

## Scene 1

*(Curtains drawn. On the radio, 'Waterloo Sunset' by the Kinks is playing)*

VOICEOVER (F)

Welcome to Waterloo Sunset Retirement Home, where those in their twilight days can enjoy support and attention according to their many and diverse needs. Where care and community go hand in hand, where safety and security are priorities, and where the residents are so happy that they are repeatedly told that they will never feel the need to leave the Home. Sunset Retirement Home is person centred, with a detailed care strategy which promotes individual independence and preserves personal dignity.

Encouraged by Mrs Robinson, the matron (who also happens to be the proprietor), the residents have formed a liaison committee, where their concerns can be discussed and then represented to the management for action. The committee meets on the last Thursday afternoon of each month after the weekly quiz on the radio, which is just ending.

*(Curtains open)*

*MAJOR TOM sits between MILDRED and SAM at the centre table, with JEAN on MILDRED'S right.*

*MILDRED is doing a crossword in the newspaper.*

Music fades....

RADIO        And the final question in our quiz today is a music question – listen to this piece of popular music, and identify both the artist and the song.

*('Freedom' by Wham, short extract)*

*(Enter Eileen and Marjorie. Marjorie walks slowly and deliberately with a Zimmer frame and Eileen helps her to a chair at the side table)*

JEAN        Oh, Sam! I'm not very good with popular music. Classical yes, big band and swing, yes. But this – I have no idea.