Act II

‘You see, we all have to share something. If there’s nothing else, we’ll have to share our guilt.’
‘They’re more impressionable’ (the young ones)
‘You mustn’t try to build up a wall between us and that girl. … the inspector will just break it down.’
‘But we really must stop these silly pretences’
‘I must say, we are learning something tonight.’
‘That’s probably the best thing you’ve said tonight. At least it’s honest.’
‘You and I aren’t the same people who sat down to dinner here.’
‘Public men, Mr. Birling, have responsibilities as well as privileges.’
‘… we’ve no excuse now for putting on airs …’
‘Unlike the other three, I did nothing I’m ashamed of …..I consider I did my duty.’
‘ Go and look for the father of the child. It’s his responsibility.’

Act III

There’ll be plenty of time, when I’m gone, for you all to adjust your family relationships.’
‘I understand a lot of things now I didn’t understand before.’
‘Because you’re not the kind of father a chap could go to when he’s in trouble -’
‘You’ll be able to divide the responsibility between you when I’ve gone.’
‘But each of you helped to kill her.’
‘One Eva Smith has gone - but there are millions and millions and millions of Eva Smiths and John Smiths still left with us, with their lives, their hopes and fears, their suffering and chance of happiness, all intertwined with our lives, and what we think and say and do. We don’t live alone. We are members of one body. We are responsible for each other.’

‘He was our police inspector all right.’
‘You’re just beginning to pretend all over again.’