

## Notes from the play “Happy Days” by Samuel Beckett

FLOW of Objects and Actions in order of appearance:

O=Object A=Action Winnie A=Action Willie

O Mound / Scorched Grass O Blazing Light

O Horizon

O Winnie

O Pearl Necklace

A Sleeping

O Black Bag

O Parasol

O Willie (hidden by mound to Winnie’s right rear)

O Bell (10 seconds, 5 seconds)

A Waking up

O Zenith

A Gazing

A Praying

O Toothbrush

O Toothpaste

A Brushing (Teeth) A Spit out

(winnie saying how nice is it to be willie for not caring about life)

“no better, no worse, no change, no pain”

O Mirror

O Spectacles

O Handkerchief

A Wiping (eye)

A Polishing (spectacles)

“so much to be thankful for, can’t complain, slight headache sometimes”

A Wiping (toothbrush handles)

O Parasol

A Striking (Willie with the parasol)

O Willie’s Hand (invisible, giving back the parasol)

O Revolver

O Empty Bottle of Red Medicine

A Tossing (bottle of medicine to willie)

O Lipstick

A Doing (Lips)

O Willie’s Bald Head

A Bleeding

O Handkerchief

O Boater

O Newspaper

O Brimless hat with crumpled feather

A Reading (newspaper)

(winnie recollecting happy memories about Charlie Hunter and her first ball, second ball, and first kiss, Mr Johnson with bushy mustache)

O Magnifying Glass

A Fanning (willie's face with newspaper)

A Examining (handle of toothbrush with magnifying glass)

(here a whole section of examining the handle of the toothbrush including handkerchief, spectacles, and magnifying glass. Hog's Setae)

O Postcard

A Closing and opening eyes

"The happy day to come when flesh melts at so many degrees and the night of moon has so many hundred hours. This is what I find so comforting when I lose heart and envy the brute beast."

A Examining postcard

A Quickly taking off boater and handkerchief from head A Blowing nose

A Plucking (grass, intermittently)

O Comb O Brush

(the first thing Willie says, "It")

"Oh you are going to talk to me today, this is going to be a happy day!"

O Hat

"Is that not so willie, that even words fail at times"

(Winnie tells Willie goes back to hole)

A Crawling (back to hole)

O Vaseline

“Fear no more.” -Willie

“You do look snug, I must say, with your chin on your hands and the old blue eyes like saucers in the shadow.”

A Patting & Stroking ground

O Emmet with eggs

“Eggs. Formication.” -Willie

(And then they laugh together and then in turns like a maniac)

“Was I ever loveable?”

O Revolver

“Take it away Winnie take it away before I put myself out of my misery.” -Willie

O Parasol

“The way man adapt himself to changing conditions.” A Burning (parasol)

O Mirror

O Unidentifiable odds and ends

O Musical box (Waltz Duet “I love you so” from the Merry Widow”)

O Nailfile

A Filing (nail)

(Winnie told Willie to not eat something and spit it out)

A Tidying (bag)

(Winnie takes out revolver and toothbrush again) (Willie goes back to mound behind her back)

“Castrated male swine reared for slaughter.”

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(Scene as before with revolver, bag, and parasol) [A Ringing bell](#)

“Things have their life, that is what I always say, things have a life. Take my looking glass, it doesn’t need me”

(waxen doll, china blue eyes)