

## LOVE, AMERICAN IDOL STYLE

by CARMEL GARVIN HEARN

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** What kind of love are we really looking for? Sugary sweet or brutally honest? Let the judges decide.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** This is a parody of the TV series American Idol and as such it may be wise to parallel the costumes and staging of the show as closely as possible for maximum comedic effect.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 5

**TOPIC:** Love, Honesty

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** 1 Corinthians 13

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Valentines Day, Worship Service

**CHARACTERS:**

ANNOUNCER (voice only)

WINK WONDERBLUNDER—game show host

TIFFANY TRIPLET—game show contestant

PAULA—game show celebrity judge

RANDY—game show celebrity judge

SIMON—game show celebrity judge

**PROPS:** Table and three chairs for judges; stool for Tiffany; podium for Wink

**COSTUMES:** Contemporary clothing

**SOUND:** Wireless microphones for Wink and Tiffany; either wireless or free standing microphones for the judges; announcer is miced off-stage. Sound effects: Game show music.

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** TV game show stage

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*Lights up. Game show music in and under ANNOUNCER.*

**ANNOUNCER:** Hey, everybody, it's time for America's favorite game show of LUV! It's the show that's sweeping the nation; it's captured our hearts and made us believe that each and every one of us deserves to be loved. After all, this is Love, American Idol Style. And now, here's our Love, American Idol Style host...Wink Wonderblunder!

*Wild audience applause as WINK bounces onto the stage. Music fades out.*

**WINK:** Thanks, everybody...thanks for that warm welcome. Are you ready for another exciting day on Love, American Idol Style? *(General audience applause and hooting)* Okay! Let's meet today's contestant who will face our Love, American Idol Style panel. She's about to graduate with a major in Computer Programming and is currently on the lookout for a great career and the LOVE of her LIFE. Let's meet Tiffany Triplett!

*Music back in and audience applauds as TIFFANY enters and stands next to WINK. Music under and out.*

Hi, Tiffany. Are you ready to play Love, American Idol Style?

**TIFFANY:** You bet, Wink. I've been looking for love, I'd guess you'd say, in all the wrong places—until now, that is.

**WINK:** Well, Tiffany, here on Love, American Idol Style, we guarantee that you'll find the love you've been missing...and it's the job of these three people to do it!

*Music back in and audience reacts wildly as the three panelists enter, waving and playing up to audience. They assume seats at a table à la the American Idol judges. Music under and out.*

**WINK:** Hello, Love, American Idol Style celebrities!

*The celebrities ad lib greetings such as "Hi Wink," "Hello there, Tiffany."*

Tiffany, I'm sure you know how to play the game, but let's go over the rules for those who may be watching for the first time. You are looking for real love, and it's up to you to find it. Is real love all sugary and sweet and pleasant words? Can real love be the honest and brutal truth? You'll be asking our celebrity panel, Paula, Randy, and Simon, important questions, and their answers will help you to decide. Are you ready?

**TIFFANY:** I am so ready.

**WINK:** All right, let's play Love, American Idol Style!