACKO Church

DIANA Y'know the Church  
On the hill

JACKO Yes  
I sometimes  
Go there

DIANA I have to  
Go there  
But I want  
Company  
I want  
Someone  
To go  
With me

JACKO You mean  
It's almost  
Midnight  
I'll escort you  
Don't worry

DIANA puts her hands at her heart.

DIANA You are so  
Dependable

SHE leans in.

Thank you

JACKO

I will see you  
Behind  
The bar

Okay  
See you then

LIGHTS DOWN.



## Scene Nine

Church. After midnight. DIANA climbs up a ladder holding the ex-voto of her head.

DIANA                I'm going to use  
                         This ladder  
                         But I think  
                         There is no space  
                         For my voto

JACKO                Do you need help

DIANA                Yeah  
                         There is a space  
                         Up

JACKO                I will make  
                         Space for you

                                 HE climbs up the ladder

JACKO                This leg  
                         Is old  
                         Maybe it  
                         Doesn't have power

                         I'll move  
                         Move it  
                         Could you  
                         Take-

                                 HE removes the leg

DIANA                Okay-

JACKO                Take it

DIANA                I take it

JACKO                Okay  
                         Here is your  
                         Space

DIANA                Thank you

JACKO                Is it

                                 Pause.

Straight

DIANA moves her hand

DIANA  
Down  
Move it  
Down a little  
Bit  
And move it to the  
Right a little bit

HE holds it

No I don't think so  
Move it to the left

JACKO  
Here

DIANA  
A little bit more

Stop

JACKO  
Is that perfect

DIANA  
Yes  
It is

I'm gonna put  
This leg  
On the floor

SHE puts it down. Looks at it.

JACKO  
Why did you  
Make  
Ex-voto?

DIANA  
Don't you  
Believe  
In it?

Pause.

JACKO  
Yes  
Of course  
I believe in  
Them

DIANA  
But maybe  
You don't  
Need it

JACKO  
What do you mean?

DIANA  
I just think so

JACKO  
But if I had  
More money  
I want to make  
Mine

DIANA  
What  
Part  
Do you  
Want to make

JACKO  
I  
Want to  
I wanna  
More  
Mong legs

DIANA  
It's a little big  
Greedy  
You have  
Healthy legs  
You have wonderful legs

JACKO  
If I  
If I'm more  
If I had longer legs  
People  
Think  
We are  
Good  
People looks we are  
Good couple

DIANA  
What do you mean  
We?

JACKO  
Yes  
I'm younger  
Than you  
But  
If I have  
Moustache

High  
Long  
Longer legs  
I will fit you

DIANA                    You don't have  
                                 To think so  
                                 You know  
                                 The statue  
                                 The statue

SHE sits down. HE joins her.

JACKO                    Yes  
                                 That is my  
                                 Favorite one

DIANA                    Really?

JACKO                    Yes

DIANA                    How do you like it

Pause.

JACKO                    Because it's made of  
                                 Wood

DIANA                    Oh

JACKO                    I feel  
                                 I always feel  
                                 A power  
                                 From woods

DIANA                    It sounds interesting  
                                 I've never thought  
                                 It has  
                                 It has a power  
                                 From wood

JACKO                    You can  
                                 You should  
                                 Touch it

It's okay  
Nobody in this Church

DIANA                    I don't think so

Have you ever  
Touched the statue?

JACKO Yes I have  
Touched it  
Any times  
Because  
I am  
Dolls  
Maker  
I make them  
From wood

HE stands up and touches the statue.

You can  
Come here  
Touch the face of angel

SHE laughs.  
HE laughs.

DIANA Do you always  
Rub  
His face like this

JACKO Yes

SHE laughs

JACKO Is there something  
Wrong?  
When I  
Rub  
His face  
I feel  
It always  
Makes me  
Calm  
You should try

DIANA No I don't think so

Look his nose  
His nose  
Is worn off

JACKO But he said  
He said

He  
He said

Long Pause.

It is  
He is happy

HE rubs the statue

DIANA Did he talk  
To you?

JACKO Yes when  
Only I  
Touch him  
I can  
Understand

DIANA Really

JACKO Yes

DIANA Try

SHE looks around and laughs.

HE laughs.

DIANA I can't

The Church DOOR OPENS. Night  
noise.

A MAN IN A COWBOY HAT walks in  
and sits in the back.

JACKO stops touching the statue.

Silence.

DIANA How do you feel

JACKO I feel good

DIANA Yeah, me too

Silence.

DIANA  
This place  
It's special  
I  
I don't  
I don't believe  
This is in Sao Paolo  
Like  
When I go out

JACKO  
Uh-huh

DIANA  
All things are  
A mess  
See  
Nothing

Beat.

Nothing

Pause.

Quiet

Long Pause.

DIANA  
You know  
Some  
Some people  
Are not  
Are not  
Familiar with  
Those  
Silence

JACKO  
I remember  
A man  
Who I met  
Last time  
In this Church  
Didn't  
Like  
A Church  
He  
Also said  
He  
He don't like  
The  
Smells and

Silence

DIANA                  Yeah  
I can imagine  
But why  
Did he  
Come here

JACKO                  He was  
For his  
Wife

                                 Oh  
But I  
Know  
His face  
Because he's  
A policeman

DIANA                  Really

   SHE stands up.

DIANA                  I put these flowers  
Last week  
They wilted  
This place  
Reminds me of  
Lisbon

JACKO                  Lisbon?  
Why do you  
Think so?

DIANA                  Do you  
How beautiful  
Lisbon is?

JACKO                  I don't know  
I can't imagine  
The place

DIANA                  You can  
Imagine the place  
Because this place  
Is like Lisbon

                                 My mother  
Used to talk about Lisbon



She said it  
 It was  
 Made of  
 Gold

SHE laughs.

JACKO                      Gold?

HE laughs. THEY laugh.

DIANA                      Do you  
 Know  
 Where  
 Our ancestors  
 Came from?

JACKO                      I don't know  
 Maybe they  
 Are from  
 Africa

DIANA                      Africa  
 I heard  
 That my ancestors  
 Lived in Lisbon

JACKO                      That's funny  
 That's strange  
 You don't look  
 European

DIANA                      Oh

JACKO                      I mean  
 You are  
 More beautiful  
 Than European

DIANA                      Really

JACKO                      Yeah  
 Because  
 You are  
 I know  
 You are  
 I know you are not only beautiful  
 But also  
 You are very

Kind

DIANA I've never thought  
I am kind

HE stands at the statue, distracts himself.

JACKO I know how kind you are  
Because  
Tonight  
You  
Treat me  
Of three dishes  
Dried fruit  
And  
I  
I saw  
That you  
Took care of  
An old drunken man  
And also  
I saw  
You feed  
A leaving meals  
To  
Street cats  
See you are  
I have never  
Met  
Such a  
Kind people

THE MAN IN A COWBOY HAT stands  
and leaves. The Sound of the DOOR  
CLOSING. THEY are alone.

DIANA walks up to the statue and kisses  
him on the cheek, slowly.

Silence.

JACKO Do you think  
How long  
Can we  
Stay  
Here

SHE looks around.

DIANA

I think  
No one  
Is coming until

SHE pushes her hands back.

Sunrise.

LIGHTS DOWN.

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