

SCENE FOUR: Operation Costumes

Location(s): The Staffroom.

Characters: Miss Patel, Mr Bennett, Mrs Wood, Mr Wang, Ms Walsh.

Set/props: Five large staffroom seats, coffee table, mugs, clipboard.

Opening set up: Five large staffroom seats positioned centre stage in a semicircle, with coffee table holding mugs in front. Characters, barring Miss Patel, sit on five large staffroom seats conversing and drinking from mugs.

Narrator	Lines	Stage Direction
Miss Patel	I have the list, people! Operation Costumes is go.	Miss Patel enters waving clipboard in air.
Mr Bennett	I do hope you've returned the feather boas and cowboy hats to the cupboard, Mrs Wood?	Mr Bennett raises eyebrows.
Mrs Wood	Oh yes, all back in place, Mr B. I don't know what came over me last week. When they started playing Dolly Parton at the school disco...I just couldn't help myself!	
Ms Walsh	That much was obvious.	Ms Walsh gives wide eyed grimace.
Mr Wang	Go on then, Miss Patel. What do they need?	Mr Wang points at clipboard.
Miss Patel	Less than we'd thought, to be honest. Mr Mitchell says the children will be in uniform for most of the show. Just a few accessories needed to jazz up their school jumpers!	Miss Patel scans down clipboard before giving jazz hands.
Ms Walsh	Oh dear. So no need for my hand knitted tree costumes?	Ms Walsh looks aghast.
Miss Patel	Afraid not.	Miss Patel tentatively shakes head.
Ms Walsh	That is a pity.	Ms Walsh rests head in hand and looks at floor with forlorn expression.
Mr Wang	Accessories won't be a problem, Miss P. I had a look in the costume store yesterday. There's hundreds of them!	

Mr Bennett	I do hope my storage guidelines have been adhered to? To think I found a set of antlers in the tiara box at Christmas.	Mr Bennet puts both palms to side of face.
Mrs Wood	A scandal of epic proportions, Mr B. Though, if I may say so, your follow up email was a masterclass in tact and restraint.	Mrs Wood gives pearl clutching gesture.
Mr Wang	Fear not, Mr Bennett. The cupboard remains perfectly appointed!	
Miss Patel	Well, they want cardigans, sunglasses, scarfs, hats, hair bands, leg warmers, ra ra skirts, bangles, bracelets and bandanas.	Miss Patel counts items on fingers.
Ms Walsh	Then they've come to the right people. We'll see to it that For One Last Time has the best dressed cast in the whole district!	Ms Walsh raises mug.
	SONG FIVE: Costumes <i>*During applause, commence track/piano accompaniment replay for scene change.</i>	During song: All onstage characters face outwards and sing expressively. Choreography as suggested in production notes.