

A script from



“The Secret is in the Praise”

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- What** Bob has an unexpected encounter with Rox, a homeless woman who teaches him about joy. Themes: Christmas, Praise, Worship, Giving, Attitude, Character, Joy, Gifts
- Who** Bob
Roxanne
- When** Present
- Wear
(Props)** Park bench
Trash can with empty soda can in it
Two handle bags with “gifts” in them
Magazine
Grocery cart loaded with junk
Large rock
- Why** Luke 19:37-40, Psalm 100:1
- How** Have fun with this. Rox needs to be a bold (without being annoying) and endearing character that the audience is drawn to. Bob is standoffish at first, but by the end of the scene is drawn to her inner joy as well.
- Time** Approximately 5-6 minutes

Bob is sitting on a park bench when **Rox** approaches him with her shopping cart.

Rox: Merry Christmas!

Bob: Merry Christmas.

Rox: *(Extends a hand of greeting)* Name's Roxanne. What's yours?

Bob: It's Bob.

Rox: *(Shakes hand enthusiastically)* Well, Bob, it's nice to meet you. *(Pause)* Bob. Is that short for Robert or Bobby. . . ?

Bob: *(Heavy sigh)* It's Robert.

Rox: But, you go by Bob?

Bob: Yes.

Rox: Sure, sure. It's easier. Friends call me Rox.

Bob: *(Under his breath)* Probably because you've got rocks in your head.

Rox: Oh, no. It's just easier than saying Roxanne.

Bob is slightly embarrassed that she heard his crude comment.

Bob: *(Lightly pushes her away from his stuff)* Hey, lady! *(Notices her dejected look)* They're gifts for my family for the holidays.

Rox: Ooo! A family man! I knew it. Got any kids?

Bob: Yes. Two girls.

Rox: Got pictures?

Bob: Ye. . . *(Begins to reach for his wallet, then decides he doesn't want to go there)* I mean, no, not with me.

Rox: Names?

Bob: *(Sigh)* Rebecca and Rachel.

Rox: Oooo! Biblical names! Very impressive. Great women of the Bible they were. You know, I always wanted to be like Rachel. *(Quotes the verse dramatically)* "Rachel was lovely in form and beautiful." Not much beauty

here, though. Just some old clothes from my friends down at the Salvation Army. What do you think?

Bob: About what?

Rox: About me! Could I be lovely in form and beautiful?

Bob: Sure, lady. Whatever you say.

Rox: (*Roxanne is somewhat saddened by his lack of attention. She begins muttering to herself, then...*) I bet your wife's lovely in form and beautiful.

Bob: She's alright.

Rox: Alright? Alright? Well, you married her, didn't you? Oh, what's wrong with her? Big nose? Bad breath? Oh, I know...ugly teeth. She's got ugly teeth.

Bob: No, she looks fine. As a matter of fact, she's perfect. She lets me know it all the time.

Rox: Ooo. Are we bitter, Bob?

Bob: No, just tired.

Rox: Tired of her, huh? Yeah, I know that feeling real well. Say, if you're tired of her, why are you giving her all these pretty packages?

Bob: Because it's Christmas.

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ENDING:

Bob: Praise? You mean, like to God?

Rox: Yep. You see, Bob, this world will suck the life right out of you. Before you know it, you're lost. You turn around and there's nobody there. Just you - all alone. But the Bible says that God lives in the praises of His people. So, if you ever feel alone, you just praise Him and - BOOM! He's there. And now you're not alone. You one of God's people, Bob?

Bob: Well, yeah, but I didn't know praise could make you feel like that.

Rox: Well, Bob, my friend, praise can change your life.

Bob: *(Stands)* Here comes my bus. *(Turns back to Roxanne)* Hey, lady?

Rox: Bob, we're friends. Call me Rox.

Bob: OK, Rox. Listen, thanks for everything. You help me put things back in the right perspective this holiday season.

Rox: Hey! That's what I'm here for, Bob, to remind you. WAIT! I've got a gift for you. Now, it's not wrapped or anything, but it's a gift just the same.

She hands him a large rock.

Bob: A rock. *(He notices an inscription on the rock, as Roxanne exits, and begins to read it aloud)* The whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God. Some of the Pharisees said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if they keep quiet, the rocks will cry out." The Rox will cry out!

Bob looks up to speak to **Roxanne**, but she is gone. He smiles and exits with his rock. Lights fade. The end.