

Once in a Lifetime:

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Synopsis:

Act 1: Campers have been coming to Poko for as long as they can remember. It looks and feels the same as always but there is something strange about camp this season. A few of the campers take notice but most just go about their day. They are getting to know each other. Some have personalities that keep them isolated. Others have stories that have gotten them in trouble. Some do things that make others pause. Each seems to have a uniquely defined identity. When the exuberant and unpredictable Teddy leads the full cast on a hike through the arts and crafts room, something he says (sings – it's a musical) confuses the others and sets the stage for Act 2.

Act 2: What is Teddy talking about? It is not the 21st century. Turns out the campers have all been born in different years and yet they are all in this moment at the same time. How has this happened and why are they here? Some don't care. It is camp and they are here to play. A few try to figure it all out. Still others don't seem to take much notice. Actually all campers are pretty self-absorbed. Ned is the most precocious of them all and eventually the "counselors" have had enough. These "counselors" are actually aliens from another world who have selected these campers to set the world right. With just a little guidance the campers are changed and want to get back to where life is normal again. What will it take? The group comes together with a project that is simplistic but meaningful. The show ends as they all promise to keep going.

Director's Notes:

On the stage, on the screen, or on television, performers are asked to play exaggerated roles. They do this to highlight character flaws that are present in every human being. These bits of individuality are what make us who we are. In the extreme they can be disruptive, exclusive and annoying. In reality these "character flaws" help us understand each other and ourselves. As individuals we are aware of others and how they present themselves. As we grow and develop we look for qualities in others that we admire and try to mimic. The qualities we dislike, we try to avoid. Along the way, we develop empathy for others and courage to continuously reinvent ourselves. In our communities we go through stages of development that ideally lead us to the betterment of our collective selves as well as the benefit of others.

This is the first original piece I have written and directed for a group. My previous experience has been writing stories and songs that I perform myself. It has been a fun process working with these kids and watching them uncover the different meanings in the show. As with any form of art it is the random and unique moments during the process that help shape the overall creation. Developing the script as we went along has been a favorite part of this experience for me.

During the rehearsal process, it was clear that the cast enjoyed improvising in character. One of the Improv skits we practiced included different scenes with one participant acting as an alien, a second providing interpretation for the group, and the rest of the participants reacting to the scene. It was such a fun process that we decided to include some of this Improv in the show.

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Character Traits and Cast List

Campers

*Always Asking	Alan	Piero
I Don't Care	Brad	Luke
Always Cleaning	Clyde	Ben
Let's Just Go	Gavin	David
Side Kick	Horace	Seigo
Just Out of Reach	Janet	Nora
Like to be Alone	Kate	Kate
Bigger Than Life	Larry	Niall
Play It Safe	Lisa	Shea
Protective Older Sibling	Mary	Phoebe
I Don't Believe It	Michael	George
Not my Fault	Naomi	Sage
Need to Know	Ned	Connor
In My Own World	Olive	Tamrin
Push the Envelope	Penny	Megan
Random Thoughts	Teddy	John
*Help Me Please	Ursula	Annabel
*Where Are You	Wendy	Izzy
*Don't Want To Go	Wyatt	Tilden
** New Camper	Zach	Emmet

* Honorary cast members (not in show)

** Joined cast mid-session

Counselors

Evil British Counselor	Eric	Joe
Scuba Diving Counselor	Ingrid	Claire
Other Aliens		TBD

Songs

Act 1:

I Am Who I Am	Lisa, Mary & Full Cast
Down to the Water	Janet & Kate
Scissors and a Crayon	Olive & Cast
Zig Zag Hiking Blues	Teddy, Horace, Gavin, Michael, Larry, Ned & Full Cast

Act 2: Give Me A Problem

Aliens Among Us	Ned, Eric
A Little Sunshine	Janet, Kate, Lisa, Olive Full Cast

Drama Production Staff: Tim, Ben, Bailey, Claire, Maddie

Stage Construction	Josh, Stan and George
Scenery Design	Josh, Tim and Sally
Costumes & Props	Tim and cast
Playbill and Poster Design	Tim and Ali
Guitar	Tim and Joe

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Opening Song – I Am Who I Am – Lisa / Mary

