

### Key dialogue for the dramatisation :-

STEER: . David, I wish to God I had had a wise father these last twenty years!'

DAVID: My dear Steerforth, what is the matter?'

STEER: I wish with all my soul I had been better guided! I wish with all my soul I could guide myself better!

DAVID: You, I and poor Emily have all lost so much in losing a father so young. But we are not lost, not at all. Believe me.

STEER: Well, I am heavy company for myself, sometimes. Forgive me. I cast a long shadow on the innocent happiness of you and your tribe of Bloaters!

Suggestion : after reading the book (easy reader) then read this short scene in class in pairs. Each pair do the scene for the rest of the class.