

ALL UNDER ONE ROOF
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ACT ONE

SCENE ONE

[We open on a dark stage/curtains closed. Cue Song 1: With You In The Morning. Belinda enters the space singing.]

I AM WITH YOU IN THE MORNING, WITH YOU IN THE NIGHT
WITH YOU IN THE SILENCE, UNTIL THE END OF TIME
BE WITH ME IN THE MORNING, WALK WITH ME IN THE LIGHT
TOGETHER IN THE SILENCE, UNTIL THE END OF TIME ...

BELINDA

Hi there! Happy new year! There's nothing like a brand new year to start things fresh. My name's Belinda and this is where I live. I'm so glad you've come. Now before we go in, I have to warn you. My family's not exactly "normal". We're – a little different. Not in a bad way – so don't start worrying! It's just ... well, you'll find out. Come on in!

[The lights go up to reveal your standard loungeroom.]

BELINDA

This is my home. Well, the loungeroom anyway. It's where we hang out.

[Mum enters carrying a large bowl of spaghetti.]

MUM

Oh, hello dear.

BELINDA

Hi mum. Getting ready for dinner already?

MUM

You know I have to be prepared with our family.

[Mum exits.]

BELINDA

[To the audience.] That's mum – she's the organized one. And her cooking is amazing!

[Shawn enters, bouncing a ball.]

SHAWN

Hey Bel. *[He looks out to the audience.]* Who are they?

BELINDA

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Just a few friends. They're gonna hang out for a bit.

SHAWN

The more the merrier!

[Shawn exits.]

BELINDA

[To the audience.] We're all about family here. Wait, let me introduce you. Then you can meet everyone all at once. *[Shouting out.]* Mum! Dad! Shawn! Ellie! Grandma! Grandpa! Milli! Molly! Matthew! Everyone! Come and meet my friends!

[Everyone comes out on stage, one at a time as Belinda calls them out.]

ELLIE

What's going on Belinda?

BELINDA

I want you guys to meet my new friends!

[Belinda gestures to the audience. Everyone looks out.]

EVERYONE

Hi! Hello! Hey there ... etc ...

BELINDA

[To the audience.] See? I told you there was nothing to worry about *[Cue Song 2: We Are One.]* This is my family; my weird, wacky and wonderful family.

EVERYONE

WE ARE ONE IN OUR FAITH, WE ARE ONE IN OUR GOD
WE ARE ONE IN GOD'S LOVE, A FAMILY WE ARE
WE ARE ONE ON THE JOURNEY,
OUR HANDS JOINED IN PEACE
WITH HOPE IN OUR EYES, AND LOVE IN OUR HEART

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME
CALLED BY HIS CROSS TO HARMONY
THOUGH MANY PARTS, ONE BODY WE ARE
CALLED BY OUR FAITH, FROM NEAR AND FAR

WE ARE ONE IN OUR FAITH, WE ARE ONE IN OUR GOD
WE ARE ONE IN GOD'S LOVE, A FAMILY WE ARE
WE ARE ONE ON THE JOURNEY,
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LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND
HERE WE LIVE IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST
BROTHERS AND SISTERS, ONE HOLY FAMILY
A CIRCLE OF LOVE, WE LIVE IN PEACE

WE ARE ONE IN OUR FAITH, WE ARE ONE IN OUR GOD
WE ARE ONE IN GOD'S LOVE, A FAMILY WE ARE
WE ARE ONE ON THE JOURNEY,
OUR HANDS JOINED IN PEACE
WITH HOPE IN OUR EYES, AND LOVE IN OUR HEART

AND AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH OUR LIFE
WE FOLLOW JESUS' GUIDING LIGHT
WE WALK IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS, WE FOLLOW YOUR WAY
RESPECTING EACH OTHER DAY BY DAY

WE ARE ONE IN OUR FAITH, WE ARE ONE IN OUR GOD
WE ARE ONE IN GOD'S LOVE, A FAMILY WE ARE
WE ARE ONE ON THE JOURNEY,
OUR HANDS JOINED IN PEACE
WITH HOPE IN OUR EYES, AND LOVE IN OUR HEART

[Everyone leaves the stage, except Belinda.]

BELINDA

I told you we were a bit different. I guess you could say we're an "extended" family. But I prefer to think that we're just a big family. We all share bedrooms. I share with Ellie. Shawn shares with cousin Matthew. And cousin Milli and cousin Molly share a room. The neighbours are always visiting – I don't even know if there's a lock on our front door. We don't always get along, but we're pretty quick to make up!

[Molly and Milli enter – arguing.]

MOLLY

Butterflies!

MILLI

Fairies!

MOLLY

Butterflies !

MILLI

Fairies!

BELINDA

See?

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I want butterflies!

MOLLY

I want fairies!

MILLI

What's going on you two?

BELINDA

Aunty Bernie said we could paint pictures to put on our bedroom walls.

MOLLY

Aunty Bernie – Bernadette – is my mum.

BELINDA

And I want fairies.

MILLI

But I want butterflies! They're better.

MOLLY

Are not!

MILLI

Are too!

MOLLY

[Grandpa enters.]

What's all this noise about?

GRANDPA

Butterflies versus Fairies.

BELINDA

Oh. I see. Well, why don't each of you tell me why you think your idea is better, and then I'll decide.

GRANDPA

Ok.

MILLI and MOLLY

Molly, you go first.

GRANDPA

[Cue Song 3: Flutterby Butterfly/The Sparkly Fairy Song.]

