

THOSE HOLLOW BODIES - SIDE 1 - ANN, K

*Ann tries it.
Holds it in her mouth.*

K:
Don't.

Ann swallows.

K:
Good.

ANN:
I don't like the taste.

K:
But, you did it anyway.

ANN:
I still didn't like it.

K:
In the jungle, we do as we're told. We have big ears and tiny mouths. It's very important. For safety's sake. Sometimes always for safety's sake

*K licks Ann's cheek.
Then she bites.*

ANN:
Ouch! I didn't like that either.

K:
Don't you want to be something
someone can sink their teeth into?

ANN:
Not if it hurts.

K:
It's supposed to hurt.

ANN:
I really don't think it's supposed to hurt.

K:
People are just bodies.

ANN:
People are more than just bodies.

K:

Look at me.
People are just bodies.
They all jump at the hint of a scratch.

ANN:

That's just flesh instinct.

K:

That's all there is.

ANN:

You really bite hard, you know. It's very strange. It's very -

K touches Ann's cheek.

ANN:

Oh.

Then touches her cello.

ANN:

You must like cellos.

K:

I do.

ANN:

Like me?

K:

Like you.

ANN:

You must play a lot.

K:

I do.

ANN:

You must take lessons.

K:

Used to.

ANN:

Where's your instrument?

K:

She's right here.

ANN:

Not me.

K:

Yes you.

ANN:

That's silly.

K:

How?

ANN:

Well, I'm not a - you can't play me.

K:

You sure?

ANN:

I don't make noise - music.

K:

Are you sure?

ANN:

You can't pluck me.

K:

I think I already have.

ANN:

You picked me.

K:

You didn't mind.

ANN:

I didn't. I don't. I like your hands.

K hides her hands.

*Ann looks for them.
They laugh. It's big.
Ann finds K's hand.
There are cigarette burns all over them.*

ANN:

Oh.

*The Man bustles onstage.
K puts on Ann's shoes.
Goes outside.*

ANN:

I was always taught women hold between their fingers, their two fingers. Like this.
But, they have cylinder shaped burns too. I saw them, I saw them all lined up steady
right across the back of her -

K and the Man do a scene.

MAN:

I've seen you out here before.

K:

I take lessons just down the street.

MAN:

I know. I've seen you.

K:

Do you play?

MAN:

Oh yes.

K:

Oh.

MAN:

I've never played a -

K:

I've seen you out here before.

MAN:

You cut me off.

K:

Oh.