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Act 1

Lights up.

CECIL and BLAIR are sitting on a bench on the railway platform. An announcement is heard: "Passengers, attention please! The Superfast Express . . . is running late by about an hour because of damage to the tracks. The inconvenience caused is deeply regretted."

CECIL: The train is late by about an hour today . . . absolutely unexpected. We will reach our destination very late.

BLAIR: Of course! Due to damage to the tracks, completely unexpected, most trains are running late.

CECIL: It is too cold today. We are shivering. [*Shivers*]

BLAIR: Every year we have to face the same situation in December and January.

CECIL: The end of the year means suffering – similar to the end of life.

BLAIR: And old age is of the same vein. January is the beginning of the year, but it is cold like December. Its coldness is tolerable because we live in expectation that after January cold will decrease. But it continues to come and go each year. Finally, December comes. The end of the year is like the end of life – the beginning of the year and the end of the year – the beginning of life and the end of life.