

I Am the Walrus
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CAST: 2 (any gender)
 JACKIE (older sibling, about 11)
 KIRBY (younger sibling, about 9)

SYNOPSIS: JACKIE and Kirby are plying make-believe which they do often. A favorite of JACKIE'S is playing "I am the walrus" but KIRBY is sick and tired of JACKIE being the walrus while KIRBY is stuck being the oyster.

TIME: Today

SETTING: A backyard

COTUMES: Play with silly, fantastical walrus costumes from found objects – stuff put together in unusual ways.

(LIGHTS up on JACKIE and KIRBY. JACKIE has some found objects to use as tusks for the game, "I am the walrus." (Two sticks stuck into a winter hat? You can improve on that!)

You're always the walrus!

KIRBY

Because I *am* the walrus.

JACKIE

I want to be the walrus!

KIRBY

You're too little. Walruses are huge.

JACKIE

You're not huge.

KIRBY

But I can act huge.

JACKIE

I don't want to be the namby-pamby oyster anymore! I'm tired of being the victim.

KIRBY

JACKIE

But I love it when I approach and you shake all over.

KIRBY

My shaking days are over. Today, I am the walrus!

JACKIE

You couldn't be the walrus if your tusks depended on it! You're too little.

KIRBY

Mom told me all about acting – if you believe what you're doing – you can make everyone believe it.

JACKIE

I will never believe you are the walrus until you are bigger than me.

KIRBY

Oh yeah? Well, if I can't be the walrus, I'm not playing! So there.

(KIRBY heads off.)

JACKIE

You'll be back!

KIRBY

Won't!

(And KIRBY is gone.)

JACKIE

I KNOW YOU! YOU'LL GET BORED AND WANT TO PLAY AND THEN MAYBE I WON'T WANT TO.

(JACKIE meanders around making "walrus sounds." JACKIE tries flapping. But it's no fun without KIRBY.)

JACKIE (cont'd)

I am the walrus! **I am the walrus!**

(JACKIE sits... somewhere.)

I am the walrus who needs an oyster.

OFFSTAGE ROARING VOICE

I AM THE WALRUS!

JACKIE

What?

OFFSTAGE ROARING VOICE

I AM THE WALRUS AND I AM COMING TO GET YOU, MY LITTLE OYSTER!

JACKIE

Who, me?

OFFSTAGE ROARING VOICE

Yes, you! ROOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOARRRRRRRRRRR!

(And JACKIE runs away. KIRBY appears – maybe with a makeshift cape – but suddenly looks larger, more menacing. KIRBY has long tusks. KIRBY “believes” in this game now. KIRBY looks around and happy that JACKIE is gone. Kirby smiles at the audience.)

KIRBY

I AM the walrus!

END OF PLAY