

BBC
Home Front
Episode 5

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Cast

Adam	Leo Montague
Kitty	Ami Metcalf
Florrie	Claire Rushbrook
Sam	Alexander Aze
Ralph	Nicholas Murchie
Isabel	Keely Beresford
Jessie	Lucy Hutchinson

Directed by JESSICA DROMGOOLE

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EOM: 11'37

**(MUSIC – HOME FRONT SIG TUNE STARTS, CONTINUING
UNDER TITLE AND SPEECH. 33 SECS IN TOTAL)**

SCENE 1

INT. WILSON HOUSEHOLD. BREAKFAST.

ADAM Why aren't you at work?

KITTY Last night was my night off wasn't it.

ADAM Yeh but you're normally gone by now.

KITTY GOES BACK TO LETTER.

ADAM Is that a letter?

KITTY No it's a violin.

ADAM Who's it from?

KITTY DOESN'T RESPOND

ADAM I said who's it from?

KITTY That's not your business is it?

ADAM You crying?

KITTY No.

ADAM What you crying for?

KITTY Adam.

ADAM What?

KITTY It's from Dieter alright.

ADAM So why's Dieter making you cry?

KITTY I'm not crying.

ADAM But you are.

KITTY He wants me to run away with him.

ADAM Are you going to do it? Are you going to run away?

KITTY I don't know.

ADAM Where would you go?

KITTY London. Where he can hide.

ADAM What's he got to hide for?

KITTY Cos he's German isn't he.

ADAM Why've you got to go with him though?

KITTY Because I love him.

ADAM But why don't you just wait and see him after the war? Wait til it's over. Everyone says it'll be quick.

FLORRIE COMES THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR.

FLORRIE Sam! Sam Wilson!

KITTY (whispered) Don't tell Mum alright. Don't tell anyone. This is a secret. Between you and me. Alright?

ADAM Yeh alright.

FLORRIE Get down here! Sam!

ADAM He's still in bed.

FLORRIE Well he can get up. He can get up right now. I'll have his guts for garters. I will. I swear it.

KITTY What's he done now?

FLORRIE Sam! Get down here now! What are you doing Kitty – you're going to be late.

KITTY I was just leaving.

FLORRIE PRESENTS THE NEWSPAPER TO KITTY AND ADAM.

FLORRIE Front page. Front page bold as brass. With Jimmy Macknade.

ADAM Is that Sam? And Jimmy?

KITTY Dog competition? They entered a dog competition?

FLORRIE Apparently. Sam! Sam! Get down here!

SAM APPROACHES

SAM What?

KITTY You've got some explaining to do.

FLORRIE What is this?

SAM What?

KITTY The photograph.

SAM What photograph?

ADAM You're on the front page.

SAM Am I? Can I see?

FLORRIE SHOWS HIM THE NEWSPAPER.

ADAM You and Jimmy and the Vicar's dog.

FLORRIE I've never been more ashamed in my life.

KITTY You were only supposed to take the dog for a walk.

FLORRIE Now everyone will think we're like them won't they.

KITTY You had no right to enter that dog in a competition.

FLORRIE They'll think ooh Wilsons as bad as Macknades. Thick as thieves they are.

ADAM The Macknades are thieves.

FLORRIE Thieves and worse. The Daddy's a drunk and the mother's a-

SAM A what?

FLORRIE Never you mind.

SAM What's a neveryoumind?

KITTY Says here you won a shilling.

ADAM Did you?

SAM Yeh.

ADAM A whole shilling? All to yourselves?

SAM Yeh.

KITTY Well where is it?

FLORRIE Where's the money?

SAM Erm I shared it. With Jimmy. So it was only six pence.

KITTY Only six pence. Only six pence he says.

FLORRIE Your sister's had her wages docked.

KITTY Vicar's wife – she's hardly speaking to me.

FLORRIE Well to be fair you should never have let them walk the dog in the first place.

KITTY I trusted them.

FLORRIE You trusted a Macknade.

KITTY I trusted Sam.

ADAM More fool you.

KITTY Hand it over.

SAM Hand what over?

ADAM The money Dummy.

SAM I haven't got it.

FLORRIE Where is it?

SAM I spent it.

FLORRIE On what?

SAM Sweets.

FLORRIE Six pence all on sweets. Sam Wilson.

FLORRIE HITS HIM.

SAM NEARLY CRYING.

SAM Adam's got more money than I ever had!

ADAM No I haven't!

SAM Liar you've got ten shillings hidden under your pillow!

ADAM You're the liar!

FLORRIE Where would Adam get ten shillings?

SAM I dunno. He won't tell me.

ADAM He's lying.

FLORRIE What you lying for?

SAM I'm not.

KITTY Look at the time. I'll be in even more trouble
 with Mrs W.

FLORRIE Better hurry Sweetheart.

KITTY You haven't heard the end of this Sam.

FLORRIE Well you're definitely not going to that picnic.

SAM Ah Mum!

FLORRIE You don't deserve it!

SAM But Mum.

KITTY IS PREPARING TO LEAVE.

KITTY Yes?