MOLLY
HEY HEY BUTTERFLY, FLUTTER BY, FLUTTER BY

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HEY HEY BUTTERFLY, ACROSS THE SKY
HOW MY BUTTERFLY, CAN YOU TOUCH, PAINT THE SKY?
HOW MY BUTTERFLY, WONDER WHY?

ONCE I WAS A CATERPILLAR
SMALL AND ROUND, FUNNY FELLA
ONCE I WAS A CATERPILLAR, ON THE GROUND
THEN I MUCHEDED, CHEWED AND CRUNCHED
LOTS OF LEAVES FOR MY LUNCH
FILLED MY BELLY, ROUND AND SILLY, ALL FALL DOWN

ENSEMBLE

HEY HEY BUTTERFLY, FLUTTER BY, FLUTTER BY
HEY HEY BUTTERFLY, ACROSS THE SKY
HOW MY BUTTERFLY, CAN YOU TOUCH, PAINT THE SKY?
HOW MY BUTTERFLY, WONDER WHY?

MOLLY

THEN I WENT IN MY COCOON
SMALL AND DARK, COSY ROOM
THEN I WENT IN MY COCOON, WARM ALL 'ROUND
SOON I FELL INTO A DREAM
COLOURS STIRRED, COLOURS STREAMED
THROUGH MY HEART, THROUGH MY SOUL, WHAT WILL BE

CHRYSLIS, CHRYSLIS,
WHO AM I, WHAT IS THIS?
THIS IS ME, THIS IS I: BUTTERFLY!
WINGS UNFURLED, WINGS SO BRIGHT,
PAINT THE DAY, PAINT THE SKY
LIFT MY HEART, LIFT MY SOUL BUTTERFLY!

ENSEMBLE

HEY HEY BUTTERFLY, FLUTTER BY, FLUTTER BY
HEY HEY BUTTERFLY, ACROSS THE SKY
HOW MY BUTTERFLY, CAN YOU TOUCH, PAINT THE SKY?
HOW MY BUTTERFLY, WONDER WHY?

GRANDPA

Thank you Molly. Now Milli, your turn!

MILLI

DOWN AT THE HOSPITAL YOU MAY FIND
SOMETHING THAT SPARKLES, GLITTERS AND SHINES
HAIR OF GOLD, A SMILE SO SWEET
A TRAIL OF DIAMONDS THAT YOU MAY SEEK

ENSEMBLE

FAIRY, FAIRY SPARKLE

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LET'S ALL FLY AWAY
WE'LL FIND HAPPINESS IN THE SKIES ABOVE
SO LET'S BE HAPPY TODAY!

MILLI
GIGGLES AND LAUGHTER AND SMILES OF GLEE
MAGIC THAT SPARKLES AND SHINES ON ME
A PLACE OF DELIGHT, THAT'S WHERE WE'LL BE
WITH FAIRY SPARKLES, YOU AND ME

ENSEMBLE
FAIRY, FAIRY SPARKLE
LET'S ALL FLY AWAY
WE'LL FIND HAPPINESS IN THE SKIES ABOVE
SO LET'S BE HAPPY TODAY!
FAIRY, FAIRY SPARKLE
LET'S ALL FLY AWAY
WE'LL FIND HAPPINESS IN THE SKIES ABOVE
SO LET'S BE HAPPY TODAY!
SO LET'S BE HAPPY TODAY!
SO LET'S BE HAPPY TODAY!

MOLLY AND MILLI
So which one is better?

GRANDPA
Well, it seems to be that they're both great ideas. So, why don't we have
paintings of both?

MOLLY AND MILLY
Both?

GRANDPA
Both!

MOLLY AND MILLY
Yay! Thanks Grandpa!

[Molly and Milli run off.]

BELINDA
Everyone calls Grandpa 'Grandpa'. Grandpa's the wisest – and oldest – of anyone
I know. But he's the one who always knows best. He's even smarter than dad.

[Grandma enters with Dad.]

DAD
What did you say?

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BELINDA

Nothing Dad!

GRANDMA

I heard, Belinda – and you're spot on.

BELINDA

Thanks grandma.

GRANDMA

[To Grandpa.] Now, come on sweets, it's time for your afternoon nap.

GRANDPA

You know best.

GRANDMA

When it comes to you, I do.

[Grandma helps Grandpa up and they exit. Dad stays.]

DAD

Belinda, can I talk to you for a sec?

BELINDA

What's up?

DAD

Hang on. *[Calling out.]* Shawn! Ellie! Come here please!

ELLIE and SHAWN

[Off.] Coming!

BELINDA

Have we done something?

DAD

No, no. I just have some news for you.

[Shawn and Ellie enter.]

ELLIE

What's up?

DAD

Sit down guys.

SHAWN

Sounds serious.

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[Shawn, Ellie and Belinda sit together.]

DAD

Right. So, mum and I were talking and we've decided that we want to ...

SHAWN

Get a new car!

ELLIE

Buy a bigger house!

BELINDA

Start our own reality TV show!

DAD

No no no. We've decided to ... adopt a baby.

SHAWN/ELLIE/BELINDA

What?!

DAD

Well, we've sort of already adopted one.

SHAWN/ELLIE/BELINDA

WHAT?!

DAD

His name is Unathi, and he's from Africa.

[There's a long pause.]

SHAWN

I've got a new baby brother!

ELLIE

When do we meet him?

DAD

Hopefully soon, after all the paperwork has gone through.

BELINDA

But Dad, where will he sleep?

DAD

With mum and me.

BELINDA

And when he's older?