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"Martine"

Jean-Jacques Bernard

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Scene II: Madame Mervan's House, Grandchin—A fortnight later.
Scene III: A ROAD to Grandchin—October.
Scene IV: Madame Mervan's House—Late December.
Scene V: Alfred Murieux's House—A year later.

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The play is produced by BARBARA HOWARD

CAST

(in order of appearance)

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Julien . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . FRANK WILLOUGHBY
Alfred . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . DONALD B. KERR
Madame Mervan . . . . . . . . . . . . ELISABETH CAMPBELL
Jeanne . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ROXY BYRNE

GOD SAVE THE KING

Stage arrangements and lighting . . . . . . . . EUGENE THOMAS
Settings designed and decorated by ALLAN SIERRP and MICHAEL JAMES
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