

## ACT ONE

### Scene 9 : A treat for the men

(MUSIC OF PLACE NAME SONG PLAYED QUIETLY THROUGH THIS  
SCENE. ENTER CROSSLEY AND STEPHENSON)

CROSSLEY: Mr Stephenson, the Board have suggested that  
the men employed on building the line should be given a  
gratuity now that the line is complete.

STEPHENSON: I think it unnecessary. A few barrels of beer and  
something to eat ... say fifty rounds of beef placed at the  
different points where men are employed would be more  
consistent with the idea of a treat with the men. A gift  
in the shape of money is not a gift to the men. The beer  
and beef plan will, I am sure, be the least expensive and  
at the same time most agreeable to the workmen.

*PLACE NAME SONG*

*In Shenley all the children put their farthings  
on the track  
The cinders fly as up the line she goes They look as  
big as pennies by the time they get...*