

Masquerade Wedding

Song – panic! at the disco – But its better if you do.

Thoughts have to get out:

What does it feel like to reach your limits.

You cannot control, stop or eliminate evil. Good can only fight it with everything it has too keep it back.

Homosexuality cannot be classified or explained. It is a difference as profound as male to female. And it must be treated accordingly, not as a choice.

Why is it that fools and fanatics are so sure of themselves and the wise are always uncertain... COME UP WITH AN ANSWER (but it isn't a question)

If you look at a picture too closely you will only see a heap of dots. God stands far enough away from our picture to see harmony in his creation. He does not expect the dots understand the picture. But we dots should always try to contribution to the picture. – (latter days)

Noah: Within me are some absolute insanities, that people around me have to deal with. I know what they are and love them as a part of me. I never thought I would find someone that could love them also. Alex, you do, and I don't think I will ever understand why.

INT. – Church – City – NIGHT

NOAH and ALEX stand at the alter, in Old fashioned French Tuxedos (tails, black vest, black bow tie and all(black arm bands on white shirt underneath){see Panic! At disco flim clip – but its better if you do})

A dressed catholic priest stands beyond them. All of the attendant's are in black tie and tails attire. All of the attendant's are in old-fashioned French masquerade masks.

NOAH

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ALEX (V.O)

Finnally!

Noah Jones is mine.

Better then that, Noah Jones will be Noah Williams by the end of today.

Bloody Noah Jones, will be, Mr Noah Kyle Williams.

You see that smile on my face, it is only that small because my cheeks won't physically allow it to be any bigger.

I keep waiting for something to happen. For once in my life I have everything too loose.

Meh, Ill get over that in a minute. Gotta enjoy it while it's here.

CUT to black

SUPER TEXT "1:43 AM"

SUPERTEXT "about 18 hours to 'I do'"

INT. NOAH & ALEX's Apartment – Bedroom – night

Background song - John Farnham – The Reason Why.

Lights are off, NOAH is lying in bed with an eye mask on. ALEX is fumbling around the room with his eyes tightly shut.

NOAH

WHY THE HELL did you make me where this idiot mask when you were going to leave in the middle of the night anyway.

ALEX

Because we *can't* see each other before the wedding.

NOAH
This is ridiculous.

ALEX
Just deal with it.

ALEX hits the dresser.

ALEX
Ow.

NOAH sits up.

NOAH
Are you alright? Just open your eyes.

ALEX
No. Just Shush and go back to sleep.

NOAH
Then why did you wake me up?

ALEX
Because I can't sleep and I didn't want you to wake up without me here and worry.

NOAH
What of our relationship so far, makes you think I will ever worry?

ALEX
You worry, you just don't express it.

ALEX finds his phone.

ALEX
Got it.

NOAH
Hoorah!

ALEX dives onto the bed, landing on NOAH.

NOAH Grunts from the hit.

ALEX finds NOAH'S Mouth and kisses him.

ALEX

I love you, see you tonight.

NOAH
I love you.

ALEX gets off the bed and heads for the door. Eyes still closed HE trips on a shirt and lands on the floor.

NOAH
Told you to pick up that shirt.

ALEX
SHUT UP!

ALEX gets up and leaves. NOAH goes back to sleep.

FADE UP MUSIC

CUT TO:

CONTINUE MUSIC

INT. Living Room – Apartment- NIGHT

ALEX Closes the bedroom door. HE heads over to the light switch and turns the light on. The light is too bright for him at first.

ALEX studies the room. Everything is in Boxes. ALEX leans against the front door, then slides down the door to sit.

ALEX Plays with his teeth with his thumb (manly sucking of thumb)

HILLARY walks into the living room, ALEX doesn't notice her.

HILLARY grabs a camera and takes a photo of ALEX.

The sound of the camera saving the photo alerts ALEX to HILLARY.

HILLARY
Sorry gorgeous. But you right now would have to be the most beautiful sight I have ever laid my eyes on.

ALEX
Hu? What?

HILLARY
I've never seen someone so vulnerable.

ALEX
I'm shitting myself.

HILLARY laughs

HILLARY
I envy you.

ALEX
Why?

HILLARY
I've never seen love like this and I've always wanted it.
(beat)
Watching you and Noah...
Kill me now.

