

#### MUSIC 4: DANNY-FESTO

Ambition is never scorned.

I SEE A BRAND NEW DEMOCRACY  
I SEE A LASTING FRATERNITY  
I SEE A -

*(JENNY clicks the flyer with her litter picker and slowly puts it in the bin sack. And walks off. TOMMO pats DANNY in a conciliatory way on the shoulder, which doesn't go down well. DANNY goes. TOMMO stays, puts on coat -*

#### Scene 5 – Village Hall

*– as CORA enters in a winter coat amidst much bustle of tree and piano moving.)*

#### MUSIC 4A: MUSIC BOX YORKSHIRE

JOHN

ONE MORE YEAR IN YORKSHIRE –

CORA

Merry Christmas, fellas! So here's a thing, my gorgeous glorious son. At our Christmas WI I noticed Chris has the words 'parents evening' on her calendar. Now weirdly I don't seem to have those on mine –

TOMMO

Yeah actually they said single parents didn't have to bother.

CORA

Oh is that right?

TOMMO

Yeah. Y'know. 'Two chairs', 'Are we waiting for dad to com-oh there isn't one', 'Aw-kward'. That kind of / thing –

CORA

Come here. I've warned y'. Mess me round an' I am so telling your grandad.

TOMMO

Not Grandad. Anything but grandad.

CORA

And as I can testify, there is nothing a vicar loves more than giving long sermons on how much you're letting him down.

TOMMO

Alright alright I'll sign you up.

**CORA**

Thank yoooo...

**TOMMO**

I'm calling Childline on y'. I know the number.

*(JOHN watches him go smiling.)*

**JOHN**

Y've done a good job with that kid.

**CORA**

*(Hymn sheets.)*  
Grab these would y'.

**JOHN**

*(At the carol sheet.)*  
Oh not this one, please.

*(As ANNIE enters with CELIA.)*

**CORA**

Stop moaning, It's the easiest / to —

**JOHN**

She's got us mopin' round the green singing Silent Night.

*(She tries to swap hats for a woolly one which he resists, revealing his bald head, as the MISS WILSONS enter.)*

**CELIA**

*(Greeting them.)*  
Merry Christmas! Miss Wilson, Miss Wilson.

**MISS WILSON TEA**

Tea?

**MISS WILSON COFFEE**

Coffee?

**ANNIE**

The doctor said wear a proper hat, John Clarke—!

**CELIA**

*(After them.)*  
No, you're alright. D'you know I don't think I've ever heard them two say anything except the words 'tea' and —