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Humanities- 3/4

**Inner Demons**

**Prologue:**

*Jessie, Andrew and Sean enter stage right and stand center stage in a group. Kiley stands with extras in a group stage left. Lights come up.*

**Jessie:** C’mon man. You’ve been staring at her for over a week now. Ask her out, she’ll say yes.

**Andrew:** She’s too perfect.She’ll just say no.

**Sean:** Well, if you don’t, I’ll tell her. Or maybe I’ll go after that hottie myself. *(Licks fingers and runs them through eyebrows and fixes hair.)*

**Andrew:** Alright, (*laughing)* Fine. I’ll do it.

**Sean:** Good luck, man. May the force be with you. *(Both laugh.)*

*(Sean and Jessie exit stage right. Andrew takes a deep breath and walks over to Kiley, who is talking to a group of 3 other girls)*

**Andrew:** Hey, Kiley.

**Kiley:** *(Kiley turns around from talking to her friends)* Oh. Hi, Andrew.

**Andrew:** So, I was wondering .….if I could talk to you for a second?

**Kiley:** Sure, *(turns to her friends)* I’ll see you guys later.

*(friends give each other a knowing look and start to turn towards stage right)*

**Jenny:** Okaayy, see you later Kiley. *(friends all walk off stage right)*

**Kiley:** So, whats up?

**Andrew:** *(nervously)* Oh right, so I was wondering...if, if you’d like to go with me, um, to get some coffee sometime? Like maybe today after school?

**Kiley**: Well... I... (*interrupted by Andrew*)

**Andrew:** If you don’t like coffee we could always get hot chocolate….or tea…

**Kiley:** *(Laughing and blushes)* No, it’s not that. I do like coffee and would love to go out with you, but my parents are just really strict.

**Andrew:** Oh. Well, maybe I could talk to them? I’m really charming you know….All my friends’ parents like me.

**Kiley:** No, no. I don’t think that’s such a good idea.

**Andrew:** *(obviously disappointed)* Okay. That’s okay. Well….I guess I’ll see you around.

**Kiley:** Wait...do you want to eat lunch together? Even though I’m not allowed to date, we could still hang out at school….

**Andrew:** *(Smiling with relief)* Yeah. Sure. That would be great. *(As Kiley walks ahead he turns to audience and pantomimes “Yes”).*

*(Andrew and Kiley walk off stage left together. Lights go down.)*

**Parodos:**

*(Voices/characters walk on stage right. Lights come up)*

**Aphrodite:** Just a year ago, Kiley was so innocent, so sweet. Her smile beamed upon everyone like the rays of the sun.

**Ares:** Sweet? Yeah, maybe when she takes her medicine.

**Athena**: *(Ignoring him)* A doctor prescribed her lithium to “clear her mind.” You see, the voices, our voices, were clouding her vision. Since we couldn’t agree, she didn’t know who to listen to….

**Ares:** That’s when she took action. She stopped letting that little whore get away with what she was saying. *(Smiles in memory)* She’s got a dark side to her.

**Athena:** This dark side only comes out when she doesn't get that one little pill.

**Ares:** Yeah…. you wanna know what this “sweet, innocent” girl did when she stopped taking her meds?

**Aphrodite:** Stop**,** Ares! You shouldn’t be sharing this information!

**Athena:** What would she say if she knew you were talking about her behind her back?

**Ares:** She can’t hear us! She’s on her meds right now. (*Athena and Aphrodite roll their eyes and walk down stage, away from Ares and he tells story).* Anyway, one day after Kiley had been “forgetting” to take her lithium, she stabbed her former best friend in the hand with a pencil! Just because she was spreading rumors about her. How sweet and innocent is that? But I have to say, it was impressive.

**Aphrodite:** You disgust me.

**Athena:** But this *(she gestures in the direction that Kiley and Andrew went)*…. this boy, Andrew, I don’t know if *this* is such a good idea.

**Aphrodite:** Its been 6 months and they are happy. Its rare that we see Kiley *actually* happy, don’t ruin it for her, Athena. Love is always a complex path….

