

Darkness.

Then, stars.

MUSIC.

A RED SHIRT, on the bridge of the Enterprise, is superimposed over the stars and floats past. Then a SCIENCE OFFICER is superimposed over the stars, floats past. Then the COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER. Finally, THE CAPTAIN.

CROSSFADE TO:

INT. SPACE - THE BRIDGE OF THE ENTERPRISE

Our four-person bridge crew in their on-duty poses.

CAPTAIN - seated front, facing camera. SCIENCE OFFICER - camera L of CAPTAIN, turned 3/4 away from camera with hands raised to keyboards and viewscreens in front of her. RED SHIRT - at the console behind the captain, turned 3/4 toward camera with hands on keyboards and viewscreens below. COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER - camera R of CAPTAIN, facing camera with one hand on communicator and one hand on viewscreens and keyboards below.

Once dialogue begins, everyone improvises On Duty actions.

CAPTAIN

Space:

(ALL - repeated whisper of *SPACE*)
a place with lots of stars.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

These are our voyages through pop
culture's favorite setting: space.
(ALL - repeated whisper of *SPACE*)

SCIENCE OFFICER

We don't know much about space...
(ALL - repeated whisper of *SPACE*)
...but that makes it the perfect
place...
(ALL - repeated whisper of *PLACE*)

RED SHIRT

(rambling until cut off by CAPTAIN
on drumroll)
...to dream your dreams, to let your
freak flag fly, to sing me a song
you're the piano man -

CAPTAIN
(on drumroll)
What's that ahead?

MUSIC CHANGE.

The ship is hit from the left! Everyone gets hurled R then returns to bridge positions.

Improvised On Duty actions quicken.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
Unknown body off the port bow,
captain!

SCIENCE OFFICER
Running identification scan.

RED SHIRT
They're on course for a direct impact!

The ship is hit from the right! Everyone gets hurled L then returns to bridge positions.

CAPTAIN
Shields up!

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
Wait! Captain! That's no ship!

SCIENCE OFFICER
It's...the audience!

Camera hits RED SHIRT in the face.

RED SHIRT
...{sounds of pain}...

CAPTAIN
All hands! Glorious space opera pose!

All pose gloriously in their spots!