ORIGINAL BROADWAY CAST RECORDING

A NEW MUSICAL



Bonnie & others	
Oz & others	
Beverley/Annette & others	JENN COLELLA
Claude & others	JOEL HATCH
Bob & others	RODNEY HICKS
Janice & others	KENDRA KASSEBAUM
Kevin T./Garth & others	
Nick & others	
Kevin J./Ali & others	
Hannah & others	
Beulah & others	ASTRID VAN WIEREN
Diane & others	

BAND

IAN EISENDRATH: Conductor, Piano, Synthesizer, Accordion and Harmonium

ALEC BERLIN: Acoustic and Electric Guitars
NATE LUECK: Mandolins, Bouzuki, Guitars
ROMANO DI NILLO: Bodhran, Djembe, Cajon, Shakers
LARRY LELLI: Drums, Shakers, Djembe, Cajon
CARL CARTER: Acoustic and Electric Bass
BEN POWER: Flutes, Whistles, Uilleann Pipes

CAITLIN WARBELOW: Fiddle

DAVID LAI: Music Coordinator

CHRIS RANNEY: Associate Conductor
ANDREW BARRETT for Lionella Music, LLC: Electronic Music Design
RYAN DRISCOLL and ZACH REDLER: Music Preparation
BOB HALLETT: Newfoundland Music Consultant



MUSICAL NUMBERS

	WELCOME TO THE ROCK		
2.	38 PLANES		Company
	BLANKETS AND BEDDING		
4.	28 HOURS / WHEREVER WE ARE	. Beverley,	Company
5.	DARKNESS AND TREES		Company
6.	On the Bus		Company
7.	DARKNESS AND TREES (Reprise)		Company
8.	LEAD US OUT OF THE NIGHT		Company
9.	PHONING HOME		Company
10.	COSTUME PARTY Diane, Hannah, Kevin T.	, Kevin J.,	Company
11.	I AM HERE		.Hannah
12.	PRAYER	. Kevin T.,	Company
13.	ON THE EDGE		Company
	In the Bar / HEAVE AWAY		
	SCREECH IN		
16.	ME AND THE SKY Beverle	ey, Female	Company
17.	The Dover Fault	Ni	ck, Diane
18.	STOP THE WORLDNi	ick, Diane,	Company
19.	38 PLANES (Reprise) / SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE	.Beverley,	Company
20.	SOMETHING'S MISSING		Company
21.	10 Years Later		Company
22.	FINALE	Claude,	Company
23.	Bonus: SCREECH OUT		Band



SYNOPSIS

Come From Away tells the true story of 38 planes and almost 7,000 passengers from around the world that were diverted to the small community of Gander, Newfoundland on September 11th, 2001, doubling its population in an instant. While the world witnessed the worst acts of humankind, these stranded passengers had their faith in humanity restored by the Canadians who, for five days, comforted those who had come from away.

YOU ARE HERE

Gander is a small town in Newfoundland and Labrador, the most isolated Canadian province, with one of the largest airports in the world. From the 1940's through the 1960's Gander was a refueling stop for transatlantic flights, hosting troops during World War II, and countless celebrities like the Beatles, Albert Einstein, the Queen, and Fidel Castro. When jumbo jets no longer needed to refuel to cross the Atlantic, Gander International Airport — once called "The Crossroads of the World" — was reduced to servicing only a few flights a day, until it welcomed the world on September 11th, 2001.

FROM THE CREATORS

In September 2011, we traveled to Newfoundland for the 10th anniversary of that pivotal day, along with countless returning passengers, pilots and flight crew. We spent almost a month there, interviewing everyone we could and experiencing the same incredible generosity that the original stranded passengers (or "come from aways") did. Every character in the show was inspired by a friend we made out there — and we returned wanting to share every story we heard — 16,000 of them, in a 100-minute musical, with 12 actors. As Reg Wright, president and CEO of the Gander International Airport once told us, "You're writing a show about giving people sandwiches? Good luck with that!"

But it wasn't just luck that brought us where we are today — like Gander, we had an incredible community who helped us tell this story. Shepherded by our producers, Junkyard Dog Productions, who have assembled the best team you could ask for, it started with our director, Christopher Ashley, whose leadership and artistry are beyond measure. Our music supervisor, Ian Eisendrath, passionately dove into the world of Newfoundland music — he even learned to play the button accordion! And our

choreographer, Kelly Devine, together with Chris, created a unique staging vocabulary that moves us from airplanes to busses to Legion halls in an instant — all with 12 chairs and 2 tables. Our cast members hail from all across North America — including Newfoundland! Each actor plays locals and "come from aways," switching on a dime from one accent and character to the next, but also supporting one another as a true ensemble: a diverse and unique company of individuals telling the story as one. Having now seen our team's work hundreds of times, we never get tired of watching the magic they have all created onstage.

And then there are times we just close our eyes and listen. The music of *Come From Away* is intricately woven together with the dialogue, so we've tried to capture the total experience of the show in this cast recording while still saving a few surprises for the theatre. Newfoundland music draws on unique instruments which make up the heartbeat of our show: button accordion, bodhran, over twenty high and low whistles, Celtic fiddle, mandolin and a mop-and-bottle-caps-screwed-into-a-boot called an "ugly stick" — not your traditional Broadway sound. Ian Eisendrath's arrangements, August Eriksmoen's orchestrations and our kick ass band beautifully capture the essence of the authentic music we love from "The Rock." Beyond that, the music tells the story as much as the words — group numbers suggest a community zeitgeist while solos express moments of isolation. Hand drums from Newfoundland are contrasted with hand drums from Africa to find commonalities, fusing to create a musical metaphor that says we are greater together than apart.

Come From Away was workshopped at Sheridan College's Canadian Music Theatre Project under the leadership of Michael Rubinoff, who first introduced us to this life-changing story. It was presented at Goodspeed Musicals' Festival of New Artists and the National Alliance for Music Theatre's Festival of New Musicals, followed by a world premiere co-production at the La Jolla Playhouse and Seattle Repertory Theatre. It then travelled to Ford's Theatre in Washington D.C., the Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto, and most importantly to Newfoundland for two incredible benefit concerts, giving back to the people who gave so much. We were thrilled to be the first Broadway-bound show to play the Gander Community Centre Hockey Arena!

But the biggest honor and most humbling experiences have been sharing the show with the people we interviewed — now good friends — as well as those who lost loved ones on that tragic day, and who have, like us, found hope in a story about human kindness.

Thank you to everyone who made this journey possible — and thank you for listening!



WELCOME TO THE ROCK

A word of warning before you listen to this cast album: *Come From Away* is a musical that might very well inspire you to adopt an animal. I first saw Irene Sankoff and David Hein's joyous and moving show about human kindness in a sold-out hockey rink in Gander — the small Newfoundland town "on the edge of the world" where 38 airplanes from around the world were redirected when American airspace was shut down on 9/11.

Junkyard Dog Productions, *Come From Away's* lead producers, had flown the entire Broadway-bound cast and creative team led by director Christopher Ashley out for two concert performances — with all the box office going to charities in Gander and the surrounding towns like Gambo, Glenwood, Appleton, Lewisporte and Norris Arm.

It was about giving back to the communities who inspired the show by sharing food, shelter, clothes and, in certain cases, good Irish whiskey with 6,579 refugees of all nationalities stranded there for a week back in 2001. The feeling of goodwill generated by the spirit of the show itself didn't go away when I left the rink — which may be why when I stopped by the local SPCA to meet Bonnie Harris, the amazing real-life woman who, like the character of the same name in *Come From Away*, cared for the frightened dogs, cats and even a pair of bonobo apes stuck at the airport that week, I ended up leaving with papers to adopt an adorable mutt named Ginger. (My surprised wife back in Toronto put the brakes on my spontaneous idea — but happily, Ginger had another home lined up.)

Come From Away has shown an amazing ability to inspire audiences to pay it forward in every place it's played on route to Broadway — even as it became the highest grossing show in Seattle Repertory Theatre's history and broke ticket sales records in La Jolla, Washington DC, and at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto (where its composer and lyricist are based). It has had the critics raving too — ending up on end-of-year lists at the LA Times, Seattle Times, Washington Post, the Toronto Star and mine at The Globe and Mail.

It could be said that *Come From Away* fits into a familiar line of American musicals where characters find themselves challenged by an unfamiliar foreign culture — from Rodgers and Hammerstein classics like *South Pacific* to Trey Parker, Matt Stone, and Bobby Lopez's satiric hit *The Book of Mormon*. But what makes Sankoff and Hein's approach to telling this story so right for today is neither

the perspective of the "Come From Aways" who were stranded in Gander, or that of the Islanders whose lives were upended by them, dominates.

At the same time, as so many of the folks in Gander told me, even though Sankoff and Hein are "Come from Aways" themselves, they depict the resilient culture of Newfoundland with great authenticity and respect — from the unique idioms, accents and dishes (like Beulah's "cod au gratin") to its vibrant fiddle-filled, floor-stomping music to its self-deprecating screeching-in ceremonies.

At a time when the number of displaced people in the world is at a historical high, worse even than after the Second World War, a story about opening your home to strangers in need — even when they are scared, or you are — could not have arrived at a more crucial moment. And if not to a stranger, then maybe to a dog? I'm still working on my wife.

— J. Kelly Nestruck, theatre critic at The Globe and Mail





1. WELCOME TO THE ROCK

CLAUDE

On the northeast tip of North America, on an island called Newfoundland, there's an airport — it used to be one of the biggest airports in the world. And next to it, is a town called Gander.

CLAUDE

WELCOME TO THE ROCK!
IF YOU COME FROM AWAY
YOU'LL PROBABLY UNDERSTAND
ABOUT A HALF OF WHAT WE SAY
THEY SAY NO MAN'S AN ISLAND,
BUT AN ISLAND MAKES A MAN

CLAUDE, OZ, BEULAH & BONNIE
'SPECIALLY WHEN ONE COMES
FROM ONE LIKE NEWFOUNDLAND

ALL

WELCOME TO THE ROCK

BEULAH

That morning, I'm in the classroom. It's our first day back and the school busses are on strike, so I'm covering for Annette, who's running late!

ANNETTE

Sorry, Beulah! How's the kids?

BEULAH

Not exactly thrilled to be inside on such a gorgeous day, so I told them we'd only have a half-day this morning — and they were quite pleased — until I told them we'd have the other half in the afternoon!

ACTOR 8

WELCOME TO THE WILDEST WEATHER
THAT YOU'VE EVER HEARD OF

ACTOR 12

WHERE EVERYONE IS NICER, BUT IT'S NEVER NICE ABOVE

ACTOR 6

WELCOME TO THE FARTHEST PLACE
YOU'LL GET FROM DISNEYLAND

CLAUDE

FISH AND CHIPS AND SHIPWRECKS

WOMEN & CLAUDE

THIS IS NEWFOUNDLAND

GROUP 1

WELCOME TO THE ROCK

GROUP 2

I'M AN ISLANDER, I AM AN ISLANDER

ALL

I'M AN ISLANDER, I AM AN ISLANDER I'M AN ISLANDER, I AM AN ISLANDER I'M AN ISLANDER, I AM AN ISLANDER

OZ

That morning, I'm in my car. The kids cross Airport Boulevard to get to school — and that time a day people are in a little bit of a rush to get to work and stuff, so normally I sit there and run my radar.