FLORRIE Your Dad wants to know.

BEAT

KITTY Wants to know what?

FLORRIE Has Dieter registered?

KITTY Yeh yeh he has.

FLORRIE Oh good. That's good.

KITTY Yeh yeh.

FLORRIE So what happens to him now?

KITTY We don't know yet. I better go.

FLORRIE Alright love.

KITTY LEAVES. SAM GOES AFTER HER.

CALLS AFTER HER.

SAM Kitty!

KITTY What?

SAM I'm really sorry about the dog!

KITTY You better pay me what you owe Sam Wilson!

SAM I will! I will! I honestly will! I promise you. Cross my heart. Hope to die!

FX: SAM SHUTS THE DOOR.

FLORRIE Between you, me and the doorpost I hope they take him away.

ADAM Take who away?

FLORRIE Dieter.

ADAM Why?

SAM I thought you liked him.

FLORRIE I do like him. I do. But that's not the point is it?

SAM Can I still go on the picnic?

FLORRIE No chance.

SAM I'll be good. I'll be good forever. I'll be good for the rest of my life.

ADAM No you won't.

FLORRIE You're not going Sam and that's that. That's final.

SAM But it's not like a normal picnic. It's a picnic for God.

ADAM How is it a picnic for God?

SAM Because it's a Sunday school outing.

ADAM That doesn't make it a picnic for God.

SAM There'll be lots of praying and that.

ADAM No there won't.

SAM Yeh there will.

FLORRIE Oh can you two stop. Right I know. I know what to do.

SAM What? (together)

ADAM What? (together)

FLORRIE Adam. You're to go with Sam on the picnic.

ADAM Me?

FLORRIE And you're to tell the Vicar Sam's not allowed any cake.

ADAM Why've I got to take him?

FLORRIE Because I've got ninety nine washes to do and I
 don't want either of you under my feet. And I
 don't want Sam to get into any more trouble.

ADAM The Vicar'll be there. And whatsername Miss
 Graham.

FLORRIE Will Jimmy Macknade be there?

SAM Yeh he will yeh he's very excited. Everyone's
 going to get a scotch egg. A whole one.

FLORRIE Well if Jimmy's there then Adam you've got to
 go. I don't want him getting Sam in trouble or
 getting him shot.

ADAM Jimmy hasn't gone a gun. It belonged to the
 soldier.

FLORRIE Well Jimmy must have stole it.

SAM No. The soldier was teaching us how to fire it.

FLORRIE Am I supposed to believe that?

SAM Yeh cos it's true.

FLORRIE CLOUTS SAM

SAM Ow!

SCENE 2

EXT. STREET.

THE BOYS ARE WALKING TO THE PICNIC.

ADAM Why did you have to tell her about the money?

SAM Cos you have. You have got ten shillings under your pillow and that's loads more than six pence and why should I be in trouble for six pence when you've got ten shillings?

ADAM Because I wasn't stupid enough to get my photo in the paper. I know how to keep things quiet. Unlike you.

SAM Where did it come from?

ADAM I'm not telling you.

SAM Did you steal it?

ADAM No.

SAM You must have done.

ADAM I'm not a thief.

SAM Well you must have done something wrong to get it.

ADAM But I didn't.

SAM Then why don't you spend it?

SCENE 3

EXT. THE LEAS

RALPH Alright settle down children. Settle down.

ALL Bless us O Lord for these are thy gifts which we are about to receive from thy bounty. Through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

RALPH Children you may now eat.

ISABEL Please everyone. Help yourselves.

ALL THE CHILDREN START TO EAT

ADAM Excuse me Miss.

ISABEL Yes Adam?

ADAM Sam's not allowed any of the nice food.

SAM What you telling her that for?

ISABEL What do you mean?

ADAM On account of what he did to the Vicar's dog.

ISABEL Erm. Well I hardly think Sam was to blame.

ADAM Not for the shooting no Miss. It was the fact that they entered the dog in a competition – did you see it in the paper?

ISABEL Erm.

SAM We're on the front page. Me, Kush and Jimmy.

ADAM They won a shilling and then spent it all on sweets. So it's no cake for Sam. On my mother's orders.

ISABEL I see.

ADAM So I'll have his cake Miss when it comes the time for cakes.

JESSIE That doesn't seem fair Miss.

ISABEL Erm well erm...

JESSIE Jessie, Miss.

ISABEL No it doesn't Jessie but I don't like to defy a parent's wishes.

JESSIE He's probably just saying that Adam Miss.

ADAM I am not.

JESSIE Well I'm the one brought the cakes. And my Dad made them. And if my Dad made them then I can give them to whoever I want and maybe I won't give one to you and I will give one to Sam.

SAM Ha!

ADAM Shut up Sam.

SCENE 3B

EXT. THE LEAS

A CHILD IS COUNTING UP TO FIFTY.

ADAM Reverend.

RALPH Yes Adam.

ADAM He's not allowed to talk to Jimmy.

RALPH What?

ADAM Sam he's not allowed to 'associate' with Jimmy.
 Cos of the thing with your dog. My mum says
 it's the last straw.

