

ROBERTA: ACT I monologue (DANNY & THE DEP BLUE SEA)

He came into my room. He was drunk. It was real, real dark. He was mad cause I'd gone out partying and my mother was away and nobody'd been watching the kid. He was yelling at me and I was thinkin, He yells and I do nuthin. So I started crying and saying I was sorry. He put his hand on my face. I put my hand out and touched him. There. He got quiet. That's what did it. I made him get quiet. I could never make him do anything. That's why I did it. So I could make him do things. That was the only time. There was one other time after that when he wanted me to, but I wouldn't. And that was good, too. Right then. (PAUSE) Nobody knows but you. (PAUSE) I never told nobody but you. (PAUSE) How am I gonna get rid of this? What I done? I can't stay like I am. I can't stay in this fucking head anymore! If I don't get outta this fucking head I'm gonna go crazy! I could eat glass! I could put my hand inna fire and watch the fuckin thing burn and I still wouldn't be outta this fuckin head! What am I gonna do? What? I can't close my eyes. I can't close my eyes and see the things I see. I'm still in that house! I wouldn't a believed it but I'm still in that house. I feel like the day's gonna come when I could just put out my arm and fire and lighting will come outta my hand and burn up everything for a thousand miles! It ain't right to feel as much as I feel.