

ACT ONE

Scene Three

CHEAPSIDE OUTSIDE FITZWARREN'S STORES

**MUSIC CUE: OPENING PRODUCTION NUMBER WITH DICK,
TOMMY, CHILDREN AND ENSEMBLE**

AS THE NUMBER ENDS ALICE ENTERS FROM SHOP

ALICE: What a magnificent specimen.

DICK: Oh thank you very much.

ALICE: And such a beautiful coat

DICK: Yes, I got it from Primark.

ALICE: I shall simply have to tickle his tummy.

DICK: Steady on, we've only just met...

SHE CROSSES TO TOMMY AND TICKLES HIS TUMMY

Oh I see! You meant the cat!

ALICE: Of course! What else did you think I meant?

MUSIC CUE: TING:

AS THEIR EYES MEET ALICE STEPS BACK

ALICE: Is he yours?

DICK: Yes, this is my cat and his name is Tommy.

ALICE: And tell me sir, who are you?

DICK: My name is Richard Whittington, but my friends call me Dick. And you are?

ALICE: I'm Alice, Alice Fitzwarren. I own this store. I haven't seen you around here before.

DICK: No, I'm from Gloucester and I've come to London to make my fortune. I heard the streets were paved with gold.

ALICE: Well hardly but you're welcome to the city.

THE TOWNSFOLK MEANDER TO AND FRO GOING ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS

DICK: What a great start to the day and what a pleasure to meet you Miss Alice.

ALICE: Likewise! Erm, well I'll er, see you around if you're ever passing my shop. Do pop in.

ALICE EXITS

DICK: Yes I will! Thanks! (HE TURNS TO TOMMY MIMING 'I'LL ASK HER FOR A JOB'. HE TURNS BACK) You couldn't find me a job could you, Miss Alice? (TOO LATE SHE'S GONE)

Oh dear! I left it too late.

TOMMY MOVES ROUND HIM AND TUGS AT HIS LEG

What? Go after her? Yes of course. Come on Tommy! Let's see if we can find her.

DICK AND TOMMY EXIT

SOME OF THE TOWNSFOLK ARE STILL INFRONT OF THE SHOP

MUSIC CUE: SARAH'S ENTRANCE

SARAH ENTERS SHE CARRIES A BASKET IN WHICH THERE IS A LARGE BAG OF SWEETS VARIOUS GROCERIES AND A STICK OF DEODERANT. SHE WAVES GOODBYE TO THE FINAL STRAGGLERS AS THEY EXIT THEN SEES AUDIENCE

SARAH: Ooh hello! I didn't see you there. I'm Sarah the cook - and I work in Alice Fitzwarren's shop. That's it, just there. (SHE POINTS BACK AT SHOP) Oh but aren't you a good-looking lot. You're all smiling too. How lovely! Well, you're nearly all smiling. Those who aren't smiling, be nice, show me your teeth. Come on! I said show 'em dear - don't pass 'em round! Now, I want you all to be on friendly terms, So on the count of three, turn to the person on your right and say "Hello, how are you! One - two - three. Go on! There you are! Lovely! Everyone getting friendly. Now, on the next count of three, turn to the person on your left and say "I'm fine thank you." One - two - three - come on everyone! That's it. Now, this time, turn to the person sitting behind you and give 'em a big kiss. One - two - three. Ha, ha! Not so brave now eh! I've been shopping and bought some sweets. I shouldn't have, I'm trying to diet. I'm dying to try it but that's another story. So I'm going to hang them over here. (GOING TO PROS) When I come on and say "Oo I am hungry! I fancy a sweetie". Shout out "Naughty, Naughty Sarah!" as loud as you can. Let's have a little practice.