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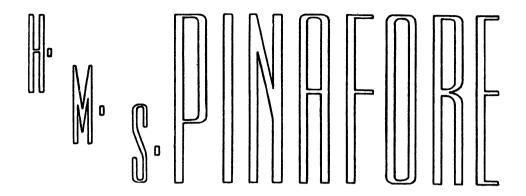
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DRAMATIS PERSONAE

| THE RT. HON. SIR JOSEPH PORTER, K. C. B First Lord of the Admiralty |
|--|
| CAPTAIN CORCORAN |
| RALPH RACKSTRAW |
| DICK DEADEYE |
| BILL BOBSTAY Boatswain's Mate |
| Bob Becket |
| JOSEPHINE |
| Cousin Hebe Sir Joseph's First Cousin |
| LITTLE BUTTERCUP A Portsmouth Bumboat Woman |
| FIRST LORD'S SISTERS, HIS COUSINS, HIS AUNTS, SAILORS, MARINES, ETC. |

Scene: Quarterdeck of H. M. S. Pinafore, off Portsmouth

ACT I-Noon

ACT II-Night

ARGUMENT

Some time before Act I opens, Ralph has fallen in love with Josephine, the daughter of his commanding officer, Captain Corcoran. Likewise, Little Buttercup, a buxom peddler-woman, has fallen in love with the Captain himself. Class pride, however, stands in the way of the natural inclinations of both the Corcorans to reciprocate Ralph's and Buttercup's affections. The Captain has, in fact, been arranging a marriage between his daughter and Sir Joseph Porter, First Lord of the Admiralty, who is of the social class above even the Corcorans.

When Act I opens, the sailors are merrily preparing the ship for Sir Joseph's inspection. The generally happy atmosphere on deck is marred only by Little Buttercup's hints of a dark secret she is hiding, by the misanthropic grumbling of Dick Deadeye, and by the love-lorn plaints of Ralph and Josephine. Sir Joseph appears, attended by a train of ladies (his relatives, who always follow him wherever he goes). He explains how he became Lord of the Admiralty and examines the crew, patronizingly encouraging them to feel that they are everyone's equal, except his. Like the Captain, he is very punctilious, demanding polite diction among the sailors at all times.

Josephine finds him insufferable; and, when Ralph again pleads his suit and finally threatens suicide, she agrees to elope. The act ends with the general rejoicing of the sailors at Ralph's success; only Dick Deadeye croaks his warning that their hopes will be frustrated.

Act II opens with the Captain in despair at the demoralization of his crew and the coldness of his daughter towards Sir Joseph. Little Buttercup tries to comfort him, and prophesies a change in store. But Sir Joseph soon appears and tells the Captain that Josephine has thoroughly discouraged him in his suit; he wishes to call the match off. The Captain suggests that perhaps his daughter feels herself inferior in social rank to Sir Joseph, and urges him to assure her that inequality of social rank should not be considered a barrier to marriage. This Sir Joseph does, not realizing that his words are as applicable to Josephine in relation to Ralph as they are to himself in relation to Josephine. He thinks that she accepts him, whereas actually she is reaffirming her acceptance of Ralph; and they all join in a happy song.

Meanwhile Dick Deadeye has made his way to the Captain, and informs him of the planned elopement of his daughter with Ralph. The Captain thereupon intercepts the elopers; and, when he learns that Josephine was actually running away to marry Ralph, he is so incensed that he cries, "Damme!" Unfortunately, Sir Joseph and his relatives hear him and are horrified at his swearing; Sir Joseph sends him to his cabin in disgrace. But when Sir Joseph also learns from Ralph that Josephine was eloping, he angrily orders Ralph put in irons.

Little Buttercup now comes out with her secret, which solves the whole difficulty: she confesses that many years ago she had charge of nursing and bringing up Ralph and the Captain when they were babies. Inadvertantly, she got them mixed up; so the one who now was Ralph really should be the Captain, and the one now the Captain should be Ralph. This error is immediately rectified. The sudden reversal in the social status of Ralph and the Corcorans removes Sir Joseph as a suitor for Josephine's hand and permits her to marry Ralph, and her father to marry Buttercup. Sir Joseph resigns himself to marrying his cousin, Hebe.

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ACT I

No. 1 Introduction and Opening Chorus-(Sailors) "We sail the ocean blue"

SCENE:— Quarter-deck of H. M.S. Pinafore. Sailors, led by Boatswain, discovered cleaning brasswork, splicing rope, etc.











