

## **All Roads**

**Aim :** *This piece is to set the scene for an exploration of the question, “Don’t all religions lead to God?” It is merely a way in and needs explanation afterwards. It makes the point that as we consider other religions, whatever our view of them, it’s not logical to say they are basically all the same as they contradict each other – it’s rather like having two opposite sets of directions and thinking they will lead to the same place.*

**Characters :** *4 people – any age, either gender*

**Props/Costumes :** *The three characters asked for directions should appear to be sitting in a pub – table, chairs, glasses. The person who is lost should be wearing outdoor clothes*

*Person 4 is detached in his comments so could be reading a paper as he throws a comment in every now and then.*

**Notes:** *This piece works for Hull and the surrounding area as the directions given are from there. If you are not in the Hull area you could use the pattern written and put in your own places and directions.*

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*2,3 and 4 are sitting round a table with glasses on it, as though they are in a bar. Person 1 approaches them tentatively.*

1)Erm, excuse me. I wonder if you could help me?

*The three of them look up, 2 & 3 smiling, but 4 looks miserable*

2)Delighted to

3)Will if we can

4)Probably not

*1 looks surprised at 4's response but continues*

1)Right, well I seem to have got myself a bit lost

2)Oh dear

1)And I need a few directions

3)We'll do our best

1)I'm trying to get to Bridlington

4)What? From here?

1)Er . .yes

4)Well it's not the best place to start from

2)Don't be ridiculous

3)Where else is she going to start from?

4)Besides, Bridlington's not really a place worth finding in the end anyway

1)Well, I'm trying to visit my parents there, so I think it'll be worth while

2)Of course it will. Don't listen to him.

3)Right. Let's start at the beginning . .

4) (*sarcastic*) Brilliant!

2)Are you going tonight?

1)Yes (if I ever get out of here)

3)Ooh, I'm not sure I'd do that. You'd be better getting some sleep. Have a clear head for the run tomorrow.

2)Don't be daft. It'll take her longer finding a B&B than it will to get there.

3)Not if she doesn't want to be arrested for reckless driving it won't.

4)I wouldn't bother at all.

1) Look! Can one of you please help me. Or at least point me in the direction of someone who can.

***They all point in different directions***

1) Please!

2) All right, all right. Just getting our bearings so we can give you good advice.

3) I mean, you've already got lost once haven't you?

4) Why do the words "the blind leading the blind" come to mind?

***2 and 3 give 4 a withering look and then turn their attention fully to 1.***

2) It's quite simple really

3) Yes. A long way. But quite simple.

4) Simpler to stay put

1) How do I start then?

2) Go east from here

3) Go west from Hull

2) Take the A165

3) Take the A63

2) And just carry on that road

3) And carry on that road, until you get to the M1.

2) Up the coast

3) Down the M1, to the M25,

2) East

3) East round that, to the M23

2) And it's at the end of that

3) And it's at the end of that

2) Clear?

3) Clear?

1) Er . .

4) The only thing clear to me in that mess, is that you're sending her in completely opposite directions.

1) I was wondering that myself

***Pause as 2 and 3 look at each other and then back at 1***

2) Well I'm right

3) I'm not wrong

2) I'm always going there

3) That's the way I always go

2)To Bridlington

3)To Brighton

**Pause**

All)Brighton?

3)Yeah, Brighton. That's where you're going isn't it?

1)Er, no, Bridlington

3)Oh . . . right . . . well . . . (*he shrugs*) same difference really

4)What?

3)Well, both seaside towns. Does it really matter which one she ends up at?

1)Yes it does actually

3)I mean, if I had the choice, I'd go to Brighton. The air's much better down there.

2)But she doesn't want to go to Brighton

1)My parents live in Bridlington

4)More fool them. No-one'll ever find them there.

**Person 1 goes to move away**

1)Look, thanks for your help. I think.

2)I'm sorry, we seem to have made things worse. Why not sit down have a drink with us, calm your nerves before you go

4)Prolong the agony

1)Well I really should be . . .

3)We insist. Now what can I get you?

1)Er, okay then. What do you recommend?

**They answer at the same time**

2)Coke

3)Orange

4)Beer

**I screams and walks away**