ALEX laughs

ALEX
Why am I getting everything I have ever wanted?

HILLARY
Because that is what you are giving to someone else.
(beat)
Cherish this moment, keep every second in your memory.
(beat)
I can't think of words enough to give you any objectivity. WAIT.

HILLARY exits.

ALEX Sits surprised.

HILLARY enters with a laptop and a cable.

HILLARY plugs the camera into the laptop. SHE downloads two pictures.

The picture of ALEX appears on the screen.

ALEX blushes.

HILLARY hits a couple of keys.

HILLARY

Why are you scared?

ALEX

Because everyone keeps saying that what we have can't last. That

HILLARY (interrupting)

Bullshit it can't.

(beat)

If you were to rate the intensity of your feelings now, and compare them to a week ago.
What would you say?

(beat)

ALEX

That.

That every day what I feel feels like if I feel anymore ill snap.

HILLARY

Right...

Then. Why are you worried?

ALEX

I don't understand why Noah is with me.

HILLARY

Because you are a perfect match.

And you are his exact equal.

ALEX

I'm sick of people saying that. He is just

HILLARY (interrupting)

Stop!

I've heard you on this rant before. It isn't true. I never thought it was possible but you
two are almost identical twins and you just don't see it.

HILLARY brings up another photo on the laptop

ALEX

Hillary we both know, I don't

HILLARY (interrupting)

I took this when you were at school last night.

HILLARY brings up a photo of NOAH in the exact same pose as the picture she just took of ALEX.

HILLARY puts the pictures next to each other.

HILLARY

You are the same.

I could have saved time if I had recorded this conversation with Noah last night.

(beat)

If it means anything, I love you as much as I love Noah. For the same reasons.

ALEX looks at her.

HILLARY

The thing about great love is that it comes with great doubt.

Bertrand Russell wrote that the whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, and wiser people so full of doubts.

(beat)

ALEX

People that say love is bliss were liars. The way I feel for Noah causes me pain everyday.

HILLARY

Pain?

ALEX

It's like having a giant animal inside me that I want to get out, but can't.

HILLARY laughs.

HILLARY

You are just beautiful Alex.

ALEX blushes.

HILLARY (cont)

Enjoy that feeling.

(beat)

ALEX

What about Noah as a baby?

HILLARY

Pardon me?

ALEX

You said I was the most beautiful sight you had laid your eyes on.
What about Noah when he was born?
Or Noah's picture like mine?

HILLARY

Yuk.

Noah was an ugly baby. Ugly.
He got cute after about three weeks.
And as for Noah's picture.
You two, are one person as of today.

ALEX smiles.

HILLARY (cont)

You, my son, are going to blow this world away.
(beat)
Good night sweet heart.

Hillary Exits

ALEX closes his eyes and takes a deep breath.

CUT TO:

INT. Jones manor – BLAIR'S Room – Night

ALEX walks in and switches on the light.

BLAIR grunts and stirs.

ALEX walks over to BLAIR and shakes him.

ALEX

Blair! Get up.

BLAIR

Alex.

What time is it?

ALEX

About ten past four.

BLAIR

Get lost Alex.

ALEX
Blair. Get up!

BLAIR
Coda is in the next room. Go annoy her.

ALEX
But I drove over to talk to you.

BLAIR
I don't care.

ALEX
Come on.
I'm getting married today.

BLAIR
Alex, stop worrying!
Noah loves you. You love him. Sit down.

ALEX
Yeah yeah. I know that.
I burnt a hole in my pants.

BLAIR
What?

ALEX
I wanted to neaten them up a bit and the iron went right through them.

BLAIR
Hurumph!
(beat)
How long did you leave the iron sitting on them?

ALEX
Enough time to make a cup of tea.

BLAIR
You idiot.

ALEX
BLAIR!

BLAIR
Don't fuss Alex.

BLAIR (cont'd)

Noah planned on this. There are three spare suits for you in his room.

ALEX

What?

BLAIR

ALEX. HE'S N.O.A.H!

(beat)

He has included your antics in the arrangements.

ALEX

My antics?

BLAIR

He knows you Alex. You needed a back up ski suit in the snow last year.

By the way.

How the hell did you loose your ski pants on the slopes?

ALEX

I took them off because I was hot.

BLAIR

See!

He knows how to take care of you.

