AUDITION PIECES FOR ‘AMSTERDAM’

Extracts from A Doll’s House Part 2

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We do a lot of things that aren’t good for us –

this we do because our parents tell us

from an early age – our parents,

our churches,

our leaders –

everyone

tells us that we need it, so we believe it,

and the idea gets etched inside our skulls

but you only think you need it because it’s all you’ve ever been told.

They tell us “It’s an expression of love,

the ultimate expression of love,

the one that we’re all working towards”

-but how does that make any sense - ?

to say “I love you, therefore you should tie yourself to me

and you can never leave me,

you can never love anyone else,

you’re off limits, I own you”

I *own* you

That’s what marriage says – to me that sounds more cruel than kind-