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That's What Bullies Do!

A Choral Reading Script
for Intermediate/Advanced
Voice Choirs

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ANTI-BULLYING PLEDGE:

This script was conceived and written as a way to involve student readers in a campaign to stamp out bullying. The "pledge" referred to in the script is an Anti-bullying Pledge that concerned students are asked to sign. A copy of the pledge can be found at the end of this script and can also be found online at:
<http://drphil.com/shows/show/115/>

FORMATTING AND READER PARTS:

This script is formatted as a read-aloud choral piece and features ALL GIRLS, ALL BOYS, ALL, and 6 SOLO READER LINES.

ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM:

To find the proper rhythm, first read-aloud and clap through the piece as you go. Each underlined word or word part falls directly on a beat. As you read, clap on each underlined word, keeping the rhythm steady. Be careful not to read too fast! This is a rehearsal technique and readers will not clap throughout the entire piece during performance.

NOTE: There are a number of times during the reading when readers are asked to clap and these are clearly indicated below.

Example: Clap, clap, clap/clap/clap (Count: one, two, 1/2/3).

READING WITH EXPRESSION:

It's important to read with expression both vocally and physically. Use your voice, facial expressions, and gestures to give the reading energy and make it come alive for your audience. Keep up the pace and rhythm, but don't be afraid to slow down occasionally for dramatic effect. Above all, work as a team and practice the piece over and over

until all readers are comfortable with their parts and able to anticipate what will happen next.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Older readers performing for younger students may wish to encourage their listeners to join in on the clapping and repetitive line: THAT'S WHAT BULLIES DO!

VERSE 1

ALL GIRLS: Pushing, pulling, picking on,

ALL BOYS: Hitting, holding, sitting on,

SOLO READER 1: Punching, poking, spitting on,

ALL READERS: THAT'S WHAT BULLIES DO!

(Clap, clap, clap/clap/clap)

ALL READERS: THAT'S WHAT BULLIES DO!

VERSE 2

ALL GIRLS: And sometimes they invade your space

ALL BOYS: And sometimes grab your pencil case

SOLO READER 2: And leave you feeling out of place.

ALL READERS: THAT'S WHAT BULLIES DO!

(Clap, clap, clap/clap/clap)

ALL READERS: THAT'S WHAT BULLIES DO!

VERSE 3

ALL GIRLS: Making fun of, never pleasing,
 Taunting, laughing, ever teasing,

ALL BOYS: Friendly talk, forever freezing,

ALL READERS: THAT'S WHAT BULLIES DO!

(Clap, clap, clap/clap/clap)

ALL READERS: THAT'S WHAT BULLIES DO!

VERSE 4

ALL GIRLS: And sometimes they insult your race,

ALL BOYS: And sometimes rub it in your face,

SOLO READER 3: And leave you feeling in disgrace.

ALL READERS: THAT'S WHAT BULLIES DO!

(Clap, clap, clap/clap/clap)

ALL READERS: THAT'S WHAT BULLIES DO!

VERSE 5

ALL GIRLS: Name-calling, causing stress
 Excluding someone too, I guess.

ALL BOYS: Ignoring someone in distress?