Lisa: Last week I was safe in my room
With my old stuffed bear perched next to my pillow
And I looked out the window and I saw the moon
Right there in the middle of the old weeping willow
Tree
You See

Mary: Familiar places and particular faces
That I've known all my life since the day that I was born
Friends come on over and we laugh all night
Then we wake at the sight of the very first light of the morn
ing
We Sing

I am who I am who I am
I am who I am who I am
I am who I am who I am
Who I am

My name's Naomi and I play baseball
My name is Larry. I like to sing.
My name is Horace and I'm an only child
My name is Janet and I am very very shy
My name is Gavin and I like Ice Cream
My name is Clyde. I am home schooled
My name is Penny. I am an Actor
My name is Teddy. I wish that I could fly.

I am who I am who I am
I am who I am who I am
I am who I am who I am
Who I am

Mary: Hey Clyde – who is that boy in the wheel chair

Clyde: I think his name is Brad

Mary: Hey Brad – Do you want to come with us?

Brad: I don't care

*All characters exit stage (TBD) except Janet who sits on the steps down stage left.
Janet hangs out there unnoticed for most of scene 1*

Act 1 Scene 1: Outside on path

Two campers enter stage right

Ned: There's something strange about this year

Teddy: I know. I feel it too

Ned: Penny – that girl in purple.
She said she isn't new

Teddy: But that can't be. I think I'd know

Ned: I asked her where she's from
She moves around a lot she said

Teddy: You want a piece of gum?

Ned: Thanks. What kind?

Teddy: Juicy Fruit. I forgot I had these. I bought it last week
but then we went swimming and I didn't change back into these shorts after.

Ned: And they didn't get washed?

Teddy: No, I do my own laundry

Ned: She said her dad's an army nurse
Her mom flies fighter jets

Teddy: That's very cool

Ned: I know

Teddy: For real

Ned: And it gets better yet

They lived in South East Asia

In Moscow and Dubai

They've lived in Costa Rica

Teddy: I wish that I could fly.

Ned: What?

Teddy: Wouldn't it be cool to fly anywhere you wanted to go?

I always thought that if different species could mix –
humans and birds would be the obvious choice.

Ned: You're so random.

Teddy: Hey Brad – Do you want to go bird watching with me?

Brad: I don't care.

Exit stage left

2 campers enter from the back of the house

Larry: Oh man, that was the best game ever.
Did you see how I jumped over that rock?
Nobody has ever made a move like that
Left then right then right again. Man I'm such a jock.

Michael: No way. I don't believe you. I saw you. You got out.
You didn't get him fast enough. There isn't any doubt.
You weren't even close by the time he got to ten.
You're supposed to tag him faster or go back to base again

Larry: Did you see the counselor try to find me?
I covered myself in sticks.
It's like I vanished into thin air.
You should learn my tricks.

Michael: The counselor came to get you. It wasn't even a chase
He was trying to tell you that you're out and go back home to base.
If you lie again I'm telling - so stop and please play fair
Tell the truth or you can't play. I'm finished now. So there.

Larry: Who the bleep are you? What decade are you from?
Is this the way that you all speak. From thither did you come?

Michael: For your info – it's not your business. I just don't like a cheat.
But never mind. This talk is done. It's time for me to eat.

Michael: Oh hey there Brad. Do you want to have lunch with me?

Brad: I don't care

Michael exits stage left. Brad starts to follow but Larry steps in front.

Larry: Hey Brad. Do you want to hear a joke?

Brad: I don't care

Larry turns and exits stage right. Brad remains on stage.

3 campers enter stage left

Lisa: Hey Mary – How was your year?

Kate: Do you already know each other?

Mary: Awesome. Yup at camp last year.
Lisa had crafts with my older brother

Kate: What camp?

Lisa: Right here

Kate: No way. I have been coming since I was 8

Mary: What is your name?

Lisa: How old are you?

Kate: I'm 12 and my name is Kate

Lisa: Did you change your hair?

Mary: Did you grow two feet?

Lisa: What classes do you take?

Kate: I'm just the same as always
I'm often down at the lake.

Lisa and Mary shrug and exit stage right

Janet stands up still unnoticed and talks to the audience

Janet: I know Kate.
But that doesn't matter
Sometimes I wish that it did
If only she'd notice the things that I do
But I'm just a shy little kid

There are things that I notice
I think of the land
The water, the moon and the sun
If only I had just one friend who cared
I think then this camp would be fun.

