

(MUM enters and goes to CONOR. MUM strokes CONOR's hair.)
(The school bell rings again, marking the end of the school day. MUM exits. The PUPILS exit.)
(CONOR picks up his rucksack and rushes off.)

6.
LILY

(LILY chases after CONOR.)
 LILY Hey! Hey, Conor, wait!
(CONOR stops, reluctantly.)
 Why did you do that today?
 CONOR Leave me alone.
 LILY Why didn't you tell Miss Godfrey what really happened? Why did you let me get into trouble?
 CONOR Why did you butt in when it was none of your business?
 LILY I was trying to help you.
 CONOR I don't need your help. I was doing fine on my own.
 LILY No, you weren't – you were bleeding.
 CONOR It's none of your business.
 LILY I've got detention all week. And a note home to my mum.
 CONOR That's not my problem.
 LILY But it's your fault.
 CONOR It's your fault! It's all your fault!
 (Pause)
 LILY We used to be friends.

CONOR Yeah – used to be! Until you got such a big mouth!
 (CONOR rushes away again.)
 LILY Conor!
 (LILY chases him.)
 Conor, will you wait!
 (CONOR turns to face LILY.)
 CONOR Just leave me alone, Lily!
 (LILY exits.)
 (The walls begin to shake and the floor tremors.)
 (CONOR changes his clothes for bed.)

7.
A MONSTER CALLS

(Monday night. CONOR's bedroom.)
 MUM *(From off)* Night, Con. See you in the morning.
 CONOR Night, Mum. Sleep well.
 (The nightmare.)
 CONOR Go away!
 (CONOR wakes up.)
 Go away!
 (CONOR checks the time on his alarm clock. It is 12.07.)
 ENSEMBLE 12.07.
 (Pause)
 MONSTER *(From off, whispered)* Conor...
 CONOR What was that?! *(Beat)* I'm awake. I'm in my bedroom. There's the window. I'm awake.