

Here Comes the Sun
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CAST: 3 (any gender)
Bernie (age 16-19); a ringleader
Moon (age 16-19); a survivor
Dakota (age 16-19); a follower, all-around good person

TIME: Late spring, summer, today

PLACE: Some place where you can see the sun rise

SYNOPSIS: BERNIE and DAKOTA get MOON up and out of the house very early to see the sun rise. It's important.

LIGHTS UP on BERNIE, DAKOTA, and MOON. MOON lags behind. It is before sunrise.

BERNIE

Can you get a move on, Moon? The sun won't wait for you.

MOON

It's early. My eyes and legs are not working yet.

DAKOTA

Check out the sky! The moon's still out, Moon!

MOON

That's what I'm saying. It's early.

DAKOTA

You can "moon" the moon.

BERNIE

There's an idea. It's not like anyone can see you.

MOON

I'm "over the Moon" with your suggestions. How far are we going?

DAKOTA

To the moon and back.

BERNIE

We're going to the perfect spot to see the sun.

MOON

Which isn't up.

BERNIE

Which is the point. Just think of all the steps you're getting in. It's good for your health.

MOON

My health quotient is not what it used to be.

BERNIE

Which is why we are doing this.

DAKOTA

It's getting darker. I don't think it's supposed to be getting darker.

BERNIE

Because we're deeper in the woods.

DAKOTA

Oh yeah.

MOON

We'll never see the sun deep in the woods.

DAKOTA

Unless we climb a tree.

MOON

Where there is probably an eagle waiting to eat us.

DAKOTA

They eat rodents.

MOON

An eagle will attack a human during mating season. Have you seen their beaks?

BERNIE

We'll discuss the mating habits of eagles once we're out of the woods. And Moon, I don't think they want to mate with you. Okay, all of you. Just breathe. We're almost there.

DAKOTA

Wait! You're leading us to the cliff!

BERNIE

It's the best spot.

DAKOTA

It makes me nervous. Nobody can go near the edge. Really, my heart is beating faster thinking of it.

MOON

There are worse things than the edge of a cliff. I know.

DAKOTA

It's especially important that you stay away from the edge. You have a big day today.

BERNIE

We're out of the woods. What do you think? There's a bench somewhere for us early-risers.

MOON

Let's stand.

BERNIE

Are you sure?

MOON

I'm doing this on my own two feet. I want to feel the sunlight from my head to my toes.

BERNIE

It's coming. We made it just in time. Are you ready?

(And the three friends look out over the cliff. Maybe they hold hands. Maybe not – but they are together in this.)

DAKOTA

I see a light!

(DAKOTA moves forward.)

MOON

Dakota! Not too close! Now you're making me nervous.

BERNIE

Shh. Here comes the sun. Let it rise and shine all over you.

(A beat or a moment. They look at each other. There are smiles.)

DAKOTA

I feel it. Can you feel it?

MOON

It's amazing.

BERNIE

It's going to be fine, Moon. What time's your appointment?

MOON

Eight a.m.

BERNIE

You're going to ring that bell, Moon. Believe it.

DAKOTA

They're going to tell you, "Cancer free."

MOON

You guys are the best.

(And THEY watch the sun as the lights fade to black.)

END OF PLAY