

Merritt Anne and the Mighty Oak Audition Monologues

MERRITT ANNE AUDITION

Monologue 1:

If dying is so restful and peaceful and bosomy, why does everyone go berserk? You think they'd be happy. Maybe they're crying for themselves. Because they're stuck here all miserable and alone while the dead person is off to a better life in heaven. But you know what, I'm not even sure I believe in heaven. I believe in a lot of things. I believe in trying to be a good person and doing what you think is right and learning about stuff and going on adventures. And I believe in you, Wyatt. But heaven I'm not so sure about.

Monologue 2:

Why do you think I'm here? I stayed to help you face it. The rest you have to do on your own. It's called growing up. Everybody grows up. You'll be okay. I've been showing you the way for ten years. You just need to remember to be brave. You're so much braver than you know. Remember when that snake bit you. You didn't panic. You washed off your leg in the river and headed for home. And when the raft fell apart, you kept yourself from drowning even though you didn't know how to swim. And that night we were stranded on the mountain, you were the one who found us food and a place to sleep and got us home the next morning. So, go on now. Fish for a new tadpole. Fish for another Old Granddaddy. Or fish for his brother, his wife, his children. Just fish.

WYATT AUDITION

Monologue 1:

Maybe we can find a way to beat the system. You know, the numbers game. We find a way to make sure our numbers are never called. Or maybe a way to come back. I've been thinking about it for a long time. I've got a plan. Now don't laugh, but we're gonna freeze ourselves. *(pause)* You said you wouldn't laugh. You promised. Listen to me. Do you want to be together forever or not? When we get close to dying, we get frozen. And then when they figure out how to make people live forever, we get unfrozen. It works for frogs. They freeze but their hearts keep pumping. Then they thaw out and they're fine. It's the same theory. I bet it could work.

Monologue 2:

You can't leave me alone! You say you'll always be here, but you won't. You'll just be someone I remember. You say that's still real, but everybody says stuff like that and I hate it. Daddy told me that you'll always be a part of me, but you were a part of me when you were here. And Mama said we laid you in the earth so you'd be close to us. But it's not the same thing! I thought you'd always be here. I knew one day Mama and Daddy and Aunt Margaret and Uncle Graham would die. I knew that in my brain because they're old. But you weren't supposed to die. I don't understand. You were supposed to stay here with me.