

THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

AUDITION SPEECHES *PHYLLIS*

SPEECH ONE

I wouldn't have called us very ordinary. Can you be very ordinary? As ordinary as you can be with a house full of servants. We had a butler, a between maid - what is a between maid anyway? There was the hall, the bathroom with hot and cold water, electric bells to call the servants, French windows - oh dear, I'm starting to sound a bit like an estate agent. I'm Phyllis, the youngest. Mother says I 'mean well'. I'm not so sure that I do mean well. I Don't know what I mean half the time. It's a bit of a pressure being the youngest because everyone knows what you are if you're the eldest. And if you're the boy. The youngest is a bit confusing to be. You have to sort of fit yourself in between the others. That must be what a between maid is...me!

SPEECH TWO

Look, you really do have to go now. If I were you I'd go off and have an ice cream or something, while we get all this sorted out. I expect some of you are disappointed you didn't see a rail disaster. I would point out that this is supposed to be family entertainment.