

# The Second Chance

*a short opera about redemption*

(Duration approximately 10½ minutes)

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Music by Houston Dunleavy

By a swimming pool; there are a few pool noodles and other pool toys lying around. YOUNG ERICA and YOUNG KEITH are lounging next to each other, but clearly something is wrong. ERICA watches from a slight distance. The young characters do not see or react to their older counterparts in any way.

Con moto  $\text{♩} = 110$

The musical score consists of five staves. The top four staves represent vocal parts: 'Young Erica' (soprano), 'Erica' (mezzo-soprano), 'Young Keith' (tenor), and 'Keith' (bass). The bottom staff represents the 'Piano'. The score is in 5/4 time. The vocal parts have very few notes, mostly single eighth notes or rests. The piano part is more active, featuring sixteenth-note patterns, chords, and dynamic markings like *f*, *ff*, and *f*. The vocal parts enter later in the piece, indicated by 'So' (start) above the vocal staves.

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4

Y. E.

E

this      is what hap-pens      when you blow      out the can-dles \_\_\_\_\_      with - out

Y.K.

K.

Pno.

8

Y. E.

E

ma - king a wish. \_\_\_\_\_

*mf*

I know \_\_\_\_\_

Y.K.

K.

Pno.

*mp*

*ff*

*mf*

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12

Y. E.

E

this day. I

Y.K.

K.

Pno.

12

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*Reo.*

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*Reo.*

15

Y. E.

E

know this place.

Y.K.

K.

Pno.

15

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*Reo.*