

Old Fart 2021

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This is an outline of the play “Old Fart”. Provided in this document is a brief synopsis, sample of the style of storytelling and the titles of the scenes within the play to give you an overview of the piece.

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Synopsis of play:

The play is basically a senior telling stories about his life as he moves about the set. He plays his ukulele and sings relevant songs to enhance the moments he shares. The play is 60 minutes long with no breaks.

Sample of the Play:

The Old Fart is a feisty old guy. His name is Tom, but many people call him “Old Tom”. He doesn’t mind. “After all, I was born in 1932”. He loves to laugh and tells stories of his life. And jokes. You’ll often hear him say, “If you’re not laughin’, you’re not listenin’”. He also breaks into song on his ukulele, whenever the spirit moves him. He starts by introducing himself. “Well let’s put it this way. I’m at the age where my mind still thinks I’m 25, my sense of humour suggests I’m 13 and my body keeps asking if I’m sure I’m not dead yet”. From that he breaks into a rendition of the hilarious song “Senior Moments”.

He then remembers his dear wife Ruby, who he lost to dementia. “Stupid Alzheimers”. He tells of when they met and how he saved her from a gang of menacing young men. He fell in love with her immediately. This prompts his love song, “Only You”. He introduces us to his son and granddaughter. Tom and his granddaughter were very close. Even when she was a toddler, they’d “Hang out”. He recalls their weekly breakfast dates at the “Golden Archery”. He misses his granddaughter deeply since she got married and moved to the west coast. “Stupid husband”, he thinks aloud.

He talks about how older people are often diminished in today’s society and lightheartedly explains the labels such as “Geezer, Gaffer, Codger and Coot”.

He refuses to be age-shamed by the prejudice of others. “I’m proud to embrace the term Old Fart”.

Tom moves on to tell in great detail, about his adventures in finding a suitable cellular device, after his flip phone “Flipped its last flip”. He needs to come to grips with the money he will have to spend, because he is on the “CPP” and things are tight. After a heartwarming exchange with the phone specialist, he willingly succumbs. But shortly

after, he needs to summon up all his wily ways and wit, to retrieve his new phone after it is stolen by a bitter outcast youth.

Tom tells of the pain of losing his sweet Ruby and the blessing of having good friends. He literally sings the praises of friendship with, "You've Got a Friend in Me".

He brings up the challenges of navigating the medical system and how he is no longer a "Patient". "Now I'm a client. Oooh, I feel better already." He describes his adventure with Dr. Digits, the singing proctologist, which surprisingly ends with singing "You are my Sunshine".

Eventually he decides to use his new cell phone all by himself to facetime with his beloved granddaughter in Vancouver. He inadvertently connects to a chat room hosted by a scantily clad woman named "Bambi" who promises to "Hook him up". The developments are hilarious. Eventually, after much discombobulation and assistance from his son Daniel, a heartwarming conclusion ensues. The "Old Fart" ends with a sweet rendition of the endearing seniors' anthem, "Young at Heart".

Scenes

1. Introduction of Tom the "Old Fart"
2. Song "Senior Moments".
3. Story about meeting his dear wife Ruby and his loss of her to Alheimers.
4. Song "Only You".
5. Introduction of son and granddaughter.
6. Story explaining labels put on seniors.
7. Song "When I'm 64".
8. Story and joke about ice cream.
9. Story recalling how he bought a cell phone.
10. Song "Goodnight Irene"
11. Story of selecting a ringtone for his new phone.
12. Song "Yellow Polka Dot Bikini"
13. Story about going for a coffee and having his phone stolen. (Uses "F" word)
14. Story about his good friend Douglas.
15. Song "You've got a Friend in Me".
16. Story about going out for diner with Douglas and a confrontation.
17. Joke about doctors and going to a Proctologist. (Uses "A" word)
18. Song "You are My Sunshine".
19. Story about the challenges of using the internet.
20. Song "Hashtag Old Fart"
21. Story about trying to facetime his granddaughter.

22. Conclusion of story
23. Song "Young at Heart"
24. Credits.

End of Outline.