(Enter Butteroup, with large basket on her arn.

No. 2 Recitative and Aria—(Buttercup) "I'm called Little Buttercup"







BOAT.: Aye, Little Buttercup — and well called — for you're the rosiest, the roundest, and the reddest beauty in all Spithead.

ALL: Aye! Aye!

BUT.: Red, am I? and round — and rosy! Maybe, for I have dissembled well! But hark ye, my merry friend — hast ever thought that beneath a gay and frivolous exterior there may lurk a canker-worm which is slowly but surely eating its way into one's very heart?

BOAT.: No, my lass, I can't say I've ever thought that.

(Enter Dick Deadeye. He pushes through sailors, and comes down.)

DICK: I've thought it often. (All recoil from him.)

BUT .: Yes, you look like it! What's the matter with the man? Isn't he well?

BOAT Don't take no heed of him; that's only poor Dick Deadeye.

DICK: I say — it's a beast of a name, ain't it. Dick Deadeye.

BUT.: It's not a nice name.

DICK: I'm ugly too, ain't I?

But.: You are certainly plain.

DICK: . . . And I'm three-cornered too, ain't I?

BUT.: You are rather triangular.

don't you?

ALL: We do!

DICK: There!

you can't expect a chap with such a name as Dick Deadeye to be a popular

character - now can you?

DICK: No.

BOAT... . . . It's asking too much, ain't it?

DICK: It is. From such a face and form as mine the noblest sentiments sound

like the black utterances of a depraved imagination. It is human nature-

I'm resigned.

No. 2ª Recitative—(Buttercup and Boatswain)





No. 3 Madrigal-(Ralph and Chorus of Sailors) "The nightingale"







No. 32 Ballad-(Ralph and Chorus of Sailors) "A maiden fair to see"







(Exit Buttercup.)

BOAT: Ah, my poor lad, you've climbed too high; our worthy captain's child won't have nothin' to say to a poor chap like vou. Will she, lads?

ALL: No, no!

DICK: No, no, captain's daughters don't marry foremast hands.

ALL.....(recoiling from him): Shame! shame!

BOAT: Dick Deadeye, them sentiments o' yourn are a disgrace to our common natur?

RALPH: . . . But it's a strange anomaly that the daughter of a man who hails from the quarterdeck may not love another who lays out on the fore-yard arm. For a man is but a man, whether he hoists his flag at the main truck or his slacks on the main deck.

ALL: Aye! aye!

DICK: . . . Ah, it's a queer world!

RALPH:...Dick Deadeye, I have no desire to press hardly on you, but such a revolutionary sentiment is enough to make an honest sailor shudder. (All shudder.)

BOAT: My lads, our gallant captain has come on deck; let us greet him as so brave an officer and so gallant a seaman deserves.

(Enter Captain Corcoran.)

No. 4 Recit. and Song-(Captain Corcoran and Chorus of Sailors) "My gallant crew"













(Exeunt all but Captain. Enter Buttercup.)

No. 4ª Recit.-(Buttercup and Captain Corcoran)





No. 5 Ballad- (Josephine) "Sorry her lot"

(Enter Josephine, twining some flowers which she carries in a small basket.)







CAPT.:... My child, I grieve to see that you are a prey to melancholy. You should look your best today, for Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B., will be here this afternoon to claim your promised hand.

JOSEPHINE: Ah, father, your words cut me to the quick. I can esteem — reverence — venerate Sir Joseph, for he is a great and good man; but oh, I cannot love him! My heart is already given.

CAPT. . . . (aside): It is then as I feared. (Aloud.) Given? And to whom? Not to some gilded lordling?

JOSEPHINE: No, father — the object of my love is no lordling. Oh, pity me, for he is but a humble sailor on board your own ship!

CAPT.:...Impossible

JOSEPHINE: Yes, it is true — too true.

CAPT A common sailor? Oh fie!

JOSEPHINE: I blush for the weakness that allows me to cherish such a passion. I hate myself when I think of the depth to which I have stooped in permitting myself to think tenderly of one so ignobly born, but I love him! I love him! I love him! (Weeps.)

CAPT.: Come, my child, let us talk this over. In a matter of the heart I would not coerce my daughter — I attach but little value to rank or wealth, but the line must be drawn somewhere. A man in that station may be brave and worthy, but at every step he would commit solecisms that society would never pardon.