**Athena:** But it can be especially complex, and sometimes even dangerous, for someone suffering from schizophrenia.

*(All exit stage right. Lights go down. Lunch table carried onto stage and placed center stage right)*

**Scene 1:**

*(Kiley enters stage right and sits down at table. She begins opening her lunch. Andrew enters stage left and walks up to Kiley. Lights come up.)*

**Andrew:** *(Has flowers hidden behind his back and puts his hand over her eyes)* Guess who?

**Kiley:** *(Laughing)* Um….I’m hoping it’s Adam Levine?!?

**Andrew:** *(Feigning mock disgust)* Hey…...not that old and much better looking. *(Kiley takes his hand off her eyes. Turns around, sees flowers.*)

**Kiley*:*** Andrew! You’re so sweet! You remembered!!!

**Andrew:** Remembered?!? How could I forget? This has been the best 6 months of my life. *(They hug. He sits down and they begin taking things out of their bags, eating lunch).* So how was english class?

**Kiley:** Good. Except I’m really stumped on this essay I’m writing.

**Andrew:** You just gotta be able to focus, that’s all.

**Kiley:** But I can never focus on anything when you’re around.

**Andrew:** *(Andrew grabs Kiley's hands and holds them)* Kiley, there’s something really important I have to ask you.

**Kiley:** I don't think we’ve been dating long enough to get married, Andrew.

**Andrew:** *(Laughs)* No, not that. I know I may not be as creative as some of the other guys here, but I’ve been meaning to ask you for a while now…..

**Kiley:** Yes?

**Andrew:** Kiley, I was wondering, if you wanted to go to prom with me?

**Kiley:** Prom? *(Looks worried, confused)*

**Andrew:** (*Obviously frustrated and disappointed by her reaction)* Yes, prom. Kiley. I love you, and I want to take you out for an amazing night. Please, just say you’ll go to prom with me?

**Kiley:** Andrew…...I would love to, but you know I can’t!

**Andrew:** Kiley, it’s a school dance! *(exasperated)* An American rite of passage! *Everyone* goes to their prom. Surely, your parents will be ok with *that. (She looks uncomfortable)* Kiley, I already bought our tickets, made reservations for dinner, and everything.

**Kiley:** Andrew…..I just don’t think my dad-

**Andrew:** (*Interrupting)* Let me talk to your dad! I’m sure your parents would love me.

**Kiley:** They probably would…..*.if* they would actually get to know you…...

**Andrew:** Then why can’t I meet them?

**Kiley:** They wouldn’t let me be with you Andrew.

**Andrew:** (*Gets up from table and begins pacing)* Everytime I ask you to do something, you always give this excuse.

**Kiley:** Well, what else am I supposed to tell you? That’s the only reason why I can’t do anything with you! *(Andrew turns his back to her, moves down stage and faces audience)*

**Andrew:** I’m starting to think that maybe it isn’t true. Maybe you’re just using your parents as an excuse because you don’t want to get close to me.

**Kiley:** Are you serious?!? You think I’m *lying*? Why would I lie to you, Andrew? *(She gets up and stands behind him. Touches his shoulder.)*

**Andrew**: *(shies away from her touch)* I don’t know...maybe because you don’t want to get too attached to me since we’re both planning on going to different colleges next year?

**Kiley:** What? That’s ridiculous! Andrew, college is still over a year away and who knows if I’ll even be accepted to Berkeley.

**Andrew:** Then why? Tell me why you won’t even try talking to them! You’re going to be 17 years old this month and you’re going away to college next year! Surely, they’ll let….

**Kiley:** *(interrupting him)* Do you think it makes me happy that my parents are so strict?

**Andrew:** *(angry)* Do you think it makes me happy to have to miss out on EVERYTHING?

**Kiley:** (*angry and clearly upset)* If going to stupid prom means so much to you, maybe you should just ask someone else! (*Kiley stomps angrily off stage left*. *Andrew’s friends enter stage right).*

**Sean:** Dude, what crawled up her butt and died?

**Andrew:** Shut up, Sean.

**Jessie :** Leave him alone, Sean. Can’t you see that Andrew is distraught. He’s obviously pent up from trying to get some from his prude little tease girlfriend.

