

# I DON'T WANNA GROW UP!

## The mini-musical by Drew Lane

### Scene One

*[The stage is a rumpus room with large toys scattered all over the place. There's oversized blocks, oversized stuffed toys, and any that seems really big to adults, and even bigger to kids! Cue Song 1: I Don't Wanna Grow Up.]*

EVERYONE

I DON'T WANNA GROW UP  
I DON'T WANNA GROW OLD  
I JUST WANNA STAY YOUNG  
I JUST WANNA STAY BOLD

I DON'T WANNA GROW UP  
I DON'T WANNA BE TEN  
I JUST WANNA MAKE NINE  
AND START ALL OVER AGAIN

GROWN UPS ALWAYS LOOK SO OLD  
SO BORING AND SO TIRED  
THEY NEVER EVER SEEM TO HAVE MUCH FUN  
WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT THAT?  
I WANT TO BE INSPIRED  
SO I'LL PLAY NON-STOP UNTIL THE DAY IS DONE!

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EVERYTHING'S SO SERIOUS  
WHEN YOU BECOME ADULT  
BUT I GUESS AFTER ALL  
THAT IT IS REALLY NOT THEIR FAULT  
EVERYBODY TELLING THEM  
"GROW UP AND ACT YOUR AGE"  
IT'S NO WONDER THAT WE ALL WILL SAY

I DON'T WANNA GROW UP  
OR HAVE HAIR UP MY NOSE  
OR HAVE SMELLY OLD FEET  
TO WEAR DAGGY OLD CLOTHES

I DON'T WANNA GROW UP  
OR BE A HUNDRED AND TEN

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*[Blackout.]*

## Scene Two

*[The kids are playing in the rumpus room.]*

NARRATOR

Do you remember when you were a kid? I do. Being a kid is the best part of your life. No worries, no dramas, no concerns. Life is about play. But sometimes, things would happen that would make us ... well ... you'll see.

*[There's a thunder crack and lightning. The children scream out.]*

TOBY

What was that?

JANETTE

It was loud!

TINA

It was big!

NATHAN

It was ...

*[There's more thunder. The children scream again.]*

ALL

Thunder!

PETER

Tell it to go away!

ALL

Go away!!

*[More thunder.]*

SAMMI

Well, that didn't work.

*[We hear someone crying. It's Sheri.]*

MATTHEW

Sheri? Are you ok?

No! SHERI

What's wrong? CARRIE

I don't like it. SHERI

What don't you like? MATTHEW

*[Thunder again. Sheri puts her hand to her ears and closes her eyes.]*

I don't like that! SHERI

I'm sure it can't hurt us. CARRIE

But it's loud! SHERI

Like a truck. KEVIN

Like a giant. TOMMY

Or a monster. JANE

Or a dragon. POPPY

Or a dinosaur! STEVEN

ROAR! ALL

*[Thunder hits again, there's a flash of lightning and the lights go out.]*

Turn on the lights! Turn on the lights! SHERI

Sheri, it's ok. CARRIE

SHERI

No it's not! I don't like it!

*[The lights come back on.]*

See? There's nothing to be afraid of. MATTHEW

But I'm scared! SHERI

We all get scared. CARRIE

I don't. I'm not scared of anything. ZANTHE

Not even spiders? MATTHEW

Or snakes? BRAD

Or the dark? JULIA

Well, everyone's afraid of those things. ZANTHE

That means you're afraid of something. CARRIE

Oh. Right. ZANTHE

*[To Sheri.]* See? We're all afraid of something. MATTHEW

But I don't like it! It makes me feel all ... squirrely inside. SHERI

*[Cue Song 2: Everyone Gets A Little Scared Sometimes.]*

We all feel like that, don't we guys? CARRIE

Yes! ALL (-SHERI)

You just have to remember... MATTHEW

ALL

EVERYBODY GETS A LITTLE SCARED SOMETIMES  
IT'S TRUE  
EVERYBODY GETS A LITTLE WEIRD INSIDE  
LIKE YOU  
THUNDER MIGHT SHOUT  
OR SPIDERS JUMP OUT  
OR THINGS CAN MAKE YOU SCREAM  
BUT EVERYBODY GETS A LITTLE SCARED SOMETIMES  
LIKE ME  
AND ME  
AND ME!

EVERYBODY GETS A TEAR IN THEIR EYE  
IT'S TRUE  
EVERYBODY SUDDENLY STARTS TO CRY  
LIKE YOU  
YOU GET A FRIGHT  
IN THE DARK OF THE NIGHT  
AND IT MAKES YOU WANT TO PEE!  
BUT EVERYBODY GETS A TEAR IN THEIR EYE  
LIKE ME  
AND ME  
AND ME!

IT'S OKAY  
TO BE AFRAID  
IT'S OKAY TO FEAR  
JUST RECALL  
THAT EVERYONE  
IS WITH YOU VERY NEAR  
JUST TOLD TIGHT  
IT'LL BE RIGHT  
IN JUST A LITTLE WHILE  
THEN MAYBE  
YOU WILL SEE  
THAT YOU'LL START TO SMILE!

EVERYBODY GETS A LITTLE SCARED SOMETIMES  
IT'S TRUE  
EVERYBODY GETS A LITTLE WEIRD INSIDE  
LIKE YOU  
GIANTS MIGHT SHOUT  
OR GOBLINS JUMP OUT  
OR THINGS CAN MAKE YOU SCREAM  
BUT EVERYBODY GETS A LITTLE SCARED SOMETIMES  
LIKE ME  
AND ME  
AND ME!

SHERI

But what if I'm still afraid.

*[Carrie hold out her hand.]*

CARRIE

Hold my hand.

*[Sheri takes it.]*

MATTHEW

Hold my hand.

*[Sheri takes it. And everyone takes each other's hands.]*

ALL

We'll be right here with you.

*[The thunder cracks. And the lights go out.]*

SHERI

Guys?

ALL

We're here!

SHERI

That's a relief!

*[End Scene 2.]*

### **Scene Three**

NARRATOR

Kids think they know everything. Well, adults think they know everything too. But children are not backwards in coming forwards, if you know what I mean. You don't? Well, check this out. *[To the kids on stage.]* Everyone, it's time for bed.

ALL

Awwww.

NARRATOR

Don't give me that. Bed time.

ALL

All right.

*[They all lie down on the ground. The Narrator puts a really long blanket goes over them.]*

NARRATOR

Good night everyone.

ALL