

## A MOMENT OF ANTICIPATION

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**GENRE:** Drama

**SYNOPSIS:** In this fast-paced society, how often do we enjoy the wait? In this sketch, two friends prepare to watch a meteor shower in a field. As they savor the moments of anticipation, life is put in perspective again. A wonderful sketch for the Advent season of anticipation.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** This script is very simple, and could translate to very boring. The two actors need to be filled with anticipation of the event they are about to witness so their excitement translates to the audience. They aren't a couple of giddy school kids out for a thrill – they are young adults eagerly anticipating something spectacular. That has all sorts of translations to our lives today. Work with your actors so this script strikes a chord with your audience.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 2

**TOPIC:** Advent

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Mark 1:2, 7

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Christmas

**SUGGESTED USE:** To set the audience's hearts for the anticipation of the birth of Christ

**CHARACTERS:**

Andrew-Age 20-30

Erin-Age 20-30; his friend

**PROPS:** One or two backpacks (optional)

**COSTUMES:** Warm hiking clothes for both

**SOUND:** Two wireless mics

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** Night, on top of a hill

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*Scene opens with ANDREW and ERIN sitting center stage. One or both may have a backpack sitting nearby.*

**ERIN:** It sure is a nice night.

**ANDREW:** It is. I love coming up here, away from the city lights.

**ERIN:** Yeah — there are so many stars. It's amazing.

**ANDREW:** Perfect for the meteor shower.

**ERIN:** I'm glad we came up here. The hike wasn't even that bad.

**ANDREW:** No, not at all.

**ERIN:** Have you come up here for other showers?

**ANDREW:** Actually, no. I've never seen one at all. And it's always been cloudy on the nights I would've been able to come up here.

**ERIN:** I haven't seen one either. I'm actually kind of excited.

**ANDREW:** Me too. *(They sit in silence for a moment.)*

**ERIN:** The stars really are amazing.

**ANDREW:** Have you ever seen the Northern Lights?

**ERIN:** No. You?

**ANDREW:** Just once. We were camping up in northern Minnesota, and my brother and I went out one night to see them. It was actually pretty cool. It had been really windy all day, and even that night while we were waiting. And then all of a sudden the wind died, and there was this almost audible pause — and then the sky just lit up. It was amazing.

**ERIN:** Nature's anticipation of a show.

**ANDREW:** Yeah — as if we were at the theater and the lights go down and the audience suddenly gets quiet —

**ERIN:** Just waiting — anticipating that opening line.