

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 –