

## **GREAT Theatre - Great Gatsby Audition Scene and Monologue**

**Scene** (Please prepare to read both Gatsby and Nick.)

GATSBY: Oh, God! This is a terrible mistake.

NICK: You're just embarrassed, that's all. Daisy's embarrassed too.

GATSBY: She's embarrassed?

NICK: Just as much as you are.

GATSBY: Don't talk so loud.

NICK: You're acting like a little boy. Not only that but you're rude. Daisy's sitting in there all alone. (To us:) He went back into the other room. I walked out the back way; after half an hour the sun came out, so I went inside.

GATSBY: Oh, hello, old sport

NICK: It's stopped raining.

GATSBY: I want you and Daisy to come over to my house, I'd like to show her around.

NICK: You're sure you want me to come?

GATSBY: Absolutely, old sport.

NICK: (to us:) Daisy went upstairs to wash her face while Gatsby and I waited on the lawn.

GATSBY: My house looks well, doesn't it?

NICK: It's splendid.

GATSBY: It took me just three years to earn the money that bought it.

NICK: I thought you inherited your money.

GATSBY: I did, old sport, but I lost most of it in the panic of the war.

NICK: What business are you in?

GATSBY: Oh, I've been in several things. I was in the drug store business and then the oil business. But I'm not in either one now.

**Monologue** (Please prepare one of the following options - either Nick or Jordan.)

NICK: When I came back from the East Coast last autumn I wanted no more riotous excursions with privileged glimpses into the human heart. Only Gatsby was exempt from my reaction—Gatsby who represented everything for which I have unaffected scorn. There was something gorgeous about him, an extraordinary gift for hope as I have never found in any other person.

JORDAN: She wouldn't let go of the letter and squeezed it up into a wet ball. We put ice on her forehead and hooked her back into her dress and half an hour later the pearls were around her neck and the incident was over. Next day she married Tom Buchanan and started off on a three months' trip to the South Seas.