

DRAMA AUDITION MONOLOGUE

CALL WAITING?

Characters: **CHRIS** - male or female

Synopsis: Will you be ready when God calls? Will you recognize his call when it comes? Chris is expecting a phone call from God and doesn't want anything else to get in the way, even to the extent of missing the obvious opportunities God has for each of us.

Setting: Scene opens with lights up on Chris, already talking on the phone. Chris can be seated at a table, in an easy chair, or lying on a bed, depending on appropriate staging.

CHRIS: I know, mom, but I really do have to go. I'm expecting another call. *(pause)* What do you mean, from whom? It's from someone special. Okay, it's from God. *(pause)* Yes, that God. I don't know, but it must be important. I think he wants me to do something special. *(pause)* Yes, me. Why? Well, because he's God! I don't know. *(pause)* Yes, I'll call back right away. Uh oh, there goes my call waiting. *(pause)* I love you, too. Bye. *(clicks phone for incoming call)* Hello, this is Chris. *(pause - disappointed)* Oh, it's only you, Dave. No, I didn't mean it like that. Of course I'm glad you called, I just was expecting someone else. *(pause)* You want me to what? Well, I don't know. I've never sung in public before. And for the Christmas pageant? I'd like to, but I'm kind of expecting something else. *(pause)* No, I'm not going to sing at another church. I just want to keep all my options open. Yes, maybe some other time. *(pause)* Sorry, I have another call. Yes, I'll think about it. Bye. *(clicks phone)* Hello, this is Chris. *(pause - disappointed)* Oh, hello Louise. *(pause)* Am I busy on Saturday? Well, yes and no. I'm not yet, but I expect to be. *(pause)* Yes, that does sound like an excuse to get out of going to the hospital to visit Jeff, but it's true. *(pause)* I would love to go, really. It's just that I'm expecting something very important, not that this isn't important. *(pause)* Could you hold on? I have another call. *(clicks phone - pause)* No, mom. He hasn't called yet. Yes, I will let you know right away. Bye. *(clicks phone)* Louise? I really would like to go and visit but, ... *(pause)* There's another call. I really have to go. I'll talk to you later. *(clicks phone)* Hello, this is Chris. *(pause - surprised)* Hello, Major. Yes, this is a surprise. *(pause)* You want me to do what? Aloud? In front of the entire congregation? *(pause)* Well, yes I do pray everyday, but at home ... by myself... not in public where everyone can hear me! *(pause)* I don't know. I'd like to, but I don't think I'm ready for something like that. *(pause)* Yeah, maybe next Sunday. Goodbye. *(hangs up phone)*

(looks at watch) I sure hope God calls soon. I really want to know what he wants me to do, but I can't wait all day.

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