Scene 4a — Continuous

Princeton is alone.

PRINCETON

Today I feel like I'm getting closer to my purpose.

#5a-1 – School Crossing Guard! (et al)

On the video screen, we see Princeton as a school crossing guard.

CHILDREN'S VOICES

School crossing guard!

PRINCETON

No — that's not me —

We see Princeton working at a nail salon, giving an old lady a manicure.

CHILDREN'S VOICES

Manicurist!

PRINCETON

Not quite it.

Princeton working as a birthday party clown.

CHILDREN'S VOICES

Birthday party clown!

PRINCETON

Closer — but still, no —

#5b – Not Quite...

(A bell rings.)

Wait a minute — I feel like it's right here, in the corner of my mind! My purpose! It's — it's —

#5c – The Bad Idea Bears

Two adorable, snuggly bears appear.

BAD IDEA BEARS

Hey, Princeton!

GIRL BEAR

It's us!

PRINCETON

Who are you?

BAD IDEA BEARS

The Bad Idea Bears!

GIRL BEAR

We're your friends!

BOY BEAR

Where ya goin'?

PRINCETON

I'm almost broke. So I'm gonna get a job while I look for my purpose!

GIRL BEAR

Did the check come in from your folks?

PRINCETON

Yeah.

GIRL BEAR

Then you've got plenty of money!

BOY BEAR

You should celebrate!

GIRL BEAR

You need to do something for you. Buy some beer!

BOY BEAR

Yeah! Buy some beer!

PRINCETON

Gee, I shouldn't be spending my parents' money on beer.

BOY BEAR

(very sad)

Oh. Okay.

GIRL BEAR

That makes me sad, thinking about you not having any fun.

BOY BEAR

I'm gonna cry.

GIRL BEAR

(weeping)

Gosh, I'm sad. Some days, I wish I was dead.

PRINCETON

You know? Maybe I could afford a six-pack.

BAD IDEA BEARS

Yaaaaay!

GIRL BEAR

How 'bout a case!

BOY BEAR

A case of beer!

PRINCETON

Noo, no, I can't get a case.

GIRL BEAR

But you're on a budget!

BOY BEAR

You're wasting money in the long run if you don't buy in bulk!

PRINCETON

You're right. Wow, thanks guys! I'll get a case.

BAD IDEA BEARS

Yaaaay! See you around, Princeton!

They exit.

PRINCETON

See you around, guys! Gosh, they're awfully cute. It's good to know I'm making friends who have my best interests at heart.