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# Offbeat Theatre

## Fairy Wings

A short sketch  
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# Fairy Wings - Script Preview

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## Cast:

Lucy (18ish)

Gemma her sister (15-16ish)

## Minimal set.

*A sofa or two seats of some description facing the audience.*

*Lucy is sitting watching television (television not on set but would be where the audience are sitting) She has a remote and possibly other necessary items for watching television (drinks/snacks). Also, concealed behind her seat is a fairy wand.*

*Gemma enters & sits down*

**Gemma:** Hi Luce, what's on?

**Lucy:** Nothing

**Gemma:** Must be something, you're watching it

**Lucy:** No I'm not

**Gemma:** You are Luce. You're sitting in front of the television, with it switched on, holding the remote watching a programme - whatever it is

**Lucy:** Staring

**Gemma:** What?

**Lucy:** I'm staring. It's not the same as watching

**Gemma:** The difference being....?

*Lucy turns and stares hard at Gemma*

I see what you mean (*pause*)

I was wondering if I could borrow your ...

**Lucy:** No

**Gemma:** I haven't said what it is yet!

**Lucy:** Don't need to. The answer is no

**Gemma:** Can I borrow your fairy wings?

**Lucy:** No!

**Gemma:** Please

**Lucy:** No

**Gemma:** I'll look after them

**Lucy:** No

**Gemma:** You don't give me a chance

**Lucy:** No

**Gemma:** But I'm going to this party and we're all supposed to dress up as something and I thought I would go as a fairy and for that I need wings

**Lucy:** No

**Gemma:** I knew you'd say that

**Lucy:** The last time you borrowed my best tiara it came back tarnished

**Gemma:** Tarnished? It's plastic!

**Lucy:** It was tarnished

**Gemma:** Well, wings won't 'tarnish'

**Lucy:** No, they'll break, or snap, or rip, or bits will fall off

**Gemma:** (*tries a different approach*) Oh well, I suppose I'll have to stay in then. What

else is on tonight?

**Lucy:** You can't stay in, Tom's coming round later on - you cannot stay in, you must go out

**Gemma:** I would love to oblige, I really would, but for that I need wings

**Lucy:** You're not having my wings and you can't stay in!

**Gemma:** We could play scrabble - the three of us - or maybe monopoly - or possibly even strip poker. Shall I get some beers ready?

**Lucy:** You are gross!

**Gemma:** Well, I don't know what to go as and you're just being mean

**Lucy:** Ok. For a start, fairies are special characters. Not everyone can carry it off, and you - well, you're not the fairy type.

**Gemma:** And you are I suppose?

**Lucy:** Of course

**Gemma:** Well I think you're too old to be a fairy

**Lucy:** That stupid. It's like saying that all fairies die when they get to 18!

**Gemma:** No, that's not the point! You're too old to be playing at being a fairy!

**Lucy:** (*Outraged*) I am NOT playing!

**Gemma:** (*Thinks*) So, why do you have strap on wings?

**Lucy:** You really don't get it do you. I have the spirit of a fairy, but in a human body. You can't just strap on wings and become a fairy, you need ....something inside

**Gemma:** Like what?

**Lucy:** You need to find out who you are inside - the real you - not the human façade - the mystical person who lies beneath

**Gemma:** Oh I see .... well, how do I do that?

**Lucy:** Reach down into the depths of your being, look around for clues and then release your inner self

**Gemma:** Couldn't I just borrow your ...

**Lucy:** NO!

**Gemma:** OK! But it seems like a lot of trouble just for one night

**Lucy:** Think of it as work in progress - you might even become a nicer person, eventually

**Gemma:** Thanks.

**Lucy:** Well, go on then

**Gemma:** How?

**Lucy:** Focus, concentrate - empty your mind

**Gemma:** That's impossible

**Lucy:** Not really. Do the staring thing.

**Gemma:** Ok

*They stare at the television*

**Lucy:** Anything going on in your mind?

**Gemma:** (*Vacantly*) What?

**Lucy:** Perfect. Now. What is the first mystical, fairytale or mythical person, being or animal that comes into your head?

**Gemma:** Princess Diana

**Lucy:** Princess Diana?

**Gemma:** Yep. Clear as daylight. Just standing there in my head.

**Lucy:** But she was a real person - they don't count.

**Gemma:** But she came into my head first - it must count for something

**Lucy:** I don't think so, anyway she's dead

**Gemma:** So what?

**Lucy:** So you can't be Princess Diana - it would be bad taste. Anyway, if you did Shaun would have to go as Dodi, or Prince Charles - although that would be confusing 'cus then people would think you were Camilla.

**Gemma:** Oh

**Lucy:** Do the staring thing again, and this time try and focus on releasing you inner being without thinking of real people

**Gemma:** Well can we try a different channel, it's difficult to release your inner being when people are bouncing around on trampolines ... what is this programme?

**Lucy:** *(Flicks through channels)* Ok, try this one

**Gemma:** Adverts?

**Lucy:** Perfect

**Gemma:** Here goes then

**Lucy:** *(In a mystical voice)* Concentrate ....let the outer world slip away .... delve into the heart of your soul and find out who you really are ...

**Gemma:** I'm getting something

**Lucy:** What? What is it?

**Gemma:** Cinderella

**Lucy:** Very funny!

**Gemma:** Really, Luce, really. I think I might be Cinderella

**Lucy:** And that would make me ...

**Gemma:** Well .... maybe this is more about me and less about you?

**Lucy:** But I am your sister, right?

**Gemma:** Right

**Lucy:** I don't think we can escape the implications of this revelation

**Gemma:** You're just making all of this up. You're just being mean so I can't go out - you have all the nice stuff and you go to all the best parties - it's not fair!

**Lucy:** Ummmm... Cinderella then

**Gemma:** Yes, I AM CINDERELLA! *(Pause)* So, now what?

**Lucy:** I don't know. Put your Cinderella dress on.

**Gemma:** I don't have one, and before you say anything I don't have a Fairy Godmother either.

**Lucy:** How about a pumpkin?

**Gemma:** What?

**Lucy:** You could go as a pumpkin - it's related

**Gemma:** I'm not going as a pumpkin. I want to look pretty and glamorous - not pumpkiny. This isn't going to work.

**Lucy:** Don't give up so easily.

**Gemma:** Whatever I say I am - inner being or mystical thingy - I still don't have a costume to wear. So it doesn't matter, it's a pointless waste of time - I'll get the board games out

**Lucy:** There is another way

**Gemma:** Wings?

**Lucy:** No. Never. There's something you don't know

**Gemma:** Waiting...

**Lucy:** Would you care for a nice juicy apple?

**Gemma:** What?