ALEX

Thank god.

BLAIR

Thank Noah.

Now go back to sleep!

ALEX

Don't want too.

(beat)

Let's go for a row!

BLAIR

It's twenty past four Alex!

CODA appears at the door unseen.

ALEX

Come on, it will be my last request as a bachelor.

BLAIR

That's a cop out. Nothing is changing! You're just wasting a mass of cash on a party and a church!

ALEX

Oh come on thumper!
I need my mate.

BLAIR rolls over.

ALEX

When you marry Coda I'll do it for you.

BLAIR

Sure you will!

CODA

Since when am I marrying McDougal!

THE BOYS are startled.

ALEX

Shit Coda you scared the crap outta me!
(beat)
Why aren't you sleeping in here?

CODA

Noah warned me you'd be here really early.

ALEX

Hu?

CODA

Noah said you'd be as bad as you were on Christmas day, and if I wanted my sleep I would be wise and sleep away from Blair.

ALEX

Bullshit

BLAIR

No.
It's the truth.

ALEX

How come I can't read Noah like that.

BLAIR and CODA laugh at ALEX.

ALEX
What? I'm not a total idiot.

CODA Walks to BLAIR

CODA
Alex. You're not even a half idiot!
I don't think anyone could tell you what Noah will do next.
The inside of his brain is probably the best example of "random" known to exist.

BLAIR
I think the headquarters of mad magazine and the family guy, reside somewhere in his
miniature head.

ALEX
Leave him alone Blair.

CODA
Go for a row. I'll never sleep otherwise.

BLAIR
What about me?

CODA
I don't care. Just get him out of this house!

BLAIR
Ok!

CODA kisses BLAIR

CODA
You're just a good boy.

BLAIR
Watch it. I'll stay.

CODA
Oh.
No you wont.

CODA walks away

CODA(to ALEX)
See you later loverboy.

CODA exits

ALEX
Hurry up Blair!

BLAIR gets up.

CUT TO:

EXT. – CANAL – Two single skulls rowing – Sunrise

BLAIR and ALEX are slowly rowing up the canal.

BLAIR
I know I really like coda, but I hate the idea that I still think about Bell.

ALEX
Dude. I still think about bell. Your not expected to stop.

BLAIR
But I havn't been with anyone since. It won't be fair to her.

ALEX
She's a big girl. She knows what she's getting into.

BLAIR
I spose.

ALEX
At least you know Coda will have all of us anyway.

BLAIR
I keep daydreaming about shagging her.

ALEX
NICE.

BLAIR
God she looked hot beside the pool on Sunday.

ALEX
Can't say I noticed.

BLAIR
You don't even see women anymore do you?

BLAIR gets out a drink bottle.

ALEX

Nu.

They all know it too. I was there on Friday a couple of weeks ago, Jen, Coda and Phalen all decided to sunbake topless.

BLAIR stops drinking and throws his drink bottle. It hits ALEX in the head.

ALEX

Hey!

Ow!

BLAIR

Why didn't you tell me?

ALEX

What the? They do it all of the time.
Last week Julie said but what about Alex? He's here.
And Coda and Jen said that I don't count.

BLAIR

Yeah, I spose. As far as they're concerned your as good as a woman.

ALEX

You're just lucky I don't have anything to throw.

BLAIR

Dry up!

You be more interested in watching paint dry.

ALEX

Yeah true.

Is Tarnia coming today?

BLAIR

Did you invite her?

ALEX

I don't know. I hope so, it'll make the day interesting.

BLAIR

Won't it be interesting enough. Not that I don't agree she adds something to an occasion.

ALEX

Nah, it is all procedural now. Noah agrees. We got over this whole ceremony thing months ago.

BLAIR

Why waist the cash then?

ALEX

We aren't paying for any of it.
The Jones' insisted on the whole thing.

BLAIR

Hillary wouldn't care that much would she.

ALEX

Nah. Noah's grandparents.

BLAIR

I thought they didn't like you two.

ALEX

Yeah, it was easier when they didn't.

BLAIR

What happened?

ALEX

Nothing.
Seriously.

One day we just had the buzzer ring and they had invited themselves over for dinner.
They did bring some pretty good food.

BLAIR

Don't they live in the states?

ALEX

Yep

BLAIR

What the?