Oz cues the cast to make a "WOOP-WOOP" sound.

OZ

And if they're speeding, I'll stop 'em and write out a warning ticket. I'll write "STFD"

— Slow The Fuck Down.

ACTOR 2

WELCOME TO THE LAND WHERE THE WINTERS TRIED TO KILL US AND WE SAID

ALL

WE WILL NOT BE KILLED

ACTOR 9

WELCOME TO THE LAND WHERE THE WATERS TRIED TO DROWN US AND WE SAID

ALL

WE WILL NOT BE DROWNED

ACTOR 3

WELCOME TO THE LAND WHERE WE LOST OUR LOVED ONES AND WE SAID

ALL

WE WILL STILL GO ON

ACTOR 10

WELCOME TO THE LAND WHERE THE WINDS TRIED TO BLOW

ALL

AND WE SAID NO

BONNIE

That morning, I drop my kids off at school and head to the SPCA, where I'm greeted by my other kids — all barking and meowing for breakfast and a belly rub. Not that I'm complaining. I loves 'em. But by the time feeding is done, I've got to get back to pick up my human kids. So, I take just one second for myself. And I'm sitting in my car.

ANNETTE

I'm in the library.

BEULAH

I'm in the staffroom.

BONNIE, BEULAH & ANNETTE

And I turn on the radio.

ALL

YOU ARE HERE
AT THE START OF A MOMENT
ON THE EDGE OF THE WORLD
WHERE THE RIVER MEETS THE SEA
HERE — ON THE EDGE OF THE ATLANTIC
ON AN ISLAND IN BETWEEN
THERE AND HERE

ALL

(Repeated underneath)
I'M AN ISLANDER, I AM AN ISLANDER
I'M AN ISLANDER, I AM AN ISLANDER...

OZ

I'm running my radar when Bonnie comes by. She pulls up, and she is waving at me like mad, so I roll down my window and she says

BONNIE

Oz. turn on the radio!

OZ

Slow it down, Bonnie.

BONNIE

Jesus H.! Oz! Turn on your radio!

COMPANY

WHERE OUR STORIES START

JANICE

It's my first day at the station.

COMPANY

WHERE WE'LL END THE NIGHT

GARTH

I'm getting coffee for the picket line.

COMPANY

WHERE WE KNOW BY HEART

CRYSTAL

Five minutes 'til my smoke break.

COMPANY

EVERY SINGLE FLIGHT

DWIGHT

I'm off to work at the airport.

MEN

WELCOME TO THE FOG WELCOME TO THE TREES TO THE OCEAN AND THE SKY AND WHATEVER'S IN BETWEEN TO THE ONES WHO'VE LEFT YOU'RE NEVER TRULY GONE A CANDLE'S IN THE WINDOW AND THE KETTLE'S ALWAYS ON

ALL

WHEN THE SUN IS COMING UP
AND THE WORLD HAS COME ASHORE
IF YOU'RE HOPING FOR A HARBOUR
THEN YOU'LL FIND AN OPEN DOOR
IN THE WINTER FROM THE WATER
THROUGH WHATEVER'S IN THE WAY
TO THE ONES WHO HAVE COME FROM AWAY
WELCOME TO THE ROCK!

2. 38 PLANES

BEVERLEY

On final approach, we're coming into runway two-two, and I think, "Where am I gonna park this thing?" There are planes lined up like sardines. And as far as I can see, there's cars lined up too. It looks like everybody in Newfoundland is here.

ALL UNLESS SPEAKING

(underneath) ONE PLANE THEN ANOTHER AND THEN ANOTHER AND THEN ANOTHER AND THEN THIRTEEN PLANES THEN ANOTHER AND THEN ANOTHER AND THEN ANOTHER AND THEN NINETEEN PLANES THEN ANOTHER AND THEN ANOTHER AND THEN ANOTHER AND THEN TWENTY-SIX PLANES THEN ANOTHER AND THEN ANOTHER AND THEN ANOTHER AND THEN TWENTY-NINE PLANES (TWENTY-NINE PLANES) THEN ANOTHER AND THEN ANOTHER

AND THEN ANOTHER AND THEN THIRTY-TWO PLANES (THIRTY-TWO PLANES)
THEN ANOTHER AND THEN ANOTHER AND THEN ANOTHER AND THEN THIRTY-EIGHT TH

JANICE

Is this on? Sorry. I'm new. This is Rogers TV Channel 9. My name's Janice Mosher and I'm reporting live from Gander Airport where the 19th plane has just touched down. I'm here with...

BONNIE

Bonnie Harris. On a normal day, we get a half dozen flights — now we've already got three times that many landing in two hours. It's a lot of noise. You can smell the fuel. You can smell the exhaust.

OZ

Jaysus, that's a jumbo! There's gotta be two-fifty or three hundred on her. That's a fairly large one, there's gotta be two hundred on her — now, I'm adding this up. We got 38 planes — we got two, three hundred people on the average... Holy shit!

3. BLANKETS AND BEDDING

JANICE

11:53 a.m.

ALL

Tuesday.

JANICE

September 11th, 2001. Any available community buildings will be converted into shelters. With thousands of passengers arriving at any minute, the town is asking for help with — well, anything you can do...



BEULAH

CRYSTAL, I SAW ON THE NEWS THAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR BLANKETS AND BEDDING AND MAYBE SOME FOOD

CRYSTAL

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY NEED AND HOW MUCH

MARTHA (ACTOR 5)
I NEED SOMETHING TO DO

MARTHA, CRYSTAL & BEULAH
'CAUSE I CAN'T WATCH THE NEWS
ANYMORE

ANNETTE

CAN I HELP?
IS THERE SOMETHING?
I NEED TO DO SOMETHING
TO KEEP ME FROM THINKING OF
ALL OF THOSE SCENES ON THE TUBE

CRYSTAL

I NEED SOMETHING TO DO
'CAUSE I CAN'T WATCH THE NEWS

WOMEN — GROUP 1
NO. I CAN'T WATCH THE NEWS ANYMORE

WOMEN — GROUP 2
IN THE WINTER, FROM THE WATER,
THROUGH THE WIND

ALL WOMEN

IF A STRANGER ENDS UP AT YOUR DOOR

BEULAH

YOU GET ON THE HORN

(on the phone)

Hello? This is Beulah Davis down at the Academy. I heard we might be getting some guests and I thought I'd see if I could help whosever in charge of getting the school organized— How many passengers can we take? Uh — well, we fit about 400 students — yes, we could probably do 600. Yeah, or sure, 700, if we really pack them in. When are they coming?

Could be any time now? Well, I'm glad I phoned!

OZ

I get a call from Beulah looking for "anything 700 people from around the world might need." So I go down to Shoppers and the manager says to just take what I want off the shelves - toothbrushes, floss, mouthwash, deodorant. And I'm back at the school, when Beulah says...

BEULAH

You know, those planes probably got some babies on them...

A slight pause.

OZ

So I'm back to Shoppers for diapers. And we're unpacking them, when Annette says...

ANNETTE

You know, those babies are probably gonna be hungry...

A slight pause.

OZ

So I'm back to Shoppers for formula and baby food. And when I get back, Beulah says...

BEULAH

You know, those planes are probably filled with women of child bearing age...

OZ

S0000...?

BEULAH

So I'M back to Shoppers to pick up as many pads and tampons as they have.

JANICE

The Baptist Church needs a hand moving their pews... Doctor O'Brien down at the pharmacy is ready to fill any prescriptions. Oh, and the Lion's Club is looking for some toilet paper, if you have any extra.

ANNETTEMEDICINE

MADOLE

MARGIE

TOOTHPASTE

MARTHA

UNDERWEAR

BEULAH

ASPIRIN

CRYSTAL & ANNETTE

JACKETS OUR KIDS GREW OUT OF LAST SUMMER

JANICE

AND DOWN AT THE STATION, WE'RE TAKING DONATIONS OUT BY THE DOOR

ALL

HOLY JESUS, THERE'S MORE!

ANNETTE

IT'S BETTER THAN BEING AT HOME ALONE WONDERING WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING

MARGIE

EVERYONE'S PHONING

ANNETTE & BEULAH

WE'RE SETTING UP ROOMS IN THE SCHOOLS

MARGIE

BEEN CRYING ALL AFTERNOON WONDERING WHAT CAN BE DONE

MEN

WHAT DO WE NEED?

ANNETTE

I made a tray of sandwiches.

BEULAH

We need 50 more.

ANNETTE

Sandwiches?

BEULAH

Travs!

MEN

WHAT DO WE NEED?

DWIGHT

200 gym mats! Is that enough?

BEULAH

You tell me and we'll both know.

MEN

WHAT DO WE NEED?

JANICE

For the love of God, stop bringing toilet paper to the Lion's Club!

MEN - GROUP 1

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU NEED WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MANY YOU'RE NEEDING TO FEED

MEN - GROUP 2

WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MANY ARE STAYING

MEN - GROUP 1

HOW LONG THEY ARE STAYING

ALL MEN

WE BETTER START PRAYING THE WEATHER STAYS NICE

ALL

IN THE WINTER, FROM THE WATER, THROUGH THE WIND
(IN THE WINTER, FROM THE WATER, THROUGH THE WIND)
IN THE WINTER, FROM THE WATER, THROUGH THE WIND
(IN THE WINTER, FROM THE WATER, THROUGH THE WIND)
IF A STRANGER ENDS UP SENT BY FATE

ANNETTE

Are we gonna be ready?

BEULAH

Well we have to be, don't we?

4. 28 HOURS! WHEREVER WE ARE

PASSENGER 1 (DIANE)

When you include the original flight, we were on the plane for probably 12, 13 hours.

PASSENGER 8 (KEVIN T)

We were on there 15 hours.

PASSENGER 9 (KEVIN J)

(correcting him) 20 hours.

PASSENGER 10 (BOB)

28 hours. We were on the plane for over an entire day.

ALL

28 HOURS
OVER AN ENTIRE DAY
THERE WAS ONE AISLE IN THE MIDDLE
EVERYONE KNEW EVERY INCH OF THAT PLANE
(repeated underneath)

PASSENGER 11

We were allowed out of our seats, but not off the plane.

PASSENGER 8 (KEVIN T)

You never think about it, but airplane doors are twenty feet in the air.

PASSENGER 9 (KEVIN J)

And even if you survived the jump, they probably would've shot you.

PASSENGER 3

You could go up to first class. You could stretch in the aisles.

