

Near To You a dramatic reading for three voices

- A Word
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- B Let those who have ears
C do you have ears?
A let them listen
B Listen
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- A And God said
B God speaks
God speaks the Word
C In the beginning was the Word
A Word from the beginning
C hovering over the depths
deep calling to deep
B Word of all worlds
A through whom the world was made
C the light of all people
shining in the darkness
A the Word
C full of grace and truth
B given to us
C full of grace and truth
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- B Moses
A who first heard God's word at the burning bush
after many years of desert wandering
B summoned all the Israelites and said to them
C What is asked of you
is not too hard for you
or beyond your reach
Do not say in your hearts
A The word is far away
too far away to reach
too long a journey
C The Word is not in heaven
that you need say
A Who will go up to Heaven for us
to get the Word
so that we may hear the Word
and observe it?
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C Do not say in your hearts
 A The Word is far away
 Who will cross to the other side of the sea
 Who will abandon safety and the shoreline
 B Who will descend into the abyss for us
 to get the Word
 so that we might hear the Word
 and observe it ?
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 C No
 A These are not the questions
 C No
 B Do not be deceived
 C For the Word is near you
 in your heart and in your mouth
 A so near
 B it is already in your mouth
 already in your heart
 C in your breath and in your blood
 B you cannot escape it
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 B It pulses with your every heart-beat
 A so near
 B it moves with your every breath
 C so near
 B it vibrates with every word you speak
 A so near
 B it soars with every song you sing
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 C You hear
 A because you were created in the Word
 the Word of God
 B so near you
 A through whom all things are made
 C created in the Word
 A It cannot be taken from you
 B so near you
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C Yes
 A You need not search it out
 B It searches you
 the light that enlightens all peoples
 A No planning
 No long distance travel
 C The word is near you
 B so very near you
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 A It is not what you see
 It is not what you think
 It is not what you feel
 B It is what is given you to hear
 A Faith comes by hearing
 C ah yes
 A the Word of God in your mouth
 C ah yes
 B the Word of God in your heart
 C ah yes
 A and what is heard
 B comes through the Word
 C of Christ ROMANS 10.17
 B that dwells in you so richly COLOSSIANS 3.16
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 A Do not be among those
 who look and look and do not see
 C who listen and listen and do not hear
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 A Catch the word as it flies by you
 B gentle breath
 A catch it as it rests upon your forehead
 C sweet slow whisper
 A catch it as it pounds upon your chest
 B heavy hammer
 A catch it as it cuts between
 C a two-edged sword
 A cuts between life and death
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 B Listen for the Word
 C Listen to the Word
 A Listen in the Word
 C the Word so near you
 B And speak the words that gird your heart

that sound your soul
A sweet deep echo
C the Word so near you
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A Have you heard the Word
the Word of God?
C this word
A heard and unheard
vibrating out through all time
B It is not beyond you in the heavens
C nor lost in the depths
A No
B It is near you
so utterly near you
C already in your mouth
already in your heart
A in your breath and in your blood
B You cannot escape it
C It is your life
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A Word

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