ALEX

Academic types.

BLAIR

You are spending too much time with Tarnia.

ALEX laughs.

ALEX

At least she doesn't insist on getting naked in front of me.

BLAIR

I hate you.

ALEX

Apparently, according to Mr Jones' studies. Homosexuality was accepted in many great cultures. And that genetically it could possibly be a way evolution has figured out to limit the population.

BLAIR

But aren't you going to have kids?

ALEX

He thinks that there is something in the fact that it is more likely for people too be gay when they are born second child and beyond. Mrs Jones came out to say that thinking gays will be punished by god the same as murderers and people who suicide; it is giving us free reign to run a muck. She thinks that the suicide rate is mostly young men because society scorns homosexuality more then suicide, which is beastly.

Yeah, we want our own kids.

BLAIR

Are you done?

ALEX

They did make good points.

BLAIR

At least they made an effort.

ALEX

Yeah. But they go on a bit as if we are very special now.

BLAIR

Well you're not! Society says you are meant to be outskirts pariahs, how dare you attempt normality.

ALEX

Race you back?

BLAIR

Nah. Not today, I'm still a bit seedy from the rehearsal.

ALEX

I think by tonight I'll be a little off colour too.

BLAIR

Lets step it up then. Maybe we'll sweat out the booze.

ALEX

Rightio.

FADE OUT:

INT. NOAH & ALEX apartment - Lounge – Morning

NOAH walks in the front door holding a take away coffee.

HILLARY

Morning noddy.

NOAH grunts

HILLARY

Are you excited at all?

NOAH

No.

HILLARY

Tell me how you really feel.

NOAH

I'd rather have spent all of this money on a good holiday.

HILLARY

Yeah. But today isn't for you.

NOAH

Alex couldn't care less either.

HILLARY

Weddings aren't for the grooms.

NOAH

Then why have one.

HILLARY

Well after the bride, weddings are for parents, then relatives and then friends to be introduced to the two of you as a single person.

NOAH

With two heads.

HILLARY

And to book a room with a double bed with god.

NOAH

Nice.

HILLARY

Look at least put on a happy face for the ceremony.

NOAH

At least Tarnia will be there.

HILLARY

She does seem too make occasions better, doesn't she?

NOAH

Do you remember Christmas?

HILLARY

I'll never forget the portrayal of Santa as a pilfering criminal that would accidentally drop over flowing items from other peoples houses out of his sack. Then escape up the chimney.

NOAH is beaming trying not to laugh.

NOAH

Guess what.

HILLARY

No.

NOAH

I asked her to make a speech.

HILLARY

Oh wow.

NOAH

It's the only thing I'm looking forward too.

HILLARY
Today just picked up.

NOAH
See, worth her weight in gold.

HILLARY
Does Alex know?

NOAH
It's my wedding gift.

(beat)

HILLARY
I can't imagine what that family is doing too my house.

NOAH
Are all five boys there?

HILLARY
Nine boys. Three girls. Both Grandmas, his mum and his dad.

NOAH
Who are the other four boys and two girls.

HILLARY
Cousins.

NOAH
Alex said they'd just show for the free booze.

HILLARY
I locked the cellar before I left home.
I swear I heard someone yell "damn the cellars got security" as I left.

NOAH laughed.

NOAH
I still can't wait for this speech.

HILLARY smiles.

NOAH
You know she came up with the masked idea don't you?

HILLARY

No. Where did she get that from?

NOAH

It was just an idea from a painting she saw.

EMILY JONES enters

HILLARY

She is pure honesty that girl

EMILY

Who is?

HILLARY

Noah's friend Tarnia.

EMILY

The confused girl from the rehearsal.

NOAH

She isn't confused, everything she said is based in fact.

EMILY

She was talking to someone about the origin of makeup.

NOAH (laughing)

That people looked younger after flour fights.

EMILY

That's it. You have heard this before?

NOAH

Tarnia, takes some getting used to.

EMILY

Obviously.

HILLARY

She is one of the most lovely people I know mother.

EMILY

Very well.

(beat)

It's a very strange day today. Weddings are just for the brides.

Its like a family and friends jumble.

NOAH laughs.

NOAH

You wait for the rest of Alex's clan. Jumble will be the least of your worries.

EMILY

His brothers are quite pleasant.

NOAH

Sober...

