INSIDE OUT

“Little Specks of Dust”

Music by Herbert Draesel and Josh Wellman · Lyrics by Josh Wellman

About the show

This was my NYU thesis project, written with composer Herbert Draesel. It’s another gay love story, set in our own time. Ben is science-minded, Andy is from a religious background. They fall in love despite their differences, but it’s a very rocky road.

About this song

This song is their love song at the end of the show. They reconcile their differences as the sun rises on a new morning.

ANDY

We’re little specks of dust,
On a spinning ball of dust.
And the things we do,
They’re really not important.
A little speck of hope
Meets a tiny fleck of light,
And they fall in love.
And somehow, that’s important.

Here, there’s something
That’s bigger than us both.
Tells a story that’s bigger than us both.
Still, there’s one small place in the universe for us.

We’re just little specks of dust,
Loving other specks of dust -
With the wonder of the universe inside us.
Just little specks of trust,
Searching...
Reaching through the dust,
Brushing off the sands of mystery that hide us.

BEN

Here, inside us,
There’s something true and real.
Doesn’t matter how small we ought to feel.

BOTH

There’s a special place in the universe for us.

And I love you.
And you love me.
And I believe in something bigger than us.

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ANDY
And for the first time in my life,
I kind of understand.
I...
We have a place in the universe.

BOTH
And though we might be fragile as a feather.

We’re not just specks of dust.
And we’re only specks of dust.
But we’re little specks of dust
Who belong together.

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