

COMING OUT TO UNCLE JAKE  
A One-Minute Two-Hander

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CHARACTERS (1M,1W)

MOM            50ish.  
ROBERT       Her son, 25ish.

PLACE

Mom's house. Or possibly a telephone conversation.

TIME

A week before Thanksgiving.

SYNOPSIS

Robert tells his mother he has finally had enough of Uncle Jake's Thanksgiving rants about "people like him" and plans to confront him at the next family dinner. There's a bit of a twist at the end.

*AT RISE: MOM and ROBERT are in  
mid-conversation about  
Thanksgiving plans.*

MOM

I was hoping for a nice calm family Thanksgiving dinner for a change.

ROBERT

I'm sorry, but I can't just sit there another year stuffing my mouth with stuffing while Uncle Jake rants about how the very existence of people like me is an affront to God and the values this nation was founded on. Last year he accused us of being perverts who do unspeakable things to children. He actually said we should all be rounded up and shot. I was upset for a week afterwards.

MOM

Well, I'm sure I don't understand how you turned out this way. But you're my son and you know I love you no matter what. Have you thought about what you're going to say?

ROBERT

It's pretty simple. "Uncle Jake, there's something you need to know about me. I'm a liberal and proud of it."

END OF PLAY