



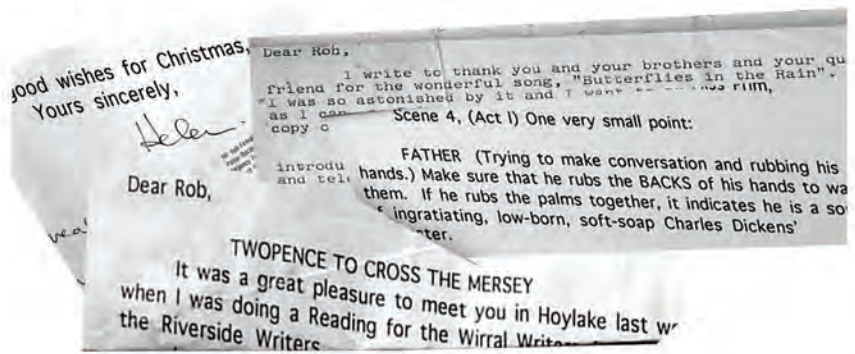
How it all began..

Helen was born in Hoylake, Merseyside, and the eldest of seven children. For many years, until she married, her home was Liverpool – a city that features prominently in her work. For the past forty years she has lived in Alberta, Canada.

Helen is the author of four best-selling volumes of autobiography and a number of equally successful novels. In 1988 she was awarded an Honorary D.Litt. by the University of Liverpool in recognition of her achievements as an author.

Helen's book *Twopence to Cross the Mersey* has been adapted for stage by Liverpool writer and musician Rob Fennah. Rob first met Helen in 1991 when she was guest speaker at a literary lunch. The brothers had been invited to perform 'Butterfly In The Rain', a song that had been inspired after reading her autobiography some years earlier. It was at this meeting that the idea for a musical stage play was conceived.

Helen Forrester



It took two years to complete and was subsequently approved and authorised by Helen. She said, "The general feeling of the show is very accurate and Rob and Alan have put real understanding of life into the songs".