JOSEPHINE: Oh, I have thought of this night and day. But fear not, father: I have a heart, and therefore I love; but I am your daughter, and therefore I am proud. Though I carry my love with me to the tomb, he shall never, never know it.

CAPT.: . . . You are my daughter after all. But see, Sir Joseph's barge approaches, manned by twelve trusty oarsmen and accompanied by the admiring crowd of sisters, cousins, and aunts that attend him wherever he goes. Retire, my daughter, to your cabin—take this, his photograph, with you—it may help to bring you to a more reasonable frame of mind.

JOSEPHINE: My own thoughtful father!

(Exit Josephine. Captain remains and ascends the poop-deck.)

No. 6 Barcarolle—(Sir Joseph's Female Relatives, off-stage) "Over the bright blue sea"





No. 7- (Chorus of Sailors and Sir Joseph's Female Relatives) "Sir Joseph's barge is seen"

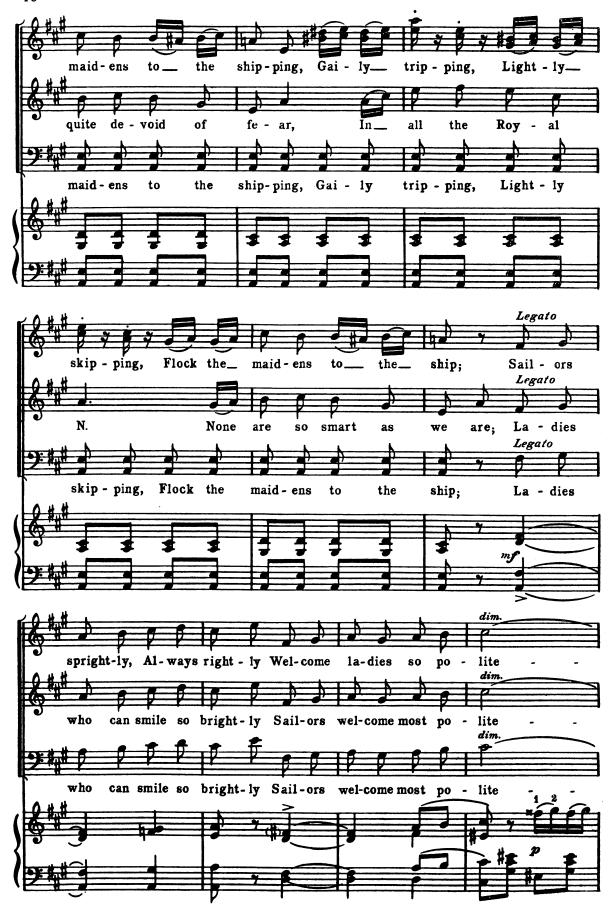














No. 8-(Capt. Corcoran, Sir Joseph, Cousin Hebe, and Chorus) "Now give three cheers"









No. 9 Song-(Sir Joseph and Chorus) "When I was a lad"





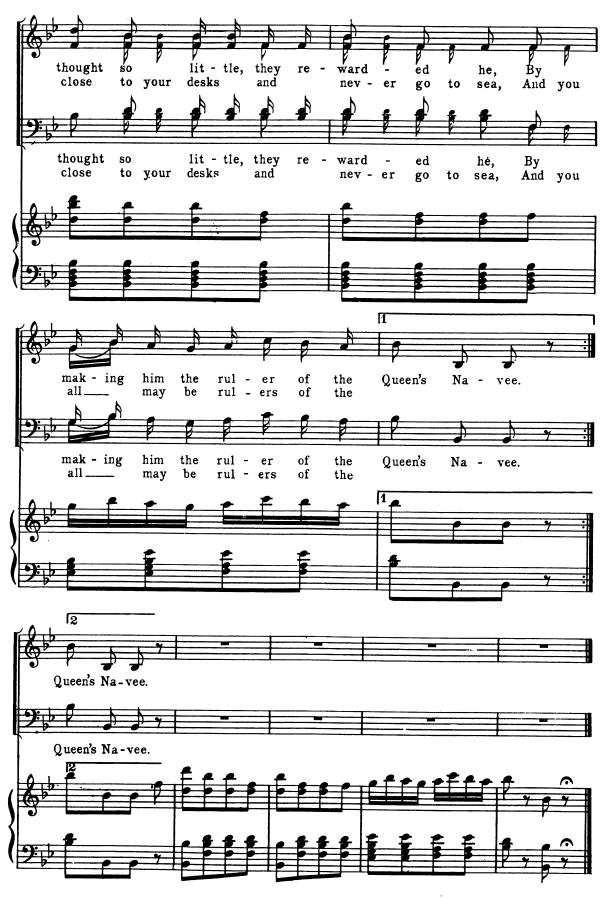












SIR JOSEPH: . You've a remarkably fine crew, Captain Corcoran.

