

(MOSES has just finished her song.
ELISE gives her a dollar.)

MOSES
You're too kind! Thank you, sister, for your generosity
of spirit.

ELISE
Uh, sure, no problem. Have a good one.

(ELISE begins to exit.)

MOSES
Wait! This is for you!

(MOSES plays something that sort of
sucks.)

ELISE
I've...never heard anything like that before. It was
incredible.

(MOSES bows her head.)

MOSES
Blessings to you and God's Love.

ELISE
Thank you. I don't...believe in / God.

MOSES
Ha! Me neither.

ELISE
You don't?

MOSES
No sir.

ELISE
Then why did you see that?

MOSES
That? I don't know. Someone said it to me once, and I
like the sound of it.

ELISE
Even though you don't believe in God.

MOSES
There is my music, and there is yoga.

ELISE
You just seem so...I don't know, spiritual.

MOSES

I get that a lot. It must be all the sitting on the ground.

ELISE

Yeah, but /

MOSES

You know what I believe in? This.

(She indicates her guitar.)

ELISE

And yoga.

MOSES

And yoga. You do yoga.

ELISE

A little. I started when I was twelve--my mom was really into it.

MOSES

You know what a guru is, sister?

ELISE

Yeah, it's a yoga thing, your teacher, or... I actually don't know that much about yoga.

MOSES

A guide, a master. You got one?

ELISE

I don't really do that kind of yoga.

MOSES

When the disciple is ready, the guru will appear. My yoga teacher tells stories of how she did certain cleansing practices every day for forty-five days and on that last day, there was her guru.

ELISE

You have a guru?

MOSES

Must not be disciplined enough--my guru is still out there.

ELISE

Reminds me of how I was heartbroken when I didn't get my letter from Hogwarts when I turned eleven.

MOSES

(Laughing.)

You'll get your letter when I get my guru.

ELISE

I don't know about that.

MOSES

Why don't you sit down, little sister?

(ELISE sits with her.)

ELISE

I don't believe in God or anything like that.

MOSES

It's alright. You don't need to.

MOSES (CONT'D)

Where you from?

(Pause. ELISE is wary.)

ELISE

Here. I'm from here.

MOSES

There's pain in those eyes. Did you lose somebody?

(Small pause.)

ELISE

That's none of your business.

MOSES

We all got death, missy.

ELISE

Yeah, I know.

MOSES

I like to think death and life are the same thing, you know? Someone dies, but he's still living somewhere...

ELISE

What do you mean?

MOSES

Last year, I was living in Oahu, had been for years. You know where Oahu is?

ELISE

Hawaii?

MOSES

That's right. Not from Oahu, but I was working for NASA there for many years.

ELISE

Like, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration?

MOSES

The same. You know those telescopes? Those big ones?

ELISE

Sure.

MOSES

I looked through 'em all night.

ELISE

Hm.

MOSES

And I got a call. My guitar teacher had died.

ELISE

Oh.

MOSES

And usually, I mean for most people, this may not be a big deal, but my guitar teacher was also my father.

ELISE

Oh. I'm sorry.

MOSES

It's okay. It was long expected. But I got that call, and for some reason I just didn't want to leave the telescope. I looked up in the sky, and you know what I found?

ELISE

What?

(MOSES indicates her guitar.)

MOSES

This here. And you know what I heard up in the sky? A song. And I said, "God, I don't believe in you anymore. I hear a song."

(MOSES laughs.)

MOSES (CONT'D)

And you know what God said?

What? ELISE

Nothin'! MOSES

(MOSES laughs.)

And so you're playing on the street in Michigan. ELISE

Child, I'm playing all over the place. MOSES

Would you mind playing again? ELISE

Of course. This one's for free. MOSES

(MOSES plays the most beautiful song ELISE has ever heard. During the song, the rest of the characters pass by, briefly pausing to listen: first ANDY, then ANALEA, then BEN. The song ends.)

Where the Lord and Lordess reside, there you shall find truth. That is also for you. A mantra, my sister. MOSES (CONT'D)

(MOSES is gone.)