

BRIDGET

It's a beautiful day

LUCY

You'll have to help them find a new one.

BRIDGET

A warm summer day

LUCY

Are you listening?

BRIDGET

A housekeeper.

I'm sitting on a bench
A bench in the park

LUCY

I suggest you put an ad in the paper.

BRIDGET

The trees are blooming
Isn't that enough?

LUCY

That's what I did the last time.

(MOM and DAD enter and sit down next to LUCY.)

BRIDGET

It's a beautiful day

MOM

Once a week we do our shopping.

BRIDGET

A warm summer day

DAD

It's getting too hard with all those bags.

BRIDGET

I'm sitting on a bench
A bench in the park

LUCY

No more than ten minutes of direct sun.

BRIDGET

The earth is turning

Isn't that enough?
 (MOM and DAD and LUCY close their eyes and turn their faces
 to the sun.)

BRIDGET

I want to fly
 To soar and to glide
 On currents rising high
 Wings spread
 Descend
 Down to rest among the
 Sheltered boughs
 A downy nest

I want to grow
 To sprout and to leaf
 To shoot my roots down below
 To pull
 The light
 Inside my veins and bloom anew
 A blushing bride

MOM

Did you know Ethel's having knee surgery?

DAD

It's a mistake at her age.

LUCY

I certainly hope she doesn't expect to walk again.

BRIDGET

Why do I feel?
 What do I feel?
 Longing
 Like there is something just beyond
 With darkness all around

I want to hold it
 I want it in me
 I am afraid