

when I was a boy and an apprentice. To my first dances. Because it's still the simple questions which puzzle me most. What is a dance? What is the difference between a good and a bad dance? Where does a dance go when the dancer finishes? Does it disappear? Or is there something left - in your memory perhaps. Or on the page.

Yes, I like that. Perhaps the dance goes on as long as

you can see it - in here. Or in here.

I never forget a good dance. And once or twice, now and again - I've seen perfection. And that is always with me.

YOUNG TOMLINSON gazes into space as MISS FRANCES in a dim pool of light dances the Menuet Solo, growing fainter and fainter until the stage is in darkness.



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