

The Bail Out

CHARACTERS: 5

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Street clothes

SETTING: None specified

At rise characters are sitting in a semi-circle. A, B, D and E start out with some passion in their voice but become increasingly loud, angry, frustrated etc as the conversation continues. They should start leaning towards each other and shaking their fingers as they talk.

A: This whole bail out thing has me stressed out. How could our country get in this position?

B: It is Wall Street's fault. Too greedy. They made the mess; they should clean it up.

D: I think its Congress's fault and they aren't fixing it right. Billions of MY taxes going to fix someone else's problems.

E: It is everyone's problem now. And that one plan is dumb.

D: All the plans are dumb.

A: Something has to be done. We can't just do nothing.

B: I say make the people pay who caused the problem.

E: That's just it – they don't have the resources. They can't pay enough.

B: I shouldn't have to pay for someone else's mistakes.

E: If the guilty parties can't pay – somebody has to!

A makes a visible effort to become calm a calms everyone else before tempers get out of control. The others all do simmer down, sit back and appear more relaxed and less hostile.

A: I think we can all agree that there is no such thing as a perfect bailout.

C: No. There has been a perfect bail out once before in history.

D: Do you mean the New Deal?

C: No, I mean the New Testament. *(All characters drop character and stand talking directly to the audience as they speak scripture)* You know that it was not with silver or gold that you were redeemed from your empty way of life.

B: But with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

D: You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

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E: Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.

A: But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

C: We'd like you to consider that bail out by God and sing with us "He paid a debt"

CHORUS:

He paid a debt He did not owe,
I owed a debt I could not pay,
I needed someone to wash my sin away
And now I sing that brand new song: Amazing Grace
For Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay

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Questions for discussion

Who is "at fault" for sin? Why can't those at fault fix the problem?

Who would you be willing to "bail out"? At what price? What would they have to do to deserve bailing out?