

When I Grow Up

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Synopsis

“What do you want to be when you grow up?” is a question that is often asked of children. But Ashley doesn’t know how to answer. At twelve years old, Ashley is under pressure from her parents and teachers to choose a career path that she can work towards.

After receiving a less than satisfactory school report one term, Ashley’s Dad decides to take her out into the ‘real world’ to snap her out of her day-dreaming and help her find her niche.

Join Ashley on her journey to self-discovery, where she will meet less-than-honest lawyers, trustworthy teachers, drama-queen doctors, a polite and polished plumber and many more colourful characters along the way. Will Ashley discover where she belongs? Or will she be doomed to a life of underachieving? Find out in: *When I Grow Up...*

Moral: Take your time to find out who you are. Everyone is unique, and we all discover our strengths at different times in our lives.

Cast List

An asterisk (*) indicates that this character ALSO has a vocal solo. *Most* parts can be changed from male to female and vice versa if necessary.

	<i>Character</i>	<i>Number of lines</i>
1.	Ashley *	80
2.	Dad	31
3.	Mum	19
4.	Kate (Sister)	3
5.	Mark (Brother)	4
6.	Mrs Woods (Teacher) *	15
7.	Mr William Fibb (Lawyer) *	6
8.	Judge Judy	8
9.	Robin Banks (Criminal) *	2
10.	Doctor Pepper *	13
11.	Doctor Jekyll (Surgeon) *	9
12.	Nurse Payne *	7
13.	Patient (no lines)	0
14.	Eugene (IT guy) *	10
15.	Sheldon (IT guy) *	8
16.	Sergeant Smith *	10
17.	Constable Jones *	5
18.	Constable Tiny *	4
19.	Fred (Plumber) *	20
20.	Kate (Apprentice)	3
21.	Captain Bob (Jamaican accent) *	8
22.	First Mate	1
23.	Sarah *	1
24.	Johnny *	1
25.	Rachel *	1

Character Descriptions

Ashley - lead character with one vocal solo. Must have strong acting and singing skills.

Dad - overbearing, dramatic and hard to please. Strong acting skills required.

Mum - caring and understanding.

Kate (Sister) - minor role.

Mark (Brother) - minor role.

Mrs Woods (Teacher) - firm but fair teacher. Vocal solo.

Mr William Fibb (Lawyer) - Smarmy and smug. Vocal solo.

Judge Judy - Tough and quick to anger.

Robin Banks (Criminal) - minor acting role, ability for physical comedy required, minor vocal solo.

Doctor Pepper - comedic role. Over confident and cocky. Minor vocal solo.

Doctor Jekyll (Surgeon) - arrogant and self-important. Minor vocal solo.

Nurse Payne - The peace-keeper and object of the two doctor's affection. Minor vocal solo.

Patient (no lines) - lies on operating table. Wakes up during surgery.

Eugene (IT guy) - comedic role. Nerdy sci-fi fan. Minor vocal solo or duet.

Sheldon (IT guy) - comedic role. Nerdy sci-fi fan. Minor vocal solo or duet.

Sergeant Smith – Officer in charge with a ‘gangster’ attitude. Minor vocal solo (rap only).

Constable Jones - Officer with a ‘gangster’ attitude. Minor vocal solo (rap only).

Constable Tiny - comedic role. Wears a fat suit. Constantly eating Krispy Kremes. Minor vocal solo (rap only).

Fred (Plumber) - polite and polished plumber. Possibly with a British accent. Strong acting and singing skills required. Some physical comedy. Vocal solo.

Kate (Apprentice) - clumsy, bumbling and always late. Minor role.

Captain Bob (Jamaican accent) - comedic role with a Jamaican accent. Fun, relaxed ‘no worries, mon’ attitude.

First Mate - minor role

Sarah - minor role. Vocal solo.

Johnny - minor role. Vocal solo.

Rachel - minor role. Vocal solo.

