

U4Ya

A '1-minute' Play

Greater Lafayette Civic Theatre

13th Annual Play Festival (2025)

CHARACTERS

GUIDE	Any Age/Any Gender, comfortably dressed with utility vest and carrying a clipboard and pen
DECEASED MICHAEL	Upper 20-something or older masculine appearing with military-esque haircut, dressed comfortably
HAIR STYLIST	Any Age/Any Gender, wearing a stylist apron and carrying a comb
YOUNG MICHAEL	Mid-to-late teenage to lower 20-something, non-binary or masculine appearing with obvious "boy cut", dressed comfortably with barber cape overall and hand mirror under cape

After intro music fades, but before lights up, the opening verse of 'Taps' on trumpet... music fades during the "From the Hills, From the Lake, From the Sky" line and lights up on stage empty except for a single chair stage right. GUIDE and DECEASED MICHAEL enter stage left.

GUIDE

Welp...

DECEASED MICHAEL

Yeah... that's pretty much what I expected.

GUIDE

At least they highlighted your service, Michael. Your memory will definitely be a blessing to most of those folk.

DECEASED MICHAEL

Despite my parents deadnaming me at every opportunity.

GUIDE

(making note on clipboard)

Note to self, resubmit my proposal for a parent's guide on how to love and support their children.

DECEASED MICHAEL

(Ironically)

Hah! Good luck with that!

GUIDE

(Awkwardly)

Um... *(checking clipboard)* it says here that you've opted to visit a moment in your life before you move on.

DECEASED MICHAEL

Yeah...

GUIDE

But... and please forgive me... it's just a haircut.

DECEASED MICHAEL

Yeah... Doesn't seem so important,
does it?

GUIDE

Not really...

DECEASED MICHAEL

But it's important enough.

HAIR STYLIST and YOUNG MICHAEL enter stage right. YOUNG MICHAEL sits in the chair and HAIR STYLIST uses comb and other hand to zhuzh YOUNG MICHAEL's hair a bit.

HAIR STYLIST

Wow, Sarah... that's a huge
difference. And it's so cool that
you've chosen to donate so much of
your hair for cancer wigs.

*YOUNG MICHAEL brings the hand mirror out from under the cape and catches his breath as he and DECEASED MICHAEL look at each other across the stage 'through' the mirror and share a moment as YOUNG MICHAEL recognizes himself as **HIM-self** for the first time.*

HAIR STYLIST

Well, Sarah, what do you think?

YOUNG MICHAEL

*(a beat and then through
tears of euphoria)*

My name is Michael.

Lights down