

DAILY Actor

FOOTLOOSE: THE MUSICAL by Dean Pitchford & Walter Bobbie

SHAW: I took the long way to church this morning, down past the old creek. I heard birds chirping and our own choir warming up in the distance. I was reminded of a line from our great poet, Walt Whitman, who wrote, “I hear America singing.” And I thought, “Aren’t we the song that we sing? Don’t we lift our voices to tell the world who we are? And what we believe?” So I ask you this morning – what song are you singing?

But if Walt Whitman were alive today, what song would he hear America singing? When I turn on television, all I hear is the music of easy sexuality and relaxed morals. I hear rock and roll and the endless chant of pornography. And I ask myself, “Why does our Lord allow this?” We know God has the power to turn all those records and books and videos into one big fiery cinder like... *(Clapping his hands before a sleeping boy.)* ...that! *(The BOY startles awake.)* But He doesn’t. And why? Because God is testing us. He’s watching to see whether we’ll choose his path. And that is why, every day, we must ask ourselves: “Have I done the right thing?”