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# **DRAMA OF THE BODY:** **A PERFORMANCE FOR THE DEAF**

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Time:

Then and Now

Place:

Inside a Deaf Child's Mind

Scene Breakdown:

Scene 1 – At Home

Scene 2 – The Doctor's Office

Scene 3 – A chase through a Hedgerow, under a Bridge and over a Mountain

Scene 4 – The Magic Forest

Characters:

CHILD

MOTHER

FATHER

PUPPY/Hedgerow #3

TREE/Hedgerow #2

MONKEY/Hedgerow #1

Corey Summers

Linda Jones-Bell

Orlando Velez

Gabriel Martinez

Mariclare Mullane

Dolly Jhonsa

PRESHOW:

HOUSE LIGHTS ON

HOUSE TO HALF

HOUSE OUT

IAN WATSON SPECIAL

PROFESSOR BOLES' GREETING TO AUDIENCE

LIGHTS OUT

SILVERY GENERAL WASH AT ONE THIRD

## Scene 1 At Home

Cast enters from off up right entrance

Order: CHILD, PUPPY, TREE, FATHER, MONKEY, MOTHER

Cast enters in a single file line, heads down and walk the perimeter of the stage, when CHILD gets to UL column, MOTHER should just be arriving at UR column

On MOTHER's cue, everyone falls to neutral position on the ground

SILVERY GENERAL WASH RISES TO 50% WHILE THE CHILD'S CENTER STAGE DOWN LIGHT GLOWS AT 75%.

CHILD rises from neutral position WHEN HIS SPECIAL GLOWS at up left column

CHILD circles the stage on HIS knees, with a limp with right arm extended, cupped hand sideways

CHILD yells "Woo Woo Woo" left, down, then right

CHILD ENTERS THE DOWN LIGHT AND IT GLOWS AT 100%

CHILD then X to center sits with knees bent in front of him

CHILD yells "Woo Woo Woo" up into down light center stage

CHILD's Woo Woo Woo wakes FATHER

TABASCO COLORED LIGHT UP ON FATHER

FATHER wakes angrily from neutral position down center

FATHER X in arc going stage left stops behind CHILD

GENERAL WASH COMES TO 75% DURING CROSS

FATHER makes decision to touch CHILD

FATHER reaches out with left hand to touch CHILD then changes HIS mind

FATHER claps hands twice at CHILD slightly to left

FATHER takes a step to the right

FATHER claps hands twice at CHILD slightly to right

CHILD does not respond

BLUE COLORED LIGHT UP ON MOTHER (HINT OF DYING SKY)

GENERAL WASH COMES TO 90%

FATHER X to MOTHER and kicks HER leg to wake HER

MOTHER rolls over

FATHER taps twice MOTHER on the shoulder twice, full hand

MOTHER, annoyed wakes up

FATHER claps hands twice referring to CHILD

MOTHER stands and X down stage, SHE arcs around to DC and X up center to CHILD

MOTHER takes a moment when SHE enters CHILD's room

MOTHER and CHILD exchange a smile

MOTHER touches CHILD's left arm with HER right arm and takes a step downstage

CHILD holds out HIS right cupped hand

MOTHER takes hand and puts it on HER heart

MOTHER circles around CHILD by going upstage while holding on to CHILD's hand

CHILD holds out left cupped hand to MOTHER

MOTHER kneels down

MOTHER takes CHILD's hand and places it on HER heart

MOTHER reaches right arm over CHILD's left arm and places HER cupped hand on HIS heart

MOTHER and CHILD embrace

FATHER X down stage, he arcs around to DC and X up center to MOTHER and CHILD

FATHER jumps to get attention of MOTHER and CHILD

FATHER waves left arm motioning "Let's go"

CHILD resists, does not want to go  
MOTHER urges CHILD to go  
FATHER X to CHILD and MOTHER  
FATHER takes CHILD's right arm  
MOTHER takes CHILD's left arm  
FATHER pulls CHILD, CHILD resists  
MOTHER pulls CHILD, CHILD does not resist  
MOTHER and FATHER decide to switch sides  
CHILD sprawls out on stomach, arms and legs extended  
MOTHER tickles CHILD under arms  
CHILD bends both arms under HIS chest  
MOTHER and FATHER grab CHILD's arms and pull him back to standing  
MOTHER and FATHER pull CHILD in sections- first arms, then torso then legs-across the stage going  
right CHILD resists all the way  
During drag, CHILD's body is a flat board, with only one foot touching the ground

