

A. Opening/Faster Than We Want It (15:00)

(During the opening chords, Olivia enters the room with a file folder of printed documents; it is visibly thin. She sits in the empty chair; when she sings, DANIEL awakes with a start)

OLIVIA

Hello, Mr. Porter,
How do you feel?

DANIEL

My head is killing me

OLIVIA

I understand, that's not ideal
The pain will fade in a moment or two
Your mind is trying to process what you just went through

DANIEL

Okay... Who are you?

OLIVIA

My name's Olivia
I've just been looking through
Your afterlife criteria

DANIEL

What?

OLIVIA

There isn't much, but we still have to talk

DANIEL

What's going on?

OLIVIA

Just take a breath; I see you're still in shock
What do you remember?

DANIEL

(A little panicked) Not a lot. Where am I?

OLIVIA

Safe and sound
Your soul has passed onto the next
And has left from whence it was bound

(DANIEL stares in disbelief; OLIVIA, noticing the clock, switches gears)

Time moves faster than we want it
And life brings us endings when want them the least
But don't let that stand in your way now
You still have a purpose, it's just that... now you're deceased

DANIEL

(Standing) I don't understand
I'm young; I'm fit
I had my life in order
My future plan was tightly knit
I can't be dead. How can this be fair?
No, I've got to wake up from this cruel nightmare

OLIVIA

Please, Mr. Porter, calm down

DANIEL

Calm down? I've just been told I'm dead!

OLIVIA

And there's nothing you can do about that,
So, there's no sense for panic or dread
Please have a seat, we have things to go through

DANIEL

What's the point? There's nothing left to do

(OLIVIA eyes the ticking clock nervously)

OLIVIA

Time moves faster than we want it
And life brings us endings when we least would expect
But if you think this ending's final
Then you have no clue what you're bound to neglect

DANIEL

(Annoyed) Time moved faster than I wanted
And life brought me an ending when I didn't expect
Torn away from all I've ever known
You'd think that fate would show a little respect

OLIVIA

Mr. Porter! Please.
Time is not in abundance

(She gestures to the clock)

DANIEL

What happens when the clock runs out?

OLIVIA

Your soul moves on

DANIEL

To where?

OLIVIA

That's what this meeting's all about
And time moves faster than we want it

(DANIEL finally sits; orienting himself)

B. Details (11:55)

Okay, Mr. Porter
I'm going to run through some details on your life
Just tell me if they're right or wrong

C. It's Your Life, Daniel Porter (11:35)

(She reads from the folder)

Daniel Porter

DANIEL

Yes

OLIVIA

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