**Andrew:** Are you seriously trying to give me dating advice, Jessie? Who are you going to take to prom? Your mom?

**Sean:**  Ha…..burn! (*They all laugh)* But seriously, C’mon, Andrew. She’s got you so whipped! Do you know how many girls want you?

**Jessie:** Dump her, man. You’ve put in your time. I know for a fact that Brianna would go to prom with you.

**Andrew:** Brianna? Isn’t she….

**Sean:** Nah, man. They broke up.

*(Andrew smiles and his friends laugh as they exit stage right.)*

**Chorus 1:**

*(Chorus comes on stage, lights come up.)*

**Aphrodite:** Andrew is like the sun rising in the darkest night. He has brought light and love into Kiley’s life.

**Athena:** But love can cause an unquenchable thirst, and like many young men, Andrew wants more.

**Aphrodite:** *(Looks shocked)* I can’t believe you would say something like that, Athena. You’re starting to sound like Ares.

**Athena:** I’m sorry, but it is true. He never sees her anywhere except here. How can he really get to know her? How can their love continue to blossom. Even the most beautiful flower withers and dies once it’s achieved it’s full bloom.

**Ares:** I told you both that it wouldn’t work.

**Aphrodite:** They can make it work, Ares. Please. We have to help them. We have to help her.. For the first time in her life, she is in love, and feels so free. We can’t let that be taken away from her.

**Ares:** There is a way….

**Aphrodite:** Anything!

**Athena:** We’ll do anything to help, Kiley.

**Ares:** The pills. She needs to stop taking the pills….

*(Lights go down. All chorus exits stage right.)*

**Scene 2**

*(Lights come up. Kiley enters stage left.)*

**Kiley:** I wish I was normal. Normal, like not crazy. I wish I knew what to do. I’m so confused. I wish I could talk to Athena, and Aphrodite and Ares….*(laughs)* well, maybe not Ares….*(pauses, thinking)*Why do I take this medicine anyway? I don’t need it anymore. I’m happy now. The doctors, my parents, they all force me to drown the voices in an endless bottle of pills, thinking it will silence them. And it’s worked…..I can’t hear them anymore (*pause*), but sometimes I really miss them. Like now….Athena would know exactly what to say so that Andrew would understand. And Aphrodite? She’d think that Andrew was so romantic...I bet she could help me write a really beautiful poem to him or something...I think even Ares would like him and maybe he would give me the courage to tell Andrew the truth about my illness…..

My parents love me, don't get me wrong, but ever since they found out about my sickness, and the voices, they, they’ve changed. They never let me go anywhere and treat me like I’m five. They say it’s for my own good. They say it’s to “protect” me, but their “protection” is standing in the way of me being with the one person who makes me really happy. And I can’t have that.That’s why I’m done with these.*(Looks at the bottle of pills in her hand and throws them away. Andrew enters stage left).*

**Andrew:** Kiley, we need to talk.

**Kiley:**  Oh, Andrew, thank god...I was so worried. I’m so sorry…

**Andrew:** Kiley, I think we should break up.

**Kiley**: *(shocked)* What? Andrew….are you serious?

**Andrew:** Yes.

**Kiley:** *(upset, voice shaking)* But….but you said you loved me.

**Andrew:** (*sighing)* I do love you, Kiley. I love you more than you know. But what’s the point? It’s useless to spend any more time on a relationship that won’t go anywhere. I want to get to know my girlfriend and hang out with her and have fun. You’re so closed off. There’s so much about you that I don’t know...you won’t let me in, Kiley.

**Kiley:** No...Andrew, please...Some things about me… some things you just don’t wanna know.

**Andrew:** That’s bullshit, Kiley and you know it. (*Kiley says nothing, looks scared)* Look, Jessie and Sean are going with Jenny and Marissa to prom. They’re sharing a limo and they asked me if I would go with Briana because she and Jake just broke up. *(Kiley puts her face in her hands and starts to cry. At first Andrew just stares at her, but then his facade crumbles and he begins reassuring her).*

**Andrew:** I’m sorry, Kiley. Hey...don’t cry. I don’t want to hurt you. (*She continues crying.)* And I don’t like Briana. I just thought that maybe if I made you a little jealous….that maybe you’d talk to your parents...