LIGHTS SWIRL AS CHILD IS DRAGGED TO INDICATE A PASSAGE OF TIME. SILVER SUNLIGHT  
CASTS THROUGH A THOUSAND SKEWED WINDOWS-THE MUNTINS CREATE A PATTERN OF  
PATCHWORK PRISON BARS

## Scene 2 The Doctor's Office

DOCTOR stands during the light change  
DOCTOR is waiting  
MOTHER and FATHER prop up CHILD in front of DOCTOR  
CHILD sits down hugging HIS knees  
DOCTOR kneels looking at CHILD  
CHILD does not respond  
FATHER makes shaking motion with HIS hands, asking if he should shake CHILD for the DOCTOR  
DOCTOR motions "No" with HIS hands and tells the FATHER to step back  
DOCTOR explains to MOTHER and FATHER what HE is going to do to get CHILD's attention  
DOCTOR X DL column facing UR column, sits, knees up hugging HIS knees  
DOCTOR looks at CHILD and mockingly yells "Woo Woo Woo"  
CHILD does not respond  
DOCTOR yells "Woo Woo Woo" again, sees CHILD react, and looks down immediately  
CHILD looks at MOTHER to see if it was HER who cried "Woo Woo Woo"  
MOTHER indicates that it was the DOCTOR  
CHILD X DOCTOR and tries to comfort DOCTOR  
CHILD taps DOCTOR on left shoulder with full right hand  
CHILD extends cupped hand to DOCTOR's heart  
DOCTOR takes cupped hand and checks for CHILD's pulse on HIS wrist as he smiles at CHILD  
CHILD smiles back and takes DOCTOR's pulse on wrist  
CHILD puts both hands on top of DOCTOR's hand as DOCTOR Repositions stethoscope on CHILD's chest  
DOCTOR places left cupped hand on CHILD's heart, and right pointer finger in right ear, elbow down  
DOCTOR is listening to CHILD's heart  
CHILD takes DOCTOR's left and yells "Woo Woo Woo" into hand  
DOCTOR reacts to loud sound  
DOCTOR stands X to MOTHER  
DOCTOR shakes MOTHER's hand, gives thumbs up sign, and makes "strong and healthy" sign  
DOCTOR looks over at FATHER, waves goodbye and X to go off UR  
FATHER yells "Ah!" at DOCTOR  
DOCTOR turns around, FATHER and DOCTOR meet behind CHILD  
FATHER snaps twice behind CHILD's left ear, then behind CHILD's right ear  
FATHER claps twice behind CHILD's left ear, then behind CHILD's right ear  
DOCTOR extends cupped hand to CHILD as if HE is performing a magic trick  
CHILD plays with DOCTOR's hand  
DOCTOR moves hand in front of CHILD's face as a bit of a game and finally places HIS hand on CHILD's ear  
DOCTOR lets CHILD react to HIS hand on CHILD's ear  
DOCTOR takes left cupped hand out of pocket and puts it to CHILD's right ear, puts right cupped hand to HIS mouth and says "blah blah blah" over and over in a raspy voice  
First "blah" is long, second "blah" is longer ALL DOCTOR'S BLAHS ARE STRAINED AND LONG AND UGLY AND DIFFERENT  
CHILD does not respond  
DOCTOR looks at FATHER, "see, nothing"  
FATHER takes headphones from DOCTOR  
FATHER kneels left of HIS son and puts HIS right cupped hand on CHILD's left ear, right hand to HIS mouth, says "blah blah blah" over just as DOCTOR did  
CHILD and DOCTOR and FATHER all "blah blah blah" together  
CHILD blah's into left hand  
DOCTOR X to DR column as she continues to "blah blah blah" to CHILD  
FATHER X to DL column as he continues to "blah blah blah" to CHILD  
CHILD turns to MOTHER offers right hand to "blah blah blah" in HER ear

MOTHER X CHILD

MOTHER stops CHILD, slowly takes CHILD's arms down and places them on her heart

MOTHER and CHILD exchange a look-a moment that says, "we don't need the blahs, we understand each other perfectly fine."

