



UPDATED SCRIPT - OCTOBER 2023 - DRAFT 5

CHARACTER LIST

PETER	- student
GEORGIA	- student
JANE	- student
DIANE	- student
KIRSTEN	- student
TONI	- student
SHANE	- student
MR FORESTER/MR FRANKS	- teacher
ENSEMBLE	- students and various small roles

Small Roles include: Dad, a student, two girls, Gemma, news reporter, soldiers.

SONG LIST

1.	Prologue	-	Leads
2.	What Do You Believe?	-	Leads, Full Cast
3.	Ordinary Day	-	Full Cast
4.	Change	-	Georgia, Mr Forrester, Full Cast
5.	Holding My Breath	-	Georgia
6.	What Could It Be?	-	Mr Forester, Full Cast
7.	Unknown 1	-	Full Cast
8.	Breaking All The Rules	-	Toni, Leads
9.	Unknown 2	-	Full Cast
10.	Forty Minutes	-	Full Cast
11.	The Heavens Came To Earth	-	Full Cast
12.	Nothing To See	-	Mr Franks
13.	This Is What I Saw/Unknown 3	-	Leads
14.	We're In Uniform	-	Full Cast (No Leads)
15.	The Heavens Came To Earth (Reprise)	-	Full Cast
16.	Gone	-	Jane
17.	Questions Without Answers	-	Full Cast

WESTALL '66: THE MUSICAL

Scene 1

[The stage is stark, with podiums scattered around the stage. A power line runs above the stage. There is the silhouette of trees in the backdrop. The scene suggestions indicate where each scene is set, but are not fully played out on stage, just alluded to. Cue Song 1: Prologue: Westall '66. Each student steps into light at different positions on the stage.]

ALL

Peter and Diane.

PETER

I couldn't believe it, because what I was seeing wasn't possible.

DIANE

It was like out of a comic book - like they had finally come to visit.

ALL

Shane and Kirsten.

SHANE

It wasn't a plane, it wasn't a balloon. It was nothing like that.

KIRSTEN

I know what I saw and it was not a plane. I am certain about that.

ALL

Jane and Georgia.

JANE

We tried to tell the adults, but they didn't believe us.

GEORGIA

I yelled out "Mr Forester! Mr Forester! There's this thing in the sky!"

ALL

Mr Forester and Toni.

MR FORESTER

It was not a mirage - it was something physical, real.

TONI

There were no seams, no joins - just a smooth piece of metal.

ONE HALF OF THE STUDENTS

They thought we were making it up ...

THE OTHER HALF OF THE STUDENTS

... but I know what I saw.

JANE

But, my God - it was exciting!

[Blackout. Cue Song 2: What Do You Believe?]

JANE

WOULD YOU BELIEVE WHAT A CHILD
TOLD TO YOU IN FAITH?

DIANE

WOULD YOU BELIEVE THAT THEY SAW SOMETHING
THEY COULD NOT EXPLAIN?

GEORGIA

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IF YOU SAW IT
IN FRONT YOUR VERY EYES?

KIRSTEN

OR WOULD YOU JUST TRY TO FORGET IT
TURN AROUND AND DENY

FULL CAST

HOW MUCH WOULD IT TAKE FOR YOU
TO FIND OUT WHAT IS TRUE?

GROUP 1

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
GROUP 2

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
GROUP 3

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
GROUP 1

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
GROUP 2

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
GROUP 3

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
GROUP 1

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
GROUP 2

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
GROUP 3

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
GROUP 1

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
GROUP 2

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
GROUP 3

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
FULL CAST

MR FORESTER
WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO CONVINCEN?
TO MAKE IT TO YOUR HEART?

PETER
WHAT IS THE PROOF THAT YOU NEED
FOR YOUR MIND AND SOUL TO START

TONI

ACCEPTING THAT WHAT SEEMS CRAZY
COULD BE THE ACTUAL TRUTH

SHANE

WHERE IS THE POINT WHERE YOU BEGIN
TO BELIEVE THE OTHER PROOF

FULL CAST

HOW MUCH DOES IT TAKE FOR YOU
CHANGE YOUR POINT OF VIEW?

GROUP 1

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

GROUP 2

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

GROUP 3

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

GROUP 1

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

GROUP 2

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

GROUP 3

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

GROUP 1

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

GROUP 2

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

GROUP 3

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

GROUP 1

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

GROUP 2

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

GROUP 3

WHAT DO YOU BE...?

FULL CAST

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

GEORGIA

SOME WOULD CALL IT INNOCENCE

SOME WOULD CALL IT FAITH

SHANE

SOME WOULD SAY NAIVETY

SOME WOULD SAY IT'S BRAVE

JANE

SOME WOULD SAY TO JUST FORGET

ALL

IT NEVER HAPPENED HERE

MR FORESTER

BUT IF YOU STAND FOR SOMETHING

YOU MUST NEVER SHOW YOUR FEAR

TONI

THIS IS TALE OF THE TRUTH

A STORY FROM YEARS AGO

PETER

IN A TIME WHEN THE WORLD WAS SEEKING

AND WANTING MORE TO KNOW

DIANE

SO OPEN YOUR HEARTS AND SPIRITS

OPEN YOUR THOUGHTS TO MORE

KIRSTEN

TO THE HISTORY OF THE POSSIBLE

AND THEN YOU WON'T IGNORE

THAT YOU DO BELIEVE	GROUP 1
THAT YOU DO BELIEVE	GROUP 2
THAT YOU DO BELIEVE	GROUP 3
THAT YOU DO BELIEVE	GROUP 1
THAT YOU DO BELIEVE	GROUP 2
THAT YOU DO BELIEVE	GROUP 3
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THAT YOU DO BELIEVE	GROUP 1
THAT YOU DO BELIEVE	GROUP 2
THAT YOU DO BE...	GROUP 3
THAT YOU DO BELIEVE WHAT WILL YOU BELIEVE?	FULL CAST

[Blackout.]