**Kiley:** Ok...I’ll tell you.

**Andrew:** Tell me what? Kiley, what do you mean?

**Kiley:** Let’s just say I have some weird family history.

**Andrew:** Everyone has some weird family history, right?

**Kiley:** *(laughs, wipes her eyes with her sleeve)* Yeah....I guess.

**Andrew:** Whatever it is, it doesn’t matter. I would do anything for you, Kiley.

**Kiley:** Anything?

**Andrew:** Yes, anything.

**Kiley:** Run away with me.

**Andrew:** What? What do you mean?

**Kiley:** School is going to be out soon. I won’t be able to see you all summer. I know you don’t understand Andrew, but my parents….my parents……*(Starts crying again)* are awful to me.

**Andrew:** (*pulls her into a hug, strokes her hair)* Shhhh...it’s ok. I just want to be with you, Kiley.

**Kiley:** *(pulls back and looks at him, holding both of his hands)* So will you do it? Will you run away with me?

**Andrew:** Kiley...I don’t know...how would….

**Kiley:** My dad has backpacking stuff and a nice tent in the garage. We can stay anywhere we want! Plus, I actually, know the combination to my parents’ safe. My dad has never trusted banks. *(laughs)* I’ll grab enough money to last us for the summer. We can get jobs when we need to...it’ll be one big, fun summer adventure.

**Andrew:** But what about school? It’s going to be our senior year.

**Kiley:** We’ll come back by then, silly.

**Andrew:** But then your parents will really hate me and you...what will they do to you?

**Kiley:** What more can they do? They’re mean, but they’re not cruel enough to make me switch schools my senior year. Next year, will be just like this year, but we’ll have this summer and maybe, after that….we can go away to college together.

**Andrew:** Seriously? You’d give up going to Berkeley for me? (*She nods.)*Ok….let’s do it. *(They hug).* Oh my god, are we crazy? (*They laugh)*

**Kiley:**  Eh. I don’t know about you, but I’ve always thought normal was a little boring. *(He laughs, still holding her hand and they exit).*

*(Andrew and Kiley exit stage left. Lights go down.)*

**Chorus 2**

*(All of chorus come on stage right. Lights come up.)*

**Athena:** Love can make even the most sane person lose their common sense.

**Aphrodite:** You need to stop being such a downer, Athena. They’re in love and running away together! *(Sighs).* It’s so romantic!

**Athena:** I wish I could only warn Kiley of the dangers of love.

**Ares:** Dangers of love? *(laughs mockingly)* Please, give it a break.

**Athena:** Whatever Ares. My point is is she’s a fuse waiting to be lit. Her illness is very serious. And now that she’s decided to stop taking her medication? If Andrew slips up even a little bit, she could get highly agitated very easily and then...

**Ares:** *(makes explosion sound effect and movement with hands)*

**Aphrodite:** I think you two are worried needlessly. Their love is strong. I think this will be good for them.

**Ares:** Surprisingly, I could see where Athena is coming from.Beneath Andrew’s kind exterior lurks a sinister side. His lack of loyalty was very telling and if he ever does something that really pisses her off, well, let’s just say he’s gonna regret it.

*(Lights go down, chorus remains on stage. Camping scene set up)*

**Scene 3:**

*(Kiley and Andrew enter stage left and take seats by campfire. Lights come up.)*

**Andrew:** I’m going to go to the bathroom. Ok?

**Kiley:** Yeah, ok.

**Athena:** Kiley, are you ok?

**Kiley:** I guess so...

**Aphrodite:** What’s wrong, Kiley? You can tell us.

**Athena:** We’re you’re best friends, Kiley.

**Kiley:** I know….

**Athena:** You and Andrew made a pretty risky decision, are you sure about all this?

**Kiley:** It’s been great, he’s an amazing guy and the past month has been unbelievable! I’ve never been so happy. I don’t know why my parents were so against me dating.

