

Scene Two

The Ballroom Stage, later that morning.

TED, DAWN, TRACY, BETTY and GARY appear in front of the tabs. The girls have voting slips.

Follow spot on TED.

TED (as the jovial host) Hi-de-hi, campers!

"Ho-de-ho!"

Ted can't hear you, hi-de-hi!

"Ho-de-ho!"

As you know, we've got the Miss Yellowcoat competition later, so the girls— (Seeing GARY) I beg your pardon, Gary. I didn't see you there! The yellowcoats are going to come amongst you with the voting papers. We'll tell you what to do later. (Looking at no one in particular) Hello, Mrs Cardew, third year running? Nice to see you back again.

The Yellowcoats go amongst the audience distributing voting slips. TED ad libs—depending on the time it takes.

Now don't lose your papers, you only get one chance to vote and all votes count! C'mon, Yellowcoats, hurry up. (Once they are all done) Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen, I'll see you later.

Blackout.

Scene Three

"Radio Maplin" Desk. Later that morning.

The lights come up on SYLVIA at the desk, leaning back in the chair, reading a record cover. There is pop music playing on the record player. She takes the record off the record player. She looks around the desk and finds the xylophone stick. She attempts the "HI-DE-HI" tune but fails a couple of times, each time mimicking GLADYS.

GLADYS enters just after her second attempt.

GLADYS What are you doing in here?

SYLVIA Jeff suggested I should do some announcements.

GLADYS Mr Fairbrother to you. I'm always making suggestions about you, none of them seem to get adopted. And get your hand out of your pocket.

SYLVIA He thinks I've got just the right tone of voice to wake the campers up.

GLADYS You've no such thing. Your voice is dead common. I have had my instructions from Mr Fairbrother to smarten up you yellowcoats, so I can make things very hard for you.

SYLVIA If you don't, will Jeff make it hard for you?

GLADYS I don't know what you mean. Now, away with you.

SYLVIA leaves.

GLADYS sits at the desk and moves a couple of things back in their place. She plays the notes C G E on the xylophone.

Good morning, campers, hi-de-hi!

"Ho-de-ho!"