PASSENGER 7

It had three seats on each side. There was only one aisle in the middle.

PASSENGER 10 (BOB)

Everyone knew every inch of that plane.

PASSENGER 4

Our flight was full — there were children sleeping on the floor.

PASSENGER 2

We had no way to get information.

PASSENGER 12 (NICK)

This is before most people had mobile phones
— and only a couple people got through.

PASSENGER 8

Hello?

PASSENGER 7

Mom?

PASSENGER 5

Bonjour.

PASSENGER 2

Operator?

BEVERLEY

TOM? OH, THANK GOD.
I FINALLY GOT THROUGH.
I BORROWED A PASSENGER'S PHONE.
HOW ARE YOU? ARE THE KIDS OKAY?
NO I'M FINE, TOM. I'M FINE.

SAFE AND SOUND ON THE GROUND HERE IN NEWFOUNDLAND.
WE DON'T KNOW MUCH —
EXCEPT FOR THE BBC
LISTEN, I CAN'T TALK LONG
CAN YOU DO SOMETHING FOR ME?

PASSENGER 8

I'm okay.

PASSENGER 7

I'm fine.

PASSENGER 5

Oui. Bien.

PASSENGER 2

Pick up.

BEVERLEY

TELL THE KIDS I'M ALRIGHT
TAKE THEM IN TO THE KITCHEN
AND SHOW THEM THE MAP
THAT WE USED TO PUT PINS IN
FOR EACH DESTINATION
THAT WE FLEW TOGETHER
TELL THEM I'M FINE
PUT A PIN HERE IN GANDER

PASSENGER 12

On our plane, someone has a cell phone.

PASSENGER 10

But then the battery dies.

PASSENGER 9

There are phones in the backs of the seats.

PASSENGER 2

But they don't work.

PASSENGER 4

Half the passengers on our plane don't speak English.

PASSENGER 11

Even if we knew what was happening, we don't speak their language.

PASSENGER 10

On our plane, we ask the flight attendants.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT (ACTOR 3)

But the captain says not to say too much. And that's when rumors start flying.

PASSENGER 5

There was an accident.

PASSENGER 12

An accident?

PASSENGER 9

The US airspace is closed.

PASSENGER 8

For the first time in history.

PASSENGER 11

Why won't she tell us what's happening?

PASSENGER 9

A helicopter crashed in Pennsylvania.

PASSENGER 5

A helicopter crashed into a building.

PASSENGER 10

A building?

PASSENGER 8

The white house!

PASSENGER 7

The white house was bombed.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT

I need you to calm down, ma'am! Everyone calm down!

PASSENGER 9

We need to do something.

PASSENGER 4

Tell us what is going on!!

PASSENGER 10

It's World War 3! Ohmygod, it's World War 3!

JOEY

W000000!

MEANWHILE ON OUR PLANE
WE DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE
WE WERE ALL GOING INSANE BECAUSE

ALL

THERE WASN'T SQUAT TO DO

JOEY

THEN THE CAPTAIN STARTS APOLOGIZING SAYS ON BEHALF OF THE AIRLINE, I'M GIVING EACH AND EVERYONE SOME

ALL

COMPLIMENTARY BOOZE!
OPEN THE AIRPLANE DOORS
WAVE AT ALL THE CARS
HELLO TO WHOEVER YOU ARE —
WHEREVER WE ARE

PASSENGER 1

The ground crews supplied whatever we needed.

PASSENGER 9 (KEVIN J)

Nicotine patches.

PASSENGER 12 (NICK)

Medication.

PASSENGER 5

Pampers.

KEVIN T, KEVIN J, JOEY, BOB & PARTY GIRLS

Something to drink!

JOEY

SO THE FLIGHT ATTENDANTS BROUGHT OUT ALL THE MINI BOTTLES OF LIQUOR AND DELIVERED THEM TO EVERYONE

ALL

SOON EVERYONE GOT FRIENDLIER!

JOEY

I TOOK A COUPLE OF PICTURES OF THE VIEW THERE WITH MY CAMERA WE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE WE WERE

ALL

BUT WE KNEW THAT WE WERE HAMMERED! OPEN THE AIRPLANE DOORS



WAVE AT ALL THE LOCALS SURELY THERE'S SOMETHING BETTER TO DO THAN PARK WHEREVER WE ARE

KEVIN T

We'd been sitting there for 14 hours when we pull out the Grey Goose.

KEVIN J

Kevin and I were kind of hiding it because, well...

KEVIN T

Because we (indicating Kevin J) didn't want to share it. Anyway, this woman — this hot mess behind us kept completely freaking out.

DELORES

I don't understand why they can't let us off. I mean, just to stretch our legs, I mean really? I need to get some air! Oh my god! I need to get off this plane!

KEVIN T

And my boyfriend, Kevin — we're both named Kevin. It was cute for a while. Anyway, Kevin was not dealing with it well.

KEVIN J

I'm going to kill her.

DELORES

Excuse me?! I would like to get off the plane. I am claustrophobic!

KEVIN J

Excuse me! Would you like some Xanax? Because you are freaking out and it is freaking me out and we are all FREAKING THE FUCK OUT!!!

ALL

OPEN THE AIRPLANE DOORS!
LET A LITTLE AIR IN HERE
'CAUSE I COULD USE A SHOWER —
OR A BAR (OR A BAR!)

OPEN THE AIRPLANE DOORS! LOOK AT ALL THE PLANES OUT THERE THERE MUST BE A CONVENTION, IT'S BIZARRE WHEREVER WE ARE

ALL

28 HOURS — 28 HOURS — OUT OF THE WINDOWS 28 HOURS — 28 HOURS — NOTHING BUT DARKNESS 28 HOURS — 28 HOURS — DARKNESS AND HEADLIGHTS 28 HOURS — 28 HOURS — NOTHING TO SEE

HANNAH

The flight attendants keep telling us nothing's wrong — but I've got kids and I've got grandkids — I know when someone's hiding something. And when parents need their kids to stop asking questions... They start playing movies.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT

We ran through every movie we had: Legally Blonde, Doctor Dolittle 2, and... Titanic.

DELORES

NEAR... FAR... WHEREVER YOU—

ALL

NOTHING TO DO, NOTHING TO SEE THANK GOD WE STOPPED AT THE DUTY FREE WHEREVER WE ARE

NICK

Do you mind if I sit here? I need to get some work done and there's some drunk people at the back of the plane singing at the top of their lungs.

DIANE

No... of course. I'm Diane.

NICK

Nick. How are you doing?

DIANE

I'm worried about someone. He was flying today. I just wish there was some way to tell him where I am.

NICK

Newfoundland — oh — no, you know that — you just can't tell him. Right. I'm hoping you're one of those people who laughs when English people say awkward things.

DIANE

I just wish we knew what was happening.

ACTOR 2

What's happening?

ACTOR 5

What's happening?

DIANE & NICK

SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN

DIANE

YOUR LIFE

NICK

AND YOUR WORK

ALL

WHEN THE WORLD MAY BE FALLING APART

NICK & DIANE

AND YOU THINK

DIANE

I'M ALONE

NICK

I'M ALONE

NICK & DIANE

AND I'M SO DAMN HELPLESS

KEVIN T, KEVIN J, JOEY, DRUNK

PASSENGERS

THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO DO BUT DRINK

PARTY GIRLS (ACTORS 2 & 3)

WE OPEN THE AIRPLANE DOORS FLASH ALL THE CARS WOOO! I'VE NEVER DONE THAT BEFORE

KEVIN T, KEVIN J, JOEY, DRUNK PASSENGERS

28 HOURS GONE OVER AN ENTIRE DAY RUNNING OUT OF THINGS TO SAY AND WONDERING IF THERE'S SOMEONE

ALL

GOING TO CLUE US IN
TELL US ALL WHAT'S HAPPENING
BECAUSE THE SUN IS SETTING
AND WE'RE SITTING IN THE DARK
WHEREVER WE ARE

BOB

Later that night, I'm up in the cockpit with some of the other passengers when the pilot puts the radio on over the intercom — and the whole plane goes silent when the President gives his speech.

PRESIDENT BUSH (ACTOR 8)

I ask the American people to join me in saying a thanks for all the folks who have been fighting hard to rescue our fellow citizens and to join me in saying a prayer for the victims and their families. The resolve of our great nation is being tested. But make no mistake: we will show the world that we will pass this test. God bless.

BEVERLEY

YOU GOT THROUGH TO THE AIRLINE TOM, I'M OKAY — TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE HOW BAD IS IT — TELL ME EVERYTHING TOM. WHO WAS IN THE AIR? NO — NO, I WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN THEM NO — NO ONE ON THAT AIRLINE Charles...
Are you sure?

NO, I'M FINE, TOM. I'M FINE.

5. DARKNESS AND TREES

BOB

We can see them from the plane — this long line of headlights coming through the darkness.

ALL

OFF OF THE AIRPLANE

FLIGHT ATTENDANT

Ladies and gentlemen, you can take only your carry-on items. Checked luggage will remain in the hold.

ALL

INTO THE AIRPORT

DIANE

The captain and the flight attendants tell everyone to take their blankets and pillows off the plane.

ALL

OUT OF THE WINDOWS

KEVIN T

We grab bottles of water too — no one has any idea where they're taking us.

ALL

DARKNESS AND TREES

BOB

As we enter the airport, all those car lights are still aimed at us.

HANNAH

We're scared. They're probably scared too.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT

The people here don't know what to expect off of these planes.

KEVIN T

The airport looks like something left over from the Cold War and Kevin's like:

KEVIN J

Ohmygod. We've gone back in time.

BOB

The whole procedure — the soldiers and all the formality — it just makes me really nervous.

BEVERLEY

There's a giant map on the wall of the airport and someone has written in red marker, "You are here."

DIANE

Excuse me. I need to find a phone.

HANNAH

I need to call my son.

CUSTOMS OFFICER

I'm sorry. The payphones are out of order.

OZ

They're all lined up at the airport payphones — so eventually we put an "Out of Order" sign on them just so we can get people on the busses.

CLAUDE

11:48 pm. Busses and drivers are now taking passengers to shelters, not just in Gander, but also to Gambo, Appleton, and farther communities of Lewisporte, Norris Arm, and Glenwood.

PASSENGER 12

Our bus sits there forever.

PASSENGER 5

While all the others leave.

PASSENGER 4

Finally, this other passenger gets on.

PASSENGER 11

This guy from the Middle East.

PASSENGER 2

Someone says he got questioned.

PASSENGER 7

Someone says he got searched.

PASSENGER 1

And now... he's on our bus.

JANICE

I try to interview the Red Cross, the Salvation Army — but they've got more important things to do than to talk to me. That's when I see them — the Plane People — through the bus windows. The terror on their faces. They have no idea where they're going.

BEVERLEY

They take me and my crew in a separate van and I'm looking out the window, trying to see where we are, but it is pitch dark. Now, I have flown over this area hundreds and hundreds of times. And it is just darkness – hardly any lights anywhere. And now here I am. Oh my god, this is just so remote.

