

D LIZ MORDEN (*Londoner*) p53/4 **AUDITION SCRIPT:**
MEANINGS OF COCKNEY SLANG TERMS

Liz Luck? Don't know the word. Shifts its **bob** when I comes near. Born under a **ha'penny** planet I was. Dad's a **nibbler**, **don't want to get crapped**. Mum leaves. Five brothers, I'm the only **titter**. I takes in washing. Then. My own father. Lady's walking down the street, he takes her **wiper**. She screams, he's **shoulder-clapped**, says, it's not me, Sir, it's Lizzie, look, she took it. I'm stripped, beaten in the street, everyone watching. That night, I take my dad's cudgel and try to kill him, I **prig** all his clothes and go to my older brother. He don't want me.

Liz, he says, **why trine for a make**, **when you can tap for a winner?**

I'm no dumber mort, I says.

Don't ask you to be a swell **mollisher**, Sister, men want Miss Laycock, don't look at your mug.

So I begin to sell my mother of saints. I think I'm in luck when I meet the **swell cove**. He's a **bob cull**: sports a different **wiper** every day of the week.

He says to me, it's not enough to sell your **mossy face**, Lizzie, it don't bring no **shiners** no more. Shows me how to **spice the swells**. So. Swell has me up the wall, flashes a pocket watch, I lifts it.

bob - a shilling coin (high in value)

Ha'penny - a small half-penny coin (low in value)

a nibbler - a petty thief

don't want to get crapped - don't want misfortune

titter - girl

wiper - handkerchief

shoulder-clapped - arrested

prig - steal

why trine for a make - why commit a hangable offence such as theft

when you can tap for a winner - sell your body

I'm no dumber mort, I says - I'm not stupid

mollisher - a disreputable girl who lives with a thief

So I begin to sell my mother of saints - sell my body

swell cove - elegant man

a bob cull - a good fellow

wiper - handkerchief

mossy face - female genital area

shiners - high value coins

spice the swells - rob the gentlemen