

## Various Artists

### "Life Support"

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[ANGEL and COLLINS attend an AIDS Life Support group.  
PAUL, the support leader, sits on the downstage railing above.  
GORDON, one of the members of the group, is standing downstage left, facing the audience. As the members enter, they introduce themselves and form a semicircle. Note: The names of the support group members should change every night and should honor actual friends of the company who have died of AIDS.]

[STEVE]  
Steve.

[GORDON]  
Gordon.

[ALI]  
Ali.

[PAM]  
Pam.

[SUE]  
Sue.

[ANGEL]  
Hi, I'm Angel.

[COLLINS]  
Tom. Collins.

[PAUL]  
I'm Paul. Let's begin

[ALL]  
There's only us  
There's only this ...

[MARK blusters in noisily.]

[MARK]  
Sorry ... Excuse me ... oops

[PAUL]  
And you are?

[MARK]  
Oh -- I'm not --  
I'm just here to --  
I don't have --  
I'm here with --  
Um -- Mark  
Mark -- I'm Mark  
Well -- this is quite an operation

[PAUL]  
Sit down Mark  
We'll continue the affirmation

[ALL]  
Forget regret or life is yours to miss

[GORDON]  
Excuse me Paul -- I'm having a problem with this  
This credo -- My T-cells are low --  
I regret that news, okay?

[PAUL]  
Alright  
But Gordon - How do you feel today?

[GORDON]  
What do you mean?

[PAUL]  
How do you feel today?

[GORDON]  
Okay

[PAUL]  
Is that all?

[GORDON]  
Best I've felt all year

[PAUL]  
Then why choose fear?

[GORDON]

I'm a New Yorker!

Fear's my life!

Look - I find some of what you teach suspect

Because I'm used to relying on intellect

But I try to open up to what I don't know

[GORDON AND ROGER (who sings from his loft)]

Because reason says I should have died

Three years ago

[ALL]

No other road

No other way

No day but today

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