Cast of Characters

Opal – A 10-year-old girl

Narrators 1 & 2 – The narrators explain the action in the play

The Preacher – Opal’s father

Scene 7

NARRATOR 1  
Opal and Winn-Dixie spend the days together. They visit Miss Franny and Gloria…

NARRATOR 2  
…and Otis at the pet store.

NARRATOR 1  
But Opal still feels lonely.

OPAL (VOICE-OVER)  
I kept thinking about Mama. Thinking about her was the same as the hole you keep feeling with your tongue after you've lost a tooth. My mind kept going to that empty spot, the spot where I felt she should be.

NARRATOR 2  
One night, she and the preacher talk.

OPAL  
Daddy, do you think about Mama a lot?

THE PREACHER  
I do, Opal.

OPAL  
Why did she leave?

THE PREACHER  
I don't even understand it. We were happy, for what seemed like a long time. But then she started drinking….

OPAL  
Did she drink because I was bad? Is it my fault that she left?

THE PREACHER  
Don't you ever say that. Hear me?

NARRATOR 1  
The preacher goes to his room.

NARRATOR 2  
The next day, Opal tells Gloria about her talk with the preacher.

GLORIA  
He's hurting.

OPAL  
Everybody's hurting. It makes me sad. I want to help, but I don't know what do about it. Actually... I do know! We need to have a party, right here in your yard! And we have to invite everyone we know.

NARRATOR 1  
Gloria makes invitations. Opal asks the preacher if he wants to come.

THE PREACHER  
I can't, Opal. I have a lot of work to do.