MOTHER takes CHILD by the hand and X UL to exit

FATHER claps twice, yells "Ah!" and jumps as soon as MOTHER takes CHILD by hand to exit

MOTHER stops to turn to FATHER when HE jumps

FATHER X in front of MOTHER and CHILD, yells "Ah" again and points at DOCTOR

MOTHER refuses to go back to DOCTOR

MOTHER looks to DOCTOR for help

DOCTOR looks at family, smiles, waves, goes to UR column and falls into neutral position

MOTHER and CHILD X in arc to DR column

FATHER X in front of them to stop them from leaving

CHILD is holding MOTHER's left hand

MOTHER steps up to FATHER and he allows HER to pass

When CHILD passes FATHER he grabs HIS hand

MOTHER and FATHER play tug of war with CHILD, MOTHER yells "No!!", FATHER loses HIS grip, and goes flying upstage, hurts right knee

THE MUNTINS FADE AS LIGHTS CHANGE INDICATING A PASSAGE OF TIME. LEAVES SWIRL.  
THE BRANCHES CAST LARGE SHAPES, ANGULAR, OMINOUS, CRISSCROSSING SHADOWS.

### Scene 3

#### A chase through a Hedgerow, under a Bridge and over a Mountain

When FATHER falls UR, HEDGEROWS create tunnel  
 HEDGEROW #1 is at downstage end, facing stage left  
 HEDGEROW #2 is at upstage end, facing stage left  
 HEDGEROW #3 is in between HEDGEROW #1 and HEDGEROW # 2, facing stage right  
 HEDGEROW #3 motions for MOTHER and CHILD to come into tunnel to escape  
 MOTHER leads CHILD through tunnel, zig-zagging in between HEDGEROWS touching them as they pass  
 FATHER gets up and X downstage to follow, when HE enters tunnel, tunnel starts to move back and forth, making it difficult for HIM to pass through  
 As FATHER passes each HEDGEROW, THEY break away taking positions for bridge scene  
 When FATHER reaches HEDGEROW # 2, SHE bumps HIM with HER hip, HE goes flying downstage  
 MOTHER and CHILD are separated  
 MOTHER is frantic and takes slow small steps DC and DR  
 HEDGEROWS 1,2, and 3 line up facing DL column, squatting down when THEY get to THEIR position  
 HEDGEROWS create a bridge.  
 HEDGEROW #2 leans back into HEDGEROW #3, and throws feet onto HEDGEROW # 1's shoulders  
 While bridge is being created, MOTHER and CHILD are separated  
 CHILD crawls under bridge with FATHER chasing closely behind  
 FATHER grabs CHILD's foot under bridge, then loses grip  
 FATHER uses HEDGEROW # 1's upstage ankle as an anchor to pull himself forward  
 HEDGEROW #1 and #3 drop HEDGEROW #2 on FATHER when he passes under bridge  
 HEDGEROW sits on FATHER's back and shakes a bit to bring him down

TREE gets into position UC  
 HEDGEROW #3 stands facing stage right, leaned over, with HIS left hand on TREE's left shoulder and right arm hooked into HEDGEROW # 1's left arm  
 HEDGEROW # 3 is kneeling on right knee facing stage right  
 CHILD climbs over HEDGEROW #1, HEDGEROW #1 moving as CHILD climbs, takes new position facing stage left  
 CHILD climbs over HEDGEROW #3, HEDGEROW #3 moving as CHILD climbs, takes new position facing stage left, touching HEDGEROW # 1 with left hand  
 CHILD climbs over left TREE branch and then jumps to ground  
 MOTHER and CHILD are reunited at DR column  
 FATHER chases CHILD, but cannot get passed HEDGEROWS  
 HEDGEROW #1 wraps around FATHER's legs  
 HEDGEROW #3 wraps around FATHER's upper body and brings him to the ground

MOTHER tells CHILD to stay, she X halfway to FATHER who is reaching out from under the MOUNTAIN  
 CHILD follows MOTHER  
 MOTHER takes CHILD back to DR column forcefully and tells him to stay again  
 CHILD stays  
 MOTHER X FATHER  
 MOTHER faces CHILD blows a kiss goodbye and is engulfed by MOUNTAIN

LIGHTS OUT ON MOUNTAIN

After mountain engulfs MOTHER and FATHER, everyone clears to neutral positions, except TREE and CHILD

