

**Side 1  
START >>>****CHARLES (CONT'D)**

So I guess you could say I've been  
spendin' my nights here for the  
last forty years.

116 GUS

What was his name?

117 **CHARLES**

...William.

118 GUS

I'm sorry.

119 **CHARLES**

Yeah. So am I.

WALLA/SFX: CHARLES TAKES A SWIG OF A DRINK.

120 **CHARLES (CONT'D)**

You ever lost a child?

121 GUS

No. I lost my Dad in the war.

122 **CHARLES**

Half of Quincy lost their Dads in  
the war.

123 GUS

I'm sure it's not the same.

124 **CHARLES**

It ain't. Not even close.

WALLA/SFX: CHARLES TAKES A SWIG OF A DRINK.

125 **CHARLES (CONT'D)**

Can I buy you a round?

126 GUS

No, thanks.

127 **CHARLES**

Suit yourself.

128 GUS

You don't seem at all happy.

WALLA: CHARLES LAUGHS SARDONICALLY.

129 **CHARLES**

Hey half-wit, that's exactly why  
I'm here. You been listening?

130 GUS

I mean it doesn't seem like  
drinkin' yourself blind each night  
is helping.

131 CHARLES

It's not supposed to help, it's  
supposed to make me forget.

(beat)

Only problem is now I can't stop.

WALLA/SFX: CHARLES TAKES A SWIG OF A DRINK.

132 GUS

What if I could direct you  
somewhere that would help, actually  
help?

133 CHARLES

And where would that be?

134 GUS

I lead a temperance society over at  
Saint Patrick's.

135 CHARLES

I ain't a papist.

136 GUS

But you're not in good shape,  
either. That's all you need to  
qualify.

137 CHARLES

Clear off, will ya?

WALLA/SFX: CHARLES TAKES A SWIG OF A DRINK.

138 GUS

I didn't give you my name. I'm Gus.

139 CHARLES

Charles.

140 GUS

Charles, if you give it a chance, I  
promise that you'll not only get  
help with your drinking, you'll  
find some healing for your hurt,  
too.

141 CHARLES

I don't think so, Gus.

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