**Aphrodite:** That’s great, Kiley. Is he really being good to you though? I feel like something’s wrong.

**Kiley:** Well, it-it’s just...sometimes I don’t know with him.... I don’t know if I wanna tell you guys.

**Aphrodite:** Kiley, we’re your best friends, and we’ve been with you since before any of us can remember. You can trust us, can’t you?

**Kiley:** I guess so…. Well, before we left, he threatened to leave me for another girl. But he said he was just trying to make me jealous. I believed him, but then earlier tonight, when were at the store... I thought I saw him flirting with another girl.

**Athena:** What?!? Are you serious?

**Aphrodite:** He thought I wasn’t looking. And he was talking and smiling and basically flirting with this blonde girl at the store.

**Athena:** Are you sure? Maybe he was just being nice?

**Kiley:** No…...I don’t think so….Why the hell would he do that to me? What do I do?

**Aphrodite:** That’s not right, Kiley. He shouldn’t be doing that to you. You’ve given up a lot to be here with him.

**Kiley:** I know, right?!?

**Ares:** Was she at least kind of cute?

**Athena and Aphrodite:** Ares!

**Ares:** What? Like a guy wouldn’t look at a girl from time to time? Big deal! You guys are seriously crazy.

**Athena:** Kiley, you need to confront him about this. Get him to look you in the eyes and ask him to tell you the truth. If he truly loves you, he’ll tell you the truth.

**Kiley:** The truth? I know what was going through his brain *(bitter)*. I saw the way he was looking at her! There’s no need to ask him for the truth!

**Ares:** Well, then confront him! Not only will you find out about what was really happening, you’ll know if he really does love you.

**Kiley:** Ok. I’ll do it. I’ll ask him.

*(Lights go down. Kiley exits stage left. Chorus remains on stage).*

**Chorus 3:**

*(Chorus moves center, down stage. Lights up.)*

**Athena:** How’s that crash and burn theory of yours coming along Ares?

**Ares:** In time Athena, in time.

**Aphrodite:** Just ignore him, Athena. Kiley and Andrew will work through this and it will make their relationship even stronger. He’s like the sunshine in her sky. He’s like the hot fudge on her sundae. He’s like the….

**Ares: (***disgusted)* Seriously, Aphrodite? You’re going to make me puke….

*(Lights go down. Aphrodite, Ares, Athena move up stage.)*

**Scene 4**

*(Andrew and Kiley enter stage left and take seats by campfire. Both are holding cheeseburgers in their hands, lights come up. Chorus is standing behind Andrew.)*

**Andrew:** How’s the cheeseburger? (*Kiley doesn’t respond*) Did I overcook it? Mine is seriously like leather. (*Laughs. When Kiley doesn’t laugh, he is concerned).* What’s wrong Kiley?

**Kiley:** I just don’t want to talk right now, okay.

**Andrew:** Kiley, why are you doing this? What’s wrong with you?

**Aphrodite:** Kiley, don’t let him speak to you like that!

**Kiley:** (*Looks at Aphrodite*) Yeah, you’re right!

**Andrew:** I’m right?

**Kiley:** No! Not you! I just said I don’t feel like talking to you, remember?

**Andrew:** Then who are you talking to? (*looks in the direction Kiley was looking*)

**Ares:** (*Smacks Andrew’s head but not really touching him* *and laughs*) Dumbass!

**Kiley:** *(Stands up and begins pacing)* Andrew, did you really think I wouldn’t notice? Do you think I’m stupid?

**Andrew:** Woah woah woah! What are you talking about? What did I do?

**Kiley:** (*Angry*) Don't act like you don’t know! We saw you! I saw you! That girl at the store! The way you two were talking to each other and laughing! How could you flirt with her right in front of me?!

**Andrew:** How could I? I wasn’t! I was just asking her if she knew where we could get more firewood. She was really nice. I was just being friendly. What are you thinking? And why do you keep acting like other people saw me flirting? Kiley, we were the only three people in the store.

