# **Come from Away Director Assignment**

Read the following opening number and use the lyrics to complete the assignment.

CLAUDE:
On the northeast tip of North America,
On an island called Newfoundland
There's an airport.
It used to be one of the biggest airports in the world
And next to it is a town
Called Gander.

Welcome to the rock, if you come from away
(Hup!)
You probably understand about a half of what we say
(Hup!)
They say no man's an island, but an island makes a man

ALL:
'Specially when one comes from one like Newfoundland
Welcome to the rock!

BEULAH:
That morning, I'm in the classroom. It's our first day back and the school buses are on strike so I'm covering for Annette, who's running late.

ANNETTE:
Sorry Beulah, how's the kids?

BEULAH:
Not exactly thrilled to be inside on such a gorgeous day, so I told 'em we'd only have a half day this morning and they were quite pleased. Until I told 'em we'd have the other half in the afternoon!

MAN:
Welcome to the wildest weather that you've ever heard of!

DOUG:
Where everyone is nicer, but it's never nice above

ANNETTE:
Welcome to the farthest place you'll get from Disneyland

MEN:
Fish and chips and shipwrecks,

WOMEN:
This is Newfoundland!

Check Out

ALL:
Welcome to the rock!
I'm an islander, I am an islander
I'm an islander, I am an islander
I'm an islander, I am an islander
I'm an islander, I am an islander

OZ:
That morning, I'm in my car. The kids cross Airport Blvd to get to school, and that time of day people are in a little bit of a rush to get to work and stuff, so normally I sit there and run my radar.
(Woop woop!)
And if they're speedin' I'll stop 'em and write out a warnin' ticket. I'll write STFD - Slow the fuck down!

WOMAN:
Welcome to the land
Where the winters tried to kill us
And we said:

ALL:
We will not be killed!

MAN:
Welcome to the land
Where the waters tried to drown us
And we said:

ALL:
We will not be drowned!

JANICE:
Welcome to the land
Where we lost our loved ones
And we said:

ALL:
We will still go on

BOB:
Welcome to the land
Where the winds tried to blow

ALL:
And we said no!

BONNIE:
That morning I drop my kids off at school and head to the SPCA, where I'm greeted by my other kids - all barking and meowing for breakfast and a belly rub. Not that I'm complaining, I loves 'em. But by the time feeding is done I gotta get back to pick up my human kids, so I take just one second for myself and I'm sittin' in my car -

ANNETTE:
I'm in the library -

BEULAH:
I'm in the staff room -

BONNIE, ANNETTE, BEULAH:
And I turn on the radio

ALL:
You are here
At the start of a moment
On the edge of the world
Where the river meets the sea
Here
On the edge of the Atlantic
On an island in between
There and here

OZ:
I'm running my radar when Bonnie comes by. She pulls up and she is wavin' at me like mad, so I roll down my window and she says:

BONNIE:
Oz, turn on the radio

OZ:
Slow it down, Bon-

BONNIE:
Jesus H Oz, turn on your radio

ALL:
Where our story starts

JANICE:
It's my first day at the station

ALL:
Where we'll end the night

MAN:
I'm getting coffee for the picket line

ALL:
Where we know by heart

BEULAH:
Five minutes 'til my smoke break!

ALL:
Every single flight

MAN:
I'm off to work at the airport

ALL:
Welcome to the fog
Welcome to the trees
To the ocean and the sky
And whatever's in between
To the one's who've left
You're never truly gone
A candle's in the window and the kettle's always on

Where the sun is comin' up
And the world has come ashore
If you're hoping for a harbour then you'll find an open door
In the winter from the water
To whatever's in the way
To the ones who have come from away

Welcome to the rock!