

How to Eat Like a Child: And Other Lessons in Not Being a Grownup

This musical comedy revue is treated like an instruction manual for children. Each song, sketch, or monologue has a title. The following monologue is called "How to Watch More television."

Darien was the name of the child that originally performed this piece. There is no specific age or gender assigned to this monologue.

Be careful not to play it all one way. Use different tactics. Beg, negotiate, threaten, sob, flatter etc...

Darien:

Please, Mom, please. Just this once. I'll only ask this once. I promise, if you let me watch this show, I'll go to bed the second it is over. I won't complain. I won't ask for a drink of water. I won't ask for anything. Please. If you let me do this, I'll never ask you for anything ever again. Never. Please, Mommy, please. You are the nicest mommy. You are the sweetest, nicest mommy. I promise I won't be cranky tomorrow. I promise I'll go to bed tomorrow at nine. Please, please, please.

(pause)

Why not! Just give me one reason. I told you I'll be good. I told you I'll go to bed. Don't you believe me? Don't you trust me? Some mom- doesn't even trust her own kid. Look, I'll just close my eyes and listen. I won't even watch it! Oh, Mom, why can't I?