

SCENE 26 (GROUP IN SHADOWS SCENE)

HUTTON

So what about your position? What are you going to do, Steven? What are you going to do now?

Sinister chords throughout the scene. Steve in a single white light. He holds up a bottle of pills. The other characters emerge from the shadows as they speak.

STEVE

Dad. Mum. Please don't reject me.

HUTTON

Well, if you don't belong there -

MR. CARTER

The thought of you in bed with another man

LINDA

Yuk

MRS. CARTER

Big boys don't hold hands.

STEVE

I know you think it -

MR. CARTER Makes me feel -

GLEN Filthy habit.

MR. CARTER Physically sick.

JENNY Rude little boy.

HUTTON

No. You can't come here.

STEVE

I'm so fucking lonely.

MRS. CARTER Only child.

STEVE I want to die.

LINDA

Stop feeling so sorry for yourself.

JOHN

Help me. Please help me.

HUTTON

But my position is difficult.

LINDA

It could be a phase.

STEVE Now I'm confused.

AYRES

Straighten up, lad, straighten up.

MRS. CARTER You're confused.

LINDA

Don't tell me you're looking for love.

DAVE Sex sex sex.

HUTTON Fuck the sex -

GLEN

Do you like to suck?

HUTTON Live the romance.

LINDA

It's a different bloke every time you call me.

HUTTON Live -

STEVE I want to die.

HUTTON - the love.

JOHN

Its true then ... that you're

KEVIN Queer bastard

JOHN Dodgy.

AYRES Misguided.

MR. CARTER Sick

LINDA Confused.

AYRES Unnatural.

STEVE

What are you all so scared of?

HUTTON There are millions --

STEVE

Everyone my own age is straight.

MR. CARTER He's a gay.

JOHN I'm not gay.

AYRES

As you go through life -

STEVE

What about my fucking life?

He holds up a bottle of pills.

STEVE

I love you Johnny.

JOHN Queer bastard.

STEVE

I won't tell anyone.

JOHN

Yes. Do it. Do it.

STEVE I'm so -

JOHN - scared. So -

STEVE Fucking.

JOHN Scared.

STEVE Angry.

JOHN I love girls -

LINDA

It could be a phase.

STEVE Leave me alone.

JOHN Give me a chance.

STEVE I love -

JOHN

I don't think I'd

STEVE But you said.

JOHN Terrible mistake.

STEVE But -

JOHN All that romantic

STEVE Sounds wonderful.

like to do it -

JOHN

I felt dishonest and -

HUTTON Exciting -

JOHN Dirty.

JENNY Naughty.

JOHN

I couldn't get used to the lying.

STEVE What do you want?

JOHN

I don't want to want to.

STEVE I love you.

MRS. CARTER We love you.

JOHN

I'm not your lover.

KEVIN Whoever said -

STEVE You're beautiful.

JOHN

Do it. Please do it.

STEVE Touch -

JOHN Do it.

STEVE Talk -

JOHN Do it.

STEVE Hold each other.

JOHN Do it -

STEVE What do you want.

JOHN Don't leave me!

They hug each other intensely, then John break away.

HUTTON

What are you going to do now?