

THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

AUDITION SPEECHES *ROBERTA*

SPEECH ONE

Doctor, I wanted to see you. It's rather hard, you see, to out with it - because of what Mother said. She said I wasn't to go telling everyone that we're poor. But you aren't everyone, are you? Well I know Doctor's are expensive, and Mrs Viney told me that her doctoring only cost her tuppence a week because she belonged to a club. You see, she told me what a good Doctor you were, and I asked her how she could afford you because she's much poorer than we are. I've been in her house and I know. And - I don't want Mother to be worried! So, can we be in the same club too, the same as Mrs Viney?
(Pause) You aren't cross with me are you?

SPEECH TWO

If a train is standing on a slope, even a slight slope, and you take off the brakes, it will start rolling downhill. At first it might be so slow you hardly notice, but little by little it will gather momentum, and it will be impossible to stop. Well something had started . We had mentioned happy families. And now nothing could stop it. Firstly we had a visitor - our Old Gentleman...