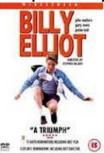
Excerpt from Billy Elliot - Letter from Mum (with huge thanks to Lee Hall for permission to use)



MRS.WILKINSON	Brought your things?
BILLY	I don't know if they're right, Miss.
MRS.WILKINSON	If they're special to you, they're right.
BILLY	What are they for?
MRS.WILKINSON	To give us some ideas for a dance.
	Come on, then. Let's see 'em.
	Billy delves into his plastic bag and brings out a Newcastle United strip, a football, a tape and a letter.
MRS.WILKINSON	What's that?
BILLY	It's a letter.
MRS.WILKINSON	I can see it's a letter.
	Billy pauses.
BILLY	It's me mom's.
	MRS. WILKINSON looks at him.
	She wrote it, for when I was eighteen.
	but I opened it.
	Here.
	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:
MRS.WILKINSON	"To my son, Billy."
WINS: WIERINGOIN	"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 timeand I will have missed seeing you grow.
	Missed you crying, laughing and shouting and"
	BILLY takes over, having memorised the letter.
BILLY	" I will have missed telling you off.
	But please know that I was always there "
	Mrs. Wilkinson joins him.
BILLY &	" with you through everything.
MRS.WILKINSON	And I always will be "
BILLY	" And I am proud to have known you.
	And I'm proud that you were mine. Always be yourself.
	I'll love you forever."
	MRS. WILKINSON checks to see if it's the end.
MRS.WILKINSON	"Mom."
MRS.WILKINSON	She must have been a very special woman, your mother.
BILLY	No, she was just me mom.
	She hands the letter back.