

Today is a Good Day

After Orlando
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This is a tribute to the people killed at Pulse in Orlando.

49 people fill the space.
Each wears headphones.
Each listens to their favorite dance music on those headphones.

GO.

They dance for 3 minutes to the music they are listening to.

During those 3 minutes, there is the following text.
The text can appear via projection.
The text can be spoken by the dancers.
The text can be spoken by a person or people observing the dancers.
The text can be whispered in the ears of the audience.
The text can exist in the minds of the dancers.
The audience can read the text aloud.

It's really up to you.
These 3 minutes should be exactly the way you want it to be.

*Each detail in the litany below is taken from one of their obituaries,
as published in the Orlando Sentinel.*

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Today is a good day to bubble up and get down.

Today is a good day to live with your pet Chihuahuas.

Today is a good day to have a personal renaissance.

Today is a good day to get everyone into peanut butter.

Today is a good day to be a kind boss.

Today is a good day to belt out Beyoncé. To blast the music. To make everyone laugh.
Today is a good day to spread love.

Today is a good day to study to be a nurse.
Today is a good day to donate blood.

Today is a good day to work your way up.

Today is a good day to cook the best. To keep friends and family close.

Today is a good day to call someone at night and tell them their favorite food is on sale at the supermarket (“Dude, your favorite food is on sale at the supermarket!!!”)

Today is a good day to give advice.

Today is a good day to poke fun at yourself.

Today is a good day to find your joy on a dance floor.

Today is a good day to have a whole conversation in a parking lot.

Today is a good day to teach your kid sister to walk on heels.

Today is a good day to coordinate the first-ever gay cruise to Cuba.

To go to gay days at Walt Disney. To go to prom on your own.

To be smitten with Beyoncé.

Today is a good day to wear make up and be a man.

Today is a good day to text your mother you love her (“mommy I love you”).

Today is a good day to tattoo your life philosophy on your upper right arm (“love has no gender”).

Today is a good day to give more than you get. To make money and send some home.

To hang out at the bear den. To plan your son a Ferrari-themed party.

Today is a good day to start to chart your own life.

Today is a good day to raise 11 children, to run a tight ship, to do what you love and dance.

Today is a good day to find love at the perfume counter.

Today is a good day to leave Hawaii to be with your mom. To shape your own father.

To pose for a photo with a wax figure of Selena Gomez.

Today is a good day to find comfort in your husband’s spirit, to raise \$4000 to give your son the funeral he deserves, to work a double shift if you have to, to be part of two families.

Today is a good day to buy your first house.

Today is a good day to be adored by your mother.

Today is a good day to take your son swimming.

Today is a good day to fancy St. Bernards, to produce a kids' talent show, create costumes for the pageant, make someone feel beautiful while cutting their hair.

Today is a good day to marry a racecar driver.

Today is a good day to lead the way with your smooth voice.

Today is a good day to run the Harry Potter ride.

Today is a good day to stroll into a life, quietly, and change the way it's lived.

Today is a good day to buy a bottle of Declaration by Cartier.

Today is a good day to be proud to be a Latino.

Today is a good day to love him the moment you meet him.

(Tell Jesus to step up his salsa game.)