

BEAT Dale Sheldrake short play 3.

EVELYN 1

It was probably mom.

EVELYN 2

I said I'd call when I got home.

EVELYN 1

(checks her watch)

She's probably worried.

EVELYN 2

Always worried at 4 in the morning.

EVELYN 1

Damn.

(A twinge of pain brings her hand to the bloody cut on her head.)

EVELYN 2 faces EVELYN 1.

EVELYN 2

That's nasty. Put pressure on it. The birthday scarf.

EVELYN 1 pulls an identical scarf from her purse.

EVELYN 1

She's gonna kill me if I ruin her present.

(Together, they tie their scarf around their heads.)

EVELYN 1

I should have left early. Or stayed over and crashed for a couple hours.

EVELYN 2

(laughs)

EVELYN 1

I guess I did crash for a couple hours. I wouldn't have fallen asleep if I'd had some -

EVELYN 2

(lightly dancing)

Instant energy... Dance force in a bottle. A pick-me-upper. A stay-awaker.

EVELYN 1

I can't keep doing it. It's too easy.
How could I have thought it was normal?

EVELYN 2

Will I do it forever? Just one big party.
With an infectious beat.

EVELYN 1

Ohh but I like it. Vibrating like a string, feeling music I can hear but can't sing. In
a voice I've always wanted to speak with.

EVELYN 2

Not a whisper but a shout.

EVELYN 1

A voice that unclouds the darkness, outshines this pain and...

EVELYN 1/EVELYN 2

(together)

Harmonizes

EVELYN 1

Unrestrained

EVELYN 2

A voice that hollers just for fun.

EVELYN 1

And speaks its mind freely, unafraid and untamed

EVELYN 1/EVELYN 2

(together)

and Roars!

(EVELYN 2 stops dancing.)

EVELYN 2

Without the Crank and the Crunk? The boring, plain, everyday dull

EVELYN 1

marvelous, beautiful state of...