RALPH Erm. Oh erm yes I see. Well the dog's alright
 you know or he will be.

ADAM That's not the point though is it?

RALPH Well no perhaps not.

ADAM And he wasn't allowed cake and Jessie gave
 him a custard tart. A whole custard tart.

RALPH Well your mother doesn't need to know about it.

ADAM Thing is I'm in charge. I'm the one responsible.
 I'm the one who's going to be in trouble if
 something goes wrong.

RALPH Well I'm sure nothing's going to go wrong
 Adam. They're only playing hide and seek with
 the children.

ADAM But I promised.

RALPH Well I won't tell your mother if that's what you're
 worried about.

ADAM Yeh that's not what I'm worried about.

RALPH Have you seen Isabel?

ADAM Who?

RALPH I meant I mean Miss Graham.

ADAM She was packing up the picnic things.

RALPH I can't see her. Keep an eye on the younger ones would you Adam?

ADAM But they're hiding, Sir.

RALPH Yes, exactly. I'm just going to look for Miss Graham.

SCENE 4

EXTERIOR. TREE. NEAR THE ZIG ZAG

PATH.

ADAM IS SITTING IN THE TREE. JESSIE IS CLIMBING UP TO JOIN HIM.

JESSIE What you doing?

ADAM Go away.

JESSIE You in a mood?

ADAM This is my tree Jessie, alright? Go and find your own tree.

JESSIE This is the best one.

JESSIE CLIMBS UP A BIT FURTHER.

ADAM REACTS WITH A KIND OF TUT.

JESSIE I brought you a doughnut.

ADAM I don't want it.

JESSIE I don't believe you.

ADAM Has it got jam in it?

JESSIE Yeh.

JESSIE HANDS THE DOUGHNUT TO ADAM

ADAM I wasn't lying. She really did say not to let Sam have any cake. And he tried to get me into trouble. Just to save his own skin.

JESSIE How did he do that?

ADAM What?

JESSIE How did he try and get you in trouble?

ADAM I can't tell you.

JESSIE Why?

ADAM I can't explain without telling you a secret.

JESSIE You can trust me. Absolutely trust me.

ADAM I can't trust a girl with a secret.

JESSIE Yes you can.

ADAM You'll tell everyone.

JESSIE No I won't.

ADAM Do you think if you do something really bad but it's not as bad as killing someone. Do you think you still go to hell?

JESSIE What?

ADAM How bad does it have to be to get sent to hell?

JESSIE You should ask the Reverend.

ADAM But then he'll want to know why I want to know.

JESSIE Why do you want to know-

ADAM Ssh.

FX: ISABEL AND RALPH TALKING IN LOW VOICES (4b)

JESSIE What?

ADAM Ssh.

THEY LISTEN

ADAM It's the Vicar and Miss Graham.

JESSIE So?

ADAM They're kissing.

JESSIE They can't be.

ADAM They are.
JESSIE Let me see
ADAM I can't move over.
JESSIE Yes you can just budge up.

FX: ADAM FALLS.

ADAM SHOUTS. REACTS TO THE PAIN.

RALPH Adam.
ISABEL Adam!

ADAM IS CRYING.

RALPH What were you doing –
ISABEL Where does it hurt?
ADAM It's my leg.
RALPH How long were you there – in the tree –
ISABEL Reverend –
RALPH Sorry sorry yes –
ISABEL How bad is it?
RALPH Can you stand up? Can you walk on it?
ADAM I don't think I can.
RALPH I'll have to carry you.
ISABEL Can you do that?
RALPH Isabel. Miss Graham. Can you gather the children together? I think we need to take everyone home.

ISABEL Of course of course. Poor Adam.

Children. Children. There's been an accident and we need to cut our lovely picnic short. I'm sure we've all had a marvellous time but unfortunately. Let's gather round. Gather round. That's lovely. Well done. Quick as you can. That's it. Molly. Andrew. Milly. Sara. Polly. Christopher. Simon. Herbert. Humphrey. Susan. Margaret. Betty. Johnny B. Johnny M. Archie. Eliza. Lawrence, Rose. Robert. Who's missing? Jessica? Where's Jessica-

JESSIE Here-

ISABEL Ah there you are – where's Sam? Where's Jimmy?

JESSIE Erm.

ISABEL Sam! Jimmy!

JESSIE I saw them.

ISABEL When? How long ago.

JESSIE Oh erm I don't know. Not that long.

ISABEL Sam! Jimmy!

JESSIE Sam! Jimmy!

RALPH Hold still Adam. Hold still. Miss Graham's just gathering everyone together.

ISABEL Sam! Jimmy!

ADAM Are they lost? Are Sam and Jimmy lost?

RALPH I'm sure they're not. They're probably just hiding.

ISABEL They've gone. They've gone. They must have wandered off.

JESSIE We can't find them Reverend. We can't find them.

ISABEL They've gone.

(MUSIC - HOME FRONT CLOSING SIG FADES IN CALLS OF CHILDREN AT 11'13 AND CONTINUES TO CLOSE. 25 SECS USED)