

THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

AUDITION SPEECHES *MRS PERKS*

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I'm a bit late changing, miss, owing to me having had an extra clean-up today, along o' Perks happening to name it's being his birthday. I don't know what put it in his head to think of such a thing. We keep the children's birthdays, of course, but him and me - we're far too old for suchlike, as a general rule. (She looks at the gifts the children have brought). Oh look at this. Oh don't mind me. I'm alright. Why, it's a birthday such as Perks has never had, not even when he was a boy. Oh you are the dearest, sweetest, most precious darling children in the whole world. . I won't say another word. But that needn't stop me thinking. Oh, it's for for a prince. I never thought when I sent the little unsolicited to pick some wild flowers for the table and get him an ounce of his best baccy that we'd be sitting down to a feast. Oh bless us. He is early!