

Widow Twankey (Adult dame)

Aladdin's poor widowed mother who must elicit the sympathy of the audience and perform a song. A strong comedy character, who works closely with her other son Wishee-Washee, and interacts aplenty with the audience.

Twankey                      Oh what am I going to do? We've got no money and no food left to eat in the pantry . . . Come on it's worse than that – cos' we're ever so poor you know . . . much poorer than that . . . I'm a poor, lonely widow . . . I'm a penny-less washer-woman trying to get by . . . a single parent family left with two wayward sons and the family business to run. It's not easy bringing up Aladdin and Wishee Washee on my own. There are times when all I have to put on the table are my elbows. And the nearest we get to a square meal is a cream cracker. But their Father left us with nothing but the Chinese Laundry when he Died. Frankie Twankey was the love of my life. Just thinking about him brings a tear to my eye. The sun was shining, it was a beautiful day, I was cooking Sunday dinner. I sent him out to pull a cabbage, he dropped down dead and he never came back. Well I was heartbroken and did the only thing a woman could, I opened a tin of peas instead! It's just not the same as fresh. But that's the story of my life – make do and mend. I don't know how I manage to stay so cheerful!

WIDOW TWANKEY – 9 to 5 by Dolly Parton.

Tumble outta bed and I stumble to the kitchen

Pour myself a cup of ambition

Yawn and stretch and try to come to life

Jump in the shower and the blood starts pumpin'

Out on the street the traffic starts jumpin'

With folks like me on the job from 9 to 5

Workin' 9 to 5, what a way to make a livin'

Barely gettin' by, it's all takin' and no givin'

They just use your mind and they never give you credit

It's enough to drive you crazy if you let it

9 to 5, for service and devotion

You would think that I would deserve a fat promotion

Want to move ahead but the boss won't seem to let me

I swear sometimes that man is out to get me.