

“DENTIST”

ORIN.

WHEN I WAS YOUNGER,
JUST A BAD LITTLE KID,
MY MAMA NOTICED FUNNY THINGS I DID –
LIKE SHOOTIN’ PUPPIES WITH A B.B GUN,
I’D POISON GUPPIES, AND WHEN I WAS DONE,
I’D FIND A PUSSYCAT AND BASH IN ITS HEAD,
THAT’S WHEN MY MAMA SAID –

GIRLS. *(Toneless and in rhythm)* What did she say?

ORIN.

SHE SAID, MY BOY I THINK SOMEDAY
YOU’LL FIND A WAY
TO NAKE YOUR NAT-U-RAL TENDENCIES PAY!

(He unzips his leather jacket)

YOU’LL BE A...

(And removes it, revealing a white dentist’s uniform)

DENTIST!

YOU HAVE A TALENT FOR CAUSING THINGS PAIN
SON, BE A DENTIST!
PEOPLE WILL PAY YOU TO BE INHUMANE.
YOUR TEMPERAMENT’S WRONG FOR THE PRIESTHOOD
AND TEACHING WOULD SUIT YOU STILL LESS!
SON, BE A DENTIST!
YOU’LL BE A SUCCESS!

(The following spoken lines are spoken in tight, toneless rhythm)

RONNETTE. Here he is, girls, the Leader of the Plaque.

CHIFFON. Watch him suck up that gas! Oh my God!

CRYSTAL. He’s a Dentist and he’ll never-ever be any good!

ALL THREE. Who wants their teeth done by the Marquis de Sade? Oh, that hurts! I’m not numb!

ORIN. Aw shut up! Open wide! Here I come! *(Sings)*
I AM YOUR DENTIST!

GIRLS.
(GOODNESS GRACIOUS)

ORIN.
AND I ENJOY THE CAREER THAT I PICKED!

GIRLS. You love it.

ORIN.
I AM YOUR DENTIST!

GIRLS.
(FITTING BRACES)

ORIN.
AND I GET OFF ON THE PAIN I INFLICT!

GIRLS. You really love it!

ORIN.
WHEN I START EXTRACTING YOUR MOLARS –

GIRLS.
(DON'T TRY IT)

ORIN.
YOU GIRLS WILL BE SCREAMING LIKE HOLY ROLLERS!

GIRLS.
DENTIST!

ORIN.
AND THOUGH IT MAY CAUSE MY PATIENTS DISTRESS

GIRLS.
DISTRESS!

ORIN.
SOMEWHERE IN HEAVEN ABOVE ME,
I KNOW THAT MY MAMA'S PROUD OF ME!
NOW I'M A DENTIST ...
AND A SUCCESS!

(The GIRLS clap out the rhythm as ORIN moves DS, toward the audience. He addresses the house directly)

ORIN. (Continued) Say "ah"!

GIRLS. (In toneless back-up) Ah

ORIN. (Gesturing to another part of the audience) Say “ah”!

GIRLS. Ah

ORIN. Say “ah”!

GIRLS. Ah

ORIN. (Having made the audience do his bidding, he now regards them smugly and instructs them with a snide grin) Now, spit.