

I Travel

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a short play

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Cast

WARREN

CLIFF

TIM

STAN

Setting

A highway in the deserted outback.

Offstage left is a cliff, offstage right are trees. The road runs dead centre - upstage to downstage.

Time

Dusk.

I Travel

In darkness we hear music: I Travel - Simple Minds

Lights up. The four characters stand in a square facing outwards.

CLIFF Extreme Left, **TIM** on the road Downstage centre, **STAN** Extreme Right and **WARREN** on the road Upstage centre.

STAN is smoking a cigarette. Silence.

STAN drops the cigarette butt to the ground and stamps it out. Pause.

WARREN turns. He goes to **TIM** and gives him a cigarette. **TIM** places the cigarette in his mouth and **WARREN** lights it with a red lighter.

TIM takes a puff. **WARREN** returns to his position. Pause.

TIM: Long time, no see.

WARREN EXITS, RIGHT.

LONG PAUSE.

STAN: I've been thinking.

TIM: Yeah

STAN: These trees ... I ...

TIM: Yeah ?

STAN: They're tall.

TIM: Alright.

PAUSE.

CLIFF: Falling

STAN: Slowly ... Caught.

CLIFF: Almost.

TIM: Fuck !

PAUSE.

STAN: Ochre. What are you ?

CLIFF: Black.
TIM: Grey. (PAUSE) Lines.
STAN: Circles.
CLIFF: Squares.
TIM: Stretching.
CLIFF: Crumbling.
STAN: Swelling, pulsating, bleeding -
TIM: Enough.

LONG PAUSE.

CLIFF: This town ... An old man ...
TIM: Dying.
CLIFF: Smoked a pipe.
STAN: Still living.
TIM: Maybe.
CLIFF: Used to pack it with big brown wads of tobacco. Big, long, brown
- stretch forever - bits of tobacco.
STAN: While he sat outside the pub.
TIM: Kids playing.
STAN: Hopscotch ...
CLIFF: Marbles.
TIM: Doesn't matter.
CLIFF: Perhaps. (LONG PAUSE) Or ...
STAN: Hotel. Dingy hotel. Rust stained walls. Black scuttling cockroach on
a scarred lino floor.
CLIFF: Stomp !
STAN: Stamp.

TIM: Stump.

STAN: Lump.

CLIFF: Pump.

TIM: Jump.

WARREN: (ENTERING RIGHT) Cunt !

SILENCE. **WARREN** THROWS A ROCK ON TO THE ROAD.
HE HOPSCOTCHES OFF LEFT. PAUSE.

TIM: Runt.

CLIFF: Blunt.

STAN: Stunt.

TIM: Stunted.

CLIFF: Stunted old landlady.

TIM: Fat, stunted old landlady. Black buck teeth ... Spotted dress.
Polyester sheen.

CLIFF: Rent high.

STAN: Quality low.

TIM: Not enough to show. Greasy food.

STAN: Scabby mice ...

CLIFF: Crusty lice ...

TIM: Feeding on unwashed -

TIM & CLIFF: Filth !

LONG PAUSE.

TIM: But -

CLIFF: Red, green, orange. Walk !

TIM: Walk !

STAN: Walk !

CLIFF: Hip to the beat. Excitement, dancing -

STAN: Thump.

PAUSE.

TIM: Sound.

CLIFF: Talking.

STAN: Fast.

CLIFF: Talking. Wheels.

TIM: Deals.

CLIFF: Shoes.

STAN: Stilettos.

CLIFF: Winkle pickers.

TIM: Sheer fishnet stockings.

CLIFF: Hi-heels.

TIM: Lipstick.

STAN: Stark white hairdos.

CLIFF: Cafes.

TIM: Coffee.

STAN: Poncey waiters.

CLIFF: "No tips thank you !"

STAN: Luke warm art on the wall.

CLIFF: Graffiti.

TIM: Colour. (PAUSE) Trains.

CLIFF: People.

TIM: Houses.

CLIFF: People.

TIM: Buildings.

CLIFF: People.

STAN: Too many.

STAN & CLIFF: Too many people.

TIM: Opportunity.

STAN: Chance.

TIM & CLIFF: Take it !

STAN: Might be raining.

TIM: Where ?

STAN: You know.

PAUSE.

TIM: Dust turns to mud. Mud turns to slush.

CLIFF: Children inside.

TIM: No games to play now.

STAN: That old man ...

CLIFF: Where he was.

TIM: Cold. Wet.

CLIFF: Drenching.

STAN: Cleansing.

TIM: Tough. Soggy newspaper -

CLIFF: Blurred.

TIM: No headlines.

CLIFF: Spattered tin can floats -

STAN: Like a boat.

TIM: Machine gun on corrugated iron.

CLIFF: Drowns baby out.
TIM & CLIFF: Lonely.
STAN: Home. (PAUSE) Whistling -
TIM: Hissing.
STAN: Wind.
CLIFF: To clear.
STAN: Sighing gum trees.
TIM: Cable.
STAN: Quenched thirst.
TIM: Dangling.
CLIFF: Just.
TIM: Isolated.

LONG PAUSE.

STAN: A leaf, on its own. Blown.
CLIFF: Lands ?
STAN: Easy.
CLIFF: Blue.
TIM: Shit !

WARREN ENTERS LEFT.

WARREN: (HOLDING UP WALLET) Wallet ! Long time, no see.

WARREN RETURNS TO HIS STARTING POINT. PAUSE.

THE SQUARE ROTATES CLOCKWISE ONE PLACE.

CLIFF IS NOW DOWN CENTRE, **TIM** IS EXTREME RIGHT, **STAN** IS UP CENTRE AND **WARREN** IS EXTREME LEFT.

TIM DROPS THE CIGARETTE BUTT TO THE GROUND AND STAMPS IT OUT. PAUSE.

STAN TURNS. HE GOES TO **CLIFF** AND GIVES HIM A CIGARETTE. **CLIFF** PLACES THE CIGARETTE IN HIS MOUTH AND **STAN** LIGHTS IT WITH A RED LIGHTER.

CLIFF TAKES A PUFF. **STAN** RETURNS TO HIS POSITION.
PAUSE.

CLIFF: Long time, no see.

LIGHTS FADE.

MUSIC: I TRAVEL - SIMPLE MINDS.

END PLAY.