

STAGE-SCRIPT:
DOG MONOLOG (STREAM
OF CONSCIOUSNESS)

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STAGE

BARE STAGE

ACT I

SCENE 1

LOLA (3-YEAR-OLD, LABRADOR, EXCITABLE).
LOLA STARING AT SIDE OF STAGE, BOUNCING
EXCITEDLY.

LOLA: Oh my god, Oh my god, Oh my god.
He's got a toy.
I need it, I need it.
Throw it, throw it, throw it.
He's thrown it.
Got to get it.
Where did it go?
Over here.
Under the curtain?
No.
Where, where, where?
What about over there?
Near that light?
No, no, no.
I need it, I need it.
What about over there?
Near that other curtain?
No, no, no.
I need it, I need it.
What about over there?
(OUT) Do you have it?
No, no, no.
Where's he gone?
Maybe he can give me a clue.
There he is.
He's got the toy. I need it, I need it.
Throw it, throw it, throw it.
Wait! ... What's that noise?
Intruder!
Where are they?
Got to chase them. Need to protect the pack.
There he is. Carrying a bag and envelopes.
He's gone.
(OUT) Did you see him?
He was just there. Near the door.
Grrr.
It's not just him. Sometimes there's a cat.
A black thing from next door.
It just wanders around outside.
It sometimes sits and stares in at me.
And then there's a thing with a big curly tail.
It sometimes climbs so I can't get it.
It sometimes digs too.
(OUT) Let me know if you see it.

(OUT) Will you let me know?
Wait?
There it is.
Get out. Get out now.
Grrrr.
It's gone.
Where is it?
(OUT) Did you see where it went?
(OUT) Let me know if you see it won't you?
Is it there? Or maybe there?
Ooh itchy side. Gotta scratch it.
Arrrrgh that's better. Oh yes.
Oh, and my ear.
Ooooooh Yeeessss. That's great.
I need a belly rub or an ear scratch.
Where's dad.
Maybe he'll give me a belly rub.
There he is.
Dad dad dad dad dad.
Ohhhhhh yesssss. That's so good.
Now this side.
Lower. Oh yes.
Oh god, Oh god, Oh god, that's really good.
Wait.
Where's he going?
What's he doing now?
Ooooooh. Yes, yes, yes
He's going to the door.
Oh my god, Oh my god, Oh my god
Is he? Is he?
YESSSS. He's got my lead.
Oh my god, Oh my god, Oh my god.
Put it on. Put it on. Put it on.
Come on. Come on.
Let's go.
Why's he pulling me back.
Aren't we going?
Come on. Let's go.
Oh my god, Oh my god, Oh my god
I love walking.
Wait! ... What?
YESSSSS. He's got the car keys.
We're going in the car.
I love the car.
Especially when we're going fast.
I can stick my head out.
And my face does this.
Soooo much fun.
And I see other people looking and smiling.
And then. And then.
When we get there, I run and run.
Lot's of smells and sounds and people and sticks.
OH YESSSS. STICKS.
I love sticks.

Big ones and small ones and, and, and ..
Ooooooh and the water.
(OUT) Do you like water.
I love the water.
I swim and splash and fetch sticks.
It's so good.
And then, and then, when I come out, I have a good shake
Dad laughs and runs away, and I chase him
Oh, and there're other dogs
Big ones and small ones and nice ones and grumpy ones.
I don't like the grumpy ones. They chase me but I'm very fast.
I like the nice ones. We go round and round sniffing like this.
Oh, and there's lots of other smells there.
On the trees and the ground and the posts
And on the other dogs and people.
Oh my god, Oh my god, Oh my god
Let's go. Let's go.
(OUT) When we go in the car we go for loooooonnggg walks.
Here we go.
Open the door.
Please, please, please.
YESSSSS. I'm in.
My beds here, but I'm excited.
Soooo excited.
I can see other people.
Oh my god, Oh my god.
Yes, yes, yesssss.

CURTAIN