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RARE EARTH

a play in some acts

First performed at Saint Mark's Church, NYC, 1995 with Stacy Doris, Kim Rosenfield, and Robert Fitterman

Guidelines: We provide spatulas for you and recommend that you use them to decrease the risk of introduction of bacteria. Please refrain from dipping your fingers in the cream. Remember, bathrooms are not ideal locations to store your cosmetics. Enjoy the show.

Cast:

Mother: Creme d'Elegance Repairateur
Daughter: Calendula
Villain: Shine n' Lite Groom
Chorus: Close Shavers Squadron/Close Shaverettes

Prologue

Chorus: Evening's icy pastels
Chartreuse silk shantung
A classic is forever...

Introduction

Chorus: Bare just became more than your best friend...it senses what you need and responds instantly. Compensating, soothing every sensitivity.

A lipstick can provide the best of all worlds: memory, fidelity, and staying power.

Cool

Clever

Mauvelous

There is a need in all of us to go back to our beginnings, back to our feelings...

Act I

Creme d'Elegance Repairateur:

The most important news in 4 Centuries! Now an ancient natural wonder meets 21st Century science! Defies time tomorrow! Optically minimizes! Concentrated in floral waters!

Chorus:

A celebration of laughter, love, and intense happiness.

Calendula:

Change is free. Change is a beautiful thing. Nano-capsule delivery systems by the woman with the Big Blue Eyes, or Green, or Violet, or Hazel. Because you can change.

(in a stage whisper)

Nuances applied with a large pronged applicator called The Glider.

The damage you thought was Forever is gone.

Act II

Shine n' Lite Groom:

I have dedicated all my life to fulfilling what you have dreamed all your life.

Personal news for women:
Put it where you want to be kissed.

Purify
Normalize
Combat

The lusciousness of deep lingering wrapped in an involving message.

How Now Brown Wow!

Pure and SUPERFINE!

Chorus: Impressive new generation lotion
is today's indulgence.

Act III

Shine n' Lite Groom:

To preserve & protect.
One 2 One.

You can't live your life in fear of everything
that has the potential to harm you.

You can't see it, but you know it's there.
Change one moment, & nothing is ever the same.
Take away its oxygen & what do you think will happen?
If you want it to bloom again
You've got to give it what it needs.

Chorus: Play with fire
Skate on thin ice.

Act IV

Calendula:

Sexy sexism.
Good bye lizard lips!
The drought is over
Your lips stay looking rich. And moist.
And very very human.

Shine n' Lite Groom:

You can't see it, feel it, touch it, but you know it's there.
You can't guess it's this disappearing, but it is. No kidding. It's here.

Chorus: Happening, social, chic.

If you're feeling kinky.

Calendula:

A simple bouquet of pure white blossoms.

Creme d'EleganceRepairateur:

This sublime lipstick had its beginnings in the 1840's when rare, estate-grown varieties flourished among the landed gentry of Southern France.

Act V

Chorus: Open here and find a way to a garden grown in dreams...

Shine n'Lite Groom (to Calendula):

What is boldness without grace?

Won't leave a trace on your clothes, a glass, or even when you kiss.
The beauty stays with you all day until you take it off.

Chorus: Fast cars
Film stars

Dressed to kill
Such a thrill
Egos
Amigos
Big Screen
Sunscreen
Sunset Strip
Life's a trip
Highways
High heels
A-list
Who's who
Don't call us, Babe
We'll call you.

Calendula (*interior monologue*):

Make a man remember...

Shine n'Lite Groom:

Your eyes.
magnetic. Expressive.

Calendula:

Bio-relaxing gel!

Shine n'Lite Groom:

First, dim the lights
Unplug the phone
Light a candle...
Show perfect bedside manner night & day.

Chorus: When hearts beat fast, it's more than the altitude.

Shine n'Lite Groom:

No physical feature emphasizes your individuality more than your eyes.
Whether you're outgoing
or introspective
rebellious, or serene...
Lock eyes with someone. Look away. Blink again. Slip in an averted gaze.
Look away again.

Calendula:

What sets a flirty glance apart from a plain stare?

Shine n'Lite Groom:

It's the twinkle in your eyes. It's subconscious. People can sense it.
While your eyes reveal your emotions, the subtle shaping of your brows
emphasize them.

Creme d'Elegance Repairateur:

Mittelschmerz!

Shine n'Lite Groom:

Why reply?
Just press your lips together & discover
Count-on-it color

Renews itself to wear on & on & on...

Calendula:

The moment, the memory, the dream...

Creme d'Elegance Repairateur:

Roll feet feet around on a bunch of small apples
Make a statement without saying a word.
Lively whipped-cream bubbles enable you to stay naturally soft, pliant,
and glowingly alive.
In a minerat-capped creme tube ivory deluxe skin, body, and lifestyle.

Calendula:

Make Up Forever!

Chorus:
"Snow" tones down
"Taxi" adds warmth

Refreshing after motoring and horseback riding. Essential after clambakes.

Shine n'Lite Groom:

Revvng it up
Toning it down
Stretching it out
Stop & smell the memories, Baby!

Chorus:

Touch! Sniff! Pour! Become one with the testers!

Creme d'Elegance Repairateur:

Soap eggs stuffed with butter from the African shea nut.

Chorus:
Bubbly things happen in the "oui" hours
White Chantilly...help him find you...

Shine n'Lite Groom:

I use whatever tool is right for the job...

Chorus:
Spackle with sparkle

Shine n'Lite Groom:

Coco Loco

Creme d'Elegance Repairateur:

Now you skin can live in an ideal world.
In future years, you'll know how right you were to start now.
Make the light work to your advantage.

Calendula:
Perfume is the music of my dreams.

Shine n'Lite Groom:

Your eyes will make you a believer...

Chorus:

The crowd-pleasing possibilities of a bee-stung pout.

End

Epilogue:

Spoken alternately by the two youngest Close Shaverettes:

Shaverette # 1: What makes a gal a good number?

Shaverette #2: Her undies are bright and white, of course!

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