

STIFF_VANESSA AND MAGGIE MONOLOGUE

The following monologue should be performed terrible by Vanessa (but not for lack of trying) and the best it can be done (given the terrible writing) by Maggie.

(as Jane) ...and it all comes crashing down on me. Over and over, like the waves of the tide against the rocks along the shore in the night. The war, the depression, the ill health. It's relentless like the ocean. And through all of it I loved you. I loved you when we danced, and I loved you when we fought. When you cried, I cried for you. And when I cried, you let me cry alone. But still I loved you. For there was that once, that solitary moment, when we cried together. Tears streaming from each of our faces on to the others, anguished bursts of anger and our hands lifted in rage to the skies. It was my happiest time. We were one. And that's when I felt it. I loved you so much, that the cancer went into my brain as we pressed our faces against one another. So that we could share everything from that moment on. And life would be perfect. It took the cancer to make it right. I have something to tell you now, (she moves, he doesn't) The doctors say your cancer is more severe, you'll be leaving me soon. It's better this way. For me at least. I couldn't bare the thought of you being alone, here on this green earth. You wouldn't have anyone to make you sandwiches. It was always my curse to be the one left loving, and missing, and longing for death.

Guy

(as John) I...Love...You...Jane. Be...strong...for...the both of us.

Vanessa

I love you, John. And I will. A woman in love is doomed to be the stronger. The blighted heart, the woman holds within.