## Scene 4 The Magic Forest

CHILD lost, searches for HIS MOTHER  
 CHILD X upstage yelling "Woo Woo Woo" with right arm extended, cupped hand sideways  
 LIGHT UP ON TREE WHEN CHILD IS AT RIGHT OF TREE  
 TREE follows CHILD with HER eyes and turning HER head  
 CHILD looks around frightened  
 CHILD senses someone looking at HIM but when He turns to see TREE, TREE turns her face  
 TREE and CHILD play this game two or three times  
 CHILD acknowledges TREE points at her  
 TREE, standing with arms in the air, smiles at CHILD until he notices HER  
 CHILD takes smile off of TREE's face and puts it on HIS face  
 CHILD hugs TREE  
 TREE creates a breeze to soothe CHILD  
 CHILD relaxes grip on TREE  
 TREE moves branches as if singing a lullaby  
 CHILD reacts by swaying with TREE's branches and X DL column  
 CHILD falls asleep with HIS mouth open and moon light on him

MONKEY sits up  
 MONKEY stretches  
 MONKEY scratches  
 MONKEY sniffs something in the air  
 MONKEY X TREE  
 MONKEY and TREE exchange greetings by waving at each other  
 TREE tries to get MONKEY to notice the CHILD  
 MONKEY is oblivious  
 MONKEY climbs up TREE, by going around twice, as branches get higher and higher  
 MONKEY, while hanging on TREE's right arm picks a banana off a branch  
 TREE shakes branch to try to get MONKEY to notice CHILD, but MONKEY just picks another banana  
 TREE shakes branch again to try to get MONKEY to notice CHILD  
 MONKEY finally notices and goes around TREE, coming back down, and jumps to the ground  
 MONKEY X CHILD screeches and sniffs HIS crotch, goes around HIS head and eats lint out of HIS belly button (moving CHILD's clothing to get to belly button)  
 MONKEY goes back for seconds to CHILDS belly button  
 CHILD screams in HIS sleep and MONKEY runs off frightened back to TREE  
 TREE motions for MONKEY to go back to CHILD, MONKEY refuses  
 TREE calms MONKEY the same as SHE did with CHILD, once calm,  
 TREE motions for MONKEY to go to PUPPY for help

LIGHT UP ON PUPPY

MONKEY X PUPPY  
 PUPPY sits up and sniffs air  
 PUPPY chases MONKEY round in circles, humps MONKEY  
 MONKEY gives the look "here we go again"  
 MONKEY screeches and moves away from PUPPY  
 Halfway there, PUPPY decides to X TREE and pee on trunk of TREE  
 PUPPY pees while facing downstage, leg lifted  
 PUPPY lets out a sigh of relief  
 TREE kicks PUPPY sideways with right foot  
 TREE shakes off leg  
 PUPPY X to right of TREE and humps TREE  
 TREE gives look "here we go again"

TREE shakes off humping PUPPY  
 PUPPY and TREE exchange a look  
 PUPPY X to CHILD and MONKEY  
 PUPPY circles around CHILD one time sniffing HIM in an attempt to wake CHILD  
 PUPPY humps CHILD's leg  
 CHILD wakes up, screams and scares PUPPY and MONKEY back to TREE  
 CHILD runs to DL column  
 TREE motions for CHILD to come to HER  
 CHILD takes one step and sits, extends left arm, cupped hand sideways  
 TREE gives banana to MONKEY telling MONKEY to share it with CHILD  
 MONKEY X CHILD and offers him a banana  
 THEY eat together, every time CHILD takes a bite so does MONKEY  
 PUPPY X to MONKEY and CHILD  
 CHILD offers banana to PUPPY, PUPPY refuses  
 CHILD hands banana to MONKEY, who finishes the rest of it  
 CHILD goes to pet PUPPY, PUPPY decides he wants to be pet on HIS stomach so he turns over  
 CHILD pets PUPPY on stomach  
 CHILD gets cold  
 MONKEY alerts PUPPY that CHILD is cold  
 PUPPY moves CHILD and MONKEY a couple steps upstage  
 CHILD and MONKEY spoon, fall asleep  
 MONKEY tells PUPPY to keep watch  
 PUPPY keeps watch, protects CHILD and MONKEY from danger  
 PUPPY X to DC and barks, then left and barks, then X back to CHILD and MONKEY  
 PUPPY barks off right and gets sleepy, drops HIS chin on CHILD and falls asleep  
 Lights out  
 TREE takes step DR

