

NOT TOO LATE
A two-minute monologue
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Drama

DENISE, any age, confronts a protester outside an abortion clinic

Get up off your knees, lady! I've got something to tell YOU!

You're telling ME I'll regret it – it's not too late to change MY mind?

Well, it's not too late to change YOURS either.

It's not too late to stop hurting people who are already hurting. It's not too late to start PAYING instead of PRAYING – to lobby for child support, child care, decent maternity leave, social housing – all the things mothers and children need to survive and thrive.

It's not too late to make men accountable – to stand up against child abuse and domestic violence – it's not too late to be a real Christian – if there is such a thing?

Oh stop your wailing and chanting! It's childish and ignorant.

I have no shame, only gratitude and relief.

Your threats mean nothing to me, coz there's no hell other than the one you are putting us through.

But it's not too late.

It's not too late for you to stand up – for your sisters, your daughters, for women like me, who have no real choice.

It's not too late to get up and fight!

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