<u>Dear Evan Hansen Opening Monologue</u>

Dear Evan Hansen,

Today is going to be an amazing day and here's why: because, uh, because today all you have to do is just be yourself. But also confident; that's super important. And interesting. Easy to talk to. Approachable. And intellig—but, just be yourself!! That's the big, like, that's number one: be yourself. Just, uh, you know...be true to yourself.

Also, don't worry if your hands are going to get sweaty for no reason and you can't make it stop no matter what you do because — no, they're not going to get sweaty. So, I don't even know why I'm bringing it up because it's not going to happen because it's...but, like, all you have to do is just be yourself!! Be yourself!

I'm not even worried about it though, seriously, because it's not like, uh, it's not going to be like that one time you had the perfect chance to introduce yourself to Zoe Murphy at the band concert last year — that time when you waited afterwards just to talk to her and tell her how good she was and, like, you were going to pretend to be so casual like you didn't even know her name. Like, she would introduce herself and then you'd be like, "Sorry, I didn't hear you. Chloe? Is that your name? Chloe?" And then she would be like, "No, it's Zoe. I said Zoe." And you'd be like, "Oh, see I thought you said Chloe because I'm just— I'm very busy with...uh, other stuff right now." But you didn't even end up saying anything to her anyway because you were scared your hands were sweaty...which, they weren't, really. They weren't sweaty until you started worrying that they were sweaty, which made them sweaty, so you put them under the hand dryer in the bathroom. But then they were still sweaty...and just, uh, very warm as well.