

**Dolphins**

**A Short Play**

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### CHARACTERS

A pod of twelve dolphins swimming in the Pacific Ocean. They are a mix of young and old, male and female, many races and ethnicities. They are all united in their Dolphin-ness.

There is also one human who appears briefly. The human is male and wears shorts and no shirt.

### SETTING

Under water. The Pacific Ocean. Near Southern California.

A bare stage.

I, I wish you could swim  
Like the dolphins, like dolphins can swim

David Bowie

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	LIGHTS UP:
	A DOLPHIN swims on.
	DOLPHIN ONE
(whistles toward off-stage) The fish are over here!	
	A pod of eleven other DOLPHINS swim on.
	DOLPHIN TWO
Fish yes!	
	DOLPHIN THREE
Yum! Yum! Yummy!	
	DOLPHIN FOUR
Delicious!	
	DOLPHIN FIVE
What's that smell?	
	DOLPHIN SIX
Strange. Water is strange.	
	DOLPHIN TWO
Who cares. There are fish. Weeee!	
	DOLPHIN SEVEN
Weird vibrations here.	
	DOLPHIN EIGHT
Big boats. Maybe?	
	DOLPHIN NINE
I like the boats that don't make sound.	
	DOLPHIN TEN
Humans on those boats like to play.	

Weeeee! I can see some quiet boats.	DOLPHIN ELEVEN
I'm going over there after I eat.	DOLPHIN TWELVE
Yum, fish.	DOLPHIN ONE
Yum, fish.	DOLPHIN TWO
Yum, fish.	DOLPHIN THREE
Yum, fish.	DOLPHIN FOUR
Yum, fish.	DOLPHIN FIVE
Yum, fish.	DOLPHIN SIX
Yum, fish.	DOLPHIN SEVEN
Yum, fish.	DOLPHIN EIGHT
Yum, fish.	DOLPHIN NINE
Yum, fish.	DOLPHIN TEN
Yum, fish.	DOLPHIN ELEVEN
Yum, fish.	DOLPHIN TWELVE

Eeeeeeeek. Get it off! Get it off!

Oh no.

I'm coming.

It's off!

Goodness!

Watch for plastic. We're close to the land.

And oil. There's oil. (shivers) Makes me cold.

What's that?

It's shiny. Don't eat it.

Humans make strange things.

Dolphin Three gets caught up in a plastic bag.

DOLPHIN THREE

DOLPHIN FOUR

DOLPHIN FIVE

DOLPHIN FIVE nudges DOLPHIN THREE

DOLPHIN SIX

DOLPHIN SEVEN

DOLPHIN EIGHT

DOLPHIN NINE

DOLPHIN TEN

A mylar balloon floats across the stage.

DOLPHIN ELEVEN

The mylar balloon is gone. Please dispose of it consciously.

DOLPHIN TWELVE

Most of them sink.	DOLPHIN ONE
Some of them fly.	DOLPHIN TWO
Let's swim!	DOLPHIN THREE
Look! A quiet boat.	DOLPHIN FOUR
Let's race the bow.	DOLPHIN FIVE
Let's jump up in the air extra high.	DOLPHIN SIX
Let's swim under.	DOLPHIN SEVEN
Look, the bottom of the boat goes way way down.	DOLPHIN EIGHT
Look there's another boat.	DOLPHIN NINE
There's a whole pod of them.	DOLPHIN TEN
Humans laughing.	DOLPHIN ELEVEN
Happy humans. We should study them more.	DOLPHIN TWELVE
I wonder what they eat.	DOLPHIN ONE
Let's go! Let's swim!	DOLPHIN TWO

Up for air.	DOLPHIN THREE
Ahhhh!	DOLPHIN FOUR
Swim!	DOLPHIN FIVE
Down and	DOLPHIN SIX
Up!	DOLPHIN SEVEN
	Dolphin Eight is stuck in a ball of fishing line.
Stuck! Ugh!	DOLPHIN EIGHT
What?	DOLPHIN NINE
Stuck. Line. Around me.	DOLPHIN EIGHT
Hold still.	DOLPHIN NINE
Can't breathe.	DOLPHIN EIGHT
Help me.	DOLPHIN NINE
Right here.	DOLPHIN TEN
	Dolphins Nine and Ten nudge at Dolphin Eight.
Can't move.	DOLPHIN EIGHT

Working on it.	DOLPHIN NINE
It's all around you.	DOLPHIN TEN
I'm done.	DOLPHIN EIGHT
Almost got it.	DOLPHIN NINE
We're so close.	DOLPHIN TEN
Too late. Goodbye my friends.	DOLPHIN EIGHT
	Dolphin Eight drifts away.
Goodbye.	DOLPHIN NINE
Damn these lines!	DOLPHIN TEN
Come, we must swim.	DOLPHIN ELEVEN
Swim!	DOLPHIN TWELVE
Swim!	DOLPHIN ONE
Swim, swim!	DOLPHIN TWO
Swim!	DOLPHIN THREE



Swim, swim, swim!

DOLPHIN FOUR

And breathe.

DOLPHIN FIVE

Swim!

DOLPHIN SIX

Swim, swim!

DOLPHIN SEVEN

Swim.

DOLPHIN NINE

Swim, swim, swim.

DOLPHIN TEN

A baby in a life jacket drops onto the stage.

Look!

DOLPHIN ONE

Fell off a boat.

DOLPHIN TWO

Help it!

DOLPHIN THREE

Dolphins Four and Five nudge it across the stage.

Nothing will happen to the baby.

DOLPHIN SIX

Baby is safe.

DOLPHIN SEVEN

Get it to the humans.

DOLPHIN NINE

Look, they're coming.

DOLPHIN TEN

A HUMAN comes onstage. The sound of a splash.

Here they come.

DOLPHIN ELEVEN

The Human grabs the baby and jumps offstage.

Baby is safe.

DOLPHIN TWELVE

Let's go.

DOLPHIN ONE

Let's go.

DOLPHIN TWO

Swim!

DOLPHIN THREE

Swim, swim!

DOLPHIN FOUR

Swim!

DOLPHIN FIVE

Swim, swim, swim.

DOLPHIN SIX

Swim!

DOLPHIN SEVEN

Fish!

DOLPHIN NINE

Fish!

DOLPHIN TEN

Let's go.

DOLPHIN ELEVEN

Swim!

DOLPHIN TWELVE

Blackout. End of play.