

# IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE MONOLOGUE

ANNOUNCER: This is the story of George Bailey--an ordinary man who lives in Bedford Falls, New York. But George Bailey--more than anything-- wanted to see the world--the exciting world that lay somewhere beyond his hometown. George had big dreams. But also big responsibilities. Of course, sometimes the two don't exactly fit together. Sometimes happiness is not over the rainbow, but right under your nose. However, our story doesn't begin in Bedford Falls. In fact, it doesn't begin anywhere in this world...

SUPERINTENDENT ANGEL: Now look, Clarence. A few months later, Young George was working after school at Gower's drug store. But on this day, Mr. Gower received a telegram informing him that his only son had just died of influenza. Devastated, Mr. Gower was trying to drown his sorrow in whiskey, when...

GEORGE BAILEY: What did I wish for, Mary? Oh... I don't know... Hmm... Not just one wish, a whole hatful of 'em. Y'see... I'm leaving this crummy little town. I want to see the world! Italy! Greece! The Parthenon! The Coliseum! And that's just this summer! Producing It's a Wonderful Life Casting CASTING-6. © 2010 Anthony E. Palermo - Palermo@RuyaSonic.com

MARY HATCH BAILEY: (CONCERNED) What's the matter, George? You haven't said a word since you came home! Zuzu's got a little temperature. The doctor said it was nothing serious. (PAUSE) Why are you shouting? George! Whatever's wrong with you? Must you torture the children too?

CLARENCE: (SIGHS) Looking for "Bailey Park," George? As you can see... It's a cemetery... Martini's buried here.... the little Blaine girl... your father... and... right next to him... Harry. Your little brother fell through the ice... and was drowned at the age of nine! Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. Y'know, George... You really had a wonderful life.