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A Script

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Cast

Steve	Young Patient, new to ward
Mike	Older patient
Bill	Older patient
Charlie	Older patient
Dave	Older patient
Aaron	Older patient
Sarah	A nurse
Norbert	A nurse

Background

Every morning the six members of ward three wake up. Five of them are old and suffering from prostate cancer. Before they have properly woken up (and before some of them have their hearing aids in), they hold bizarre incoherent conversations. Aaron needs his ears syringing every day.

SCENE 1

FADE IN.

The scene is a hospital ward. There are two rows of three beds. Down one side lay AARON, STEVE and MIKE. Down the other lie CHARLIE, DAVE and BILL. All are elderly except Steve. The blinds are closed. It is early morning, the blinds are closed and the lights are on. SARAH enters.

SARAH

Come on, Mr Smith, it's time
to wake up.

STEVE

Good grief, what time is it?

BILL

What?

STEVE
(*shouting*)

I said what's the time?

BILL

I don't have the Times, I
have the Sun.

DAVE

You haven't got a son, you've
got two daughters.

BILL

I've got a dog as well. He's
called Westie.

DAVE

Is he a west Highland
terrier?

BILL

No. He's an Alsatian.

CHARLIE

Then why is he called Westie?
Why not Alsi?

BILL

His full name is West
Bromwich Albion.

STEVE

I'm not even going to ask.

DAVE

Perhaps he means the Radio
Times

MIKE

I've got a son, he's called
Jeremy.

CHARLIE

Does he know what time it is?

MIKE

I think so, he's got a nice
watch.

STEVE

I read the Daily Telegraph

BILL

Margaret Thatcher

STEVE

What?

BILL

She reads the Daily Telegraph

MIKE

My son reads the Daily
Telegraph

CHARLIE

Your son's Margaret
Thatcher?!

MIKE

No, but he does know what
time it is.

SARAH

How are your ears this
morning, Mr Mycock?

AARON

What?

SARAH

I said, "HOW ARE YOUR EARS
THIS MORNING?"

AARON

WHAT?

SARAH
(*shouting*)

I SAID "HOW... oh, forget it.
Norbert, pass the syringe.

STEVE

Is it like this every
morning?

SARAH

'fraid so.

FADE OUT.