

ND CONCOURSE

SIDE A

Scene Four

START

(Early morning. The sound of microwave buttons being pushed. The kitchen is still dark. SHELLEY stands in front of the microwave.)

SHELLEY. Uh

(She clears her throat.)

Why don't I start I'll just start

...I pray for all people

for all places where there is war or famine

I pray for our community

(beat)

(...Justice for immigrants)

(beat)

Forgive me but it feels pointless lately

Keeping these people alive with so little

And I think I have skills that might be more useful

I'm not even a good cook and my...mind

My mind is shriveling up here

I used to think the conversations I had with these

people

Deeper and more meaningful than those I have with
my peers

Forgive me they are my peers too

I know their value I do I'm just grumpy

I'm sure I'd feel worse if I had to spend my days

With a bunch a jerk lawyers

like my dad

He's uh

He's still hanging on and I know I need to reach out

To forgive

but sometimes I wish

he would just hurry up and die

Forgive me