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The Original Stageplay

**CHRISTIAN PLAYWRIGHT**

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## Sample Script



## Scene 1

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**Setting: Church**

**LIGHTS UP**

*A young girl walks out on stage with a microphone. Her name is Suzie. She is fourteen years old. She sings "Oh Happy Day."*

*Song ends.*

*MERVA joins her on stage.*

**MERVA:** You have a good voice...like an angel.

**SUZIE:** *(smiling)* Thank you.

**MERVA:** So, why are you wasting your talent here in this church?

**SUZIE:** Shh! People can hear you.

**MERVA:** I don't care. I want to see you achieve more than you could ever achieve at church. I want to see you in the spotlight...a real rising star. Do you have any idea how much money you could be making?

**SUZIE:** Yes, but...

**MERVA:** I have connections. They pay good money for real talent. We could start there. I will be your manager.

**SUZIE:** I wouldn't be comfortable, Merva.

**MERVA:** Just think about the money. Lots and lots of money. You could do anything you want to do...go anywhere you want to go.

**SUZIE:** But the love of money is the root of all evil.

*Merva rolls her eyes.*

**MERVA:** You don't have to love it...just make it and I will spend it for you.

**SUZIE:** Girl, you need Jesus.

**MERVA:** You know what your problem is, you don't listen. You have your head in the clouds. Do you really think you can make a living singing gospel songs? You would starve to death.

**SUZIE:** If God gives a talent, it should be used for Him.

**MERVA:** Exactly why you are so broke. Your parents are broke. Your grandparents are broke. Do you really want to spend the rest of your life struggling to pay back your student loan?

**SUZIE:** What would my parents think if I went secular?

**MERVA:** You just wait until they see the money rolling in. I am sure they will understand. It's all about the survival of the fittest.

*Suzie sinks deep in thought.*

**MERVA:** Look, just think about it alright. Think about the money...posh cars, big house...party every night.

**SUZIE:** I will think about it.

**MERVA:** Don't take forever. Opportunity only knocks once, and you know how impatient I get.

*Merva exits.*

*Suzie thinks.*

**SUZIE:** If I do this, I could take my family out of debt. I am so tired to see mama struggle...so tired of not being able to afford anything I want. If I sing clean songs, it should be alright. *(to audience)* Sounds good?

*Audience responds.*

**SUZIE:** *(to whoever responds)* What do you know? You have never been broke a day in your life.

*Suzie exits.*

**LIGHTS UP**

## Scene 2

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### LIGHTS UP

*Merva and Suzie sit at center stage. Suzie has her hand on her forehead.*

**MERVA:** What happened?

**SUZIE:** My parents are driving me crazy. I can't take it anymore.

**MERVA:** What did they do this time?

**SUZIE:** I asked if I could go to the party tonight, and they said no.

**MERVA:** What? No, you have to go. I already have dates lined up for us both.

**SUZIE:** If I go, I can't go back home.

**MERVA:** Where else will you go?

**SUZIE:** Why can't I stay with you?

**MERVA:** No, my parents would never allow that.

**SUZIE:** Why couldn't I have parents like yours?

**MERVA:** I could probably sneak you into my house, but no more than two nights.

**SUZIE:** Maybe by then I can find somewhere else to live.

**MERVA:** I just realized how much I love my parents. I have so much freedom. I get to do what I want. I can come home at any time. Wow. I just realized how truly free I am.

**SUZIE:** Alright, just stop.

**MERVA:** That is why I can't do the church thing.

**SUZIE:** I grew up in church.

**MERVA:** And what do you have to show for it? You are one of the most miserable people I know.

*Pause.*

**SUZIE:** I am miserable, aren't I?

*Merva nods her head violently.*

**MERVA:** I want to show you what you have been missing. You hang with me, and I will show you the road....a different club every night...men falling at your feet like dogs...pleasure beyond your wildest thoughts...and lots of money. Free money.

**SUZIE:** I just don't know if I can fit into that circle.

**MERVA:** How will you know if you don't try?

**SUZIE:** But, to just walk away from church like that. You are asking me to backslide.

**MERVA:** Not backslide, more like taking a vacation. People do it all the time.

**SUZIE:** Take a vacation from God, Merva. Turn my back on God.

**MERVA:** If you prefer to remain in your miserable existence, be my guest.

*Pause.*

**MERVA:** Do you really think God wants you to be miserable? He made the world for us to enjoy it.

*Pause.*

**SUZIE:** Well, when you put it like that...it makes sense.

**MERVA:** Are you accusing me of talking nonsense sometimes.

**SUZIE:** You know you do.

**MERVA:** I am going to ignore that. You just give me a week. If you don't like it, just come back to church and sit down.

*Pause.*

**SUZIE:** One week?

**MERVA:** One week.

*Suzie smiles...they leave excitedly together.*

**LIGHTS OUT**

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