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It's a big day on Sunflower Street! The election for the city mayor is up for grabs! But what are two young puppets to *do*? *Wait for Russian collusion*? Because there's always an "upcoming election," this brilliantly clever satire is a timeless story about up-and-coming politicians who want nothing more than to do good for their communities. With a nod to the "upcoming election," as well as a wink to all things Sesame Street, *Sunflower Street: Episode 15: "Molly Runs for Mayor"* should be performed by two females and may be entered in either Duo Interpretation or Duet Acting. If a performer is adept at playing multiple characters both vocally and physically, she/he may also choose to consider performing this selection as a Humorous Interpretation. This explosive comedy is not only topical, it's hysterical!

Characters:

PBS Voice

Spanish Voice

Erma

Molly

Tina the Toad

The Letter Y

Countess von Count

Rosita the Fruit Bat

Professor Monotone

Hoots the Owl

Scene 1: PBS Program Introduction

PBS Voice: The following children's program, Sunflower Street: Episode 15...

Spanish Voice: *Episodio quince de la calle de los girasoles.*

PBS Voice: ...is brought to you by PBS, the Puppet Broadcasting Service and viewers like you.

Spanish Voice: *No Bueno.*

PBS Voice: Sunflower Street is filmed before a live studio audience.

Spanish Voice: *Este programa de televisión no bueno.*

Scene 2: Erma and Molly's Apartment

Molly: *(Sleeping)* Zzzzzzz. Wa-wa-wa-wa. Zzzzzzz. Wa-wa-wa-wa.

Erma: *(Entering)* Molly, I'm home! What a sunny day, sweeping the clouds away! I brought you some GREEN jellybeans! Green jellybeans are your favorite! *(Noticing Molly sleeping)* Molly! Molly wake up!

Molly: *(Startled and waking from a nightmare)* What? It's not mine! I was just holding it for a friend! *(Realizing she was dreaming)* Oh, Erma, it's you. I was just having the worst nightmare.

Erma: It's all okay, Molly. You were just having a bad dream. That's all. *(To au-*

SUNFLOWER STREET: EPISODE 15 "MOLLY RUNS FOR MAYOR"

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dience) Boys and girls at home, everybody has nightmares.

Erma: They are just dreams you have, because you have a guilty conscience.

Molly: Or a warning that something very bad is going to happen to you... like maybe... your parents are going to divorce.

Both: (*Spelling*) D-I-V-O-R-C-E. Divorce.

Erma: Tammy Wynette has a whole song about it!

Molly: That means your parents will no longer be together, because they hate each other. But always remember, it's probably not your fault. (*They laugh*)

Erma: But Molly, why are you taking a nap? It's not even one o'clock yet.

Molly: I'm just so tired, Erma.

Erma: Oh no. I know where this is going.

Molly: Oh yes. I just had a visit from my little friend.

Erma: (*Consoling*) Oh Molly, Period!

Molly: Yes! Period is my friend, but she just has so much drama all the time.

Erma: (*Horried*) Oh, Molly. I always tell you that hanging out with punctuation can be so difficult.

Molly: I know. They have so many rules! But, Period just needed some advice about her boyfriend, Apostrophe.

Erma: What happened between them?

Molly: He's always so possessive. Oh, the stories Period told me...

Erma: Punctuation can be so dramatic. They're all bad news.

Molly: Erma, without them, sentences would just run on and on and on and on. And once they start running, it's so hard to catch them.

Erma: I know, but what about Colon? He's such a pain.

Molly: He went to the Doctor, Erma! I don't think he's so irritable anymore.

Erma: Well good, because nobody likes an irritable colon! (*They laugh*)

Molly: Erma! Look at the T.V.! Tina the Toad is making an emergency news report!

Scene 3: A Sunflower Street News Report

Tina: Ribbit. Tina the Toad here with an emergency political report for Sunflower Street. Ribbit. I'm joined here tonight with the letter "Y".

Letter Y: Why?

Tina: Because you, the letter "Y," are so unbiased. You are only a vowel sometimes, and other times you are an undefined consonant. You are what we could call "letter fluid."

Letter Y: Why?

Tina: Ribbit, just because. Just do your thing! And in breaking news! Sunflower Street's Mayor, May the Mayfly, Mayor of Sunflower Street, has just suddenly passed away.

The Letter Y: (*Crying out*) Why!?!

Tina: Ribbit. Can we all take a moment of silence for May?

The Letter Y: (*Increasing in volume*) Why? Why? Why! Why!! Why!!!!

Tina: May was just elected as Sunflower Street Mayor twelve hours ago, but