

Side #6

Actors 1 & 2

*(the sound of dogs barking in the distance)*

2

*(calling off)*

You heard me!

5

*you try to breathe*

*but you can't*

*your lungs feel too full*

2

Would you rather be a dog in a park  
or a cat in a bodega?

1

A dog, I guess

The park would be better

I like open spaces

2

I'd be a dog too

1

Man's best friend

2

Or woman's

1

Yeah

2

Or person's

1

That's right



2

Would you rather watch an innocent baby bird get sick and die  
or a giant bird that's probably taken a lot of people?

1

The giant bird

2

Yeah, me too

Would you rather watch your mother get sick and die  
or your father?

1

I've already watched my father, so I'd say him

2

You'd watch that again?

1

If it's between my mom, who's never been  
You know

2

Sick

1

Yeah

Or watching my father get uh  
I'd spare my mom

2

Where is she?

1

Back home

She's living with her  
her new friend, Jerry

He's good to her

Which is good

She deserves good things in her life



5

*she peers at you for a moment*

2

Would you rather get sick and die  
or watch me get sick and die?

1

I'd rather no one got

2

Yeah, but if you had to choose

1

I guess you

2

Wow

1

Sorry

2

You don't even know me

1

You asked

2

It's okay  
I'd choose you too

5

*a bird caws somewhere above your heads*

2

I'm waiting for my husband  
See if he'll fall from the sky  
I don't think he will though



1

Miracles

They happen

2

I guess

1

You never know

2

We had insurance too

What a fucking joke

5

*you cough*

2

Sounds bad

1

No, it's not good

My O.T. says I need fresh air

2

Nothing's fresh here

1

I wish I could breathe

I can't breathe here

The city is too

2

Go home

1

I can't breathe there either

I don't dust enough



2

No, your first home  
Where you come from

1

Oh  
I didn't know it was that easy to tell

2

It's easy to spot the ones who grew up in the city versus the ones who fake it

1

It's been a long time since I've gone home

2

South?

1

No

2

West?

1

No

2

North?

1

Nope

2

Really?  
The middle?

1

Right in the very middle



2

What was that like?

1

Spacious

You could always breathe

2

Describe it to me

1

We lived on acres and acres of land

Wheat skimming the horizon in every direction

My sister and I helped my father with the yardwork

but our brother Patrick worked the bigger plots until he got

2

Sick?

1

Yeah

2

*(a tsk)*

Everyone gets sick

1

He stopped when his body couldn't do it anymore, so I tried to help out

But I was smaller than he was, I couldn't do as much

I couldn't lift the hay

There was too much of it

5

*you're suddenly covered in hay*

*(Actor 1 is suddenly covered in hay)*

2

Like that?