From the one act play:
Fast Food
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STEVE/STEVIE, *An indecisive customer.*

EMPLOYEE, *employee of the fast food restaurant.*

AT RISE: EMPLOYEE is standing behind the counter, near the payment screen. At start of scene, STEVE enters and crosses to counter.

EMPLOYEE
Welcome to MacBurger's, where we go the extra mile to make you smile. What can I get you?

STEVE
(staring up at the menu)
Hmmm….let me see…

(EMPLOYEE waits patiently for a few minutes.)

EMPLOYEE
(smiles)
A lot of good choices on that menu, huh?

STEVE
Hmmm….maybe.

(EMPLOYEE waits patiently for a few minutes.)

EMPLOYEE
Is this your first time at MacBurger's?

STEVE
Actually, yes.

EMPLOYEE
Oh, wow! That's great. Then let me extend a very special welcome to you.

STEVE
Thanks.

EMPLOYEE
I've never met anyone who hasn't eaten at MacBurger's before.

STEVE
Yeah, well, I guess I'm kind of different that way.

EMPLOYEE

If you want any help with the menu, recommendations, anything at all, just let me know.

STEVE

I will. Thanks.

(STEVE stares up at the menu. EMPLOYEE waits patiently for a few minutes.)

EMPLOYEE

The MacTriple is really good.

STEVE

Ah.

EMPLOYEE

And the Mac and Cheese is awesome.

STEVE

You guys serve macaroni and cheese? I don't see it on the menu.

EMPLOYEE

Oh, no…not like, actual mac and cheese. That's just what we call our cheeseburger.

STEVE

Confusing.

EMPLOYEE

A little.

(EMPLOYEE waits for a few minutes, starting to become impatient. Perhaps a few customers enter and line up.)

So, what looks good to you?

STEVE

I'm not sure yet.

EMPLOYEE

Okay. No problem. Take your time.

(looks around, maybe whistles, then speaks aside to himself)

Take all the time in the world.

STEVE

What was that?

EMPLOYEE
(quickly)
I just said to take all the time you need.

STEVE
Right.

(STEVE stares up at the menu. EMPLOYEE waits for a few minutes. If customers are in line, perhaps they are starting to get annoyed.)

EMPLOYEE
If you're not in the mood for a burger, we have salads.

STEVE
Hmmm…maybe.

(STEVE stares at the menu. EMPLOYEE waits a shorter amount of time, getting visibly annoyed.)

EMPLOYEE
We also have chicken.

STEVE
Good to know.

(STEVE stares at the menu. EMPLOYEE and any customers are now very annoyed and impatient.)

EMPLOYEE
(losing it a little)
Listen, man, do you know what you want to order or not?

STEVE
I think I'm going to need a couple of minutes.

EMPLOYEE
(sarcastically)
You think?

STEVE
There is one thing that sounds good, though…

EMPLOYEE
(hopefully)
Oh, yeah? Let me know what it is and I'll get it ordered up for you right away!

(holds a hand over the ordering screen, at the ready)

STEVE

Macaroni and cheese!

EMPLOYEE

(dejected)

Of course.

(leans a head on his hand, bored as STEVE looks up at the menu)

STEVE

Hmmm…

(End of scene.)

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