Janet turns to Brad

Janet: Hey Brad: Do you want to go canoeing?

Brad: I don't care

*Janet and Kate don't interact with each other.
Janet is watching Kate.
Kate doesn't know she is there.*

Song: Down to the Water –

Janet The rhythms in the lapping of the waves
The oars lie patiently to take a drink

Kate: I tiptoe down the rocks wearing holes in all my socks

Janet Time – stands – still

Kate: I think

Janet: The sun wakes up and reaches through the dark
The moon just shakes its head and waves goodbye

Kate: I step into the boat. Push off and there I float

Janet: Time – stands – still

Kate: I sigh

Janet: Down to the water

Kate: No place here on Earth I'd rather be

Janet: Down to the water
Time – stands – still

Kate: with me

Kate: I balance in the middle of the bench

Janet: The wood is hard but greets her none the less

Kate: In my hands I hold each oar - stroking further from the shore

Janet: Time – stands – still

Kate: Oh yes

Janet: Down to the water

Kate: No place here on Earth I'd rather be

Janet: Down to the water
Time – stands – still

Kate: with me

Kate: Hey Brad – Do you want to go to the Poko Queen

Brad: I don't care

Kate loops around stage left as other kids enter the arts and crafts room.
Brad follows Kate. Janet loops around stage right.

Act 1: Scene 2 – The Arts & Crafts Room

Curtain Opens *Campers are busy making the latest project. They are sitting at 3 different tables leading the audience in the following song. As the music stops they start telling stories to each other. This is why they are here. It is the process through which they figure out camp.*

Mary: Both of you - get a move on. We can't just wait all day.
You're late. Where have you been? What do you have to say?
If other campers were late to class – do you really think that's fair?
Oh, hey there Brad, should I move this seat. OK?

Brad: I don't care.

Song: Scissors and a Crayon – *Group Song with Solo by Olive*

Table 1: Scissors and a Crayon x,x,x . . .

Table 2: x,x A stapler, a hole punch and glue . . .

Table 3: Duck tape – I've got some Duck tape – I've got some . . .

Olive is sitting at a table with others but is in her own world

Olive: If I had a ruler and a pencil
I could draw precisely what I please
Sitting at my table, I have all the time I want
Everything is just right. I'm at ease.

There is nothing better than a paintbrush
Colors dripping slowly from the sky
Raining in my room, all the flowers are in bloom
Tears start welling up inside my eye.

Clyde: Hey Brad. Do you want to draw?

Brad: I don't care

Clyde: Come on – It will be fun

Brad: I don't care.

Clyde: OK, let's go

Brad: (whispers) I don't care.

Naomi: So what's going on? We've all been to camp.
Penny: We're all the same age but we all haven't met
Mary: We're too close a camp for this to be right
Lisa: There's something that none of us gets

Naomi: Do you all remember the finals last year?

My team was ahead by a goal.
I had the puck on the left by the boards
In the zone . . . running fast . . . on a roll.

But that's when it happened I clearly got tripped
But Shizzer just said to play on
The next thing I know the other team scored
Our hopes of winning were gone

I couldn't stop crying. It just wasn't fair
We all worked so hard up til then.
We all screamed at Shizzer. "That was a clear foul
I'm never playing hockey again"

I threw up my stick and jumped over the boards
I ran down the path to my bunk
I lay there and listened for someone to come
I guess I was just in a funk.

Penny Oh man that is awesome you know what I did

I was out on the archery range
I was tired of shooting from just 50 yards
I thought it was time for a change

I picked up my bow and I loaded my arrow
I cocked it way back to my ear
With a flick of my foot I kicked up an apple
And shot it to every kids cheer

I had this big smile. I was king of the world
You all should have seen the big grin
But that's when it happened, a tap on my shoulder
The moment when Silver stepped in.

