

Excerpt from Billy Elliot - Letter from Mum (with huge thanks to Lee Hall for permission to use)



<b>MRS. WILKINSON</b>	Brought your things?
<b>BILLY</b>	I don't know if they're right, Miss.
<b>MRS. WILKINSON</b>	If they're special to you, they're right.
<b>BILLY</b>	What are they for?
<b>MRS. WILKINSON</b>	To give us some ideas for a dance. Come on, then. Let's see 'em.
	<i>Billy delves into his plastic bag and brings out a Newcastle United strip, a football, a tape and a letter.</i>
<b>MRS. WILKINSON</b>	What's that?
<b>BILLY</b>	It's a letter.
<b>MRS. WILKINSON</b>	I can see it's a letter.
	<i>Billy pauses.</i>
<b>BILLY</b>	It's me mom's.
	<i>MRS. WILKINSON looks at him.</i>
	She wrote it, for when I was eighteen. ...but I opened it. Here.
	<i>He gives the letter to Mrs. Wilkinson. She is not sure whether to open it. She does so tentatively. She looks at it with trepidation. She reads:</i>
<b>MRS. WILKINSON</b>	"To my son, Billy." "Dear Billy: I know I must seem like a distant memory to you. Which is probably a good thing." "It will have been a long time... ...and I will have missed seeing you grow. Missed you crying, laughing and shouting and ..."
	<i>BILLY takes over, having memorised the letter.</i>
<b>BILLY</b>	"... I will have missed telling you off. But please know that I was always there ... "
	<i>Mrs. Wilkinson joins him.</i>
<b>BILLY &amp; MRS. WILKINSON</b>	" ... with you through everything. And I always will be ... "
<b>BILLY</b>	" ... And I am proud to have known you. And I'm proud that you were mine. Always be yourself. I'll love you forever."
	<i>MRS. WILKINSON checks to see if it's the end.</i>
<b>MRS. WILKINSON</b>	"Mom."
<b>MRS. WILKINSON</b>	She must have been a very special woman, your mother.
<b>BILLY</b>	No, she was just me mom.
	<i>She hands the letter back.</i>