

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?