**Script: Caterpillar**

(The CATERPILLAR enters, blowing bubbles, with WONDERLAND CHARACTERS.)

**CATERPILLAR**

Oh, don't let those babbling blooms get you down, kid.

**SMALL ALICE**

But if I could look like them, I'd fit in, and life would be so easy!

**CATERPILLAR**

Don't you know beauty is just a surface thing? Who you really are - what you're worth - resides much, much deeper. Those fleeting flowers are just gonna wind up sitting around in somebody's imitation cut-glass vase for three days 'til they wither and die, then it's "thanks a lot" and out with the garbage! Am I right?

**WONDERLAND CHARACTERS**

Right!

**CATERPILLAR**

Thank you! But enough about them. Whooo, pray tell, are youuu?

**SMALL ALICE**

My name is Alice.

(beat, getting brave)

Whooo, pray tell, are youuu?

**CATERPILLAR**

I am whoever you want me to be, if I, in fact, am indeed whoever I say I am or someday hope to be. You dig?

**SMALL ALICE**

Yes. Um. No.

**CATERPILLAR**

(snaps his fingers)

I'm the Caterpillar, kiddo. Your wonder of wonders. Your miracle of miracles. Your happy, happy day!

**SMALL ALICE**

Oh!

(beat)

I'm so confused. I wanted adventure, but nothing makes any sense here.

**CATERPILLAR**

Alice, adventure doesn't always make sense. But it doesn't mean you stop exploring. The Caterpillar's gonna share two magical, hyphenated little words with you, guaranteed to make even your very worst day simply absolutely fabulous! Ready?

**SMALL ALICE**

(mustering courage)

Sure. Let's do this.

**CATERPILLAR**

Repeat after me: Zip-a-dee-doo-dah.

**SMALL ALICE**

Zip-a-dee-doo-dah.

**CATERPILLAR**

Zip-a-dee-ay.

**SMALL ALICE**

Zip-a-dee-ay.

(putting it together on her own)

Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay!

**CATERPILLAR**

You've been holding out on me! Hit it!