

MUM + DAD

SUSAN. What?

CAMILLA. They live in a council house, don't they? Surely they must *do* them?

SUSAN. Well, yes, but --

CAMILLA. Well, dash along and find out!

*They exit to bathroom, leaving SUSAN to face the music with her parents in a stylised sequence.*

*Music 9. It's Only Because We Love You*

SUSAN. Hello? Mum? Dad?

MUM. Indecent?

DAD. Unnatural?

MUM. Depraved? Oh, Susan --

Is this really the way you behaved?

SUSAN. What?

MUM. It says here in this letter.

DAD. From your Headmistress --

MUM.

Though I'm sure it can't be true

SUSAN. What?

MUM.

That you and another girl were --

Seen...

DAD.

I think perhaps we'd better

Hear the rest of it from you

Are you now or have you ever -- been...?

You know what we mean --

MUM.

It's only because we love you

Only because we care

DAD.

We just want the truth

Now tell us the truth

MUM.

Your problems are problems to share

SUSAN. I can't believe this is happening!

MUM.

Whatever's wrong we'll understand

DAD.

Somebody must be lying

MUM.

It's just a story second-hand

DAD/MUM.

That only needs denying darling

Tell us now it can't be true!

DAD. So come on. Are you innocent or guilty?

MUM restrains DAD.

MUM. Susan?

SUSAN.

I've done nothing to be made ashamed for

There is nothing that I could be blamed for

Why should I have to deny it?

There's no reason...

MUM. There! I knew it was all a mistake.

DAD. No, just a minute -- you *mean* something, don't you?

SUSAN.

I was kissing the girl that I love...

MUM and DAD recoil.

And that's entirely natural

And entirely decent too

And it isn't in the very least depraved