

'It's Time '92!' Telethon

by Kate Miller

Repeat and repeat the tragedy of not fitting,
A horror to many.
It happened to a relative of The Celebrity.

The Celebrity says "I know first-hand the
Difficulties my family has faced because of
My brother's condition."

The Parent says to the camera
"I know first-hand how much my daughter
Has struggled every single day."

The Subject Object asks If their hands are
The first hands, then which are mine?
When will my body be returned to me?

Live from a shopping mall in Calgary, Alberta
Where Hopeful Citizens have gathered
In support of the cause.

The Parent whispers "Ok, it's time" and
The Subject Object responds "I'm too
Tired I don't want to this place sucks."

The Doctor takes the microphone to rouse
Donations, "...and I have seen first-hand the
Financial sacrifices these families must make."

A children's dance troupe performs.

One sequin is always flipped up or out.
A girl who had an early growth spurt
Pulls at the waistband
Of her white tights,
And the tights slip back down
Her mom gestures at her to stop.
The horror of not fitting.

Back to The Celebrity:

“It is our belief that with enough funding,
In twenty years technology will be so advanced
That the physically disabled will just live among us.”

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