SCENE 2

[Classroom.]

DIANE

Wednesday, April the 6th, 1966.

STUDENTS

Westall State School.

DIANE

A little suburb about fifteen miles from Melbourne.

PETER

It's a cool day. About 64 degrees Fahrenheit.

GEORGIA

I'm in Grade 6.

JANE

Grade 5.

KIRSTEN

Grade 4.

SHANE

My dad's farmer's market is nearby. I've been up and working since four.

[CAST MEMBER: DAD]

Shane! You've got to get to school!

SHANE

And I'm late.

[CAST MEMBER: DAD]

You better move your bum, or I'll move it for you!

MR FORESTER

I'm teaching, or trying to, and no one's listening to a word I say. The Easter break is just around the corner, and I need it.

STUDENTS

We all do.

MR FORESTER

But for now, everyone is working quietly. Just how it should be. Just the way I like it.

TONI

It is just another ordinary school day.

STUDENTS

Just an ordinary day.

[Cue Song 3: Ordinary Day.]

STUDENTS

SIT DOWN
BOOKS OPEN
EYES UP ON THE BOARD
DON'T MOVE
NO TALKING
DON'T YAWN IF YOU'RE BORED

SO STRICT
NO FREEDOM
JUST STAY IN YOUR SEAT
IT'S SCHOOL
EDUCATION
SO MARCH TO THE BEAT

GOD, I WISH THAT SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN
SOME HOW, SOME WHAT, SOME WAY
GOD, I WISH THAT SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN
TO TAKE ME FAR AWAY

FROM THIS ORDINARY DAY
AND THIS ORDINARY SCHOOL
AND THIS ORDINARY LIFE
AND THIS ORDINARY GRUEL
JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING NEW
SOME COLOUR IN THE GREY
SOMETHING TO BREAK UP
ANOTHER ORDINARY DAY

MR FORESTER

Sit up straight everyone. Make sure your handwriting is perfect cursive. I will not accept anything less.

STUDENTS

HERE IN THIS SUBURBIA
LIFE'S PLAIN AS PLAIN CAN BE
SURROUNDED BY THE MARKET GARDENS
POWERLINES AND TREES
FAMILIES COME AND FAMILIES GO
BUT EVERY KID IS HERE
IN A SCHOOL, BEHIND A CLASSROOM DESK
STUCK IN BOREDOM AND FEAR

GEORGIA

Mr Forester, can I go to the toilet place?

MR FORESTER

Make it fast, Georgia.

[She exits.]

STUDENTS

HEADS DOWN
DO WORK
DON'T STEP OUT OF LINE
JUST DO
WHAT YOU'RE TOLD TO
DON'T WHINGE AND DON'T WHINE

IS THIS
CALLED CHILDHOOD?
OR IS THIS SOME JOKE?
BECAUSE I
CAN'T STAND IT
AND IT FEELS LIKE I'LL CHOKE

GOD, IF YOU'RE THERE, PLEASE LET SOMETHING HAPPEN
GOD, IF YOU'RE THERE, LET IT HAPPEN TODAY
GOD, IF YOU'RE THERE, I'M PRAYING YOU HEAR ME
TAKE ME FAR AWAY

FROM THIS ORDINARY DAY
AND THIS ORDINARY SCHOOL
AND THIS ORDINARY LIFE
AND THIS ORDINARY GRUEL
JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING NEW
SOME COLOUR IN THE GREY
SOMETHING TO BREAK UP
ANOTHER ORDINARY ...
'NOTHER ORDINARY ...
'NOTHER ORDINARY ...
'NOTHER ORDINARY ...

[Georgia rushes in just as the song is ending.]

GEORGIA

Mr Forester! Mr Forester!

ALL

Change.

MR FORESTER

It's just before morning tea and Georgia rushes into my class.

JANE

And in that moment, there is this sudden...

ALL

Change.

DIANE

A shift.

PETER

We can all tell that something is happening.

TONI

That our lives will...

ALL

Change.

KIRSTEN

But we don't know if it would be for the better...

SHANE

Or for the worse.

MR FORESTER

Still, Georgia keeps shouting.

GEORGIA

Mr Forester! Mr Forester!

MR FORESTER

I try to calm her down.

GEORGIA

Mr Forester!

MR FORESTER

But she's frightened. Even hysterical.

GEORGIA

Mr Forester!

MR FORESTER

And everybody is at looking her. *[To Georgia]* What is it?

GEORGIA

[To Mr Forester.] There's flying saucers on the oval.

ALL

Change.

[Cue Song 4: Change.]

WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?

WHAT DID SHE JUST SAY?

WHAT IS THIS CARRYING ON

DURING A TYPICAL DAY?

GEORGIA

It's just out there. At the High School. Right on their oval!

ALL

WHAT'S GOT HER VERY UPSET?