MEN

INTO THE DARKNESS

WOMEN

STARS AND THE MOONLIGHT

MEN

BUT ALL AROUND US

WOMEN

NOTHING BUT DARKNESS

MEN

OUT OF THE WINDOWS

WOMEN

INTO THE DARKNESS

ALL

DARKNESS AND TREES

GARTH

Every school bus we got is goin' back and forth all night. Out to the Salvation Army Camp, we've delivered passengers from Germany, England, and France. And around three in the morning, my bus is designated to take all these African people out there.

ALL

INTO THE DARKNESS

MUHUMUZA (ACTOR 10)

My family and I try to see out the bus windows. No one tells us where we are going.

ALL

ONTO A GRAVEL ROAD

GARTH

Silence comes on the bus. We get outside of Gander and you could hear a pin drop.

ALL

AND ALL AROUND US

MUHUMUZA

My wife and daughter are scared. They ask me what is happening and I do not know.

ALL

DARKNESS AND TREES

GARTH

Behind me, this big man comes up to me and he says in this low voice...

MUHUMUZA

Wewe watuchukuwa wapi?

GARTH

What's that, now?

6. ON THE BUS

MICKY (ACTOR 2)

Climb aboard.

TERRY (ACTOR 7)

Hop right in, m' ducky.

MICKY

Let's get you where you're going.

TERRY

You've all seen the airport — used to be the biggest airport in North America. Planes used to stop here to gas up from everywhere.

MICKY

Frank Sinatra, Albert Einstein.

TERRY

Muhammad Ali.

BOTH

The Queen.

TERRY

Then they invented jetplanes that can get across the ocean on one tank...

MICKY

So there's no need to refuel anymore —

TERRY

Leaving us with this giant airport.

They brake suddenly, screeching.

MICKY

Now there's the reason I drives slow.

TERRY

That there in the middle of the road.

BOTH

Yeah. That's a moose.

An incredibly long pause.

MICKY

She'll move when she's good and ready...

On one of the busses, Nick approaches Diane.

NICK

Mind if I sit here?

DIANE

Oh, hello Nick! I thought we'd lost you.

NICK

No — I just needed to get an emergency prescription filled. Nothing serious. It's not like, "ohmygod, he's off his medication." I'll stop talking now.

DIANE

It's fine.

NICK

Any news yet about your husband who was flying today?

DIANE

My—? No — do you mind if we just don't talk about that. I haven't been able to get to a phone.

NICK

I'm sorry. I'll help you find a phone as soon as we get... wherever we're going.

7. DARKNESS AND TREES (REPRISE)

GARTH

Finally, out of the darkness, my bus arrives at the Salvation Army camp.

ALL EXCEPT GARTH AND MUHUMUZA KATI YA GIZA

MUHUMUZA

We pass through a large gate and the bus pulls to a stop. And through the windows — out there in the darkness — we see all these people coming out of the buildings.

ALL

GHAFLA MWANGAZA

GARTH

We rarely use them, but everyone's dusted off their Salvation Army uniforms to welcome these people.

MUHUMUZA

There are soldiers everywhere.

ALL

PANDE ZOTE SISI

MUHUMUZA

The man at the front opens the door.

GARTH

I say, "Here you are. Out you go." But he doesn't understand. And he's not getting off. None of them are.

ALL

GIZA NA MITI

GARTH

But then I notice his wife — well, she's clutching a bible. Now, obviously I can't read it, but their bible — it'll have the same number system ours does — so I ask to see it and I'm searching for something and then in Philippians 4:6. I give 'em their bible and I'm pointing, saying, look! Philippians 4:6 — Be anxious for nothing. Be anxious for nothing.

GARTH & MUHUMUZA

And that's how we started speaking the same language.

ALL

KATI YA GIZA
(OUT OF THE DARKNESS)
GHAFLA MWANGAZA
(SUDDENLY BRIGHTNESS)
MA-BADILIKO
(EVERYTHING CHANGES)
GIZA NA MITI
(DARKNESS AND TREES)
KATI YA GIZA
(OUT OF THE DARKNESS)

MA-BADILIKO (SUDDENLY LIGHT)

8. LEAD US OUT OF THE NIGHT

BEULAH

Welcome to Gander Academy — I'm gonna show you now to your rooms, and then if you want to come back, we've got two TVs set up in the cafeteria with the news on — so you can see what's actually happened for yourself...

JANICE

I didn't even think — they haven't seen any of it yet.

ALL

LEAD US OUT OF THE DARKNESS

HANNAH

We're all staring at those images.

BEULAH

And we just stand helpless watching them.

ALL

LEAD US SOMEWHERE TO SAFETY

BOB

We barely know where we are. But we know it's not there.

ALL

LEAD US FAR FROM DISASTER

BEVERLEY

Charles Burlingame was the captain of Flight 77 that crashed into the Pentagon. I just saw him at a pub in London. You can't imagine. A pilot will fight to the ends of the earth to save his airplane. He just will.

ALL

LEAD US OUT OF THE NIGHT

KEVIN T

We watch those images for hours.



Suddenly they all react in shock.

Until someone finally turns it off.

9. PHONING HOME

CLAUDE

1:15 a.m.

ALL

Wednesday.

CLAUDE

September 12th. Crisis counselors are called to Gander Academy.

BEULAH

The plane people — they're exhausted — but they don't want to sleep. And we're standing there, ready with all that food. But that's not what they wanted. They wanted phones.

JANICE

1:45 a.m. — Six phones are put on tables for the Plane People to use free of charge — lined up alongside the road by the Newtel building.

BEULAH

An hour later, they set up 20 more phones.

CLAUDE

An hour after that, there's 75 phones and computers with internet — all being used 'round the clock.

Passengers make phone calls.

PASSENGER 5

HELLO? YES — IT'S ME.

BOB

DAD, I'M OKAY. IT'S OKAY.

HANNAH

I'M CALLING FROM CANADA.

KEVIN J

SAFE AND SOUND ON THE GROUND HERE IN ICELAND.

KEVIN T

NO, NEWFOUNDLAND

BOB

YEAH.

ALL

WE JUST SAW THE NEWS

HANNAH

HAVE YOU HEARD YET FROM KEV?

KEVIN J

OR CELENA

PASSENGER 5

CALL MICAH

PASSENGER 7

AND LAUREN

KEVIN T

MY PARENTS

PASSENGER 6

MY AUNT

DIANE

IT'S DIANE. NO, I'M FINE. WHERE'S DAVID?
Oh, thank god.

10. COSTUME PARTY

JANICE

3:45 a.m. Overnight, the community's population has gone from approximately 9,000 to 16,000. I'm sure barely any of us have slept tonight. We're hopeful that our visitors will be back in the air come morning.

KEVIN T

I woke up from this dream which I can't quite remember, but there was this music in it that I'd heard somewhere before.

KEVIN J

I woke up from a dream that we were stuck in some backwater Canadian town and that my air mattress deflated.

BOB

I woke up to the smell of... freshly baked bread?

ANNETTE

4 a.m. in Newfoundland is breakfast time in Germany. And we got a lot of passengers here from Frankfurt, so breakfast starts at 4 a.m. and we start scrambling eggs.

BOB

Poached eggs, scrambled eggs, omelettes.

DIANE

Fried Bologna.

NICK

Something called "toutans."

KEVIN T

I saw a casserole dish I don't think I could lift.

BOB

They made enough food to feed 7,000 people. It's like they never slept.

BEULAH

There's this one man — from the Middle East — well, we don't really know. Hasn't said a

word to a soul — and some of the other passengers seem a bit wary of him. So it's a little odd to find him poking around the kitchen.

ALI

(surprised) Hello.

BEULAH

Hello. Can I help you with something?

ALI

I would like to be of assistance. With the food.

BEULAH

Oh, no. That's not necessary.

ALI

But I am-

BEULAH

Really. You go out there and sit down.

CLAUDE

I've been going all night, but I can't stop. None of us can. I splash some cold water on my face and just keep going. We've got 7,000 scared and angry people who don't want to be here. And they're about to wake up.

DIANE

IN A CROWDED ROOM
FILLED WITH STRANGERS SLEEPING

KEVIN T

AN AIRPLANE BLANKET
AND PILLOW ON THE FLOOR

DIANE

THE SUN COMES STREAMING THROUGH THE WINDOW

KEVIN T & DIANE

AND I CAN'T SLEEP ANY MORE

KEVIN J

STARING AT THESE STRANGERS WAKING UP AROUND ME

HANNAH

SITTING IN A CROWD OF PEOPLE WAITING FOR THE PHONE

KEVIN J

AND IN A TOWN THAT'S SUDDENLY DOUBLED POPULATION

KEVIN T, HANNAH, DIANE, & KEVIN J I FEEL SO ALONE

KEVIN J

IT'S LIKE ANY OF US COULD HAVE DIED ON TUESDAY

KEVIN T

AND LIKE WE'RE DARED TO SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY TODAY

DIANE

I'M FEELING DIFFERENT

HANNAH

DISTANT

KEVIN J

STRANGE

KEVIN T

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE HERE?

HANNAH

WHERE AM I?

DIANE

NO ONE KNOWS ME HERE

KEVIN T, HANNAH, DIANE & KEVIN J

WHO AM I IF I DON'T FEEL LIKE THE ME FROM YESTERDAY?

NICK

I wake up in a crowded room full of people sleeping on the floor and I see Diane and ask, "Are we leaving?"

DIANE

Any time now.

NICK

Is your hair different? I mean...you look good.

DIANE

Hm! Thank you. No shampoo for three days.

KEVIN T

They start handing out clothes to anyone who needs them.

KEVIN J

I haven't changed my clothes in 39 hours.

BOB

I wanted to burn my socks.

KEVIN J

Kevin puts on this plaid thing. He says he's "incognito" and that he's going to "blend in with the natives," but he just looks like a gay lumberjack.

DIANE

CHANGING INTO ANOTHER WOMAN'S DONATED SET OF CLOTHES

KEVIN T

LOOKING DIFFERENT —
FEELING KIND OF DIFFERENT TOO

DIANE

I CAN'T QUITE EXPLAIN

KEVIN T

BUT WHEN I WOKE

DIANE

WHEN DAVID WASN'T ON THAT PLANE

KEVIN T & DIANE

IT'S LIKE I CHANGED INTO SOMEBODY ELSE BUT WHO? AND IT'S SOMEHOW LIKE WE'RE AT A COSTUME PARTY

KEVIN T

AND FOR A SECOND YOU ARE NOT YOURSELF



DIANE

YOU ARE NOT YOURSELF

KEVIN T

AND YOU LOOK AROUND AND BLINK YOUR EYES

DIANE

AND BARELY EVEN RECOGNIZE

KEVIN T & DIANE

THE PERSON IN THE MIRROR WHO'S TURNED INTO SOMEONE ELSE

KEVIN J

(On the phone)

Hey Little Sister — Yeah, still here where they eat rainbows for breakfast. Are you taking care of Mom? No. I just wish I was home. No, not LA. Brooklyn. Shut up. You're such a brat. No. I just needed to hear your voice.

