



Extraordinary!

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CHARACTERS

ACADEMICS

Academic 1
Academic 2
Academic 3
Academic 4
Academic 5

EXPLORERS

Explorer 1
Explorer 2
Explorer 3
Explorer 4
Explorer 5

CAMPERS

Camper 1
Camper 2
Camper 3
Camper 4
Camper 5

ADVENTURERS

Adventurer 1
Adventurer 2
Adventurer 3
Adventurer 4
Adventurer 5

*The **Academics**, **Explorers**, **Campers** and **Adventurers** are all standing in separate groups around the edges of the stage/performing space.*

All (excitedly) **Have you ever had an extraordinary wish?**

Explorers To soar like an eagle?

Academics To shimmer with fish?

Campers Perhaps you dream of skipping through stars?

Adventurers Of harnessing unicorns, sailing round Mars?

All **The extraordinary bellows!**

Explorers It trumpets!

Adventurers And booms!

Academics It towers above us,

Campers It blazes and blooms.

***Academics** run into the centre of the stage. Perhaps they have notebooks and are pacing, scribbling down notes, scratching their heads ...*

Academic 1 & 2 But what of the extraordinary, everyday thing?

Academic 3 & 4 The soft, quiet moment that makes the world sing?

*The **Explorers** suddenly spot a small lion cub in the centre of the stage (can be a toy or imagined). They slowly begin to creep forward - not wanting to disturb or alarm. The **Academics** take notice.*

Academic 5 (beckoning to audience and pointing at the **Explorers**) This is the time you must listen and look ...

*The **Academics** move backwards to make space for the **Explorers** as they walk into the centre of the stage.*

Academics ... for it's found in the branches, the puddle, the nook.

*The **Academics** move back to their original position. The **Explorers** move to centre stage. One of the **Explorers** picks up the lion cub. They all sit around and take turns stroking it.*

Explorers You'll find it is fleeting – a whisper, a wink.

Explorer 1 & 2 It tiptoes in quietly, is gone in a blink.

Explorer 3 & 4 It bursts on your tongue and it sings in the spring.

Explorer 5 It flickers like sunshine and lifts up a wing.

*Explorer 5 beckons all the **Explorers** to get in position, so they can take a photo.*

Explorer 5 Sometimes it's a glimpse, a picture you take.

Explorers The moments you treasure. The magic you make.

*The **Explorers** walk back into their original position on the edge of the stage. The **Campers** walk into the centre. They are positioned in a camping scene. Perhaps **Camper 1** and **2** are reclining, looking at the stars. **Camper 3, 4** and **5** could be warming their hands by a fire.*

Campers It's a night in a tent in a faraway land, curled up together, hand upon hand.

Camper 1 & 2 It's soaring with birds to the top of the trees

Camper 3 & 4 It's feeling the kiss of a cheeky cool breeze

Camper 5 It's staying out late for a spine-tingling show

Campers The wonder and awe of a golden moon's glow.

*The **Adventurers** tiptoe towards centre stage as the **Campers** leave.*

Adventurers 1 Is it tiptoeing bravely past giants asleep?

Adventurer 2 & 3 Or breathing the stillness of forests that creep?

Adventurer 4 & 5 Or digging for artifacts lost long ago

Adventurers Discovering the riches buried below?

*The **Campers**, **Explorers** and **Academics** all gather around the **Adventurers** in the centre of the stage.*

All **These are the moments that twinkle and shine**

Academics They're tiny and swift,

Explorers But they're yours and they're mine

Campers You can reach for the grand and the mighty it's true.

Adventurers Just remember the ordinary...

All **... is extraordinary too.**