Readers’ Theatre Script for

***JUBILEE!***

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“Caroline Visits Friends”

(Narrator reads or tells the story up to the point where Caroline visits friends.)

**Narrator:** First, she visited Newt and Thelma, who owned the local service station. Thelma pried the cap off a cold RC Cola and scooped full a bag of freshly boiled peanuts for Caroline. After catching up on the gossip, Caroline asked…

**Caroline (or whole group in unison):** Have you ever seen a jubilee?

**Thelma** (excited, joyful): A jubilee is a wingding of a good time! Folks watch for signs of the jubilee and then clang backyard dinner bells to alert their neighbors. Friends enjoy each other’s company and share what they catch.

**Newt** (chiming in): The party goes on until the sun comes up…kind of like Mardi Gras!

**Narrator:** Together Newt and Thelma let out a burst of laughter, and Caroline snapped a picture of them with their mouths wide open.

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**Narrator:** Next, Caroline rode over to a small, whitewashed church. She parked her bike at the door, stepped inside, and listened as Brother Nathan rehearsed his Sunday sermon. After catching up on the praises and prayers from his congregation, Caroline asked…

**Caroline (or whole group in unison):** Have you ever seen a jubilee?

**Brother Nathan** (southern preaching style): Why yes, I have! Jubilees are a gift from God. When his divine creatures are too fruitful, God stirs up the bay and pushed them ashore, creating a bounty for the brethren. And some mighty fine eatin’ it is too, praise God. Why even the word *jubilee* comes from the Holy Bible!

**Narrator:** Caroline snapped a picture of Brother Nathan as he wiped the sweat from his brow.

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**Narrator:** Finally, Caroline pedaled her bike to Miss Mettie’s house. The beloved schoolteacher was reading to the neighborhood children. The story ended and the children meandered home. After catching up on the school year, Caroline asked…

**Caroline (or whole group in unison):** Have you ever seen a jubilee?

**Miss Mettie** (prim and proper):I have experienced many jubilees. Most occur late in summer during the month of August. The eastern breeze pushes in the rising tide, and the sea life swims to shore seeking more oxygen in the water. However, instead of finding the oxygen they need to survive, the creatures are greeted by jubilee hunters, who happily take them home and eat them for dinner.

**Narrator:** Caroline snapped a picture of Miss Mettie as she smiled smugly at her own joke.

(Narrator may continue by reading or telling the remainder of the book.)