BEULAH

Excuse me? Are you Hannah?

HANNAH

Yeah — that's me.

BEULAH

My name's Beulah — someone told me your son's a firefighter... Yeah, mine is too. Here in town. And I know Gander's not New York, but... Is there anything I can do?

HANNAH

No. I just need to hear from my son.

BEULAH

I understand.

Beulah leaves.

HANNAH

PRAYING FOR A PHONE CALL

KEVIN J

PRAYING FOR A WAY HOME

HANNAH & KEVIN J

ASKING QUESTIONS

KEVIN J

ASKING CAN I GET BACK ON THAT GODFORSAKEN PLANE?

HANNAH

AND ALL AROUND ME, PEOPLE CHAT

KEVIN J

AND PEOPLE SNACK

HANNAH & KEVIN J

LIKE NOTHING'S HAPPENED AND I NEED TO HEAR WE'RE GOING BACK BEFORE I GO INSANE

BEVERLEY

Good morning. I'm Captain Bass. I've just heard from the airline. Now I know this is going to be hard to hear, but the American airspace remains closed. I can't tell you how long we'll be on the ground. But, we are going to be here for some time.

DIANE

HERE FOR SOME TIME

KEVIN J

HERE FOR SOME TIME

HANNAH

HERE FOR TOO LONG

KEVIN T

HERE FOR HOW LONG

KEVIN J, ACTORS 10, 12

WHEN WILL WE KNOW

ACTORS 4, 5, 6 & 7, 11 WHEN WILL WE KNOW

ALL

HOW MUCH LONGER?

HANNAH

Beulah. Wait. Can you help me find a Catholic Church?

DIANE

I can't sit here. I need to get some air.

KEVIN T

Let's go see where we are. The sun's out. It'll do you good.

KEVIN J

Seriously? You know what, go get lost in the woods. I'm going to be ready when we leave.

HANNAH & KEVIN J

AND IT'S SOMEHOW LIKE WE'RE STUCK HERE AT A MESSED UP COSTUME PARTY

DIANE & KEVIN T

AND THERE'S NOTHING HERE FAMILIAR

HANNAH & KEVIN J

FAR AWAY FROM THOSE YOU CARE FOR

KEVIN T, KEVIN J, HANNAH & DIANE ON AN ISOLATED ISLAND IN BETWEEN THERE AND HERE

ALL OTHERS

THERE AND HERE

11. I AM HERE

BEULAH

Anyway I get lunch set up, labeling anything that'll go bad with the date and time. I let the pants out for one of the pilots who's been enjoying our cooking. I make a balloon animal for a crying toddler — and then I check on Hannah, leaving messages for anyone she can reach.

HANNAH

I AM HERE — I AM HERE ON AN ISLAND HELLO? HELLO. IT'S ME AGAIN YEAH, MY SON — HE'S WITH RESCUE TWO — ANY NEWS?



I AM HIS MOTHER
I'M FAR AWAY — STUCK HERE
I'M TRYING TO FIND OUT IF —
FINE — I'LL HOLD AGAIN

I SHOULD BE DOWN THERE AND CHECKING THE HOSPITALS PUTTING UP SIGNS DOING SOMETHING, INSTEAD

I AM HERE — I AM HERE IN CANADA

I AM TELLING YOU, LISTEN, MY SON - HE TAKES RISKS HE'S NOT MISSING, HE'S HELPING OR HURT HE'LL GET OUT OF THIS

YES, I'LL KEEP TRYING AND YES, HERE'S THE NUMBER AND YES, AT THE LEGION IN GANDER I'LL BE RIGHT HERE

I SHOULD BE THERE
WHEN IT'S OVER AND DONE
WHEN HE COMES THROUGH THE
DOOR AND SAYS, "I'M HOME, MOM"
I SHOULD BE THERE FOR MY SON
BUT INSTEAD
I AM HERE — I AM HERE

BEULAH

She leaves message after message for her son. Until there's no more room on his answering machine.

HANNAH

ALL I KNOW
IS YOU ARE THERE
YOU ARE THERE
AND I AM HERE

12. PRAYER

HANNAH

Beulah walks me to church — and when we get there, I light a candle for my son.

BEULAH

And I do too.

KEVIN T

I suddenly realize what that music from my dream — it was an old hymn from when I was a kid. I haven't been to church in years, but for some reason that song was in my head.

KEVIN T

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE: WHERE THERE IS HATRED,
LET ME BRING YOUR LOVE,
WHERE THERE IS INJURY,
YOUR PARDON, LORD,
AND WHERE THERE'S DOUBT
TRUE FAITH IN YOU.

HANNAH (& KEVIN T)

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE (MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE) WHERE THERE'S DESPAIR IN LIFE, LET ME BRING HOPE (WHERE THERE'S DESPAIR IN LIFE, LET ME BRING HOPE) WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, ONLY LIGHT (WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, ONLY LIGHT)

HANNAH

AND WHERE THERE'S SADNESS

HANNAH & KEVIN T

EVER JOY

RABBI

OSEH SHALOM BIM'ROMAV HU YA'ASEH SHALOM ALEINU V'AL KOL YISRAEL V'IMRU, V'IMRU AMEN There is a man here in town. He's lived here nearly his entire life. He heard that there was a Rabbi diverted here and he came to find me and tell me his story.

EDDIE (ACTOR 11)

I was born in Poland, I think. And my parents — they were Jews — they sent me here before the war started — I still remember some of the prayers they taught me. As a boy, I was told I should never tell anyone I was Jewish. Even my wife. But after what happened on Tuesday — so many stories gone — just like that. I needed to tell someone.

ALI

During El-Fagir, when most people are asleep it is easier to pray. But at Dhuhr, I can feel them watching me. Sometimes I catch them when they think I'm not looking — and I can see the fear in their eyes.

ANNETTE

Excuse me? Beulah wanted me to check on you. The library's open — for anyone looking for some peace — and a quiet place to pray.

Ali lays out a prayer mat and begins to pray.

RABBI (& EDDIE, hesitantly)
YA'ASEH SHALOM (YA'ASEH)
YA'ASEH SHALOM (SHALOM)
SHALOM ALEINU V'AL KOL YISRAEL
YA'ASEH SHALOM (YA'ASEH)
YA'ASEH SHALOM (SHALOM)
SHALOM ALEINU V'AL KOL YISRAEL

HINDU PASSENGERS

ASATO MAA SAD-GAMAYA TAMASO MAA JYOTIRE-GAMAYA TAMASO MAA JYOTIRE-GAMAYA MRITYOR-MAA-MRITAN GAMAYA OM SHAANTIH SHAANTIH SHAANTIH



BEULAH, HANNAH, KEVIN T & SINGER 10

O MASTER, GRANT THAT
I MAY NEVER SEEK
SO MUCH TO BE CONSOLED
AS TO CONSOLE
TO BE UNDERSTOOD
AS TO UNDERSTAND
TO BE LOVED
AS TO LOVE WITH ALL MY SOUL

JEWISH PASSENGERS

OSEH SHALOM BIM' ROMAV HU YA'ASEH SHALOM ALEINU V'AL KOL YISRAEL V'IMRU AMEN

PASSENGERS 1 & 6

YA'ASEH SHALOM YA'ASEH SHALOM

ALI

Allahu Akbar Subbhaan Rabbi al Azeem Allahu Akbar Subhaan Rabbia Al-Aala'a Allahu Akbar Alhamdulilah

KEVIN T

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE WHERE THERE'S DESPAIR IN LIFE, LET ME BRING HOPE WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, ONLY LIGHT AND WHERE THERE'S SADNESS, EVER JOY

13. ON THE EDGE

CLAUDE

Some people spend their days crammed inside — shoulder to shoulder with nothing to do but watch the news and wait for something to happen.

ALL

ON THE EDGE

BEULAH

We've got the TVs going 24/7 in the cafeteria. And the more they watch, the more scared and angry they get.

ALL

ON THE EDGE OF THE

OZ

Some of the Plane People haven't slept in three days. None of us have either — and we're jumping at our own shadows.

ALL

ON THE EDGE OF THE WORLD

BEULAH

Around suppertime on Thursday, people are waiting to use the phones and there's a fight in the hallway —

ALL

(on the phone)

Ana Kwayiss Alhamdulliallah. El aakl hena helw awi. Hagga Faw'a el wassif. Lekin, fee ness, fee naass kateera hena, Be-yeboosooly akiny Irtakept gereema.

PASSENGER 11

(to Ali)

Hey. Hey! What the hell are you saying?

ALI

I beg your pardon?

PASSENGER 11

You celebrating this? You praying for your friends?

ALI

(into the phone again) MaaMa, Laazim 'afil el sikha delwaa'ty salaam. Bahibik —

PASSENGER 11

Why doesn't he speak English?

ALI

Excuse me?

PASSENGER 8

Are you telling your Muslim friends where to bomb next?

ALI

This was not all Muslims! And I was not—

PASSENGER 11

Go back where you came from!

PASSENGER 2

I'm Muslim and I was born in Connecticut! I'm an American citizen!

PASSENGER 11

You don't look American.

PASSENGER 2

What does that even mean?

ALL

ON THE EDGE OF THE WORLD
OR WHEREVER WE ARE
WE ARE — WE ARE — WE ARE
ON THE EDGE
IS THERE SOMETHING —
I NEED TO DO SOMETHING
TO KEEP ME FROM THINKING OF ALL OF
THOSE SCENES ON THE TUBE
I NEED SOMETHING TO DO —
'CAUSE I CAN'T WATCH THE NEWS
NO I CAN'T WATCH THE NEWS ANYMORE
ON THE EDGE

CLAUDE

The FAA keeps delaying opening the airspace — and here on the ground, we're dealing with a whole mess of other problems.

ALL

ON THE EDGE OF THE

BEVERLEY

Some of the planes are parked on a runway where the surface is all torn up. That debris gets into an engine and they'll never leave.

ALL

ON THE EDGE OF THE WORLD

DOUG

One of the big planes — a triple 7 — is sinking into the asphalt. If we don't do something, she'll be stuck here forever.

ALL

ON THE EDGE OF THE WORLD
OR WHEREVER WE ARE
WE ARE — WE ARE ON THE
— ARE — WE ARE — WE ARE
ON THE EDGE!

JANICE

I interview a woman from Queens — a mother. Her son's a firefighter and they still can't account for him. She starts crying and I start crying too. And I can't stop shaking. I don't want to do this anymore.

BEVERLEY

I check in with Air Traffic Control again and it's more bad news. Not only is the airspace still closed, but there's a storm headed for Newfoundland. Hurricane Erin is making landfall tomorrow or the day after. If we don't get these planes in the air soon, no one's going anywhere.

