

DO GREAT THINGS!
based on the book *Virgie Goes to School With Us Boys*
by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard

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SCENE ONE: GOING TO SCHOOL

CHARACTERS:

VIRGIE - Priscilla
C.C. – Erik T.
BROTHER JACK – David V.
BROTHER JAKE – Eric Chacho
BROTHER JAMES – Erick O.
MAMA – Mellany

SETTING: Near Virgie's house

TIME: 7:30am

AT RISE: The Brothers walk in a circle around Virgie.

C.C.

We're gonna get her.

BROTHER JACK

We're gonna stop her!

BROTHER JAKE

We're gonna scare her!

WE'RE GONNA GET VIRGIE: SONG

(to *This Little Light of Mine*)

BROTHERS

WE'RE GONNA GET VIRGIE
JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE

(BROTHER JAMES enters during the song and watches the BROTHERS.)

VIRGIE

I really, really want to go to school. Why won't you let me?

BROTHER JAMES

Don't get her. She really, really wants to go to school. She'll learn good to go to school.

MAMA

Please, please let them do something right. Let Virgie go to school.

VIRGIE

Can I go to school?

BROTHERS

No!

VIRGIE

Why can't I go to school?

C.C

You're only seven years old.

BROTHER JAMES

Yes, yes, yes! You can go to school!

C.C.

No! You'll cry for your mama!

BROTHER JACK

You are too short!

BROTHER JAKE

You'll be scared.

BROTHER JAMES

Virgie could learn! She can do great things!

DO GREAT THINGS: SONG

(to *This Little Light of Mine*)

SHE CAN LEARN TO READ
SHE CAN LEARN TO WRITE
SHE CAN DO GREAT THINGS
SHE IS VERY BRIGHT
LIKE A STAR
LIKE A STAR
LIKE A STAR

MAMA

(To BROTHER JAMES) You are right, James! I'll let Virgie go to school. Get your clothes for the whole week. I'll prepare your lunches.

END OF SCENE ONE

SCENE TWO: INTO THE WOODS

CHARACTERS:

VIRGIE - Katherine
BROTHER GEORGE - Chris
BROTHER JESÚS
BROTHER NATHANIEL
BROTHER CHRIS
BROTHER ERIK YEE
BROTHER JEFTE
BLOODY MONSTERS – offstage voices

SETTING: The dark woods

TIME: Noon

AT RISE: Light from the sun shines through the thick forest of trees. Virgie and her brothers walk through the woods singing.

DO GREAT THINGS: REPRISE

SHE CAN LEARN TO READ
SHE CAN LEARN TO WRITE
SHE CAN DO GREAT THINGS
SHE IS VERY BRIGHT
LIKE A STAR
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BROTHER JEFTE

Where are you monsters? Stop roaring!

BROTHER GEORGE

(Throwing stones at snakes) Bloody Monsters, I will hit you with rocks.

BROTHER JESÚS

I'm scared in the dark woods.

BROTHER NATHANIEL

I'm scared!

VIRGIE

I'm feeling scared. Where are my brothers? Brothers, where are you? Help me!

BROTHER NATHANIEL

Scary! (He starts to run)

BLOODY MONSTERS (from offstage)

Boo!

BROTHER ERIK

Yeeee!

VIRGIE

Bloody Bone, Dinosaur, Flying animals, snakes, zombies. Mommy!

(The BROTHERS shine their flashlights towards center stage and discover VERGIE at the end of the song.)

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE: SONG

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE

LET IT SHINE

LET IT SHINE

LET IT SHINE

VIRGIE

You found me! Follow me. We're going to get out of the woods and we're gonna go to school.

(VIRGIE leads the BROTHERS out of the forest.)

END OF SCENE TWO

SCENE THREE

CHARACTERS:

VIRGIE - Milena
BROTHER C.C. - Destani
BROTHER RAÚL - Heidi
BROTHER B.B. - Andrea
BROTHER NICOLE
RIVER – Mellany, David, Erik Yee, Katherine

SETTING: In the forest, near the RIVER.

TIME: 8pm

AT RISE: The Forest is dark and Forest sounds are heard. The RIVER is seen downstage.

RIVER (to the audience)

I see them coming. I'm going to wet them.

I'M GONNA GET YOU WET:SONG

(to *This Little Light of Mine*)

I'M GONNA GET YOU WET
JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE

(VIRGIE and her BROTHERS enter.)

C.C.

I'm gonna help Virgie when she falls into the water.

BROTHER RAÚL

Se va a caer!

BROTHER B.B.

You did not have to come to school!

VIRGIE

I can't see. It's too dark.

BROTHER NICOLE

Stop, you're going to fall in the water!

RIVER

I'm going to get you wet!

VIRGIE

I need help! I'm falling in the water!

C.C.

I'll help you! Get up from the water!

BROTHER B.B.

Do you hurt?

BROTHER RAÚL

No tenias que venir aquí!

VIRGIE

Let's go to school!

B.B

It is only one mile to get to school!

C.C

Come and follow me!

(C.C leads VIRGIE and her BROTHERS offstage to school. As they exit the RIVER turns to the audience.)

RIVER

We're gonna get them next time.

END OF SCENE TWO

SCENE THREE

SETTING: At School

TIME: 8am

CHARACTERS:

C.C - Destani

VIRGIE – Milena

PRINCIPAL - Guest Artist

BROTHERS

STUDENTS

(VIRGIE and her BROTHERS arrive at school.)

C.C.

We made it to school!

STUDENTS

Hi!

PRINCIPAL

Welcome back brothers! (PRINCIPAL look at Virgie) Who are you?

VIRGIE

I'm Virgie.

PRINCIPAL

Come and see your classroom.

STUDENTS

Come and see your classroom.

VIRGIE

I'm happy to be in school. From Sankofa we got what we wanted in our heart. I finally got to school!

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THE END