**Kiley:** We weren’t alone... Ares, Aphrodite and Athena have been with us this whole time! And come on, you and I both know that’s *total* bullshit Andrew, you *were* flirting! They told me you were. They told me they saw it too!

**Andrew:** Kiley, I think you need to calm down a little.

**Kiley:** Calm down? I’m perfectly calm.

**Andrew:** You obviously aren’t. This isn't like you, what's gotten into you?

**Kiley:** Athena was right! This was a risk! And I should have never taken it!

**Andrew:** What are you talking about?!

**Kiley:** I saw the way you were looking at her! How could you do that to me, Andrew?!

**Andrew:** Kiley, seriously, it was nothing!

**Kiley:** Like hell it was nothing! *(Kiley grabs the knife on the floor in front of them. Andrew and Kiley both stand up).* And did you just call me crazy? *(Kiley attempts to stab Andrew, but Andrew blocks it. He grabs the knife from her hand and throws it. She runs at him and he grabs her and restrains her and just holds her there. She breaks down in tears.*)

**Andrew:** Kiley, I think it’s about time we go home.

*(Lights go down. Campfire and blankets are taken off stage.)*

**Chorus 4:**

*(Chorus enter stage right and stand center stage.)*

**Athena:** Her thoughts are clouded by her rage making her lash out with anger and despair… (*interrupted by Ares*)

**Ares:** Which all turned into a spectacular show! I would’ve brought popcorn if I had know that was going to happen!

**Aphrodite:** (*Ignoring him.)* The illness is back and all of the gloom that goes along with it. *(She glares at Ares).*

**Ares:** Darkness overcame her like the night sky. Like the moon pierces the sun to leave its presence in the night. Kiley attempt to rid Andrew of her presence with a knife.

**Aphrodite:** She loves him, she would never do such a thing, she never meant to hurt him.

**Athena:** Her mind has taken over leaving her body with no control.

(*Lights go down.)*

**Scene 5:**

*(Chairs brought in to set up waiting room area. Nurse walks in with a clipboard and paperwork to talk to Kiley’s parents. Andrew is sitting on a chair stage close by, but not right next to theirs, and has his head in his hands. Lights come up.)*

**Nurse:** We’ve given her some medicine to help her calm down. You can go see her for a few minutes if you’d like.

**Kiley’s Dad:** Thank you.

**Nurse:** You’re welcome.

*(Kiley’s parents go to walk past Andrew, but he stops them.)*

**Andrew:** Wait…..please…..what’d she say? Is Kiley okay?

**Kiley’s Mom:** Thank you for calling us, Andrew. You did the right thing. *(She pauses).* But it’s time for you to go now.

**Andrew:** Go? But I can’t just leave her!

**Kiley’s Mom:** I don’t think you have much of a choice.

**Andrew:** What? I love her, you can’t do this! You can’t just make me leave her! I need to help her...I….

**Kiley’s Mom: (***very angry*) Don’t you get it? You have done ENOUGH!

**Kiley’s Dad:** (*puts her hand on her husband’s shoulder*) Honey, please calm down. (*Now talking to Andrew)* Kiley is very sick. She has schizophrenia. Do you know what that is? *(Andrew shakes his head no. Kiley’s dad sighs, exhausted)* It’s is a chronic, severe, and disabling brain disease. People with schizophrenia often suffer terrifying symptoms such as hearing internal voices not heard by others, or believing that other people are reading their minds, controlling their thoughts, or plotting to harm them. These symptoms may leave them fearful and withdrawn and sometimes it can even cause them to act violently, usually towards those who are closest to them.

**Andrew:** It all makes sense now. You were just trying to protect her. Oh my god….what have I done? *(Kiley’s dad put his hand on Andrew’s shoulder.*) (*Voice shaking.*) Are there treatments available? Will Kiley be ok?

**Kiley’s Dad**: Yes, there are and treatment can relieve many symptoms, but most people with schizophrenia continue to suffer some symptoms throughout their lives.