CAPT.: It is a fine crew, Sir Joseph.

SIR JOSEPH. . . (examining a very small midshipman): A British sailor is a splendid fellow, Captain Corcoran.

CAPT A splendid fellow indeed, Sir Joseph.

SIR JOSEPH: .. I hope you treat your crew kindly, Captain Corcoran.

CAPT Indeed I hope so, Sir Joseph.

SIR JOSEPH: . . Never forget that they are the bulwarks of England's greatness, Captain Corcoran.

CAPT.: So I have always considered them, Sir Joseph.

SIR JOSEPH: .. No bullying, I trust—no strong language of any kind, eh?

CAPT.:Oh, never, Sir Joseph.

SIR JOSEPH: .. What, never?

CAPT.: ... Well! hardly ever, Sir Joseph. They are an excellent crew, and do their work thoroughly without it.

SIR JOSEPH: . . Don't patronize them, sir — pray don't patronize them.

CAPT.: Certainly not, Sir Joseph.

SIR JOSEPH:. That you are their Captain is an accident of birth. I cannot permit these noble fellows to be patronized because an accident of birth has placed you above them and them below you.

CAPT: ... I am the last person to insult a British sailor, Sir Joseph.

SIR JOSEPH: . . You are the last person who did, Captain Corcoran. Desire that splendid seaman to step forward:

(Dick comes forward.)

SIR JOSEPH: .. No, no, the other splendid seaman.

CAPT: Ralph Rackstraw, three paces to the front -- march!

SIRJOSEPH. . . (sternly): If what?

CAPT: I beg your pardon— I don't think I understand you.

SIR JOSEPH: .. If you please.

CAPT.: . . . Oh, yes, of course. If you please. (Ralph steps forward.)

SIR JOSEPH: . . You're a remarkably fine fellow.

RALPH: ... Yes, your honour.

SIR JOSEPH:.. And a first-rate seaman, I'll be bound.

RALPH: ... There's not a smarter topman in the navy, your honour, though I say it who shouldn't.

SIR JOSEPH: . . Not at all. Proper self-respect, nothing more Can you dance a horn-pipe?

RALPH: ... No, your honour.

SIR JOSEPH: .. That's a pity; all sailors should dance hornpipes. I will teach you one this evening, after dinner. Now tell me — don't be afraid — how does your Captain treat you, eh?

RALPH: . . . A better Captain doesn't walk the deck, your honour.

ALL: Aye! Aye!

SIR JOSEPH: .. Good. I like to hear you speak well of your commanding officer; I dare say he doesn't deserve it, but still it does you credit. Can you sing?

RALPH: ... I can hum a little, your honour.

SIR JOSEPH: . . Then hum this at your leisure. (Giving him MS. music.) It is a song that I have composed for the use of the Royal Navy. It is designed to encourage independence of thought and action in the lower branches of the service, and to teach the principle that a British sailor is any man's equal, excepting mine. Now, Captain Corcoran, a word with you in your cabin on a tender and sentimental subject.

CAPT: Aye, aye, Sir Joseph. (Crossing.) Boatswain, in commemoration of this joyous occasion, see that extra grog is served out to the ship's company at seven bells.

BOAT.: Beg pardon. If what, your honour?

CAPT .: . . . If what? I don't think I understand you.

BOAT: If you please, your honour.

CAPT.: What!

SIR JOSEPH: . . The gentleman is quite right. If you please.

CAPT. . . . (stamping his foot impatiently): If you please! (Exit.)

 $No.\,92-({\rm Sir\ Joseph,\ Cousin\ Hebe,Female\ Relatives\ and\ Sailors})\\ \text{"For\ I\ hold\ that\ on\ the\ seas"}$





(Exeunt Sir Joseph and Relatives.)

