

Monologue from THE JESUS HICKEY
By Luke Yankee

(Agnes Flynn is an innocent, young, Catholic girl whose boyfriend, Seamus O'Malley, gave her a hickey in the shape of Jesus, which has given her mystical healing powers and made her an international celebrity known by the name of Genevieve. Her father has become her manager and totally exploited her. Exhausted and spent from constant appearances, healings and a world tour, she wants to stop...just as her father is about to sign a deal to get her a reality show and a move to Hollywood with him and her beloved grandmother (Grandmaire). As she says her nightly prayers, she asks God for guidance.)

AGNES
(kneeling & crossing herself)

Our Father, who art in heaven...what the hell are ya doin'? I don't understand why ya did this to me. How long do you expect me to go on like this? I think a steady diet of it would drive me straight to the looney bin. You see God, I'm startin' to believe my own publicity and it's scarin' the crap outta me. Some people think I'm an angel of mercy and think I should be canonized. Others don't understand and run away from me. But I'm just Agnes. I'm no saint. And if I'm so special, God, then why don't I have any friends? Still, it's been good to help folks feel better. There's nothin' so sweet as the sound of a baby laughin' as it echoes through the church. But the rest of it's just wearin' me out. No matter how much I do, it's never enough for Da. I know he wants me to go to Hollywood and make lots of money, but I just don't know if I'm up to it. So, if I really am supposed to become Saint Genevieve of Beverly Hills, the greatest thing since toasted cheese, will you let me know? I'd sure appreciate some kind of a sign. And if you decide to take this thing away because I'm not worthy or you're done with me or whatever, that's okay, too. It's been fun...sort of. Listen, there's a lovely, little dog just come up to you tonight. His name's Michael. Will you take extra good care of him? He likes to be scratched behind the ears. Thanks. In the name of the Father and the son and the holy ghost, amen.