OZ

Claude, people are starting to crack.

CLAUDE

Let's get everyone down to the Legion.

KEVIN T

Everyone's going down to the Legion for a drink.

KEVIN J

Hi, have you seen my boyfriend? His name is Kevin, he's about this tall, and he's lost his mind.

KEVIN T

I just want to go out!

KEVIN J

Well I don't!

KEVIN T

Well I'm not going without you.

KEVIN J

Well I'm not... staying for a long time.

KEVIN T

One drink!

KEVIN J

One drink!

BEULAH

Hannah? Everyone's going out tonight.

HANNAH

You go on without me, Beulah... I need to wait by the phone.

BEULAH

... I'll wait with you.

BEVERLEY

I keep waiting to hear from the airline. So I'll just be here by the phone, Tom, if the kids want to speak with me.

DOUG

Bonnie? I know you're not leaving the animals, so I brought you some chili. But I really think that tonight, you should come home and get some sleep...

BONNIE

Doug! Oh my — get in here! We are about to have the first rare Bonobo chimpanzee born in Newfoundland!

OZ

Beulah! They need some food down at the Legion if you can spare any.

ALI

Miss Beulah. Please let me help with the food.

BEULAH

No, m'love — you're a guest—

ALI

Please. I am a master chef for an international hotel chain — I oversee restaurants around the world. I would like to help with the food.

BEULAH

Get in there!

DIANE

Everyone's going out to the bar — and Nick is going.

NICK

I'm going if Diane is going.

DIANE

And I think, nobody here knows me — I can be whoever I want to be...

BOB

I'm not worried about my wallet. I'm not worried about getting shot. I am a little worried about how much Irish Whiskey I'm drinking...

14. IN THE BAR / HEAVE AWAY

OZ

By eight o'clock the bar is completely packed with people from around the world. Everybody's talking about where they're staying and what they've seen — and the bar staff keep making runs for more beer and liquor. After an hour, people are swimming in the river out back. And no, no one brought their swim trunks! A couple of the local b'ys get up with their

accordions and fiddles — and someone brings out an ugly stick.

The band joins in.

MEN

FAREWELL TO ALL YOU PRETTY LADIES WAVING FROM THE DOCK
HEAVE AWAY, ME JOLLIES, HEAVE AWAY AND IF WE DO RETURN TO YOU
WE'LL MAKE YOUR CRADLES ROCK
HEAVE AWAY, ME JOLLY BOYS,
WE'RE ALL BOUND AWAY

WOMEN

FAREWELL YOU NEWFOUNDLANDER BOYS
YOU'RE LEAVING US ALONE
HEAVE AWAY, ME JOLLIES, HEAVE AWAY
AND IF YOU FIND ANOTHER
WE'VE GOT LOVERS OF OUR OWN

ALL

HEAVE AWAY, ME JOLLY BOYS, WE'RE ALL BOUND AWAY

OZ

And then we get the karaoke going.

DELORES

NEAR... FAR...

ALL

WHEREVER WE ARE!

OZ

Then we decide to have a bit of a ceremony.

CLAUDE

Let's make these people honorary Newfoundlanders!

15. SCREECH IN

CLAUDE

NOW THERE'S A SOLEMN, OLD TRADITION FOR ADMISSION — OR AUDITION — TO TRANSITION FROM A COME FROM AWAY

ALL

TO BE A NEWFOUNDLANDER

CLAUDE

THE ONLY OTHER WAY AT ANY RATE
IS PASS AWAY AND PRAY TO FATE AND
WAIT TO REINCARNATE

ALL

AS A NEWFOUNDLANDER

HEY HEY — COME ON INSIDE NOTHING VENTURED NOTHING TRIED

ACTOR 5

ONLY A COUPLE PEOPLE CRIED

ALL

YOU'LL BE A NEWFOUNDLANDER

HEY HEY — SIT DOWN RIGHT HERE YOU'LL FEEL BETTER IN A YEAR

ACTOR 7

TRY TO IGNORE YOUR DOUBTS AND FEARS

ALL

AND YOU'LL BE A NEWFOUNDLANDER

CLAUDE

Now we needs a couple volunteers — who wants to become a Newfoundlander?

BOB

Right here!

CLAUDE

Good man! Who else?

KEVIN T

I have no idea why I put up my hand. And Kevin's like

KEVIN J

Ohmygod are you serious? Ohmygod — you *are* serious.

KEVIN T

Yes — I'm serious. Don't do it if you don't want to.

KEVIN J

I won't.

CLAUDE

Where you from, Buddy?

KEVIN T

Los Angeles.

CLAUDE

LA! Who else?

DIANE

Us!

DIANE

We want to be Newfoundlanders!

CLAUDE

Alright. Where are you folks from?

DIANE

Texas and—

CLAUDE

Texas! (to Nick) What part of Texas are you from, buddy?

NICK

No. I'm from —

DIANE

No! I'M from Texas. He's from England.

CLAUDE

Wait. Now how does that work?

NICK

How does what work?

CLAUDE

How does your marriage work with you being in England and her in Texas?

DIANE & NICK

No — we're not married.

CLAUDE

Oh, I'm sorry — I just assumed you were married... Well, would you like to be?

NICK

Ah—

DIANE

Well, why not?!

NICK

Diane had had two beers by then, so it was probably the alcohol talking.

DIANE

I've never had more than one beer at a time before, so it was probably the alcohol talking.

NICK

I went and got her two more beers.

CLAUDE

NOW THE FIRST PART IS THE EASIEST WE'LL SOON GET TO THE QUEASIEST I'LL NEED YOU TO REPEAT THIS MESS

ALL

WHEN YOU BECOME A NEWFOUNDLANDER

CLAUDE

'CAUSE WE SPEAKS A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE, SON WE ADDS SOME ESSES AND SOME RUM YOU'LL HAVE TO TRY A GOOD COD TONGUE ALL

WHEN YOU BECOME A NEWFOUNDLANDER

HEY HEY — JUST DO YOUR BEST NOTHING SCARY — NOTHING YET

ACTOR 3

YOU'LL HAVE TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU'RE DRESSED

They put Sou'wester hats on each screechee.

ALL

AND YOU'LL BE A NEWFOUNDLANDER

HEY HEY — JUST SING ALONG NOTHING VENTURED JUST PROLONGED

CLAUDE

THERE'S THIRTY VERSES IN THIS SONG

ALL

THEN YOU'LL BE A NEWFOUNDLANDER

CLAUDE

(pointing at a bottle)

Ladies and Gentlemen. This is Screech. Back in World War 2, an officer was stationed here and was offered some of this stuff. All the locals were tossing it back with nar' a quiver, so he does too, and lets out an ear-piercing

All the locals howl.

Everybody comes to see what's happened and says,

ALL EXCEPT SCREECHEES

"What was that ungodly screech?!"

CLAUDE

And now it's your turn. Are you ready?

NICK

Um... I'm not sure that—

DIANE

Wait — did you just say—

BOB

No. Nope. Not really ready.

KEVIN T

Do we have to drink this?

CLAUDE

Good! All together now. One!

ALL EXCEPT SCREECHEES

ONE!

CLAUDE

Two!

ALL EXCEPT SCREECHEES

TWO!

CLAUDE

Three!

ALL EXCEPT SCREECHEES

THREE!

CLAUDE

Down the hatch!

Everyone cheers as they drink. Bob howls. Nick grimaces. Kevin T shakes his head. Diane taps her glass, getting every drop out.

KEVIN T

Screech is basically bad Jamaican rum.

NICK

Screech is horrific.

DIANE

Screech is delishush!

BOB

And then they brought the Cod.

KEVIN T

The Cod.

NICK

The Cod.

DIANE

The Cod.

A codfish is handed to Claude.

CLAUDE

NOW WITH EVERY TRANSFORMATION COMES A TINY BIT OF RISK YOU'VE GOT TO WALK THE PLANK AND THERE'LL BE BLOOD OR THERE'LL BE BLISS AND IT'S THE SAME TO BE A NEWFOUNDLANDER EVERY PERSON'S WISH SO DON'T BE DUMB JUST TAKE THE PLUNGE GO ON — KISS THE FISH!

NEWFOUNDLANDERS

(continued underneath, building steadily)
I'M AN ISLANDER — I AM AN ISLANDER
I'M AN ISLANDER — I AM AN ISLANDER...

CLAUDE

Ladies and gentlemen — this is a genuine freshly caught Newfoundland Cod — and if you want to become an honorary Newfoundlander, you'll have to give her a smooch!

Bob kisses the fish and cheers.

CLAUDE

One!

KEVIN J

If you kiss that I am never kissing you again!

KEVIN T

I'll risk it!

Kevin T kisses the fish.

CLAUDE

Two!

NICK

I'm not kissing a fish!

DIANE

Come on, I will if you will!

NICK

Oh my god. Fine.

Nick kisses the fish and grimaces.

CLAUDE

Three!

DIANE

I can't do it!

NICK

What? I just did!

CLAUDE

Now you've got to kiss the cod — it's a vital part of the ceremony.

DIANE

I can't do it!

CLAUDE

Alright — look. I'll make you a deal. Either you kiss this fish — or else you kiss this Englishman that you're not married to.

Diane kisses him.

ALL

HEY HEY — COME ON TONIGHT TAKE A RISK AND TAKE A RIDE JUMP RIGHT IN WITH BOTH FEET TIED AND YOU'LL BE A NEWFOUNDLANDER

HEY HEY — COME ON ONCE MORE NOTHING VENTURED, NOTHING SORE AFTER IT'S OVER, OUT THE DOOR AND YOU'LL BE A NEWFOUNDLANDER

CLAUDE

AFTER IT'S OVER YOU'LL REMEMBER

ALL

THAT YOU'RE A NEWFOUNDLANDER

16. ME AND THE SKY

BEVERLEY

MY PARENTS MUST HAVE THOUGHT THEY HAD A CRAZY KID 'CAUSE I WAS ONE OF THOSE KIDS WHO ALWAYS KNEW WHAT I WANTED

THEY TOOK ME DOWN TO THE AIRPORT TO SEE ALL THE PLANES DEPARTING WATCHING THEM FLY SOMETHING INSIDE OF ME WAS STARTING I WAS EIGHT WHEN I TOLD THEM THAT I'D BE A PILOT

BUT I WAS TOO YOUNG AND TOO SHORT AND THERE WERE NO FEMALE CAPTAINS AND MY DAD SAID BE PATIENT HE SAID "JUST SEE WHAT HAPPENS"

BUT I TOOK MY FIRST LESSON
CAME DOWN FROM THE SKY
AND TOLD MY FATHER I'D FLY FOR THE REST
OF MY LIFE

AND I GOT MY FIRST JOB
FLYING FOR A MORTICIAN
IN A TINY BONANZA
JUST A CORPSE AND ME
FIVE DOLLARS AN HOUR
FOR FLYING DEAD BODIES

I HAD TO CLIMB OVER THEIR FACES
JUST TO GET TO MY SEAT

THEN SUDDENLY THE WHEELS LIFT OFF THE GROUND IS FALLING BACKWARDS I AM SUDDENLY ALIVE

SUDDENLY I'M IN THE COCKPIT
SUDDENLY EVERYTHING'S CHANGED
SUDDENLY I'M NOT TOO YOUNG
OR TOO SHORT
AND THE PASSENGERS IN THE BACK
DON'T COMPLAIN!
SUDDENLY I'M FLYING COMPANY CHARTERS
SUDDENLY EVERYTHING'S HIGH
SUDDENLY THERE'S NOTHING IN BETWEEN
ME AND THE SKY



AMERICAN AIRLINES
HAD THE PRETTIEST PLANES
SO I APPLIED AS A FLIGHT ENGINEER
BUT THE WORLD WAR 2 PILOTS,
THEY ALL COMPLAINED

THEY SAID, "GIRLS SHOULDN'T BE IN THE COCKPIT — HEY LADY, HEY BABY, HEY, WHY DON'T YOU GRAB US A DRINK?" AND THE FLIGHT ATTENDANTS WEREN'T MY FRIENDS BACK THEN AND THEY SAID, "ARE YOU BETTER THAN US, DO YOU THINK?"