LIGHT UP on upstage columns  
 MOTHER appears at UR column  
 FATHER appears at UL column  
 THEY meet UC looking for CHILD  
 FATHER claps twice into the space  
 LIGHT UP ON CHILD MONKEY AND PUPPY ON FATHER'S CLAP  
 PUPPY wakes and barks at FATHER's clap, then goes back to sleep  
 MOTHER claps back at FATHER's face  
 MOTHER yells "Woo Woo" twice  
 FATHER repeats "Woo Woo"  
 MOTHER DOES DEAF APPLAUSE AFTER EACH SUCCESS  
 MOTHER taps FATHER on shoulder twice, full hand, then turns around  
 FATHER taps MOTHER on shoulder twice, full hand, hard  
 MOTHER reacts as if he as just broken HER shoulder, then taps him lightly, to show him the right way  
 MOTHER turns around again  
 FATHER taps MOTHER again, more lightly MOTHER content with the tap, turns FATHER away from HER  
 MOTHER waves hand at side of FATHER's face to get HIS attention, then turns away  
 FATHER waves hand at side of MOTHER's face, repeating HER last action  
 MOTHER stomps foot twice  
 FATHER jumps twice  
 MOTHER demonstrates the proper way: Stomps HER foot twice at FATHER  
 FATHER repeats foot stomp  
 MOTHER yells "Woo Woo Woo"  
 FATHER yells "Woo Woo Woo"  
 PUPPY wakes and X up to FATHER and MOTHER  
 MOTHER faces FATHER  
 MOTHER taps FATHER twice on shoulder



FATHER repeats  
 MOTHER waves hand in front of FATHER's face  
 FATHER repeats  
 MOTHER stomps foot twice  
 FATHER repeats  
 MOTHER yells "Woo Woo Woo"  
 FATHER repeats  
 MOTHER taps FATHER twice on shoulder  
 FATHER repeats  
 MOTHER waves hand in front of FATHER's face  
 FATHER repeats  
 MOTHER stomps foot twice  
 FATHER repeats  
 MOTHER yells "Woo Woo Woo"  
 FATHER repeats  
 PUPPY barks at MOTHER and FATHER  
 FATHER guides MOTHER to X UL column  
 FATHER claps at PUPPY  
 PUPPY leaps at FATHER  
 FATHER runs to UR column  
 PUPPY barks off right  
 PUPPY returns to CHILD and MONKEY and falls back asleep behind CHILD

MOTHER and FATHER reappear in front of THEIR columns  
 Light up on CHILD  
 CHILD stands on feet  
 Light off on CHILD  
 Light up on FATHER  
 FATHER takes a step forward hunches shoulders  
 Light off on FATHER  
 Light up on MOTHER  
 MOTHER takes a step forward and drops head  
 Light off on MOTHER  
 Light up on CHILD  
 CHILD takes off cap  
 Light off on CHILD  
 Light up on FATHER  
 FATHER takes a step forward and bend right elbow behind him, places hand on back  
 Light off on FATHER  
 Light up on MOTHER  
 MOTHER takes a step forward and bends forward  
 Light off on MOTHER  
 Light up on CHILD  
 CHILD takes shirt off and throws it to DR column  
 Light off on CHILD  
 Light up on FATHER  
 FATHER takes a step forward and lifts head  
 Light off on FATHER  
 Light up on MOTHER  
 MOTHER takes a step forward and puts left hand on hip  
 Light off on MOTHER  
 Light up on CHILD  
 CHILD crosses HIS arms

LIGHTS OUT ON MOTHER AND FATHER

MOTHER and FATHER return to neutral positions

In light change, TREE takes a step DR

CHILD feels raindrops

CHILD puts out hands to catch rain drops

PUPPY and MONKEY wake and scramble for shelter under TREE

CHILD starts to shower in rain

CHILD motions for animals to join him, but THEY refuse

CHILD starts to dance on HIS won in the rain with cupped hands facing up-catching the rain

