Director's Script: "This Is Worship" - Live Worship-Theater Presentation

Length: Approx. 6 minutes

Purpose: A worship-theater piece accompanying the song "This Is Worship," illustrating worship through everyday surrender.

Cast: 4 actors (Truck Driver, Teacher, Widow, Janitor), 1 Narrator, 1 Vocalist or Worship Team

0:00 - Opening Scripture (Before Music)

Lighting: Stage dark, single spotlight on narrator OR projection screen.

Narrator (spoken slowly):

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." (Romans 12:1)

Music Begins: Soft pad swells under scripture reading.

0:20 - Musical Intro (Establish Tone)

Lighting: Slow rise on TRUCK DRIVER vignette area. Dim elsewhere. **Action (Truck Driver):** Seated, miming a slow drive. Glances at a family photo. Whispers a prayer. Pulls out a Bible from glove box.

Narrator (voiceover, optional):

"He drives alone through the dark, whispering prayers between mile markers. Worship, not in volume—but in faithfulness."

0:45 - Verse 1 (Begins Vocal Performance)

Lighting: Warms on TRUCK DRIVER. All others remain dim. **Action:** Slow, natural gestures. No exaggeration. Expression of peace as he drives.

1:15 - Verse 2

Lighting: Fades TRUCK DRIVER, rises on TEACHER vignette. **Action (Teacher):** She enters a classroom set. Sighs, places a sticky note that says "You Matter" on a student folder. Starts prepping lesson.

1:45 - Chorus 1

Lighting: Gradual fade to center stage. Keep TEACHER dimly visible. **Action:** No new movement. Let the music and vocals carry the emotional shift.

2:15 - Verse 3: The Widow

Lighting: Spot on WIDOW vignette. **Action (Widow):** Sets a single place at the table. Clutches a folded flag or photo. Bows her head in silent prayer. Slowly kneels with hands open.

2:45 - Verse 4: The Janitor

Lighting: Shifts gently to JANITOR. **Action (Janitor):** Sweeps or mops quietly. Finds a crumpled bulletin and gently smooths it onto a chair. Wipes dust from cross. Looks up.

3:15 - Instrumental / Bridge

Lighting: Dim stage. One spotlight on Narrator. Narrator (spoken during instrumental):

"This is worship. Not the spotlight, but the shadows. Not applause, but obedience. Not platform, but faithfulness in the quiet. These are the songs heaven hears."

Action: All characters freeze briefly, then slowly rise or shift posture as music builds.

3:45 - Final Chorus

Lighting: All characters lit. Soft glow. Warm, worshipful tone. **Action:** Characters walk slowly to center or front of stage. Form semi-circle. Lift hands, bow, or place hands over heart. Keep movements authentic and minimal.

4:15 - Outro

Lighting: Fade all but a center glow. Let final notes linger. **Action:** Hold posture. Let stillness be part of the worship.

Optional Post-Song Reading (Pastor or Narrator):

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." *(Colossians 3:17)*

Props Needed:

- Chair (for truck driver)
- Table + folder/papers (teacher)
- Table setting + photo (widow)
- Mop/broom, bulletin (janitor)

Tech Notes:

- Use ambient pads and soft piano for transitions.
- Keep vocal level slightly above narration.
- Allow 3–5 seconds of silence after the song before fade out.

Director's Note: Encourage actors to rehearse gestures that feel natural to them. The goal is not drama, but lived surrender. Let the music breathe. Let the silence speak. Worship happens here too.