I turned and I looked, the letter was written
Complete with a zip code and stamp
She smirked as she said those impossible words
"That was your last shot at camp"

Lisa: Hey Brad – Do you want to go with me to archery next period

Brad: I don't care

Olive: I have 3 cats at home, a dog and six fish
But my favorite is Shelby the snake
One time I had dreamed that Shelby was hanging
With me on the dock at the lake

I love all my pets and they love me too
I just wish that I could have a horse
So when summer time came and I went to camp
The barn is where I went of course

Last year I was thinking that it would be cool
To dye my hair red, white and blue
And then my mind wandered, I got an idea
What if Buck had the same colors too?

At 7:00 am in the third week of camp
I carried some dye to the stable
I guess my mistake wasn't thinking it through
This summer I hope I'm more able

Gavin: I know what you mean, I think I am smarter
Last year I was out on a hike
Pac-Man was slow. I wanted to lead
So when he said yes I was psyched

Horace was with me, we never looked back
Horace: There wasn't a thought of us slowing
We got to a juncture and took the wrong turn
We thought we knew where we were going

We hiked two more miles in 45 minutes
We had almost done half of the loop
Gavin: So we stopped at a clearing and lay down our packs
To wait for the rest of the group.

Horace: It was 2 hours later when Pac-Man arrived
With sweat running down from his face

Gavin: I don't think he spoke for the rest of the trip
Except, "Let's get out of this place."

Teddy: Hey Brad - You want to go for a hike tomorrow.

Brad: I don't care

Teddy: Did you know that the ancient Greeks used to believe that Apollo,
Son of Zues, got up every morning and pulled the sun across the sky
In his chariot. Wouldn't it be cool to pull the sun in your chair.

Brad: I don't care

Act 1 Finale Song: Zig Zag Hiking Blues

Teddy: Set off in the morning not sure that I'm awake
I'd be better off in bed in my cabin by the lake
But my friends say buddy - what's going on?

Horace: One step and then the next and then the path gets mighty steep
I abruptly stop my story and my breath gets slow and deep
So my friends say buddy – what's going on?

Teddy: It's like a gig gag mic-ing, got the zig zag hiking blues

Larry: I'm a mule up on the mountain with a fifty pound pack
With supplies to last my life and it's all up on my back
Yes my friends say buddy – what's going on?

Michael: I stop to drink some water, grab a handful of some food
When it's time to start again, my muscles just aren't in the mood
And my friends say buddy – what's going on?

Teddy: I'm not a big bag liking - got the zig zag hiking blues

(Horn Solo)

Gavin: We keep on marching forward beating blindly up the trail
The view from up above is like the hiker's holy grail
And my friends say buddy – what's going on

Ned: The end is now approaching, just a few more rocks to climb
The sun has started rising, it is like the dawn of time.
You know my friends say buddy – what's going on?

Teddy: It's so jiggity, jaggity striking – got the zig zag hiking blues

It's the hippity hoppity you know I can't stoppity
21st century Zig Zag Hiking Blues

Clyde: Brad, did you hear what he just said?

Brad: I don't care

End Act 1

Act 2: *Down at the dock. Campers are in their swimsuits ready for swim lessons and are starting to put the pieces together. Word has spread and campers are confused by the 21st Century comment. They are talking in small groups and then as a whole. Ned, Mary, Michael and Naomi are in the center group. The others are balanced stage R and stage L*

Ned: Hey, Mary When's your birthday?

Mary: September 23rd

Ned: I mean the year

Mary: 1992

Michael: Come on, now that's absurd!

Naomi: What do you mean that makes you 3.

Michael: What are you talking about

Naomi: It's 1996 the last I checked

Ned: The truth is coming out

Gavin: Come on guys. Let's go swimming

Enough of all this talk
We're here at camp to play
And all you do is squawk

If all you want to do
Is think about the year
I am going swimming
You can all stay here.

Exit through audience

Horace: Wait up. I'm coming with you

You're right. This is insane
The rest of you would follow
If you had half a brain.

Exit follow Gavin

Penny: I can't decide. What should I do?

For once I'm on the fence
He might be wrong but then again
What Gavin says makes sense

Oh bother! What a mess this is
Let's go and break some rules
No one else is with us?
You're all a bunch of tools.

Hey Brad – You coming.

