

### CHARACTERS

EUPHRONIA JEKYL, society matron

AMBROSIA JEKYL, her daughter

HENRY JEKYL, her son

LADY THROCKMORTONSHIRE, a grande dame

CALLIOPE and PENELOPE THROCKMORTONSHIRE, her twin daughters, aged 9

ROSAMUNDA DEWTHISTLE, eligible young lady

XAVIER UTTERSON, cousin to Jekyll

IVY, maid

PLODGETT, cook

CONSTABLE

POLICE LIEUTENANT

The twins are played by one actor. The older women (Mrs. Jekyll and Lady Throckmortonshire) may be played by men. If doubling is desired, one actor may play Xavier/Police Lieutenant, and Ambrosia may double as the Constable.

### SETTING

The play is set in a Victorian England of the imagination.

# Audition Monologue

## CHEMICAL IMBALANCE: A JEKYL AND HYDE PLAY

ACT ONE

Scene 1

*A dark and suspenseful music. Enter Ivy, with feather duster. She crosses downstairs, gathers her courage and addresses the audience. When she says his name, Henry appears, mixing a potion.*

Start → As any character

There was once a young man named Henry Jekyll, in whom fine upbringing and an excellent education were combined, with disastrous results. Though he seemed at the outset to be destined for happiness, to travel through life in the cushioned compartments of wealth and privilege, to enjoy the esteem of his fellow men and the fond admiration of women, sadly, this was not the fate allotted to him. Instead, he was to be doomed and miserable, and hated by all of humankind. ~~(Henry weeps.)~~ How this came to pass and whose fault it was, it is now our pleasure to relay. ~~(Chimes start ringing off. Sound of Euphronia and Ambrosia in drawing room. Euphronia lies recumbent. Ambrosia is eating chocolate. Ivy darts.)~~

~~AMBROSIA. Oh, listen, Mother — the carolers!~~  
~~EUPHRONIA. The what? Oh, yes. How perfectly delightful!~~  
~~AMBROSIA. Ivy, go and open the window a crack so we can hear them better.~~  
~~IVY. Yes, Miss Jekyll.~~  
~~EUPHRONIA. Ambrosia, really. The draft.~~  
~~AMBROSIA. I'm sorry, Mother. I forgot you were languishing~~