CHILD dances in mobius strip (figure 8) doing the following

1. Rain on him, heavy on his hands, drenching his face. CHILD washes HIS body, arms, legs, hair

2. CHILD swims freestyle, backstroke, the frog

3. CHILD kicks rain puddles and jumps in them

CHILD invites MONKEY to dance

MONKEY refuses

CHILD kicks a rain puddle at MONKEY

MONKEY is furious

CHILD invites MONKEY to dance again

MONKEY is frightened and looks to TREE for help

TREE motions for MONKEY to go have fun

MONKEY gets up to dance

MONKEY adds "swinging arms twice over head and twice at waist level" while saying "ooh ooh ahh ahh"

then turns around and repeats arms swings

THEY dance repeating these three steps around the stage

During dance, PUPPY is yip yapping with tongue out and face happy and excited waiting for his turn to

dance. During dance, PUPPY is yip yapping

When THEY get back to TREE and PUPPY, THEY invite PUPPY to join

PUPPY looks to TREE to see what HE should do

TREE motions for PUPPY to join the dance and have fun

PUPPY adds "left leg shake" "right leg shake" and "tail wag" to dance

CHILD MONKEY and PUPPY dance around the stage in circle and stop when they get back to TREE

During dance TREE makes a "whoosh whoosh" sound

TREE, breaks free from the ground and adds "left limb grow" and "leaves fall" with right arm then left arm and right arm going up and down alternately

THEY all repeat the dance from the beginning

During last revolution of dance, light up on FATHER UR as for gun shot scene

When CHILD gets to LC FATHER is up on step, drunk, with a shotgun

THE FOLLOWING HAPPENS IN 3 BEATS:

BEAT # 1 FATHER takes a shot TREE reacts to being hit, everyone else reacts to tree being hit

BEAT # 2 PUPPY leaps at FATHER MONKEY brings CHILD to ground

BEAT # 3 CHILD escapes from MONKEY to X FATHER TREE holds out branch to stop CHILD TREE

branch catches CHILD's left arm PUPPY attacks FATHER's legs Another shot

MONKEY has been shot

When shot, MONKEY makes a big exaggerated fall towards center stage

LIGHTS OUT

MOON BEAM SPECIAL ON CHILD AND MONKEY

PUPPY X MONKEY

PUPPY licks MONKEY

MONKEY reaches up, weakly pets PUPPY

PUPPY wags HIS tail

PUPPY and MONKEY share a moment to say goodbye

PUPPY is crying

PUPPY calls over CHILD

CHILD approaches cautiously  
 CHILD holds MONKEY's hand  
 MONKEY's hand slips from CHILD's hand  
 CHILD is frightened that MONKEY's hand did not hold HIS hand  
 PUPPY desperately barks for CHILD to touch MONKEY again  
 CHILD searching for help looks to the tree  
 TREE waves a wash of warmth and comfort over CHILD  
 TREE pats MONKEY on the head and makes a motion to cry  
 TREE gives HER condolences to MONKEY and feels bad for CHILD  
 CHILD nods HIS head to tree  
 CHILD extends cupped hand and searches for signs in life in MONKEY  
 CHILD touches MONKEY's forehead, cheek, and heart  
 CHILD pulls hand away from MONKEY's heart-HIS hand is wet with her blood  
 CHILD holds HIS hand up to the light and looks at HIS blood stained hand GLISTENING IN THE LIGHT  
 (fingers moving for glistening).  
 CHILD smells HIS hand  
 CHILD touches blood on HIS hand with HIS other hand's index finger  
 CHILD then touches HIS cupped bloody hand to HIS forehead, HIS cheek, and HIS heart, where he  
 wipes her blood on HIS skin  
 PUPPY barks CHILD back to action  
 CHILD nods and picks up MONKEY  
 MONKEY winces  
 MONKEY moans  
 MONKEY is still alive!  
 CHILD brings MONKEY to TREE  
 CHILD offers MONKEY to TREE for help  
 TREE shakes HER head and pulls back HER branches and expresses the thought "I'm sorry there is  
 nothing I can do."  
 TREE waves CHILD onward  
 CHILD X DC searches the audience for help  
 CHILD, smiling, rocks MONKEY in arms like a baby to all three sides of audience  
 MONKEY using every effort to move takes a cupped hand farthest away from CHILD's face and slowly  
 touches CHILD's mouth  
 MONKEY moves hand from CHILD's face, to HER mouth, to HER heart  
 AS MONKEY's hand beats with HER heart, HER heart stops beating and HER hand stops beating and  
 SHE dies in CHILD's arms  
 CHILD yells "Nooooooooo!!!" to the sky  
 CHILD weeps for his friend  
 CHILD kisses MONKEY's face  
 CHILD X DR-UR (arcs) to FATHER  
 While CHILD approaches FATHER walks backwards toward UL column aiming shotgun at CHILD at  
 extreme angles  
 MONKEY dies at UL column  
 FATHER recognizes Child  
 FATHER drops gun  
 CHILD forces MONKEY into FATHER's arms

