



Monty Python- Working Class Playwright

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Great **Monty Python** sketch.

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Mum Oh dad... look who's come to see us... it's our Ken.

Dad *(without looking up)* Aye, and about bloody time if you ask me.

Ken Aren't you pleased to see me, father?

Mum *(squeezing his arm reassuringly)* Of course he's pleased to see you, Ken, he...

Dad All right, woman, all right I've got a tongue in my head - I'll do 'talkin'. *(looks at Ken distastefully)* Aye ... I like yer fancy suit. Is that what they're wearing up in Yorkshire now?

Ken It's just an ordinary suit, father... it's all I've got apart from the overalls.
Dad turns away with an expression of scornful disgust.

Mum How are you liking it down the mine, Ken?

Ken Oh it's not too bad, mum... we're using some new tungsten carbide drills for the preliminary coal-face scouring operations.

Mum Oh that sounds nice, dear...

Dad Tungsten carbide drills! What the bloody hell's tungsten carbide drills?

Ken It's something they use in coal-mining, father.

Dad *(mimicking)* 'It's something they use in coal-mining, father'. You're all bloody fancy talk since you left London.

Ken Oh not that again.

Mum He's had a hard day dear... his new play opens at the National Theatre tomorrow.

Ken Oh that's good.

Dad Good! *good?* What do you know about it? What do you know about getting up at five



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Dad (cont.)

o'clock in t'morning to fly to Paris... back at the Old Vic for drinks at twelve, sweating the day through press interviews, television interviews and getting back here at ten to wrestle with the problem of a homosexual nymphomaniac drug-addict involved in the ritual murder of a well known Scottish footballer. That's a full working day, lad, and don't you forget it!

Mum

Oh, don't shout at the boy, father.

Dad

Aye, 'ampstead wasn't good enough for you, was it? ... you had to go poncing off to Barnsley, you and yer coal-mining friends. (*spits*)

Ken

Coal-mining is a wonderful thing father, but it's something you'll never understand. Just look at you!

Mum

Oh Ken! Be careful! You know what he's like after a few novels.

Dad

Oh come on lad! Come on, out wi' it! What's wrong wi' me?... yet *tit!*

Ken

I'll tell you what's wrong with you. Your head's addled with novels and poems, you come home every evening reeling of Chateau La Tour...

Mum

Oh don't, don't.

Ken

And look what you've done to mother! She's worn out with meeting film stars, attending premieres and giving gala luncheons...

Dad

There's nowt wrong wi' gala luncheons, lad! I've had more gala luncheons than you've had hot dinners!

Mum

Oh please!

Dad

Aaaaaaagh! (*clutches hands and sinks to knees*)

Mum

Oh no!

Ken

What is it?

Mum

Oh, it's his writer's cramp!



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Ken

Mum

Dad

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Dad

You never told me about this...

No, we didn't like to, Kenny.

I'm all right! I'm all right, woman. Just get him out of here.

Oh Ken! You'd better go ...

All right. I'm going.

After all we've done for him...

(at the door) One day you'll realize there's more to life than culture... There's dirt, and smoke, and good honest sweat!

Get out! Get out! Get OUT! You ...
LABOURER!