HILLARY (Interrupting)

NOAH! Go and get dressed.

EMILY

Yes. The ceremony is at ten.

HILLARY

AND SHOWER!

EMILY

He would leave without showering?

HILLARY

He's a boy.

I better call Alex and make sure he does too.

EMILY

They certainly match well then.

HILLARY picks up the phone.

HILLARY

They are identical. It's like I have twins.

FADE TO BLACK

FADE UP.

INT. – CLOCKWELL CHURCH – CHAPEL – 9:58 AM

SONG – Far away – Nickelback

NOAH and ALEX are both standing at the alter.

EVERYONE except NOAH and ALEX are wearing French masquerade masks.

NOAH is flanked by BLAIR then CODA then JEN

ALEX is flanked by his YOUNGEST BROTHER then his SISTER then TARNIA

NOAH and ALEX can't stop looking at each other.

NOAH (breth)

No one that hasn't experienced loss can truly understand what it does to you. It changes you as a person, It pretty much kills you, and leaves you on earth to keep playing the game.

The night I thought I lost Alex was possibly the most painful things I've ever known. I never understood why people would go to extreme lengths to accomplish something. Yet that night all of them seemed to make sense.

Moving a mountain was possible.

I've always said that dependence is the hallmark of mediocrity.
I even thought today was a waist of time until about a minute ago.

I understand it now.

Instead of making vows and promises, I have a gift.

Along with this ring, I offer you my name Alex, if you will allow it. I wish to become Noah Williams.

ALEX

No.

NOAH

What?!

ALEX

No way! You can read what I wrote if you want but I said the same thing.

NOAH

So, I said it first.

MINISTER

Excuse me.

NOAH

Quiet you!

ALEX

I let you go first. Just because you said it first doesn't count.

NOAH

Now we're going to argue over who gets to give up their name?

ALEX

Well I have five brothers, they can continue Williams.

NOAH

That's a ridiculous argument. I should know, I came up with it.

ALEX

Do we have to argue this here?

NOAH

You started it. Besides that's what we do! If people don't see it now then they won't know the real married us.

ALEX

Yeah well my speech was written down, I came up with giving you my name first. You just thought of it on the spot here.

NOAH

Irrelevant. You can't refuse a gift.

ALEX

So we'll just have to swap names instead.

BLAIR takes off his mask and moves in.

BLAIR

Guys...

ALEX

Put your mask back on and shut up.

BLAIR moves back.

NOAH

Fine then.

ALEX

Fine what?

NOAH

I'll just change my gift to giving you my name then.

ALEX

You can't just do that, you can't make your gift accepting my gift that I haven't given you yet.

TARNIA who has been flighting off until now.

TARNIA
He has a point.

NOAH
Shhh.(to TARNIA)
Well I might have another gift for you anyway. Unless I just offended Tarnia.

TARNIA
No. I should know to never interrupt a good argument.

ALEX
What gift?

NOAH
Never you mind just get on with it.

ALEX
So what happened?

NOAH
Well I gave you the ring and my gift is that I asked Tarnia to write us our reception speech.

ALEX smiles.

ALEX
EXCELLENT.

NOAH
I'm really looking forward to it too.

TARNIA Beams.

JEN, CODA and BLAIR are giggling.

HILLARY is in hysterics(silently).

TARNIA
This is the best wedding vows I've ever seen.

BLAIR
Me too.

CODA

I can't wait for Alex's.

JEN

I can't believe Noah managed to bring up that night again.

ALEX

Can we get on with this?

Most of the congregation is laughing.

BENJAMIN(usher) is shaking his head up the back.

MINISTER checks NOAH to begin again.

NOAH

Shoot.

MINISTER

Please repeat after me.
With this ring, I the wed.

NOAH

With this ring, I the wed.

MINISTER

I now call upon the vows of Alexander Williams.

ALEX

Dear Noah,

Today was the scariest day of my life. I walked into the gym and you weren't there. You were running on the treadmill, you were broken. I saw your eyes. I hated myself that you were sad without knowing that I love you.

I always joke that I am useless, and you always tell me to stop because it isn't true. Today I agree, you are right. I knew today what useless was. It was watching you die, and there was nothing I could do.

