

Appendix F: Sample Materials 1

Contentless Scenes Handout

Scene One: *"What did you do last night?"*

- A Hi!
B Hello.
A How's everything?
B Fine. I guess.
A Do you know what time it is?
B No. Not exactly.
A Don't you have a watch?
B Not on me.
A Well?
B Well what?
A What did you do last night?
B What do you mean?
A What did you do last night?
B Nothing.
A Nothing?
B I said, nothing!
A I'm sorry I asked.
B That's all right.

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Scene Two: *"I'm going away."*

- A Hi!
B Hello.
A You all right?
B Yes.
A Are you sure?
B Yes, I'm sure. A little headache, that's all.
A Oh good. You want some aspirin?
B No. Don't be so helpful, OK?
A You are upset.
B Good Lord!
A OK, OK. I thought you might want to talk.
B About what?
A About anything.
B I'm going away.
A What do you mean?
B I'm going away, that's all.
A Where?
B Not far. Don't get excited.
A When?
B Now. *[Starts to leave]*

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Scene Three: *"I wish I knew you."*

- A It's been a long time.
B Yes.
A Any luck these days?
B With what?
A Uh, the world?
B Oh. Yes.
A Yes what?
B Yes, I have had luck with the world. And you?
A Yes.
B Yes what?
A Yes, I have *not* had luck with the world.
B Down about it?
A Hm?
B You doin' alright?
A I'm fine. Things have been looking up lately.
B Good to hear.
A Don't you want to know what thing or things have been looking up lately?
B No.
A I wish I knew you.
B What do you mean?
A Just that. I wish I knew you?
B You do.
A You hide.
B So do you.
A Not like you. Not all the time.
B Wanna get a drink?

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