

NARRATOR

## ACT I

### Music 1: Overture

*The Overture comes to a close*

**Mrs Johnstone**  
(singing: off)  
Tell me it's not true  
Say it's just a story.

*The Narrator steps forward in a spotlight*

**Narrator**  
(speaking)  
So did y' hear the story of the Johnstone twins?  
As like each other as two new pins,  
Of one womb born, on the self same day,  
How one was kept and one given away?

An' did you never hear how the Johnstones died,  
Never knowing that they shared one name,  
Till the day they died, when a mother cried  
My own dear sons lie slain.

*The Lights come up to show a re-enactment of the final moments of the play—the deaths of Mickey and Edward (page 69). The scene fades*

*Mrs Johnstone enters with her back to the audience*

An' did y' never hear of the mother, so cruel,  
There's a stone in place of her heart?  
Then bring her on and come judge for yourselves  
How she came to play this part.

*The Narrator exits*

*As the introduction to Music 1 is heard Mrs Johnstone turns and walks towards us. She is aged thirty but looks more like fifty*

### Music 2: Marilyn Monroe (1)

**Mrs Johnstone**  
(singing)

Once I had a husband,  
You know the sort of chap,  
I met him at a dance and how he came on with the chat.  
He said my eyes were deep blue pools,  
My skin as soft as snow,  
He told me I was sexier than Marilyn Monroe.