

## Audio file

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## Transcript

The walls will be pink.

And gold.

The carpets will be white.

Soft like clouds.

And when we walk on it, will be like we are in the sky.

Careful.

Look.

When did this happen? Tell me if it hurts.

Hmm? Wait. One more, one more.

Okay? Finish.

Will you tell me the story?

I'm young and living with my grandmother.

You will get your mother from a well and you made a wish.

That I would have somebody who could be my friend.

So you won't be lonely.

So I won't be lonely.

And they waited and waited and almost gave up hope.

Yes.

But then I came along.

And I'll never be lonely again.

46, 27, 28, 29, 30, 30.

38, 39, 50.

And we'll keep you safe. Always.

Grace, Anna, it's Lisa.

What does it say?

I'm to call her.

I have to go back to school, don't I? Grace.

Yes.

It's the only way you should leave us alone.

47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53. Wow.

There is a fire.

There is a fire.

Hope.

Who saw the racket for? Fire.

Fire! Fire! \*\*\*\* me! There's a fire! Fire! It's a fire! Fire! Fire.

Fire.

Fire! You all right?

That's why I was waiting to have him. Tell yourself, thank you.

Are you right? Are you hurt?

What has happened?

I saw a fire inside the kitchen. Everybody was sleeping. So I was shouting and then all the lights came on and all the people came out.

What have I tell you?

We came to ourselves.

What else?

We cannot trust anyone.

We cannot trust anyone.

Everything the same here with you.

Always.

I spoke to your mum. And we're worried about how much school you're missing too. Emma, you haven't completed a week since you started. If there is anything you want to talk about at any time, you can speak to me or Miss Simple here. Yeah? Oh. Good. I won't keep you, then.

Can you talk?

So? What are you doing?

Wait! It's not like you saved our lives or anything.

Excuse.

Yeah.

Any day shift.

Why?

My daughter. She's not safe.

Is she all right?

Yes.

I didn't know you had a child. How old?

Eleven and three months.

You don't look old enough.

When do you have her on your floor?

No, I'll be 14.

Right, well... I'll see what I can... I can do.

Maybe I can go home on my own.

So I had to breathe and I can fly away.

Standing on the line I was given People staring at me why I'm here No one knew how low I was feeling I was scared to reach for it all.

I had a dream that someday I would just fly away. Can I show you something? Come on.

I'm on I'm out of space and there is nothing wrong I'm on Oh, I can see my people singing all my songs I'm on It's been a while, but I could still be gone I'm on, on, on It happens in a minute, happens in a minute It happens in a minute, happens in a minute.

Let me see yours. Wow. I like the colors. You're really seeing it.

I know, because I'm just...

Okay, bye.

Please never leave.

This place is beautiful. Knowing that bloody \*\*\*\* hole.

But I love that bloody \*\*\*\* hole.

You said bloody. Bloody, bloody, bloody, bloody, bloody.

I know what it's like to be new, to feel isolated, alone. Amma needs to start...

Amma needs what?

I think they're good for each other. I think that's what I'm trying to say.

You have a child.

Why do you ask?

If you love your own child. You won't think another person was better than you, but your child needs. Where's Amma? Where's my child? Did you see where Amma go?

That's what I'm trying to say.

The council will keep a shift. They will never admit those boilers haven't been saved for years.

We have decided to move us all to hostels first.

Looks that way.

And that's certainly with your plot.

And yours. God knows how long before we get somewhere decent.

I don't want to go. I am not going.

I don't either, Hen. But the building's falling as \*\*\*\*.

23, 24, 25.

Where have you been? We're moving. Where did you go? I'm not leaving. Where are you with that girl?

Fiona's man wants to stay.

I think I can trust you.

I'll stay with them also.

You want her.

What?

She wants to be with you and your daughter.

What the \*\*\*\* are you on about?

See? They don't want you. Are you happy?

You're right.

I will keep you safe. Always. Saints. Saints, Chris.

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

I ignore them.

Do you agree?

I bet, yeah. Sorry. You just need some dove. It's deodorant.

What's for?

Under arms. Stopped you from smelling.

About yesterday.

Don't worry about it.

Everybody is laughing at me.

That don't matter.

It's because I smile. You use it.

Use what?

For under your arms.

Where's your mom?

It is basic, but it is clean and safe.

I am young and living with my grandmother. So I made a wish. What?

You will get too much of my wife. And I made a wish.

But I would have somebody who could be my friend.

See, you won't be lonely.

So I won't be lonely.

And you waited and waited. And I must give up, up.

Yes.

But then I come along.

And everything change.

