

WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE THE 2017 BOEP PREMIERE?

-The moral of the story is now “long after life’s gone, love lives on” instead of “live and live on.”

-Franklin Mills is no longer a Long-Term Recovery Unit, but a Veteran Health Center, which becomes the impetus for the books.

-The show was originally cast for 55. It now calls for 16.

-The Book of Empty Pages, Inc. is now an official 501c3 non-profit organization. We’ve spent \$10k since the 2017 original!

-The revised script is over 8% shorter than the original.

-DAISY now has pink hair, which becomes part of the plot.

-The plot no longer begins at a college fraternity, but instead at SAM’s gig as a singer/songwriter.

-Several main characters have been eliminated, including VIVIAN, LARRY, CHARLOTTE, NURSE, DR. EDWARDS,
GUNDERSON, PAULA, OSWALD, THOMAS, GENO, TANNER, & BOBBY.

-New characters were added, such as YOUNG DAISY, GRETCHEN, AMY, FRANK, MARY JANE, SOPHIA, & WEMBLEY.

-AMY, H, DENISE/ALICE, LARRY, DIRK, MARY JANE, & NANCY are now distorted stereotypes.

-Several original songs were eliminated: #2 Anything & Everything, #5 The Other Side, #6 The End, #8 Memories of Old,
#8A Memories of Old Reprise, & #13 Custodial School Crush

-Several new songs were added: #2 Invisibly Visible, #3 The New Beginning, #6 One Stop Shop, #7 Nothing to Lose,
#9 One Small Step, & #18A Dirk’s Revenge

-Several songs moved acts: #7 Nothing But Perfect is now #15, #9 Head Over Heels is now #13.

-Every song that was kept was revamped and some are borderline unrecognizable!

-The show has been 100% professionally re-orchestrated.

-There have been professional production tracks created to be used as accompaniment in the 2023 rendition.

-The new show has much more humor and adult language than the original.

-PASTOR JACK now introduces a main theme to begin the show, preaching that, “scars only mask our happiness, if we let them.”

-NANCY is now the head director at Franklin Mills rather than a custodian.

-DIRK and GRETCHEN have much larger roles in the new rendition (including more singing).

-DIRK is now responsible for SAM’s car crash & GRETCHEN now founded Franklin Mills alongside her husband, whom it’s named after.

-There is no longer a fictional Miracle Treatment. Instead, Sam has a realistic bone infection in his arm that is resistant to normal antibiotics,
so they are forced to seek an expensive and real-life novel antibiotic called “Teixobactin.”

-The changed ending from the premiere’s closing show of ending at DAISY’s funeral is now permanent.