Musical Numbers

1. *The Whole World At My Fingertips*

Introduction led by Sarah, Johnny, Rachel with lead cast chorus

2. *If I'm Just Me*

Ashley's solo

3. *Bend the Truth*

Led by Mr. William Fibb and Robin Banks

4. *Keep Them in Line*

Led by Mrs Woods

5. *Don't Drop the Scalpel*

Led by Dr Pepper, Dr Jekyll and Nurse Payne

6. *Ctrl, Alt, Del*

Led by Eugene and Sheldon

7. *We're the Police*

Led by Sergeant Smith, Constable Jones and Constable Tiny

8. *Plumbing Week to Week*

Led by Fred

9. *The Deep Blue Sea*

Led by Captain Bob

10. *The Whole World At Your Fingertips*

Led by Sarah and Rachel (optional) with Whole School chorus

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Scene 1

Classroom setting

Mrs Woods: What would you like to be when you grow up? Sarah?

Sarah: An astronaut!

Mrs Woods: Very good. And what would you like to be, Johnny?

Johnny: A fireman!

Mrs Woods: Fantastic. And you, Rachel?

Rachel: A CEO.

Mrs Woods: Excellent. And what about you, Ashley? Ashley?

Ashley looks up and shrugs.

Mrs Woods: Ashley, you must have some aspirations for your future?

Ashley: Um... I don't know... I –

Bell rings

Mrs Woods: Ok boys and girls have a wonderful weekend! And don't forget your reports!

Song 1: “*The Whole World At My Fingertips*”

Sarah, Johnny, Rachel and lead cast chorus

Ashley and her brother (Mark) and sister (Kate) are walking home from their last day of school all holding their report cards. Ashley is looking upset.

Mark: Check out the grade I got for P.E!

Kate: Not as good as the one I got for Maths. What's wrong, Ashley? Didn't you get a good report?

Ashley: No, it's terrible. Mum and Dad are not going to be happy.

Mark: Well they'll be happy that two out of three of their children aren't complete failures.

*Mark and Kate hi-5 each other and laugh.
Enter family home.*

Mum: Hi kids. How was the last day of school?

Kate: Great! I got the best report from Mr _____ (insert classroom teacher's name).

Dad: And what about you, Mark?

Mark: Awesome! Mrs _____ (insert P.E teacher's name) says I'll make the state soccer team for sure.

Ashley is hiding her report card and trying to go unnoticed.

Mum: Ash? Let's have a look at your report then...

Ashley reluctantly hands her report to Mum. Mum and Dad both read.

Dad: Mark and Kate, we need to have a private word with your sister.

Mark and Kate: Oh but Dad –

Mum: Off you go!

Mark and Kate leave the room but listen in at the door.

Dad: (*reads*) "Ashley is easily distracted in class and finds it difficult to focus on any given task. She can often be found humming absent-mindedly whilst staring out a window..." - What is this all about, Ashley?

Ashley: I try to pay attention Dad but everything is just so –

Mum: Difficult?

Dad: Challenging?

Ashley: Boring.

Dad: So what do you plan to do with your life, Ashley?

Ashley: I don't know, Dad. I'm twelve.

Dad: Well that is just not good enough! This is the problem with kids today, no discipline. When I was your age, I was half way through law school. And by the time I was 16, I had won my first case. Your mother knew she wanted to be a teacher when she was three years old!

Mum: She just hasn't discovered what she is good at yet. Have you, Ash?

Dad: Well starting tomorrow she's going to find out. This week we're taking you to find out what hard work is all about starting at my office. You'll need to be up bright and early – it's going to be a long day.

Dad exits.

Ashley: Some week this is going to be...

Mum: Cheer up, Ash. You never know, you might even enjoy it. I'll have a word with your father. He only wants the best for you, you know.

Ashley: Thanks, Mum.

Mum exits.

Ashley: What if I never find out what I'm good at? Or who I'm supposed to be? What if I'm just... me?

Song 2: "*If I'm Just Me*"

Ashley