

PERUSAL SCRIPT

Two Ladies
Playing Go Fish

a play about
Growing Older
by

Jerry Walker



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CAST OF CHARACTERS

Penny

Ruth-Ann

SETTINGS: a card table

Contemporary costumes

RUNNING TIME: about 3-4 minutes

TWO LADIES PLAYING GO FISH by Jerry Walker 2f Simple Setting, contemporary costumes. Two crusty women, ‘friends’ since High School, discover that through the years, they actually have shared their lives together -- and like it. *Order #3218*

Jerry Walker is a retired **Band and Theater** director. He was the director of bands at **Oxford Hills High School** in South Paris and **Stearns High School** in Millinocket. While in Millinocket he was also the theater director and directed the Jazz Ensembles. Since his retirement in 1999 he has acted in and directed plays and musicals at **Schoolhouse**: *The “Hobbit,”* and *“Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep,”* *“The Odd Couple”* and a group of one-act plays; **Lake Region Community Theater**, where he directed: *“The Odd Couple,”* (female version), *“Oliver”* and *“You Can’t Take It With You”*; **Oxford Hills Community Theater**, *“Carnival”*; and **Windham Center Stage Theater**: *“You Can’t Take It With You”* and *Once Upon A Mattress*. He Directed *“My Fair Lady”* and *“Hello Dolly”* at **Deertrees**. Jerry is one of the founders of the **Daytime Players** as well as an actor and director in the ensemble. Some of his acting roles include *Tevye* in **“Fiddler”**, *Fagin* in **“Oliver”**, *Scrooge* in the **“A Christmas Carol”**, *Fred* in **“All I Really Needed To Know I Learned Kindergarten”**, *Kris Kringle* in **“Miracle on 34th Street”**, *Bellomy* in **“The Fantastiks”**, *Sextimus* in **“Once Upon A Mattress”**, *Erroneous* in **“A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum”**, *Birdboot* in **“The Real Inspector Hound”**, *Al Lewis* in **“The Sunshine Boys”**, and *Samuel* in **“A Little Something For The Ducks”**. He reworked and directed the present expanded version of *“Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep”* at **Schoolhouse** in 2004 and 2008. He is presently writing *“Two Guys Seating on a Bench Talking About Stuff of No Importance to Anyone.”*

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(Two Ladies, PENNY and RUTH-ANN, are sitting at a table playing cards. One shuffles and the other picks up her cards one at a time.)

PENNY: Its been awhile since we have done this.

RUTH-ANN: *(dealing the cards)* Sure has.

PENNY: Are you going to deal from the bottom of the deck?

RUTH-ANN: I might.

PENNY: I figured you would.

RUTH-ANN: Do you have some aces and kings up your sleeve?

PENNY: I might.

RUTH-ANN: *(picking up her cards)* I figured you would.

PENNY: Got any eights?

RUTH-ANN: Go Fish. Got any threes?

PENNY: Go fish.

RUTH-ANN: When did we start playing this stupid game?

PENNY: When you moved next door. I think we were in the second grade. It was the only game we both could play... we used to play every day and tell each other stories about our lives.

RUTH-ANN: We were pretty close weren't we? I remember now, I used to make up stories and pretend they were true and I think you believed every one.

PENNY: I did not believe every one. I told a few whoppers myself.

RUTH-ANN: You couldn't lie if you were paid a million dollars. Lying came pretty easy to me.

PENNY: Those were lies? You mean you were never a princess and your parents weren't eaten by cannibals when you were on vacation in the South Pacific? How could you? Do you really think I believed you?

RUTH-ANN: Yeah, I do. You used to sit there wide-eyed with your mouth hanging open and then you'd say, "Oh My God, I don't believe it." But, you did.

PENNY: I did not. You got any sevens?

RUTH-ANN: Go fish. You did too. You got any aces?

(Penny slams down two cards and they both sit quietly for a moment.)

PENNY: You got any fours?

(Ruth-Ann tosses her a card.)

PENNY: What about all those things you said you did in high school, were they the truth?

RUTH-ANN: Some were. How do you we end this game, I forgot?

PENNY: When you can lay all your cards down in groups of 3, I think. Got any sixes?

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RUTH-ANN: *(tossing her a card)* Are you sure? I really don't have a clue about this game. Got any Kings?

PENNY: GO FISH. Do you remember Gordon Pelkey? Our freshman year.

RUTH-ANN: Gordon Pelkey... short, glasses... always had a zit on his nose. Sat beside you in science class. You thought he was gorgeous. You really could pick 'em back then.

PENNY: He has his own business and makes a bundle of money. I should have married him, but no... you said he wasn't good enough for me, that I could do much better.

RUTH-ANN: Does he still have the zit on his nose? Got any Queens?

PENNY: *(hands her two cards)* Is it true about you and the entire football team?

RUTH-ANN: Nope, just the backfield ... and the starting five on the basketball team, two coaches and the principal.

PENNY: *(laughing)* You are such a liar.

RUTH-ANN: Maybe.

PENNY: What about Andy Parker, was he one of your "conquests"?

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