#### CORRIDORS OF LIGHT

CHILD X behind FATHER and claps at him to X diagonal to TREE  
 Light up DL column  
 FATHER X TREE  
 CHILD claps at FATHER again  
 FATHER places MONKEY next to TREE  
 CHILD motions for FATHER to bury MONKEY  
 FATHER covers MONKEY with dirt

FATHER extends rights cupped hand to CHILD and looks away  
 CHILD gets into warrior position, cups FATHER's chin, getting FATHER's attention  
 CHILD recognizes FATHER  
 CHILD X behind FATHER and claps at him, demanding HE X to DR column  
 Light up DR column  
 FATHER X to C then to DR column where DOCTOR is waiting  
 DOCTOR has right cupped hand on ear  
 FATHER goes to takes DOCTOR's hand to put to HIS ear  
 CHILD claps at FATHER instructs him to put HIS right hand on HIS ear and left hand on HIS heart  
 FATHER listens to HIS own heart, he does not like what he hears  
 Light up UL column  
 MOTHER appears at UL column  
 CHILD X behind FATHER and claps at him to X to MOTHER  
 MOTHER has right cupped hand on heart, and left cupped hand on eyes  
 CHILD claps motions for FATHER to put MOTHER's hand on HIS own heart  
 MOTHER is frightened and resists, but not strongly  
 Light up UR column  
 CHILD then claps FATHER back to C and then to UR column  
 CHILD claps and claps until FATHER is down on ground  
 CHILD punches thunder sheet  
 CHILD walks in a circle (counter clockwise) around the stage, eyes on FATHER  
 Second revolution CHILD extends left cupped hand to center of circle  
 TREE X DC  
 MONKEY X LC  
 PUPPY X RC  
 Third revolution MOTHER joins at half circle of CHILD  
 CHILD and FATHER exchange a look of recognition before FATHER joins circle  
 Fourth revolution FATHER joins, left cupped hand at center of circle  
 CHILD and FATHER try to join hands, but THEIR hands are like magnetic forces, THEY cannot meet  
 MOTHER joins HER hand and all three join hands-then elbows-then shoulders-then bodies  
  
 PUPPY TREE MONKEY make one revolution (clockwise) in an outer circle around MOTHER CHILD  
 FATHER  
 PUPPY stops at DL column  
 TREE stops at DR column  
 MONKEY stops at UC  
 GENERAL WASH COMES TO HALF  
 PUPPY X MOTHER taps her on shoulder  
 PUPPY X back to DL column  
 MOTHER X LC  
 MONKEY taps FATHER on shoulder  
 MONKEY X UC facing down stage  
 FATHER X RC  
 TREE throws skull cap to CHILD  
 CHILD puts on skull cap  
 TREE throw shirt to CHILD  
 CHILD puts on shirt  
 CHILD looks for MOTHER "What's going on?"  
 CHILD reaches for MOTHER  
 MOTHER falls into neutral position  
 CHILD reaches for MONKEY  
 MONKEY falls into neutral position  
 When MONKEY falls into neutral position, everyone else falls with her  
 CHILD X to center sits in spot light right arm extended cupped hand sideways  
 CHILD faintly yells "Woo" head down

AS THE LIGHTS BEGIN TO SLOWLY FADE AND THE CHILD SPECIAL GROWS IN INTENSITY, THE CHILD CRUMPLES DOWN WITH A FINAL "WOO," REVERSES AGE, AND BECOMES YOUNG AGAIN

SPECIAL SPOT ON CHILD AS HE STARES UP AT THE LIGHT THROUGH HIS CUPPED HAND AND THEN CURLS HIS HEAD INTO HIS KNEES COVERED BY HIS LEFT ARM. HIS RIGHT ARM, STILL EXTENDED TO THE LIGHT, QUIVERS AND SHAKES WITH LIFE AND EMOTION.

THE REST OF THE STAGE GOES DARK

BLACKOUT

END OF PLAY