Brad: I don't care

Penny: Forget it

Exit follow Horace & Gavin

Naomi: I was born in '82
Michael: And I'm an '85
Ned: And I was born in '78
Teddy: Then how I am alive

Ned: I'm putting the pieces together
This problem on our hands
It's clear to me that we're at camp
With a different kind of plan

My parents dropped me off
I checked in with the staff
I put my suitcase on my bunk
But now I have to laugh

You see I had a t-shirt
From a concert I had seen
Howard Jones in '89
The numbers in bright green

Teddy: That's strange, I lost my gym shorts
School issued in 2nd grade
Class of 2012 they said
I brought them here to trade

Michael: 2012 that makes no sense,
You think I'm 36
No, I am only 12 years old
Is this some sort of trick?

Naomi: I think I get it - maybe
What happened the day you came?
Did anything really strange occur?
Or was arrival just the same

Mary: I got to camp on the shuttle
Just like every other year
But when I arrived this British guy
Was the only counselor near

I was taken to the nurse's room
And asked to wash my face
I was told to use a special soap
Be sterile just in case

I felt a little tingle
An involuntary grin
I gave a little shrug
Then went to go check in

Michael: An involuntary grin
That happened to me too
I was asked to wash my hands
With a soap that looked brand new

Naomi: So were we all selected
For a special motley crew?
I can't believe that this is real
There's no way this is true.

Michael: Brad, do you want to tell us how you got here?

Brad: I don't care

As Brad rolls out of the way a new boy named Zach pops in unexpectedly.

Michael: Wait what, who are you?
You were not just here before
I turned around to talk to Brad
And now there is one more

I don't think I am crazy
Please explain yourself
Are you some special creature
Like Santa's Christmas elf?

Zach: I just got here from Montreal
I'm sorry to be late.
But the driver who has dropped me off
Said come down here and wait

I'm sorry I surprised you.
I didn't mean to cause a stir.
I'm just a first year camper
Trying to fit in nicely sir.

Teddy: No worries you're at camp now
Perhaps you want to swim
If you were an octopus
What would you name each limb?

Zach: I'm sorry sir. What do you mean?
I'm a boy just 10 years old
I don't think that I want to swim
I think it's way too cold

Larry: Cold is what I live for
I revel in extremes
Less is just a waste of time
Come now! Live your dreams!

Ned: It's very nice to meet you
I've been to Montreal
Let me know when you need help
I see you're rather small.

Mary: Enough of all your questions
Can't you see this boy is scared?
Come over here and rest a while
Then you'll be more prepared

*Mary provides Zach some shelter from the group.
In the process she takes notice of some of the quieter girls as well.*

Mary: Hey Kate and you there Olive
Come over here right now
We're trying to figure something out
Maybe one of you knows how

And who's that in the corner?
I know I know your name
It's Jane. . . Oh no – it's Janet
They kind of sound the same.

It would be very helpful
If you would come more near
Instead of lurking in the woods
Please join us over here.

Kate: I know that things are different
But it doesn't really matter
When you like to be all by yourself
The rest is just more chatter

Janet: OK but what if in the end
There is some kind of change
What if someone is included
And is left to feel less strange?

Olive: I think it's quite exciting
A special kind of twist
Perhaps we're an experiment
On someone's master list.

Mary: Yes, that's what we are doing
We're making up a list
Of how each one of us arrived
So that we can get the gist

Ned: Oh never mind them Mary
I'm here and in control
Cue the music maestro
I'll soon be on a roll.

Give me a problem – Song Ned / Eric (Evil British Counselor)

Ned

Give me a problem. I'll find solutions
Tell me your story. I'll craft conclusions
Just like a puzzle put things together
Write out your novel and bind it with leather

I was talking with my friend out in the fields
She was saying things she thought she'd never dare
Every phrase she spoke gave me more I could extract
The sentences I wanted her to share.

You see I have this gift. I am smarter than you all.
I know so many things you'll never know
Every single piece of information that I gain
Is more for me to use to slay a foe.

Give me a problem. I'll find solutions
Tell me your story. I'll craft conclusions
Just like a puzzle put things together
Write out your novel and bind it with leather

It's very clear to me, that I should take the lead
The rest of you should follow from behind
When you know so very much there's a burden that you carry
Don't you worry for I never mind.

Eric enters from the wing and finishes the song

Eric: Oh but when you think you know it all
A surprise comes from the wing
And then you learn the most important lesson
You don't know anything

Eric: Hey Brad – Do you want to sing with me?

