

Scene 1

(A barber's shop somewhere in North London)

Barbers chorus "Job in the city"

Tony : That was great.

Mario: Will it be good enough to win the competition next week?

Pietro : We'll see but it is so nice singing in rhyme why don't people continue to talk like that?

Tony: What in rhyme?

Pietro: Yes . Why don't we try that today and see what happens?

Mario: It will be too difficult.

Pietro: No it won't Lets give it a try.

Tony & Mario: Ok.

Tony: Let's see how we go with the client that is just coming in.

(John walks in.)

John: Hello Tony, are you free?

Tony: Of course I am can't you see?

(Turns to Mario and Pietro makes thumbs up sign)

(John sits down)

John: I have to tell you what a day I had.

Tony: I'd be pleased if you told me I'd be very glad.

John: I got home from work my wife left me a note.

Tony: What did she write ? Were you wearing your coat?

John: Before I continue my hair's got so long.

Tony: You're lucky it grows stays brown and its strong.
Most men of your age have lost most of their hair.
When they look in the mirror they see nothing there
Please hand me your glasses I'll put them aside.
Do you want it washed and after blow dried?

John: Yes please So where was I?

Tony: Your wife left you a note and you were wearing your coat.

John: My wife wrote John I'm sorry I'm leaving.
I've found someone new.

Tony: Was your chest heaving?
I bet you were blue.

John: I really had no inkling that she would go.

Tony: She was unhappy and you didn't know?

John: I always thought all was just fine.

Tony: I wonder how long she had this in mind.

John: I've no idea where she met him.

Tony: When did she go out on a limb?

John: She has been going to Salsa classes.

Tony: I'm just going to move your glasses.

John: You think she met someone there?

Tony: Salsa is sexy you have to beware.

John: I thought it a good idea she got out each week.

Tony: When she came in she always seemed meek.

John: So what do I do now?

Tony: A marriage counsellor will tell you how
To try and get her back
They have the knack

John: Surely a face to face would be better?

Tony: Maybe it would but would it get her.... back?

John: I'm in such a state.
I don't know what to do.

Tony: Put your head down mate
I'll apply the shampoo.

(Puts shampoo on John)

John: Should I pull my kids out of school?

Tony: Not a good idea as a rule.
Kids need stability
To the best of your ability.
That will be hard
With no mother.
Have you tried the wife of your brother?

John: No I have not.

Tony Don't go to pot
You have to be strong
For your kids or
They won't get along.

John: Who will pick them up each day?

Tony: That should be arranged without delay.
I think you need an au pair.
Someone to look after them
when you're not there.
The Czechs are the best.
They know how to dress
And they love kids

Don't use the French

(Turns to Pietro)

Can you move that bench?
They've only think about one thing
and it's not your kids
It's where they can swing.
Spanish girls are so poor
If you pay for their flight
You won't see them no more.

John: And I'm mortgaged up to my eyes.

Tony: You could consider a downsize

John: I'd have to find a place round here
So my kids can continue their education.

Tony: Use my estate agent no fear
Of him going on his vacation,
and my mortgage broker's a family relation.
I'll give you their phones
Whenever I've used them
I never had moans.

John: But my wife will want a share of the equity.

Tony: You must do your figures if you ask me.

John: Do you know a lawyer that I could use?

Tony: I know of one but he's got a short fuse.
He might just make things worse.
He has been known to curse.
This one's a better bet.

(He writes down the name on a piece of paper)

She's on the net
Or on this line
234 709

John: Thank you Tony I'll give her a call.

Tony: With her on your side
I'm sure you'll walk tall

(Steve walks in)

Steve: Hi Pietro, could you give me a shave?

Pietro: My hand's shaking today.
You are very brave.

Steve: I really need to look my best.

Pietro : Is there something you wish to get off your chest?

Steve: I've applied to build a block of flats

Pietro: Are you dealing with a bunch of pratts?

Steve: Not at all they've been very nice
Should I lean back?

Pietro: Just move forward a trice.
That would keep me on track.

Steve: I'm hoping to hear sometime today.

Pietro: If it goes through will we all shout hurray?

Steve: Have I told you where it'll be?

Pietro: You haven't no so when will you tell me?

Steve: Just on this site.

Pietro: That can't be right

We've just signed a lease.
The landlord said nothing
and she is my niece.

(Turns to Tony)

Pietro: Tony did you hear
The shop may not be here next year?

Tony: Not here any longer.
Could we borrow from Wonga?

Pietro: How much would we need?

Tony: A good question indeed.
I think we'd need an arm and a leg.
I could approach the bank
But we certainly might have to beg.