

Eugene O'Neill on Page and Stage

Act Two; Scene One:

- the exchange between Mary, Edmund, and Jamie starting with “Good heavens, how down in the mouth you look, Jamie...” and ending with “He’s a peculiar man”

Act Two; Scene Two:

- the brief exchange among Mary, Tyrone, and Edmund at the beginning of Scene Two, ending with Mary’s speech just before the phone rings: “...could afford to keep on buying property but never to give me a home.”
- the exchange between Mary, Tyrone, and Edmund, starting with Tyrone’s speech “Dear Mary! For the love of God, for my sake and the boy’s sake and your own, won’t you stop now?” and ending with Tyrone’s speech, “...You can do that much for him!”
- Mary’s speech, starting with “Nothing, I don’t blame you.”, and ending with “ ... You’d be so ashamed.”

Act Three:

- Mary’s speech to Cathleen, starting with “Yes, he knows me.” and ending with “ ...I see them, but the pain has gone.”
- Mary’s speech, starting with “Who would have thought Jamie would grow up to disgrace us?” and ending with “... a teaspoonful of whiskey to quiet him.”
- Mary’s speech, starting with “At least, I’ve loved you dearly,...” and ending with “....Some day, I’ll have to look.”

Act Four:

(Note: Ideally, read aloud Act Four in its entirety)

- Edmund’s speech, starting with “To hell with sense!...” and ending with....”living as a ghost.”
- Edmund’s speech, starting with “Be always drunken...” and ending with “...’With wine, with poetry, with virtue, as you will”
- Tyrone’s speech, starting with “Yes, maybe life overdid the lesson for me, and made a dollar worth too much....” And ending with ...It’s a late day for regrets.”
- Edmund’s speech, starting with “ Yes, she moves above and beyond us, a ghost haunting the past....” And ending with “....always be a little in love with death.”
- Mary’s closing speech, starting with “I had a talk with Mother Elizabeth. ...” and ending with “....was so happy for a time.”