

ACT I - SCENE 3: KENSINGTON GARDENS

GEORGE, JACK and MICHAEL run on, playing.

GEORGE

I'm going to catch you, just you wait!

JACK

You'll never get us!

BARRIE tries to catch their attention. PORTHOS appears with PETER.

START

BARRIE

Boys? Oh Porthos, there you are. Hello Peter.

PETER

I was sitting quite happily by the tree until your dog came and started bothering me.

BARRIE

I'm sure he was just being friendly. I haven't seen you or your family for a few days.

PETER

Mother was feeling a little under the weather, so we stayed indoors.

BARRIE

Can I ask you something? Why did you stop playing with your brothers?

PETER

Because it's just silly, isn't it. Why did you stop playing?

BARRIE

Me? ... I grew up.

PETER

But you're a writer. You make up stories. That's not particularly grown up.

BARRIE

It sometimes feels terribly 'grown-up', these days...

(SYLVIA and the BOYS enter.)

STOP