

**B L Morrison School
Postville**

Presents

I Believe I can Fly

Cast

Narrator

Mom

Dad

Teacher

Ricky

Rosetta

Mark

Narrator: This is a play about a young teenage boy, named Ricky, who has a dream of becoming an astronaut. His family, teachers and classmates don't believe that he can amount to anything because he is constantly playing video games and no interest in his school work. Only his best friend, Mark, believes in him. Ricky really wants to show everyone that he can achieve his goal, so he decided to hatch a plan to take flight and prove everyone wrong.

Scene 1

Ricky is in the living room playing video games, yelling at the T.V. He looks as though he has been up all night. Phone Rings

Mom: Hello

Teacher: Is this Mrs. Sanchez?

Mom: Yes.

Teacher: This is Ms. Worthman calling with regards to Ricky's last English test. I'm afraid he did not perform well.

Mom: I was after him for a full week about studying. I just can't seem to get him off those video games.

Teacher: If there was just some way to get him to show any interest in his school work.

Mom: I will have another talk with him. Thank you.

Teacher: You're welcome. Good-bye.

Once Ricky's Mom gets off the phone she heads right for Ricky.

Mom: Ricky get off those video games. Your teacher called again. You didn't tell me you failed another English test.

Ricky: But Mom, I don't like English. How's this Shakespeare guy going to help me in the future?

Mom: For one thing, he could help you graduate.

Ricky joins Rosetta at the kitchen table for breakfast.

Mom: Now Ricky, you are going to have to spend less time on those video games and more time at your studies.

Ricky: What's English going to do for me? It has nothing to do with what I want to be.

Rosetta: And what is that exactly?

Ricky: (*Proudly*) I want to be an astronaut.

Dad: And I want to win the lottery. I guess we are all entitled to our dreams.

Rosetta and Mom start laughing

Mom: Well you better get off those games and into your books.

MUSIC (ROCKETMAN)

Scene 2

Teacher is teaching about Science.

Teacher: There were many people who helped to shape the world of Science, such as Albert Einstein, Thomas Jefferson, and Neil Armstrong.

Rosetta: Miss, did you know that Ricky wants to be an astronaut?

Class laughs.

Ricky: What?

Rosetta: Do you think you'll really be that? You have your head stuck up in the clouds.

Ricky: Not yet! But someday.

Teacher: Now, now... Ricky we live in Canada. Very few people get to be an astronaut. If you are serious about becoming an astronaut then you should be more serious about your studies.

Bell Rings

Teacher: Don't forget. That lab write up is to be finished by Monday.

Ricky and Mark are heading out of the classroom.

Mark: My kill streak on COD was crazy last night. I got a tactical nuke on them noobs.

Ricky: Totally Rad... but do you think it would be cool to do something awesome with our lives?

Mark: Yeah. I wanna jump in my T.V. to play real life COD. (*Ricky looks puzzled*) Nah... I'm just kidding. Do you mean becoming a Spaceman?

Ricky: Yeah, like that.

Musical interlude

Mark: Well you'll have to come up with an awesome, amazing, super plan to prove that that's what you will be.

Ricky: Mark, I know what were going to do today. We're going to build a rocket ship.

Mark: What have I got myself into?

MUSIC (Spaceman)

Scene 3

Mark and Ricky are building a rocket ship.

Mark: This is awesome! So you're really going to the moon?

Ricky: Yeah, I even picked up "Rockets for Dummies" at that new book store.

Mark: Sweet.

Ricky: For just having some boards, nails, a gas can, tubes, 5 gallon bucket and some shingles from my roof, this rocket is coming together nicely.

Mark: Heck yeah!

Mom and Dad walk in to the sound of hammering.

Mom: Holy Mac, what is the reason for all of this noise?!

Ricky: We're making a rocket. What's for supper?

Mom: Mac and Cheese.

Mark: Sweet.

Mom: Wait, what? A rocket? What is the meaning of this? Richard get out here and see what that son of yours is up to.

Dad: Those better not be my new shingles.

Ricky: They were just lying there.

Dad: Yeah, on the roof! What are you two up to? No matter how hard I work nothing is ever appreciated.

Mark: Ricky's going to be the next Neil Armstrong.

Ricky: I'm going to the moon!

Mom: Well, you just better be back before dinner. And clean up this mess before you come inside.

Dad: And when you get back from the moon, could you please put this stuff back where you found it. *(Mom and Dad go off shaking their heads)* Astronaut.... please.

Mom and Dad exit.

Ricky: Yeah, sure.

Mark and Ricky continue to build ship as curtain closes.

MUSIC (Rocketman)

Scene 4

Curtain opens and rocket ship is complete.

Ricky: I think we're finished. Helmet?

Mark: Check.

Ricky: Gloves?

Mark: Check.

Ricky: Gum?

Mark: HUH?

Ricky: In case my ears pop.

Mark: Are you sure about this?

Ricky: They all said I couldn't do it, but this'll show them.

Curtains Close. Open. Mom/Dad/ Rosetta are cleaning up from supper.

Mom: That boy better have a good excuse for missing dinner.

They look out the window and see Ricky going up in the Rocket ship.

Dad: Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle. That boy actually built a rocket ship. I guess I won't be getting my shingles back.

Ricky: I knew I could do it. TO THE MOON ALICE!!!

MUSIC (Fly me to the Moon)

Narrator: You can do anything in life if you put your mind to it. Just believe in yourself and don't let anyone tell you that you can't achieve your goals, even if it seems impossible.

The End

MUSIC (I Believe I Can Fly)