

CODE NAME: ANGEL STAR.

by Donna Cameron.

Devised and first performed by the Blue Moon Theatre Teenage Ensemble, including (in order of appearance):

Maree.....Kate Steel
Tamzin/chorus.....Brooke Connor
Lizzy/chorus.....Georgia Bale
Pippy/chorus.....Catherine Lilly-Howe
Lisa/chorus.....Ashlee Dennett
Belinda/chorus.....Amy Mitrovich
Melanie/chorus.....Sacillia Sharma
Joe.....Ryan Veivers
Charlie.....Kate Meldrum
Maureen.....Jessie Adams
Rodney.....Tysone Martick
Tracey.....Katie Barter
Liam.....Jason McLaren
SheilaCaitlin Callanan
Bill.....Kody Cook
Helen.....Georgia Madigan
Aunty Flo/ chorus.....Sacillia Sharma
Mama Gina/chorus.....Catherine Lilly-Howe

(PLEASE NOTE – For a larger cast, the chorus can be added to by redistributing lines, using different vocal techniques- as in echoes, speaking together etc. For a smaller cast, chorus members can be merged).

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(Enter Maree. She waits for Joe to arrive, looking anxious. The chorus enters, circling her, she does not see them.)

TAMZIN: Sit back and we'll tell you a tale.

LIZZY: A tale old as it is true.

PIPPY: 'Twas six months before Christmas.

LISA: When all through the schoolyard.

BELINDA: Not a creature was stirring.

MELANIE: Not even a teacher.

(Joe approaches).

MAREE: You're late.

JOE: I slept in. What do you expect? It's 6:30 in the morning. No one in their right mind comes to school at this hour. This better be good.

MAREE: I don't know how to tell you.

JOE: What's wrong? You look pale.

MAREE: About 3 months back I had this strange thing happen to me, I didn't tell you about it at the time because it was just too weird. I told Charlie because she's into that kind of stuff. I forgot all about it until yesterday. Now I understand what it was all about. *(Pause).*

JOE: The suspense is killing me. *(Pause).* Come on. Are you going to fill me in or is this some kind of torture game?

MAREE: About three months ago I woke up in bed and saw this light shining in the window, it got brighter and brighter until it filled my whole room. I couldn't see anything, when I looked down I couldn't even see my body anymore. I wasn't scared. I felt this incredible peace come over me. And it felt like...it felt like I was filled with this white light. Like I was floating above my bed. Everything was burning and bright. Then slowly the light faded away...it seemed to drift like mist, out through the window. I got up and looked to see where it was coming from but there was nothing, just the stars twinkling in the sky. But I felt different. From that moment on I felt like I'd been filled with something.

JOE: It was probably just a dream. Far out. You got me out of bed to tell me about a dream that happened to you three months ago?

MAREE: No, it wasn't a dream. I was fully awake.

JOE: Then it was probably car headlights or something, I wouldn't freak out about it. Come on, let's go down to Maccas – I'll buy you a coffee. I need to wake up.

MAREE: You don't understand Joe. I'm pregnant.

JOE: Alright forget the coffee.

MAREE: I haven't had my period for three months. I did a pregnancy test last night, twice to be sure.

JOE: But you can't be.... we haven't....

MAREE: I know. That's what I'm saying, I think that white light.... Somehow I was-

JOE: What are you trying to tell me? You've been impregnated by aliens? You expect me to believe that? How dumb do you think I am? Why don't you tell me the truth? Who was it? Who have you slept with?

MAREE: No one. Joe. You have to believe me. I'm so scared. If I'm carrying a baby that's from another planet, another universe... then what's going to happen to me?

JOE: Cut the crap. Far out. This is.....unbelievable...you....you lying tart. I would have had more respect for you if you had told me the truth.

MAREE: I am! Joe you have to believe me!

JOE: Don't touch me. It's over. Get it? It's over! *(He leaves.)*

MAREE: Please Joe you have to help me! I don't know what to do?!

CHORUS: Maree stood there and watched the morning light, burning bright. Bright. Bright. Brighter and brighter. Thinking back to that night, when it all seemed right. Right. Right. Left. Left. He left you. Joe left you. As the light came up in the schoolyard it all started to seem too hard.

MAREE: What's happening to me?

(The chorus turn into school friends).

TAMZIN: Maree....what's wrong?

MAREE: Nothing. Why?

TAMZIN: You're at school so early. Not like you.

MAREE: Oh.

LIZZY: Hi Maree. I bet you you're kicking yourself.

MAREE: Why?

LIZZY: It's free dress day. You forgot didn't you?

MAREE: Oh. Yes.

PIPPY: Hi Maree. Did you do that Maths homework?

MAREE: Um?

PIPPY: Wasn't it hard?

LISA: Hi Maree. See you at debating.

MAREE: Sure.

BELINDA: Hi Maree. Have you seen Joe?

MAREE: Joe?

BELINDA: He's got my biology text book and I need it back. Can you tell him for me?

MAREE: Sure.

MELANIE: Hi Maree. Are you alright?

MAREE: Fine.

MELANIE: Cool.

CHARLIE: *(Enters)*. Hi. What happened?

MAREE: Just what you said would happen. He didn't believe me. Totally freaked.

CHARLIE: Well I believe you.

MAREE: Thank God for you Charlie. You're the only one that does. What am I going to do?

CHARLIE: What did your mum say?

MAREE: My mum? Oh!

(Maureen enters as if in a separate space, like it is happening in Maree's mind)