



**Little Violet and the Angel**  
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*Gabriel is a young angel who has just arrived in heaven. Gabriel's first task is to look after an orphaned girl as she grows up with her adoptive parents. In this speech, Gabriel tries to figure out who she is.*

**GABRIEL:** Gabriel's the name.  
I'm an angel you know.  
Like my wings?  
Bit small, aren't they?  
They're not proper ones.  
I haven't earned my proper ones yet.  
I've just arrived you see.  
Apparently I used to live down there.

*(Gabriel looks down)*

Whoa!  
I hate heights.

*(Gabriel looks down again)*

Whooooahooooah  
Long way down isn't it?  
Funny thing is  
I don't remember a thing about being down there.  
No one ever does.  
I just woke up surrounded by all these clouds and celestial beings.

His name's Gabriel too.  
My boss.  
But he's the big cheese.  
He's what you call an archangel.  
You should see the wings on him.  
They're massive!  
I'm just a common angel.  
In the scheme of things  
I'm not much higher than a cherub.  
In fact he was quite upset,  
The other Gabriel, I mean,  
I suppose he didn't want to be sharing his name with somebody as low down the pecking order as me.

Anyway  
I haven't got time to dawdle talking to you.  
Got work to do,  
Places to go,  
People to see.  
I'm looking for a little girl.  
I'm supposed to be her guardian angel.  
I have to watch over her.  
It's my first job. He said,  
If I do it well,  
Then I might get wings like his.  
Perhaps you've seen her. Have you?  
He gave me a description  
My boss,  
The other Gabriel.  
Hang on.

*(Gabriel gets out a piece of paper and reads)*

Two eyes...

*(Gabriel looks at the audience)*

Hmmm.

*(Gabriel reads the paper again)*

A nose...

*(Gabriel looks at the audience)*

Mmmm.

*(Reads the paper)*

A mouth...

*(Gabriel looks at the audience)*

Mmmm. Giggles when she's tickled.

You!

*Scene 2, 'Heaven'*