

VOICE MEMO

Note to sound designer: Words in gray should be cut into and out of abruptly to taste.

JEN

Press this button. Yeah, the big red one right here. It's really easy. And then you just hold it, like, anywhere near your mouth really. And talk like normal.

I figure as long as we're in the middle of some fate of the world type shit, it'd be good to have a record. You know, for posterity. And then when you're done you just hit the button again.

Once and Future Nerd Mini-sode

The Lullaby
Draft 3

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ARLENE

Oh! It's moving! Haha, those lines are going up and down—oh that's me! It's magic. That nice young woman Jen asked me to press on this red circle and she said this object would capture my voice. I guess the lines are what it is capturing. She said to say something important. I don't know if I have anything to say...but I do remember that lullaby my nurse would sing to me when I woke in the night after a horrible dream. I hope I remember it all.

(sings)

HOW DO YOU GROW WHEN THE SUN SHINES DOWN?
HOW DO YOU GROW IN THE SPRING?
DO YOUR LEAVES STRETCH LONG, DO YOU REACH FOR THE SKY?
DO YOU GROW STRONG AND TALL IN THE SPRING?

HOW DO YOU GROW WHEN THE COLD WINDS BLOW?
HOW DO YOU GROW IN THE WINTER?
DO YOUR ROOTS STRETCH DOWN, DEEP INTO THE GROUND?
DO YOU ANCHOR TO THE EARTH IN THE WINTER?

HOW DO YOU GROW WHEN THE GROUND BREAKS?
WHEN THE SOIL SHAKES? WHEN THE EARTH QUAKES?
WHEN YOUR LEAVES BREAK OFF, AND YOUR ROOTS DISLODGE
HOW DO YOU GROW? HOW DO YOU STAND ON THE BROKEN GROUND?

That's all I remember, but it can't have ended that way. There must have been a final verse. Something about...oh right—

(sings)

HOW DO YOU FLY WHEN YOUR SOUL IS A TREE?
HOW DO YOU CHANGE TO WHAT YOU NEXT NEED TO BE?
A BIRD IS NOT SO DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I CAN SEE
LET YOUR SOUL FREE

ARLENE

What now...I just press this butt--?

The recording cuts off. Fin.