

SCENE 9: KATHERINE'S CAR

(Downstage, KATHERINE and FLETCHER appear in the car. Preoccupied, she drives, not very well.)

FLETCHER

When's Ellie coming home?

KATHERINE

Why do you care?

FLETCHER

I like when she's home. She's awesome.

(KATHERINE laughs: hilarious. FLETCHER looks at her, confused.)

She is.

KATHERINE

(didn't see this one coming)

You think she's awesome?

FLETCHER

Yeah. Except I guess she hates me now.

KATHERINE

(feels guilty for a moment, then pushes it away)

Well, you shouldn't bug her with your magic tricks.

FLETCHER

But it helps me practice my crowd work.

KATHERINE

Your "crowd work"?

FLETCHER

I'm perfecting my act for Hollywood.

KATHERINE

Fletcher. No way are you going to Hollywood.

FLETCHER

Yes, I am.

KATHERINE

No, you're not.

FLETCHER

You said being a magician was a great career.

I lied.

KATHERINE

FLETCHER

(eyes widen in disbelief)

Nuh-uh. Parents don't lie.

#2 - Parents Lie

Katherine

Yeah they do.

KATHERINE

(During the following, KATHERINE attempts to give FLETCHER helpful advice, but unconsciously reveals her own deep disappointments.)

PARENTS LIE
IT'S SAD BUT TRUE
MINE LIED TO ME
YOURS LIES TO YOU
I LIE TO YOU

FLETCHER

About what?

KATHERINE

Where do I start?

WE SAY THERE'S NO MONSTER THERE
UNDER YOUR BED
BUT WHO KNOWS
IT'S NOT LIKE WE SEARCH
AND NO ONE LIKES BROCC'LI
WE'RE ALL BAD AT FLOSSING
AND EV'RYONE'S SLEEPING IN CHURCH
AND BUCK THE DOG'S NOT AT A FARM
BUCK IS DEAD
AND SODA WON'T KILL YOU
DESPITE WHAT I SAID
AND MAGIC, KID-

(catches herself on this one)

NO, MAGIC IS REAL
BUT MAGIC WON'T HELP YOU CONCEAL