

WE THREE QUEENS: SCRIPT SAMPLES

Man at desk (ERIC). A knock at the door.

MAN: *(Scottish accent)* Come!

Woman (KEITH) in blue shawl, heavily pregnant, enters.

Ah, enter. Turn round. Kiss the carpet. Stand. Pat your head with your left hand. Rub your tummy with your right hand. Now both together. Jump up and down. And sit.

WOMAN: What's all that in aid of?

MAN: Nothing. I just like to show claimants who's in charge. Name?

WOMAN: Mary, sir.

MAN: Mary who?

WOMAN: Just Mary, sir.

MAN: That's a mite irregular. Are you one of yon feminists?

WOMAN: Oh no, sir. I'm a good Catholic girl. Well, I will be when they invent it.

MAN: Now you've got an application in to the Benefits Agency for a grant from the Social Fund for removal from temporary to permanent accommodation...

WOMAN: Yes sir...

MAN: Where are you living?

WOMAN: Stable, sir.

MAN: In a relationship?

WOMAN: Yes sir.

MAN: So it's a stable relationship! *(Laughs)*

WOMAN: I'm living in a stable. Just while I have the baby.

MAN: Shouldn't you be in hospital for that?

WOMAN: They've closed down Bethlehem Hospital, sir. Nearest one's in Jericho and there's no buses.

MAN: Landlord?

WOMAN: Innkeeper sir. It's a sub-let. But we can't stay cos of the ox and the ass. Council don't allow no pets. So, see, my Aunty Maureen got an oasis in Egypt, and we can pitch a tent there permanent.

MAN: And the baby? Whose is it?

WOMAN: Oh it's mine sir. I'm not one of those surrealist mothers.

MAN: Yours and whose else's?

WOMAN: Now it's funny you should ask me that. Thereby hangs a tale. There I was sitting doing me spinning, minding my own business, whenin comes this fella with wings...

MAN: Paul McCartney?

WOMAN: Leave it out, granddad. No, real wings. With feathers. Made a right mess, he was moulting. All over the rushes. Anyway, this fella says, "Hail thou that art highly favoured." I thought he was giving away MacDonald's vouchers. But he wasn't. I was impregnated of the Lord.

MAN: Do you have an address for this Mr Lord?

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