

1976

Valparaiso University

christ college freshman production— THE LIGHTER SIDE OF DARKNESS: OR.

(select one of the following)

SIX FEET UNDER; or,

DEATH WARMED OVER; or,

KICKING THE BUCKET GRACEFULLY; or,

+ THE END +

ACT I

Opening
Dear God,...
A Tale of Two Funerals
Stages of Death:
 First Stage - Denial
Funeral (California Style)
A Word From Our Sponsor
Meat Your Maker
Long Live the Clown!
 Second Stage - Anger
Archy and Mehitabel
Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God
Eternal Bliss (?)
 Third Stage - Bargaining
As We Remember Paddy

ACT II

The Deathly Life
Fourth Stage - Depression
Beauty of Death
The Death Professionals
Survivor (?)
Certain inalienable rights
Don't Put Off Until Tomorrow...
Fifth Stage - Acceptance
The Show Must Go On
Salesman of a Death
What a Way To Go!!!

INTERMISSION - seven minutes

The Cast and Crews - May They Rest in Peace

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Van C. Kussrow, Jr. - Director Laura Jungkuntz - Assistant to the Director

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