

NARNIA AUDITIONS 2023

PETER SIDES

- PROF:** They say doubt is like a hollow fog
Coating everything in mist
Turning warm and open hands
To shrouded, clenching fists
- PETER:** Umm...what? What does that mean?
- PROF:** It means it is a terrible thing not to be believed.
- SUSAN:** Professor, it's just a story.
- PROF:** And why should it being a story mean it isn't true?
- PETER:** We checked the wardrobe and there's nothing there.
- PROF:** Perhaps not *now*. But mightn't there have been when Lucy paid a visit?
- PETER:** But if there really was a country in the Wardrobe, we would have seen it.
- SUSAN:** If things are real, they're there all the time.
- PROF:** Are they? Logic, my dear. I don't know why they've stopped teaching it in schools. Have you ever known your sister to be a liar?
- PETER:** She's the most honest of us all.
- PROF:** Indeed. Then there are three options as I see it. Either your sister is lying, and we've ruled that out, she has lost her mind, or she is telling the truth.
- PETER:** Do you mean to say it's really possible? That there are other worlds, all over the place? Just around the corner like that?
- PROF:** My dear, nothing is more probable.

(This scene happens later on, once the children are in NARNIA)

PETER: *(To the BEAVERS)* ...and this is a daisy, that's an orchid, and this is 'Iamprocapnos spectabilis', more commonly known as a 'bleeding heart' flower.

BEAVER: Bleeding? Why's it bleeding? What's wrong with it?

PETER: Nothing's wrong with it, that's just its name.

BEAVER: So it's not dying?

PETER: No, it's a perennial.

BEAVER: Perennial?

PETER: Perennials, like the 'bleeding heart', come back every year.

MR. B: Oh, wow, Peter. That's beautiful.