

Scene One

Grandma Kyger – sitting in a rocker on her front porch

Brady Kyger – Young man, can talk easily, almost a salesman attitude

Suzanne Kyger -- Young Lady, spoiled, fixy young lady

Casey Johnson – Little girl, not well dressed and hair not combed

Benji Johnson — Little boy, not well dressed and hair not combed

Optional Wisemen scene would add:

3 Wisemen (two with speaking parts)

3 Camels (one with speaking part)

(Curtain opens with Grandma Kyger rocking gently in a rocker on her front porch, perhaps reading a book, knitting or other handwork. She looks up as a Brady and Suzanne walk toward her.)

Brady: Hello, Grandma. Can we talk?

Grandma: Suzanne! Brady! I'm SO glad to see you! It's been such a long time! How have you been? Sure we can talk. What's on your mind?

Suzanne: Grandma, we've been talking and have decided that you would be a lot better off if you sold your house and moved into an apartment.

Grandma: An apartment? But THIS is my HOME! This is the only house your grandpa and I ever lived in. All our memories are here. This is where your daddy lived all his life until the day he married your momma. These neighbors are my friends; we look out for each other. I don't WANT or NEED an apartment.

Brady: But, Grandma, didn't you tell Mom that you were frightened the night the big storm came thru, the electricity was off, and the phones wouldn't work.

Suzanne: And you were scared because you were alone. If you lived in an apartment, you could just walk down the hallway to your neighbor so neither one of you would be alone.

Grandma: Yes, but it was a very BAD storm. Storms like that don't happen very often.

Brady: And last summer you were concerned because you couldn't find a reliable boy to mow the lawn.

Suzanne: And you were afraid a lawn service would be too hard on your finances.

Brady: If you lived in an apartment, you wouldn't have to worry about who is going to mow the lawn and take care of the flowers.

Grandma: I was concerned about getting the lawn mowed because my neighbor has done it for years, but he had just had a hip replacement so couldn't do it last summer, but he's doing fine now and plans to continue mowing as usual.

Brady: And then you also have to worry about the maintenance here. If you were at an apartment, you wouldn't have to worry about a thing, no leaky roofs, dripping faucets.

Suzanne: Why, Grandma, they probably even change the light bulbs for you so you don't even need to climb on a step stool. You DESERVE that kind of help!

Grandma: My body and my house are a lot alike. There's a little age and a few more creaks, but still several more good years. Repairs ARE a concern now that your grandpa has passed on but I can always call a repairman for the more serious things.

Brady: That's the point, Grandma. Repairmen and lawn services cost MONEY and you have ALWAYS been careful with your money.

Grandma: Thanks for being concerned about your Grandma. I was afraid you had forgotten where I lived; I haven't seen you or your older sister since your graduation. Without your grandpa, I don't get out much, just drive down to the grocery store and to church. You'll have to come back more often. How is your mother?

Brady: Well, that's part of why I am here. You see, the lawyer says it will be a little longer before they settle Dad's estate, so we're kind of out of money right now.

Grandma: What do you mean?

Brady: It shouldn't be much longer and I'm sure they'll let us have all Dad's money from the sale of his business. But until then, Mom is worried about where to get the money for Suzanne's skiing trip with some of her classmates.

Suzanne: We also have to get the payment in for my tuition for another semester at Crystal River High School, otherwise I'm stuck here and will have to go to PUBLIC school like everyone else.

Grandma: Crystal River High School? Isn't that the same school the governor's daughter goes to? Why AREN'T you going to public school?

Suzanne: Oh, Mom and Dad said that I have always been more talented than the others. And then with my heart problem, they wanted me to be in a quieter, cleaner environment.

Brady (proudly): She's always been special, Mom and Dad always called her their little miracle child, and they've always tried to give her the best of everything.

Grandma (looking at Brady): I know she almost died when she was a baby because she had a hole in her heart, but the church people prayed, God answered prayer and her heart