Come to your river I will come to your river I will come to your river Come to your river  
Wash my soul I will come to your river Wash my soul I will come to your river Wash my  
soul again Carry away my dead leaves Let me baptize My soul with the help of your  
waters. Sink my veins and complains. Let the river take them. River. You look amazing.  
My ego and my blame. Let me baptize my soul with the help of your waters. Those old  
means I'm so ashamed. Let the river take them.

Grace. Grace. Grace.

Come on.

I don't think this is working for you. That's been 4 shifts you haven't been able to  
complete. Anybody else would have been out after two.

I just need a little break. I'd be better.

Am I dying? I am dying. No. What is happening?

It's period. Why? It allows us to have babies.

When will it stop?

It doesn't.

What should I do?

Put this in your knickers.

It's okay.

She didn't do anything wrong.

What is that?

It's a period.

You want to see how things are on your own? After all, I have to.

You won't leave me.

You won't leave me? I should leave you before. Never look back.

Why should I be the one to look after you?

But you made a wish. No, they forced me.

I have no choice.

No. You should have somebody who could be your friend. She once belonged me. And  
they waited and waited. And no one's give up. But then I came along.

I did not ask for you. I did not ask for you. I did not ask for you.

Thomas.

Did that do something wrong?

Yeah.

Your phone. Answer it, turn it off.

That's all I can do. Hey. It's all right.

I'm sorry.

I'm sorry. It's OK.

It's OK.

She has been keeping me company.

Where were you?

Where is my father? Everyone has a father. Where's mine?

What did you say to her? Don't talk to my child. Never speak to me.

I know you really don't know me, but... you are not alone.

You stay away from her. You stay away from me.

Fiona. Are you all right? You know you can talk to me. I'm sure.

Where are we going?

Amma, I don't know. But we have to start again. This place, we're not safe here.

Just give them a moment, please.

Open the door.

I will open the door.

You will be fine.

OK.

How have you both been?

You're leaving.

They found us somewhere.

Well, that's good. I was... Wondering if I could have a little chat with Amma on her own. It's just a little chat like the one we had at school, you know, about how you've been doing.

She don't want to talk to you.

It's just a few questions. There is nothing to be afraid of. I promise.

We don't want to talk to you.

I'll be back in a moment. Please, don't go anywhere.

I didn't do anything wrong. Did I, Chris? No.

Why can't you ask her here?

You know why you won't let me speak to her?

Amma doesn't want to talk with you.

Why don't you give them a little space? Hey, don't touch her. No. You aren't making things worse.

Tell her to leave us alone.

It's fine. We've got this.

Amma, candy, candy.

Oh, really?

Amma.

Amma.

Amma.

Where did Amma go? Can I talk to you in private? Grace, I'm trying to help. That's all I'm trying to do. I'm trying to help you. But will you call me? If she doesn't come back this evening, will you call me? What her friend Fiona said about what happened here the other night, is it true?

Grace? Grace, are you okay?

I'm fine.

Do you need anything? Can I help?

No.

Do you know where she's gone? I am here. Grace, I am just here.

Amma? Amma.

I'm sorry.

You... You won't. I'm sorry, Grace. You won't let them take me. I'm sorry if I made it hard. I'll do anything. I'll be good. I'll be very, very good. Promise? I'll be good. Grace? Promise? The walls will be pink.

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No, it isn't. You get me? You will be fine. I'll make sure.

Okay.

You're hungry? What be the rules when I go?

We give to ourselves.

What else?

We cannot trust anyone.

And.

I open the door for nobody. I make no sound.

It's me. Will you let me in? Ella. You're my only real friend. I'm really sorry. Mama. I'm open.

Are you all right?

We're fine.

What will you do?

I'm not sure again. I... I don't know. I... I'm not sure yet. I...

I have been here for five years. I work.

I eat.

I go to the cinema. I have some friends. But still, sometimes... I don't know if I will ever feel safe. But I have to believe it.

Otherwise, it's like I have given up. It's not just for Lama.

Grace, you. also need to feel safe.

Your Highness.

I'm sorry.

When she was a baby, the best thing was to watch her sleep. It's just like that she was in another world. Small. Very small and not strong. In a small life... She seemed too much. Always the struggle. And I'm trying to make things better. I can... I can look over her. But now my heart goes down because she's changing. She doesn't look smart anymore.

I promise you that whatever you need right now will be best for Amma. Do you believe me? You have to trust me.

I'm sorry.

I'm sorry.

I want you to grow safe. I want you to be happy. Everything I do is for this. If you're scared, no, you won't be forever. Trust me.

I am breathing the same as you.

Always.

If you always fancy being a star, perhaps watch In Camera First. It's another BBC Films premiere and it's here next Friday at 10 past 11.