BUT I KEPT GETTING HIRED AND THE WORLD WAR 2 CREW — THEY RETIRED AND THE GIRLS ALL THOUGHT MUCH HIGHER OF ME

1986 — THE FIRST FEMALE AMERICAN CAPTAIN IN HISTORY

SUDDENLY I'M IN THE COCKPIT
SUDDENLY I'VE GOT MY WINGS
SUDDENLY ALL OF THOSE PILOTS
PROTESTING ME
WELL THEY CAN GET THEIR OWN DRINKS!
SUDDENLY THERE'S NO ONE SAYING
STAY GROUNDED
LOOKING DOWN — PASSING THEM BY
SUDDENLY THERE'S NOTHING IN BETWEEN
ME AND THE SKY

SUDDENLY I'VE GOT AN ALL FEMALE CREW THE NEWS CAUGHT AND MADE HEADLINES ACROSS THE WORLD SUDDENLY IT STOPPED, NO—ONE'S SAYING

BEVERLEY (WITH FLIGHT ATTENDANTS)

(YOU CAN'T) OR (YOU WON'T)
OR YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT ANYTHING
('CAUSE YOU'RE A GIRL)

BEVERLEY

SUDDENLY I'M GETTING MARRIED
AND WE'RE PUTTING PINS ON A MAP
WHERE WE'VE FLOWN
SUDDENLY I AM A MOTHER
AND SUDDENLY SHOCKED AT HOW MUCH

THEY'VE GROWN
SUDDENLY I'M WONDERING
HOW MY PARENTS WOULD FEEL
SEEING ME TEACHING MEN TO BE PILOTS
'CAUSE SUDDENLY I AM A SENIOR
INSTRUCTOR
AND SOMEHOW I'M FIFTY-ONE

SUDDENLY I'M FLYING PARIS TO DALLAS, ACROSS THE ATLANTIC, AND FEELING CALM WHEN SUDDENLY SOMEONE ON AIR-TO-AIR TRAFFIC SAYS AT 8:46 THERE'S BEEN A TERRORIST ACTION AND THE ONE THING I LOVED MORE THAN ANYTHING WAS USED AS THE BOMB

SUDDENLY I'M IN A HOTEL SUDDENLY SOMETHING HAS DIED SUDDENLY THERE'S SOMETHING IN BETWEEN ME AND THE... SKY

17. THE DOYER FAULT

DIANE

We're told by our pilot to stay close to our shelters so we're ready to go again. So we end up on one last walk to this gorgeous lookout: the Dover Fault.

NICK

There's about a million stairs.

DIANE

It's beautiful. Nick! You've gotta see this.

NICK

Wow...

DIANE

I can't believe we're here.

NICK

I know.

DIANE

I can't believe we're leaving!

NICK

I don't want to go.

DIANE

What did you say?

NICK

Oh, I don't know. I'm going to get a picture or two.

DIANE

Oh, okay.

18. STOP THE WORLD

Nick takes a picture of her and Diane freezes.

NICK

STOP THE WORLD
TAKE A PICTURE
TRY TO CAPTURE
TO ENSURE THIS MOMENT LASTS
WE'RE STILL IN IT
BUT IN A MINUTE
THAT'S THE LIMIT
AND THIS PRESENT WILL BE PAST

SO HERE WE ARE
WHERE THE WORLD HAS COME TOGETHER
SO HERE SHE'LL BE
IN THIS PICTURE FOREVER

DIANE

Look at this: Five hundred and forty million years ago, the continents of the world crashed together right here. And two hundred million years ago, they separated again, moving apart from each other.

NICK

Huh.

DIANE

But a little part of them was left behind.

Nick points the camera at her.

I should move. You're missing all the scenery –

NICK

No, no. Stay where you are.

DIANE

Really?

NICK

Really. It's perfect.

He takes another picture and this time Nick freezes.

DIANE

STOP THE WORLD
SEIZE THE MOMENT
BUT THE MINUTE HE GOES
YOU'RE ALONE AND IT'S THROUGH
PINCH YOURSELF
TELL YOURSELF
YOU'RE JUST DREAMING
THAT MEANS HE'LL FORGET ABOUT YOU

BUT HERE WE ARE
WHERE THE CONTINENTS ONCE
CRASHED TOGETHER
BEFORE THEY WENT
THEIR SEPARATE WAYS FOREVER, SO

DIANE (& NICK)

STOP THE WORLD (STOP THE WORLD) STOP THE WORLD (STOP THE WORLD)

DIANE. NICK (& CHORUS)

STOP THE WORLD FROM SPINNING ROUND
I'M ON A LOOKOUT
OVERLOOKING SOMETHING
WORTH TAKING THE TIME
TO STOP FLYING BY
(AND LOOK DOWN)
AND LOOK DOWN
(STOP THE WORLD)
STOP BEING SCARED
(AND LOOK ROUND)
AND LOOK ROUND
(STOP THE WORLD)
JUST TELL HER/HIM NOW
AND LOOK NOW

TAKE A PICTURE OF THE SCENERY
OF A LOOKOUT
OF A MOMENT WHICH IS OVER
OF THE OCEAN OF THE RIVER
OF THE TREES

They look at each other and then turn away.

STOP THE WORLD PLEASE

19. 38 PLANES (REPRISE) / SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE

BEVERLEY

The winds start to pick up. Fifty mile an hour winds. We have been here too long. We're still on the ground – there's a hurricane is coming. And I'm thinking – we're running out of time. We have to leave. We have to leave now.

ALL

ONE PLANE THEN ANOTHER AND THEN NINE PLANES THEN ANOTHER AND THEN THIRTEEN PLANES THEN ANOTHER NINETEEN PLANES THEN ANOTHER TWENTY-TWO – TWENTY-FOUR – TWENTY-NINE – THIRTY-EIGHT THIRTY-EIGHT THIRTY-EIGHT THIRTY-EIGHT THIRTY-EIGHT THIRTY-EIGHT THIRTY-EIGHT THIRTY-EIGHT THIRTY-THIRTY-EIGHT THIRTY-EIGHT THIRTY-EIGHT THIRTY THIRTY THIRTY-EIGHT PLANES

On her plane, Beverley makes an announcement.

BEVERLEY

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
IF YOU LOOK OUT YOUR WINDOWS
UNDERNEATH ALL THAT RAIN – IS MAINE
WE'VE JUST CROSSED
THE CANADIAN BORDER
WELCOME BACK TO THE U.S. OF A.

BOB

LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW
AT THE WORLD UNDERNEATH

DIANE

AND THOUGH HE'S HERE NEXT TO ME, IN A SECOND HE'LL GO

KEVIN J

LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW

KEVIN T

KEVIN, TALK TO ME, PLEASE.

HANNAH

AND OUT THE WINDOW WE SEE

ALL

A PLACE WE ALL KNOW BELOW

Bob is handed the microphone.

BOB

IS THIS ON? OH, IT'S ON.
SORRY, EVERYONE – HI!
LIKE MOST EVERYONE,
I AM SORRY SAYING GOODBYE
SO I WANTED TO THANK THEM
FOR ALL THAT THEY DID
SO I'M DOING JUST THAT
AND I'M PASSING A HAT
FOR THE PEOPLE WHO GAVE UP THEIR
TIME AND THEY GAVE UP THEIR TOWN
SO LET'S GIVE THEM A SCHOLARSHIP!
PASS THE HAT DOWN, 'CAUSE

Bob passes his Sou'wester hat along.

ALL

SOMEWHERE
IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE
IN THE MIDDLE OF WHO KNOWS WHERE
(WHO KNOWS WHERE)
THERE'LL YOU'LL FIND
SOMETHING
IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE
IN THE MIDDLE OF CLEAR, BLUE AIR
YOU FOUND YOUR HEART
BUT LEFT A PART OF YOU BEHIND

DIANE

Nick and I sit together and I just - I want to say something, but we're leaving and it's over...

NICK

And then she starts crying. And I don't know what to say, so I just put my arm around her – and I go to kiss her on the forehead – to comfort her.

DIANE

Well, there was some turbulence – and honestly I just thought he missed! So I –

She grabs Nick and kisses him.

BEVERLEY

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU LOOK OUT YOUR WINDOW YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS – WE JUST ENTERED TEXAS!

ALL

SOMEWHERE (SOMEWHERE)
IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE (NOWHERE)
IN THE MIDDLE OF WHO KNOWS WHERE
(WHO KNOWS WHERE)
THERE'LL YOU'LL FIND
(SOMETHING IN THE MIDDLE OF)
SOMETHING (SOMETHING)
IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE (NOWHERE)
IN THE MIDDLE OF CLEAR, BLUE AIR
YOU FOUND YOUR HEART
BUT LEFT A PART OF YOU BEHIND

JOEY

Everyone's drinking and comparing stories.

DELORES

Where'd you stay? What'd you do?

DIANE

But mostly Nick and I spend the plane ride home canoodling in the back.

NICK

At one point, a flight attendant comes 'round saying...

FLIGHT ATTENDANT

Hot towel? Hot towel?

She looks at Nick and Diane.

Cold towel?

ALL

SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
THE PACE OF LIFE AND WORK
AND WHERE YOU'RE GOING
SOMETHING MAKES YOU STOP AND NOTICE
AND YOU'RE FINALLY IN THE MOMENT

SOMEWHERE

IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE
IN THE MIDDLE OF WHO KNOWS WHERE
(WHO KNOWS WHERE)
THERE YOU'LL FIND
SOMETHING (SOMETHING)
IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE (NOWHERE)
IN THE MIDDLE OF CLEAR, BLUE AIR
YOU FOUND YOUR HEART
BUT LEFT A PART OF YOU BEHIND

BEVERLEY

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
PUT YOUR SEATBACKS AND TRAY TABLES UP
RIGHT BELOW US IS THE CITY
WHERE I GREW UP
COMING 'ROUND PAST THE FIELD
THEN THE WHEELS TOUCH THE GROUND

ALL EXCEPT BEVERLEY

(repeated underneath)

HOME, AMERICA HOME IN AMERICA HOME, AMERICA HOME IN AMERICA...

