S7360  A STEP TOO SLOW  (USA, 1981)  [TV SHORT]

**Credits:** director, Mike Rhodes ; writer, Jim McGinn.

**Cast:** Judge Reinhold, Paula Kelly, Jeanne Mori, James Hampton.

**Summary:** Coming-of-age short (30 min.) set in the contemporary U.S. Bill Cameron (Reinhold) is a high school student who has been cut from the basketball team by Coach Meyers (Hampton) for his lack of ability and performance. This loss of status requires a radical adjustment in thinking for the teenager. Cameron makes progress toward self-awareness thru awareness of the experiences of others, especially Tuyet Minh (Mori), a Vietnamese girl who came to the U.S. as a boat person. Cameron writes a song as an English assignment which sums up what Americans should learn from the experiences of the Vietnamese boat people: “Compared to their load my problems are small.”

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