



## MONOLOGUES

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### #*VIRAL* by Maria McConville

ANNA

I'm scared.  
I don't know where I'll be in five years. In ten.  
In twenty.  
In forty.  
I don't want to grow up to be the kind of woman who will  
Shave a girl's head.  
Strip her down to her underwear.  
Take a picture.  
And then post it on the internet.  
For the world to see.  
I don't want to be  
That kind of person.  
And I don't think I am.  
Deep down.  
Deep down, I know I'm a good person.  
I believe we all are.  
Maybe everyone is just scared like me.  
Well not everyone.

*(She looks off to where her friend exited. She is silent for a moment.)*

I admire.  
People.  
I admire people who aren't afraid.  
To stick their necks out.  
I've never been like that. I've never be willing to speak out.  
Or stand up.  
Or jump in.  
It's not my personality.  
But maybe.  
Maybe that's the problem.  
When a bunch of people pass the buck.  
When everyone is too scared  
Or too busy  
Or too tired  
Or too embarrassed  
Or too... Whatever.

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When everyone has an excuse. For sitting idly by.  
Suddenly.

There's no one left.

*(She looks around. There is, in fact, no one left.)*

But now.

Every time I look at her empty desk

The empty seat at the lunch table

Her empty locker

I wonder where she is.

And I wonder...

If it's too late.

For me not to be that person.

Who always has an excuse.

To do nothing.

So much nothing that it leads to something awful.

And I have to believe.

Somewhere.

Deep down.

That it isn't too late.

That I can...

That **we can**

Change.

Before this disease

This disease of doing nothing

Saying nothing

Standing for nothing

Goes...

Viral.

### **#VIRAL by Maria McConville**

**Length:** 30-35 minutes

**Cast Size:** 7-30 actors (suggested casting: 7 F, 4+ chorus, any gender)

**Genre:** Drama

**Synopsis:** In this ensemble-driven drama featuring an all-female cast, five high school girls recount a cruel locker room bullying incident that is initially cloaked in secrecy, but ultimately goes viral online. What happens next forces the students to question their respective roles in the events that unfolded in that fateful day.

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