

**Scene 6**

*Changing room*

*Deloris is in her street clothes. Mary Robert enters.*

**MARY ROBERT**

Deloris?

**DELORIS**

Oh you scared me.

**MARY ROBERT**

Tomorrow is the biggest day of our lives. How can you leave us now?

**DELORIS**

Baby I gotta think about my own life.

**MARY ROBERT**

Then I want to go with you.

**DELORIS**

What?

**MARY ROBERT**

I want to go with you. The others – They all know that this is where they belong. They've all received their calling. But maybe this life isn't for me.

**#15 – *The Life I Never Led***

Or maybe it is. I don't know.

**DELORIS**

Honey, I'm not a priest.

**MARY ROBERT**

I know. But you're my friend and I...I want to know what I'm missing.

I'VE NEVER TALKED BACK.  
I'VE NEVER SLEPT LATE.  
I'VE NEVER SAT DOWN  
WHEN TOLD TO STAND STRAIGHT.  
I'VE NEVER LET GO  
AND GONE WITH THE FLOW,  
AND DON'T EVEN KNOW, REALLY, WHY.

I'VE NEVER ASKED QUESTIONS  
OR TAKEN A DARE.

**(MARY ROBERT)**

I'VE NEVER WORN CLOTHES  
THAT MIGHT MAKE PEOPLE STARE.  
I'VE NEVER REBELLED,  
OR STOOD UP AND YELLED,  
OR EVEN JUST HELD MY HEAD HIGH.

AND ALL OF THE FEELINGS UNSPOKEN,  
AND ALL OF THE TRUTHS UNSAID,  
THEY'RE ALL I HAVE LEFT  
OF THE LIFE I NEVER LED.

I'VE NEVER GONE SURFING  
OR RAN WITH A CROWD,  
OR DANCED ON A TABLE,  
OR LAUGHED MUCH TOO LOUD.  
I'VE NEVER QUITE DARED  
TO LEAVE MYSELF BARED  
I'VE JUST BEEN TOO SCARED I MIGHT FALL.

I'VE NEVER SEEN PARIS,  
SWUM NAKED,  
BEEN KISSED.  
I'VE NEVER QUITE REALIZED  
JUST HOW MUCH I'VE MISSED.  
AND WHAT DID I GET  
FOR HEDGING EACH BET?  
ANOTHER REGRET, AND THAT'S ALL.

AND ALL OF THE WISHES UNASKED FOR,  
ALL OF THE NEEDS UNFED,  
THEY'RE ALL THAT REMAIN  
OF THE LIFE I NEVER LED.

AND NOW,  
NOW THAT YOU'VE GIVEN ME ONE LITTLE TASTE OF IT,  
AND NOW, NOW THAT I KNOW WHAT I KNOW,  
WELL HOW, HOW CAN I GO ON IGNORING THE WASTE OF IT?  
AFTER ALL OF THE YEARS  
THAT I'VE CLUNG TO MY FEARS,

**(MARY ROBERT)**

WON'T YOU HELP ME LET GO?

HELP ME LET GO!

**DELORIS**

Baby you gotta do it on your own. You can leave or you can stay but the change you're looking for? I wish I could tell you what to do but I can't.

*(Beat)*

Hey—if you feel you want a little adventure in your life, here.

*(She hands her the purple boots)*

**MARY ROBERT**

*(With a gasp)*

So beautiful!

**DELORIS**

Those are my FM boots!

**MARY ROBERT**

F...M?

**DELORIS**

Yeah FM stands for fu—fu—Father Mulcahy. And all the good work he did in Korea.

**MARY ROBERT**

The blessed boots of Father Mulcahy!

**DELORIS**

Okay honey—I just made that up.

**MARY ROBERT**

I know, but I'll believe in them anyway. Thank you.

*(She looks at the shoes with delight. And then)*

Take my rosary—

*(Hands Deloris a rosary)*

**DELORIS**

But, I don't believe in that.

**MARY ROBERT**

Take it anyway. You might need some extra help.

*(Eddie enters)*

**EDDIE**

Deloris—come on. Let's go.