Brad: I don't care

Eric: Give me a problem. I'll find solutions
Tell me your story. I'll craft conclusions
Just like a puzzle put things together
Write out your novel and bind it with leather

Clyde: Hey, who are you?

Lisa: What is going on?

Larry: What day is it today?

Clyde: Why are we here?

Lisa: Can we go home soon?

Larry: What did you just say?

Eric: Ah so many questions, the answers come in time
Once that you have pondered just a bit
For now I am OK with: Evil British Counselor
Seems the perfect title that will fit

Yes you have been selected from a pool of little humans
Cheeky sods that span from all the ages
Qualities that make each camper stand apart
From others in a book of many pages.

I also have been plucked from 2017
The first year that I came myself to camp
Why? I am a Mohawk. Who really bloody knows?
But I am here to make you quite the champ.

Clyde: What do you mean?

Lisa: Champ – what is the game?

Larry: How will we all know when we have won?

Eric: Ah so many questions, the answers come with time
See you all much later, I am done.

Eric exit stage R

Lisa: So let's all get this straight.
We have travelled here through time
We don't have any answers
No reason and no rhyme

Clyde: We all just have our stories
From the time from when we came
What patterns do we see?
What gives us each our fame?

Michael: I think, perhaps, just maybe
That we all must take a turn
To do something really special
So each of us can learn

I still cannot believe
That we are in this place

Larry: Hey Michael – I think maybe
That you're from outer space

Come on, it's getting humid
Let's think no more of him

Naomi: No matter what, we're here at camp
Let's all go for a swim.

Teddy: Hey you there little buddy
That's a pretty nifty chair
You want to come down to the lake?
Ok, then?

Brad: I don't care.

*Larry, Naomi and Teddy exit through the audience to the raft
Campers left on stage talk silently in small groups*

*Larry, Naomi and Teddy jump in and find
Gavin, Horace and Penny who are playing on the Blob Raft*

Gavin: Well hey there campers
Glad you could make it
Had enough of those others
I just couldn't take it

All of that talking
And scheming and planning
When you could be jumping
And swimming and tanning

Horace: Laughing and joking
And don't forget blobbing

Larry: While they're up there
Whining, complaining and sobbing

Penny: Hey Teddy, Naomi
Get onto the blob
Two at a time

Gavin: I'll help with that job

Horace: Count me in too

Larry: You'll need some more weight

Naomi: OK we're both ready

Teddy: This is going to be great

All: One Two Three

Ingrid pops out of the water in full scuba gear

Ingrid: Freeze
Nice job all you jokers
Now slow motion please

The six campers are stuck in a slow motion scene on the raft

Back on stage

Olive wanders away through the audience to a giant rock.

Janet, Kate and Lisa each notice independently and follow along

Song – Aliens Among Us - Olive, Janet, Kate & Lisa

Olive: This place is pretty strange
Nothing seems quite right
But I think I had a break through
In the middle of last night

I'm not sure what was real
Or what was just a dream
But let me tell you what I know
There's more here than it seems

Janet That silly little leader
Kate Is the one you must endure
Lisa But he is taking orders
Olive From aliens I'm sure

Clyde That silly little leader
Is the one you must endure
But he is taking orders
From aliens I'm sure

Janet There are so many all around us
With powers so unique
Kate They took us from our time lines
But who knows what they seek.

Lisa I want to be home in my room
I hope to stay alive.
I don't like what I don't know
Please tell me that we'll all survive?

Janet That silly little leader
Kate Is the one you must endure
Lisa But he is taking orders
Olive From aliens I'm sure

Zach That silly little leader
Is the one you must endure
But he is taking orders
From aliens I'm sure

*Aliens arrive on scene and chaos ensues
Each Alien and group of actors creates their own scene*

IMPROV at the Rock:

Aliens enter. Olive is excitedly curious. Janet and Kate are both wary. Lisa is afraid. Alien speaks and Olive is the first to react. She convinces Janet and Kate that the aliens are friendly. Janet seems to understand what the aliens are saying. It takes a while to convince Lisa. Aliens direct the group to get shovels and dig up the rock. The girls have made friends with the aliens and are laughing as they work. They are becoming closer as a group and are enjoying each other's friendship. As they work they hear a call from the path. They are being asked to work as part of a bigger team. They follow the lead of new camper Zach. Janet has found her voice and has become the spokesperson for the group.

