

The Characters of *The Miracle Worker* CBRT Script

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1	The Miracle Worker!	1-3	And grabbing things [gesture]
All	[All blow horns]	4-6	And fighting when people
All	A play		don't give them to her. [gesture]
2	a play based on the life of Helen Keller.	All	All kids do that. [shrug shoulders]
3	Who is Helen Keller? [All drum roll]	6	Not as much as Helen.
4	She was a lady who was	1	She was worse.
1-3	blind [gesture]	2	Much, much worse.
4-6	And deaf [gesture]	3	If you didn't give her the food on
1	And she still went to college.		your plate she'd throw your plate on
3	Golly. How could she read?		the floor.
4-6	She read Braille.	All	[sound and gesture of dismay]
5	She used her fingers to touch raised bumps on a page.	4	Once she threw her baby sister out of
6	How did she talk?		her crib because she wanted to put her
1	She felt people's mouths.		doll in there.
2	And she felt their hands	All	Oh, No! [gesture of dismay]
All	making sign language [gesture]	5	What did they do?
6	And she made sign language.	6	They just let her. They couldn't talk
2	How did people understand her?		to her because
3	She had an interpreter.	All	She couldn't hear them. [gesture]
4	It took a while for her to figure it out.	1	They didn't think they could get mad
1-3	That's what the play is about.		because
4-6	The play? What play?	All	She couldn't see them. [gesture]
All	The Miracle Worker! [All blow horns]	2	They didn't think she'd understand.
1	Starring... [drum roll]	3	So what did they do?
2	Captain Keller. [pose and freeze]	4	(drum roll)
3	Helen's dad.	5	They got Annie Sullivan.
All	Loves her to death and spoils her rotten. [gesture]	All	[All blow horns]
4	Mrs. Keller.	6	Annie Sullivan!
5	Helen's Mom. [pose and freeze]	1	Who's Annie Sullivan?
All	Loves her to death and spoils her rotten. [gesture]	2	A girl who almost went blind herself
6	James [pose and freeze]	3	Who knew what Helen could do
1	Her brother.	4	And taught her to do it.
2	Older and ignored,	5	Like what?
3	He's kind of jealous, and sees she's turning into a monster.	6	Like behave
4	A monster?	5	And talk and listen
5	She always gets her way by	All	[pose and freeze]
1-3	Kicking [gesture]	4	And read and write
4-6	And screaming [gesture]	All	[pose and freeze]
		6	And eventually go to college
		5	And write a book about her own life
			and the life of
		6	Annie Sullivan,
		All	The Miracle Worker!
		All	[blow horns]