**Kiley’s Mom:** Kiley was on medication until she left with you. Did you notice a gradual change in her behavior?

**Andrew:** Yeah….I did. I...I’m so sorry. I didn’t know she needed medicine. She didn't tell me. I know what you both must think of me, but please, can I see her just one last time. I just want to tell her I love her.

**Kiley’s Mom:** Please just leave. We won’t press charges if you just go….

**Kiley’s Dad:** Stacey, he has been through a lot too....and we can go grab some food real quick while he’s with her*.* Andrew, you have five minutes *(Kiley’s dad and mom exit stage left).*

(*Lights go down. Andrew exits stage right. All waiting room furniture is removed off stage right. Hospital bed brought on stage right.*)

**Chorus 5**

*(Chorus enters stage left. Lights come up)*

**Aphrodite:** Andrew has been torn away from his love. Now he is left with nothing.

**Ares:** He has accepted the fact that this is the last time his eyes will ever see Kiley again..

**Athena:** Kiley is an empty gloomy sky waiting for her moon to appear, to bring her radiance and light.

**Aphrodite:** But Andrew was not her moon. Instead,of light, he only brings her sadness. Yet….still...she loves him. Always has and always will.

**Athena:** But her illness doesn't always allow her love to shine through.

**Ares:** And now her emotions are locked in combat with her sickness. She loves Andrew. She hates Andrew. She loves him. She hates him. And only time will tell which side will win.

*(Lights go down. Chorus remains on stage but move back behind the bed. A chair is also brought onto stage right.*)

**Exodus**

*(Kiley enters stage left and sits on a chair by her bed. Lights come up. Andrew enters stage right.)*

**Andrew:** *(Knocks softly on the open door).* Hey, Kiley. Can I come in?

**Ares:** Oh greeeaat, look who’s here again. It’s boy wonder capable of screwing everything up in a single bound!

**Aphrodite:** Come on Ares, just give them their space. (*Ares rolls his eyes and folds his arms across his chest. Standing defensively, he glares with hatred at Andrew)*

**Kiley:** (*Refusing to* *look at Andrew)* How could you do th. is to me, Andrew? How could you let them bring me here? I hate this place.

**Andrew:** Kiley…..it’s for your own good. They’re going to help you.

**Kiley:** For my own good? I’m miserable here!

*(Andrew pulls out a framed photo of him and Kiley.)*

**Andrew:** Here, I brought something for your room. *(Kiley slowly takes the photo from his hand, and looks down at it. The chorus peers over her shoulder)*

**Aphrodite:** Oh I love that picture, Kiley. Look at the two of you. He loves you. Look. You can see it in his eyes. *(She looks up at Andrew).* And it’s still there, Kiley. Look at him. He loves you.

**Athena:**  Wait….think about what he’s doing Kiley...don’t trust him just yet. Carefull...

**Kiley:** *(says softly, sadly)* Why can’t things still be like this? *(turns the picture so that it faces Andrew)* Why can’t we be as happy now?

**Andrew:** I don’t know....

**Kiley:** Well, you should know! This is all your fault! How could you do this to me? How could you do this to us!?!

**Andrew:** Kiley, I had to! There is something *wrong* with you! You’re very sick, Kiley. You tried to stab me. Do you remember? *(Kiley covers her face with her hands, crying)* Hey...don’t cry, Kiley. Look, your parents told me the truth. I know about your illness, but I don’t care. I still love you, Kiley.

**Ares:** Bullshit! He’s lying to you, Kiley! Don’t believe a word he says!

**Kiley:** *(mortified)* They told you the truth?

**Andrew:** Kiley, it’s okay.

*(Kiley stands up. Ares begins to get agitated and pacing in the background)*

**Kiley:** But I’m not sick. Don’t you get it Andrew? I’m fine. They’re the ones who are sick. They hate me and are miserable when I’m happy. I knew they wouldn’t approve of you just like they didn’t approve of Ares, Athena and Aphrodite.And to make matter worse, I trusted you. I trusted you to take care of me! We planned it so we would never have to deal with my parents’ ridiculous rules again. That we would always be together. You betrayed me Andrew. *You* put me back into this hell hole and it’s up to you to help me get out.

