

THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

AUDITION SPEECHES *PETER*

SPEECH ONE

I have an idea but I shan't tell you. The only reason I won't tell you is because it might be wrong. If Mother asks, don't blab! Just say I'm playing at mines. Coal mines. But don't let that word pass your lips on pain of torture. Well, at first that worked really well. A week later Mrs Viney said "this last lot of coal is holding out very well. I think we might risk a fire tonight". I was rather pleased with myself about that. But then came that dreadful night, when Perks the porter crept out very quietly to the yard where the coal heap with the whitewashed line stood. He waited like a cat at a mouse hole.

SPEECH TWO

Ladies and Gentlemen. Oh dear. Ladies and Gentlemen. It's awfully good of you and we shall cherish the watches all our lives - but really we don't deserve it because it wasn't anything really. Well, it was exciting and - thank you all very very much.