BEVERLEY

TAXI-ING, WE'RE ALL CHEERING, WE'RE DOWN! THANKING EVERYONE – THANK YOU FOR FLYING AMERICAN! HUGGING THEM, HUGGING MY CREW 'CAUSE WE'RE HOME AGAIN PAST THE GATE, UP THE STAIRS AND WE'RE THERE AND HE'S WAITING IN LINE

NO, I'M FINE TOM, I'M FINE

20. SOMETHING'S MISSING

DIANE

So...

NICK

So...

DIANE

So you'll call?

NICK

As soon as I get back.

DIANE & NICK

And then he/she left And then I was alone.

JANICE

BACK TO THE WAY THAT THINGS WERE

07

BACK TO THE SIMPLE AND PLAIN

DWIGHT

FOR FIVE DAYS THE WEATHER HAD BEEN SO NICE

BONNIE

BUT AS THEY BOARDED IT STARTED TO RAIN

BEULAH

AT THE END OF THE DAY, AFTER EVERYONE LEFT

OZ

WE ALL TRIED TO GO BACK TO NORMAL EXCEPT

CLAUDE

THE TOWN WAS MORE QUIET AND

SOMEHOW FAR EMPTIER

BONNIE

WE ALL LOOKED THE SAME,
BUT WE'RE DIFFERENT THAN WE WERE

BEULAH

THE GYM WAS A SIGHT AS I STACKED THE LAST COT

DWIGHT

THANK-YOU'S WRITTEN EVERYWHERE AND THINGS THEY FORGOT

CLAUDE

THE BOARD OF HEALTH SAYS CLEAN IT UP
- EVERY PART

ALL

SO WE START

CLAUDE

7:42 a.m.

ALL

Sunday.

CLAUDE

September 16th. After five days, they just ran the zamboni over the ice. And played hockey. With the Plane People gone, Gander Town Council declares the state of emergency over and I head home. We were all exhausted – just spent – most of us had been up for five days straight working. But somehow I can't sleep, so I sit down and turn on the television. And I just start crying. I hadn't let myself cry the whole time.

ALL

SOMETHING'S GONE

BOB

Out the airplane window, I can see Manhattan and there's still smoke. And suddenly I'm afraid all over again – and there are others afraid too.

ALL

SOMETHING'S OVER

BOB

I know Newark airport. You could pull a truck over on the side of the turnpike and shoot a grenade launcher at a plane coming in.

ALL

SOMETHING'S DONE

BOB

But nothing happens.

KEVIN T

I drive Kevin back to his place. We don't say much.

ALL

SOMETHING'S MISSING

HANNAH

I go straight to his firehouse. Part of me wondered if they just weren't telling me, but... they still don't know.

ALL

SOMETHING'S CHANGED

NICK

My flat is the same as I left it. But emptier. Quieter. I start to unpack – and I find the camera.

ALL

SOMETHING'S REARRANGED

ALI

On the way to my restaurant, I drop my daughter at school, but she won't go in. She says she's scared. What do I tell her?

ALL

SOMETHING'S STRAINED

BOB

Back at my dad's house, I look out the window – at this view I've looked at my whole life. And now a part of it – something's missing.

ALL

SOMETHING'S MISSING

KEVIN T

Kevin breaks up with me. And then he quits and moves back home to New York. And I miss him. I miss his jokes.

ALL

SOMETHING'S LOST

DIANE

Nick and I call each other when we can. But... it's awful. The only reason we met was because this terrible thing happened.

ALL

SOMETHING'S COST

BOB

I go down to Ground Zero, which is like the end of the world. It's literally still burning.

ALL

SOMETHING'S NOT

BOB

My dad asks, "Were you okay out where you were stranded?" How do I tell him that I wasn't just okay – I was so much better.

ALL

SOMETHING'S MISSING

BEVERLEY

I phone American and say, "I'm ready to go wherever you want to send me." But they say take a few days off. I phone every day and I am back in the airport by Thursday, and it's empty. Silent. It's just – a different place. And I stop what few passengers there are and I say, "Thank you for still flying."

Beulah answers the phone.

BEULAH

Hello. You've reached the Gander Academy, this is Beulah Davis. How can I help you?

HANNAH

...He's gone. It's over.

BEULAH

... Oh, no. I'm so sorry, Hannah. I'm so sorry.

HANNAH

YOU ARE HERE
AT THE END OF A MOMENT
AT THE END OF THE WORLD
YOU ARE HERE
ON THE EDGE OF THE OCEAN
WHERE THE STORY ENDS

BEULAH

WHERE THE RIVER MEETS THE SEA

HANNAH

HFRF

ALL

(underneath) SOMETHING'S GONE SOMETHING'S OVER

NICK

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

KEVIN T

AT THE OFFICE

BEVERLEY

IN AN AIRPORT

DIANE

IN MY HOUSE

BOB

ON AN ISLAND

ALL

(underneath)

SOMETHING'S REARRANGED

BEULAH

IN A CLASSROOM.

JANICE

AT THE STATION

OZ

IN MY CAR

ALL

AND WHEREVER YOU ARE (SOMETHING'S GONE) YOU ARE HERE

21. 10 YEARS LATER

REPORTER 9

I'm reporting live from Newfoundland for BBC.

REPORTER 8

CBC.

REPORTER 7

CTV.

REPORTER 5

Al Jazeera.

JANICE

For Rogers TV, I'm Janice Mosher – on September 11th.

ALL

Two thousand eleven.

JANICE

The town is again filled with Come From Aways. On the tenth anniversary, from all around the world, we welcome back the Plane People.

22. FINALE

CLAUDE

One! Two!

ALL

One two three four!

CLAUDE

WELCOME TO THE FRIENDS

WHO HAVE COME FROM AWAY
WELCOME TO THE LOCALS WHO HAVE
ALWAYS SAID THEY'D STAY
IF YOU'RE COMING FROM TOLEDO
OR YOU'RE COMING FROM TAIPEI
BECAUSE WE COME FROM EVERYWHERE

ALL

WE ALL COME FROM AWAY

MEN

WELCOME TO THE ROCK

ALL

I'M AN ISLANDER, I AM AN ISLANDER I'M AN ISLANDER, I AM AN ISLANDER I'M AN ISLANDER, I AM AN ISLANDER I'M AN ISLANDER, I AM AN ISLANDER

ANNETTE

WELCOME TO OUR ISLAND
WITH ITS INLETS AND ITS BAYS
YOU COULD KEEP ON HEADING EAST,
BUT THERE'S AN OCEAN IN THE WAY

GARTH

WHERE EVERYTHING IS MEANT TO BE, BUT NOTHING GOES AS PLANNED

OZ

AND THE DRUNKEST FELLAS IN THE ROOM ARE PLAYING IN THE BAND

The band rocks out.

ALL

WELCOME TO THE ROCK

A reporter interviews Beverley.

BEVERLEY

With all the new security, kids aren't even allowed up into the cockpit anymore. Of course on my retirement flight, I brought my whole family into the cockpit, on our way back to Gander.

A reporter interviews Bob and Derm.

BOB

I came back with the scholarship money we raised – now worth over a million dollars.

DERM

I bring out the Irish whiskey and we have ourselves a toast.

A reporter interviews Diane.

DIANE

Nick and I just couldn't make the long distance relationship work.

Nick joins the interview.

NICK

So, I moved to Texas – and then I proposed!

DIANE

And we honeymooned in Newfoundland.

A reporter interviews Kevin T.

KEVIN T

My new secretary's name is Robin.

ROBIN (ACTOR 10)

What's up?

KEVIN T

Every year on September 11th, I close my office and give each employee 100 dollars to go and do random good deeds for strangers. It's my way of remembering what happened.

A reporter interviews Hannah and Beulah.

HANNAH

Beulah and I still keep in touch. She even came to visit me in New York – and I'll still phone her if I hear a really stupid joke. Beulah. Why are Newfoundlanders terrible at knock knock jokes?

BEULAH

I don't know, Hannah.

HANNAH

Well, try it. I'll be a Newfoundlander.

BEULAH

Knock knock.

HANNAH

Come on in - the door's open!

JANICE

The donation we are most honored by just arrived today.

OZ

It's about four meters long and twelve hundred kilograms.

JANICE

Newfoundland is the only place outside of the United States, where we share the steel from the World Trade Center.

CLAUDE

On the northeast tip of North America, on an island called Newfoundland, there's an airport – and next to it, is a town called Gander. Tonight, we honor what was lost. But we also commemorate what we found!

ALL

YOU ARE HERE
AT THE START OF A MOMENT
ON THE EDGE OF THE WORLD
WHERE THE RIVER MEETS THE SEA
HERE ON THE EDGE OF THE ATLANTIC
ON AN ISLAND IN BETWEEN
THERE AND HERE
(I'M AN ISLANDER – I AM AN ISLANDER)
THERE AND HERE
(I'M AN ISLANDER – I AM AN ISLANDER)
I'M AN ISLANDER – I AM AN ISLANDER)
THERE AND HERE
(I'M AN ISLANDER – I AM AN ISLANDER)
THERE AND HERE
(I'M AN ISLANDER – I AM AN ISLANDER)
I'M AN ISLANDER – I AM AN ISLANDER)

MEN

WELCOME TO THE FOG WELCOME TO THE TREES A KISS – AND A COD AND WHATEVER'S IN BETWEEN

TO THE ONES WHO'VE LEFT YOU'RE NEVER TRULY GONE A CANDLE'S IN THE WINDOW AND THE KETTLE'S ALWAYS ON

ALL

TO THE COVES AND THE CAVES
AND THE PEOPLE FROM THE PLANES

CLAUDE

5 DAYS!

BONNIE

19 ANIMALS!

BEULAH

AND 7,000 STRAYS!

WOMEN

(underneath)

I'M AN ISLANDER – I AM AN ISLANDER I'M AN ISLANDER – I AM AN ISLANDER...

MEN

WHEN THE SUN IS SETTING
AND IT'S DARKER THAN BEFORE
IF YOU'RE HOPING FOR A HARBOUR
THEN YOU'LL FIND AN OPEN DOOR
IN THE WINTER FROM THE WATER
THROUGH WHATEVER'S IN THE WAY

ALL

TO THE ONES WHO HAVE
COME FROM AWAY, WE SAY
WELCOME TO THE - WELCOME TO THE
WELCOME TO THE - WELCOME TO THE
WELCOME TO THE - WELCOME TO THE
WELCOME TO THE ROCK!



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