



# Squawking Heads by MAX DRAYTON

## WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?

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*Approx. 7 minutes.*

### **CAST:**

**MARTINA:** 40+

### **SET:**

Lectern and spotlight.

## WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?

(OPENING MUSIC.

LIGHTS COME UP ON AN EMPTY LECTERN.

MARTINA ENTERS TO RECORDED APPLAUSE.

SFX: APPLAUSE.

SHE ACKNOWLEDGES HER STUDENTS (THE AUDIENCE).

SFX: END.

Thank you.

Good to see so many of you here today. Especially as it's the last of the term, the last for most of you. Your last day of University life, so I think congratulations are in order.

As you know .... this is not only your last day in this august institution, but mine too. Next week I leave for Australia and a new life as a historical author.

I want to thank you students for your good luck wishes. Some of them heart-felt, I'm sure. And thank you for the present. A nice gold pen. Engraved as well. I suppose you think I can now rewrite history all over again?

For the last eight years I've taught history, but nobody really listens and learns. There's an old adage that 'History repeats itself.' History has a way of being changed to suit the modern thought. Over time, black becomes white, wrong becomes right. Let's not lose sight of the true history.

Given mankind's lengthy history – thousands of years – it's only in recent times that the leaders of differing countries stopped going into battle with the warriors of their fiefdom. If one country entered into war with another – everyone fought for their country. From the serfs to the Kings – all joined in battle. A truly National effort. But today, the politicians who start the wars are secure in bunkers and protected by distance. The armed forces all salaried and career driven.

I look at you students today and know - none of you is likely to enjoy a period of peace. Your country will be engaged in some war or other, for the rest of your lives. That makes me sad. That makes me mad.

So, what is war?

**This is only apart of the play.**

**Please contact Max directly for a complete script.**

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