

## LOVE FOR LOUISIANA

The following can be performed as a blended monologue or as a single reading. Use as an introduction to one of the Georgia Barnette Offering videos.

**READER 1:** The people of Louisiana have music in their souls.

READER 2: Jazz
READER 1: Blues

**READER 2:** Creole Zydeco

**READER 1:** An endless mosaic of notes

**READER 2:** And soulful melodies.

**READER 1:** But long before these notes were heard, a song came forth from a distant time or so it seemed.

**READER 2:** yesterday,

**READER 1:** today,

**READER 2:** and forever—

**READER 1:** there lived a world.

READER 2: A dark world

**READER 1:** chained by rebellion,

**READER 2:** shackled by fear,

**READER 1:** corrupted by greed.

**READER 2:** A world

**READER 1:** lost and alone,

READER 2: heartbroken,

**READER 1:** looking for someone—

**READER 2:** anyone.

**READER 1:** Looking for answers.

**READER 2:** Someone said, It was all a fluke—

**READER 1:** just chemicals floating in a sea of chaos—

**READER 2:** Billions of years

**READER 1:** It was just a coincidence.

**READER 2:** Someone,

**READER 1:** a highly educated one,

**READER 2:** said this whole place is a comedy of fate.

**READER 1:** But a voice whispered, I love you.

**READER 2:** And He whispered to the people of Lousiana, I love you.

**READER 2:** Some heard it and said the voice was whomever you wished it to be.

**READER 1:** But this voice has always had a name.

**READER 2:** But the search led them into greater chaos and despair.

**READER 1:** They denied Him and tried to move on.

**READER 2:** I love you,

**READER 1:** the voice said again.

**READER 2:** The voice came from One so holy, wanting to reach out.

**READER 1:** Men tried to drown the voice with the blare of televisions, music, conversation,

and rumbling engines. stricken souls,

**READER 1:** the voice reappeared.

**READER 2:** I love you.

**READER 2:** Can you hear Him still?

**READER 1:** At this very hour?

**READER 2:** He's calling out to a world lost and alone.

**READER 1:** His love runs deep and eternal.

**READER 2:** A love song

**READER 1:** written on the pages of eternity.

**READER 2:** Can you hear this passionate Savior?

**READER 1:** I love you.

**READER 2:** Can you hear the Lover of men's souls?

**READER 1:** I love you.

**READER 2:** Do you see the words written on a cross with the blood of His Son?

**READER 1:** I love you.

**READER 2:** He loves you. What will you do with this holy Creator and King?

**READER 1:** He's calling out:

**READER 2:** I love you!

**READER 1:** May we share this song throughout our state.

**READER 2:** Jesus whispers, I love you.