When they tried to take you to the hospital, I panicked. I told them that I was your brother and they let me drive with you. But I don't want to be your brother. It doesn't mean enough. I love my family but I didn't chose them to love.

I don't think I will ever be able to give you this. I am ashamed that I feel this way. I know you are not in my league. The dream of you being mine seems ridiculous. Yet I bring it forward and imagine a day together every chance I get.

Love Alex

PS. Blair knows, I might have to kill him.

(beat)

NOAH

You didn't write that today, you wrote that letter two years ago.

ALEX
Shut up.

NOAH

Where are the proof of this name giving?

ALEX produces another piece of paper.

NOAH
Oh.

MINISTER
Any more?

ALEX
Just a sec.

ALEX folds the letter.

ALEX
I might be in a coma dreaming all of this. Here you go.

ALEX gives NOAH the letter.

ALEX
If it is possible, I am more the lovesick idiot today than the day I wrote that letter.

NOAH
It's possible.

ALEX
Shut up.

MINISTER
If you will say after me.
With this ring, I the wed.

ALEX
With this ring, I the wed.

MINISTER
What was the name you decided on in the end?

NOAH
Jones.

MINISTER
LADIES, GENTLEMEN AND LORD ALMIGHTY, NOAH AND ALEXANDER
JONES.
You may now kiss your groom.

NOAH and ALEX kiss.

BLAIR
TO ALEX and NOAH.
HAZAR

CROWD
HAZAR

BLAIR
HIP HIP

CROWD
HAZAR

BLAIR
HIP HIP

CROWD
HAZAR

NOAH and ALEX stand together.

BLAIR
Could you tare off that kill me section.

TARNIA
No, that makes the letter. You can't have love without the scent of death.

CODA
Well said.

NOAH

Would you shut up. You're supposed to be silent and masked.

ALEX

That went down twenty minutes ago.

JEN

At least the wedding wasn't boring.

CODA

Can I get a copy of the video. It can be my birthday present.

ALEX

I said we should include DVD's in the thanks letter.

NOAH

Ok we will then.

JEN

Normally people wouldn't want them, but this wedding was quite peculiar.

TARNIA

I still think that guest should have had to carry live water dragons through the ceremony.
In old greek gay weddings...

NOAH (Interrupting)

I tried ok, the zoo wouldn't release them.

ALEX

You were really going to make people hold lizards.

TARNIA

Better tradition then bouquet's.

CODA

It was never a tradition.

NOAH

I think it actually was.

MINISTER

You are supposed to leave the church now.

ALEX

Do you have another booking?

MINISTER

No your grandmother booked the church out for the whole week.
In case of bad weather.

NOAH

You're a Jones now.

ALEX

Can we walk?!

NOAH

Those lizards would have really made the ceremony interesting.

The CROWD is still watching intently.

ALEX

There would be lizards every where within ten seconds.

NOAH

See, INT.ER.EST.ING.

ALEX and NOAH begin to walk.

BLAIR and BROTHER follow.

CODA and SISTER follow

JEN and TARNIA follow.

FADE TO BLACK.

END CREDITS.

FADE TO RECEPTION – CREDITS CONTINUE

INT. MARQUE JONES MANOR – HEAD TABLE – NIGHT

TARNIA is standing at the head table reading a piece of paper.

TARNIA

...

Vikings considered marriage ridiculous. Any concept of a women having choice did not occur to them. Think then if you will how a society with such strict death rituals would deal with gay marriage. To join too men together would have been an affair to remember.

NOAH is crying with laughter, holding ALEX by the arm.

ALEX is trying to suppress his smile.

The Greeks had arrangements where young men were sold to rich men as sex slaves, and also fully condoned gay marriage. Greeks considered the most dishonourable death to be; being killed in front of your lover. Since women were not able to fight, armies were created with only gay men. These armies, called myrmidon hordes, were they were the greatest fighters within the Greeks age of rule. The most famous was Achilles and his partner Patroclus, perhaps the murderous Romeo and Juliet of their day.

ALEX continues to scoff his smile.

I know that however ridiculous you believe this speech, as of today my points are undisputable. Two such men sit in front of us and were wed this morning. One only needs to look at them to understand that even as great as they were before today; they are greater still, now.

TARNIA sits.

THE HEAD TABLE stand in ovation.
THE WHOLE CROWD stand in ovation!

FADE TO BLACK.