

THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

AUDITION SPEECHES *OLD GENTLEMAN*

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When the 9:15 came out of the tunnel the next morning and the Old Gentleman prepared to wave to the three children, he discovered that there weren't three but two. They unrolled a sign and pointed to it, and the sign read - look out at the station! And when the train arrived at the station, I did indeed look out. Nothing unusual. It was only as the train was starting to get up steam for departure that I saw... Phyllis! Out of breath with running and sweating a bit too. She handed me a note. A list of things her mother needed. The train started to pull out. Her mother was ill and they couldn't afford it, she explained. They didn't know anyone and their father was away. She promise to pay me back or at least Peter would when he was a man, on their honour. The train pulled out. Goodbye! And the Old Gentleman read the note, smiled to himself, and settled back to read his copy of The Times.