**Ares:** Yes...good, Kiley. Good! Get him to make things right again. He can help you escape.

**Andrew:** Kiley, I’m sorry, but that’s not possible.

**Ares:** *(shouting, enraged)* Traitor!!!!!!

**Kiley:** *(anger building)* All I did was love you, and this is the way that you pay me back? This is how you show your love for me? I hate it here!

**Andrew:** Kiley, I’m sorry. I just-

**Kiley:** Get out. *(quietly, darkly*).

**Andrew:** What?

**Kiley:** *I said*, GET OUT, Andrew!

**Andrew:** Kiley…. I think you need to calm down.

**Kiley:** (*very upset, freaking out*) ANDREW STOP TELLING ME TO CALM DOWN!!!! *(starts rocking and holding her ears)*  THAT’S ALL ANYONE EVER TELLS ME IN MY LIFE! I HATE ALL OF THIS! I HATE EVERYONE! ESPECIALLY YOU!!!(*throws frame on the floor in front of him and the glass shatters on the floor. She continues screaming get out, get out, and rocking back and forth*)

**Nurse:** What’s going on in here? Young man, I think I’m going to have to ask you to leave! (Kiley’s mom and dad enter the room). Please get him out of here!!!*(Dad holds Andrew and tries to drag him stage left towards the door. Mom stands by crying)*

**Andrew:** No...not yet. Not like this. Kiley*, please…*.not like this. I love you!

**Aphrodite:** Kiley! Listen to him! He loves you!

**Nurse:** Kiley, please stop shouting! Kiley, calm down!

**Athena**: He knows about your illness and it doesn’t matter, Kiley! Kiley!

**Ares:** Lies! All lies! You can’t trust him! He’s already proven that! He needs to pay for what he’s done! The solution to this is easy, Kiley, just *kill* him!

**Athena:** Are you insane, Ares!?! That’s a terrible idea! Don’t listen to him, Kiley!

**Kiley:** Kill him? (*Kiley begins to rub her head nervously, freaking out.)*

**Aphrodite:** No, Kiley! He loves you, you love him!

**Kiley:** PLEASE YOU GUYS STOP! Stop arguing….stop arguing….stop arguing...

(*They ignore her and continue arguing*)

**Ares**: Yes, Kiley! Kill him! Make him pay! His life for your freedom! He’s taken away your freedom, Kiley! You’ll be in here for the rest of your life! (*All actors arguing and amidst their arguing Kiley slowly kneels down to floor).*

**Ares:** The glass Kiley! Use the glass! Stab him with the glass!(She *picks up a glass shard and slowly rises up, stands with it in her hand.*) Yes! You tried to do it before, just end it! Make him pay!

**Athena:** Killing isn’t going to solve anything Kiley! Just let the doctors help you!

*(Chorus continues to argue with each other and Kiley starts rocking on the floor nurse comes in Andrew comes in behind her as well as the parents)*

**Andrew:** Kiley!!! Noooooo….don’t! *(He struggles against her dad and breaks free. All actors turn to watch, helpless, as Kiley stabs herself with the shard of glass and falls to the floor).* Oh god, Kiley! *(He crouches over her lifeless body, sobbing)*

*(Lights go down. Everything is cleared off stage. All actors exit stage right.)*

**Resolution**

*(Andrew enters stage left and is standing center stage as the lights come up*)

**Andrew:** *(Looks up, distraught)* Kiley Nicole Anderson died that day at 5:18pm. *(Looks down takes a deep breath)*.Overcome by her illness, she killed herself. (*pauses, shakes his head)* But I can’t help feeling like I held her hand and guided the glass into her heart. I ran away with Kiley, not considering, that maybe her parents had a reason for being so protective. I thought I was *helping* Kiley. Ultimately, my carelessness lead to the death of my love. Leaving me to live without the warmth of her skin in the morning, her smile that could light up the darkest room...her light is forever extinguished. *(Pauses)* Our inner demons are often concealed just beneath the flesh. They can easily be hidden behind a mask of happiness, beauty and innocence. But when these masks are removed the dark truth is revealed.

**The End**