

To Lay Me Down Side 2
Jim: Monologue

JIM

I had known for years that I was drawn to men, but being gay simply wasn't an option for a Catholic boy from a working class family of German heritage. But... much like the torn out pictures of shirtless men from the Sears catalogue, I kept finding myself coming back to it.

JIM

And not just the desire, the feeling. That sense of knowing I was different and wanting to feel and be around people who didn't treat me like I was. The feeling that I would miss my whole life if I didn't live it how I know I was.

JIM (CONT'D)

My mother just a few days before she died said to "put me in a glass coffin so I can look out to see what I missed." And I suppose I felt that way about myself too.

Beat

So no more missing out! It's New Years, I'm here, I'm gay, and... I really wanted to see John again.