IMPROV at the Blob:

Aliens enter. Gavin, Penny and Larry are confrontational with the alien but with some reservations. When any camper has a comment or action that is too aggressive or disrespectful the aliens temporarily freeze that camper and continue talking to the others. Horace separates from Gavin and finds his own identity. Naomi keeps blaming others but then realizes she needs to take responsibility. Ned is reserved. He has been traumatized. He offers a few comments but from the back. Teddy and the aliens enjoy some random play with each other. This works. Gavin takes charge and starts to plan for once in his life. He gets the others to join in. The aliens step back and watch the new group become a unit. Clyde calls down to them and they begin to engage with the other two groups.

IMPROV on the path (center stage)

Aliens enter. Mary is protective of the group. She steps in and makes sure that everyone is safe. She is not going to let anything happen to Michael, Clyde, Zach or Brad. Michael is in disbelief. He is flustered and nervous. Zach thinks this is typical camp. He is willing to join in. Brad likes all the attention. Clyde is in the background as usual but steps forward and confidently starts coaching the others. Mary shakes the alien's hand. Michael is willing to as well. Brad becomes more excited and the alien starts focusing on him. The group starts interpreting what the alien wants. It is clear that Brad needs a way down to the water. Zach gets the attention of the girls at the rock. Clyde gets the attention of the others on the blob. The whole cast starts working together assembling the stages together to make a path for Brad. Clyde and Zach have taken charge and direct all in the final scene

Clyde: Hey all you campers, come give us a hand!

Gavin: What do you need Clyde and what should be planned?

Clyde: See Brad over there? He's been up here all day.
I think if we help he would sure like to play.

Gavin: Of course. We are ready with pleasure and pride
Let's all work together with four on each side.

Zach: And you by the rock. We could use your help too
I see that you're digging. What will you all do?

Janet: We are moving this rock - to clear out a way
So Brad can come down and join us all play.

Michael: Excellent friends. Now believe it or not
I think that this place here will be the best spot.

Clyde: Yes Michael. It's perfect. Now get it in gear.
Grab hold of those boards and bring them right here

Zach: Mary, let's help him. There is more to be done
Just a few minute's work and we all can have fun.

Mary: It feels really good to be part of a group.
Up until now I felt out of the loop.
Sometimes being bossy is just a bright light
For hiding behind when you're not sure what's right

Janet what did you say just a few hours back
Remember - it was after we all had met Zach

Zach: I had just arrived and the others had some questions
But you said something quite profound.
Now what were your suggestions.

Janet: OK but what if in the end
There is some kind of change?
What if someone is included
And is left to feel less strange?

Clyde: I think that many feel this way
As all of us keep growing
I think that cleaning up loose ends
Helps let us all keep going.

Zach: Hey Brad, should we go

Brad: I don't care

The cast has created a path for Brad to get off stage. The final assembly is being done as the music begins and the cast feeds off of Clyde's final line.

*Act 2 Finale: A Little Sunshine –
Horace, Janet, Larry, Mary, Michael, Olive, Penny and Teddy*

Keep going. Keep going. We know we'll never stop

Keep going. Keep going. We know we'll never stop

There will be a little sunshine
After every day of rain
Come together and unite
After getting through the pain
We have made it up the mountain
But the joy is not the top
For experience it tells us
That we know we'll never stop

Keep going. Keep going. We know we'll never stop

Keep going. Keep going. We know we'll never stop

We know there will be problems
As we go along the way
But we'll pull a little sunshine
From the rainiest of days
We'll keep it in our back pack
And when we are in need
Out climbs a little sunshine
Like a plant sprouts from its seed

Keep going. Keep going. We know we'll never stop

Keep going. Keep going. We know we'll never stop

Repeat and Fade as the cast exits through the building

End Act 2

Bows:

Aliens come from both wings to take a collective bow
7 campers from the blob come take a collective bow
4 campers from the rock come take a collective bow
5 campers from the stage come take a collective bow

All sing:

Keep going. Keep going. We know we'll never stop

Keep going. Keep going. We know we'll never stop

Full cast takes a bow.