

YOUNG RACHEL
DOWN ON MY KNEES

THE BOYS
ALL I DO EACH NIGHT IS THINK –

(They show her a clock.)

YOUNG RACHEL Bollocks, I'm gonna be late!

(They sling her a school bag . . .)

THE BOYS
– OF ALL THE TIMES I CLOSE THE DOOR TO KEEP MY LOVE WITHIN

SCENE TWO – SCHOOL

Underscore. THE BOYS make the house disappear as CARETAKER DAVE appears, bringing on a large row of tall school lockers.

[SFX: BR-RRING.]

CARETAKER DAVE *(Singing to himself.)*
ALL I DO EACH NIGHT IS PRAY, ALL I DO EACH NIGHT IS P–

(Takes a poster off YOUNG RACHEL's locker door and gives it to her.)
Oi. Stop cov'ring my lockers with bloody boyband posters. Dunno why you listen to that crap.

HOPING THAT I'LL BE A PART OF YOU AGAIN SOMEDAY

(He goes. RACHEL is ignoring him and putting it straight back on when the firebrand DEBBIE appears. She has a school bag with flowers on that we will see later in THE GARDEN.)

DEBBIE *(In one breath.)* OH MY GOD, oh my GOD Rach did you see it last night, did you SEE *Top Of The Pops* with the video of 'em on the beach with the . . . *(Gestures a move:)* 'pray' and the . . . *(And another:)* 'kneel' an' the LITTLE MIRRORS OH MY GOD don't

answer, we haven't got time. I recorded it so we could learn the dance.

YOUNG RACHEL You recorded it!? How?

DEBBIE Honey, this is the 90's! We live in the modern age!

(She produces a comically unwieldy Binatone cassette player from her bag . . .)

All y' gotta do is hold this against the telly!

(. . . and presses PLAY.)

BOY 3

SURELY WE MUST BE IN SIGHT

YOUNG RACHEL Turn up the volume!

THE BOYS

OH WOAHH WOAHH

(THE BOYS increase volume.)

THE BOYS

OF THE DREAM WE LONG TO LIVE (WE LONG TO LIVE)

DEBBIE / YOUNG RACHEL (+ BOYS)

BUT IF YOU STOP AND CLOSE YOUR EYES YOU'LL PICTURE ME INSIDE

(YOUNG RACHEL presses STOP on the cassette player, to DEBBIE'S confusion!)

(CUT music.)

YOUNG RACHEL *(To us.)* Okay, so maybe I wasn't the ONLY one who grew up with them!

DEBBIE

RACH!?

(DEBBIE presses PLAY! The lockers burst open and THE BOYS appear.)

THE BOYS / DEBBIE / RACHEL

I'M SO COLD AND ALL ALONE!