BOAT: . . . Ah! Sir Joseph's a true gentleman, courteous and considerate to the very humblest.

RALPH:... True, Boatswain, but we are not the very humblest. Sir Joseph has explained our true position to us. As he says, a British seaman is any man's equal excepting his; and if Sir Joseph says that, is it not our duty to believe him?

ALL:....Well spoke! Well spoke!

DICK: . . . You're on a wrong tack, and so is he. He means well, but he don't know. When people have to obey other people's orders, equality's out of the question.

ALL (recoiling): Horrible! Horrible!

BOAT: Dick Deadeye, if you go for to infuriate this here ship's company too far, I won't answer for being able to hold 'em in. I'm shocked! That's what I am—shocked!

RALPH: ... Messmates, my mind's made up. I'll speak to the captain's daughter, and tell her, like an honest man, of the honest love I have for her.

ALL: . . . Aye, aye!

RALPH: ... Is not my love as good as another's? Is not my heart as true as another's? Have I not hands and eyes and ears and limbs like another?

ALL: Aye, aye!

RALPH: ... True, I lack birth—

POAT: ... You've a berth on board this very ship.

RALPH:...Well said— I had forgotten that. Messmates — what do you say? Do you approve my determination?

ALL: . . . We do.

DICK: I don't.

BOAT:... What is to be done with this here hopeless chap? Let us sing him the song that Sir Joseph has kindly composed for us. Perhaps it will bring this here miserable creetur to a proper state of mind.

No. 10 Glee-(Ralph, Boat swain, Carpenter's Mate, and Chorus of Sailors) "A British tar"









(All dance off except Ralph, who remains, leaning pensively against bulwark.)



(Enter Josephine from cabin.)

JOSEPHINE: It is useless—Sir Joseph's attentions nauseate me. I know that he is a truly great and good man, for he told me so himself, but to me he seems tedious, fretful, and dictatorial. Yet his must be a mind of no common order, or he would not dare to teach my dear father to dance a hornpipe on the cabin table. (Sees Ralph.) Ralph Rackstraw! (Overcome by emotion.)

RALPH:. . . Aye, lady - no other than poor Rackstraw!

JOSEPHINE..(aside): How my heart beats! (Aloud.) And why poor, Ralph?

RALPH:. . . I am poor in the essence of happiness, lady— rich only in never-ending unrest. In me there meet a combination of antithetical elements which are at eternal war with one another. Driven hither by objective influences— thither by subjective emotions— wafted one moment into blazing day, by mocking hope— plunged the next into the Cimmerian darkness of tangible despair, I am but a living ganglion of irreconcilable antagonisms. I hope I make myself clear, lady?

JOSEPHINE: Perfectly. (Aside.) His simple eloquence goes to my heart. Oh, if I dared—but no, the thought is madness! (Aloud.) Dismiss these foolish fancies, they torture you but needlessly. Come, make one effort.

RALPH... .(aside): I will—one. (Aloud.) Josephine!

JOSEPHINE..(indignantly): Sir!

RALPH:. Aye, even though Jove's armoury were launched at the head of the audacious mortal whose lips, unhallowed by relationship, dared to breathe that precious word, yet would I breathe it once, and then perchance be silent evermore. Josephine, in one brief breath I will concentrate the hopes, the doubts, the anxious fears of six weary months. Josephine, I am a British sailor, and I love you!

JOSEPHINE: Sir, this audacity! (Aside.) Oh, my heart, my beating heart. (Aloud.) This unwarrantable presumption on the part of a common sailor! (Aside.) Common! oh, the irony of the word! (Crossing, aloud.) Oh, sir, you forget the disparity in our ranks.

RALPH:. I forget nothing, haughty lady. I love you desperately, my life is in your hand:
I lay it at your feet! Give me hope, and what I lack in education and polite accomplishments, that I will endeavour to acquire. Drive me to despair, and in death alone I shall look for consolation. I am proud and cannot stoop to implore. I have spoken, and I wait your word.

JOSEPHINE: You shall not wait long. Your proffered love I haughtily reject. Go, sir, and learn to cast your eyes on some village maiden in your own poor rank—they should be lowered before your captain's daughter.

No.11 Duet-(Josephine and Ralph) "Refrain, audacious tar"











(Exit Josephine into cabin.)

No. 12 Finale-(ACT I) "Can I survive this overbearing?"































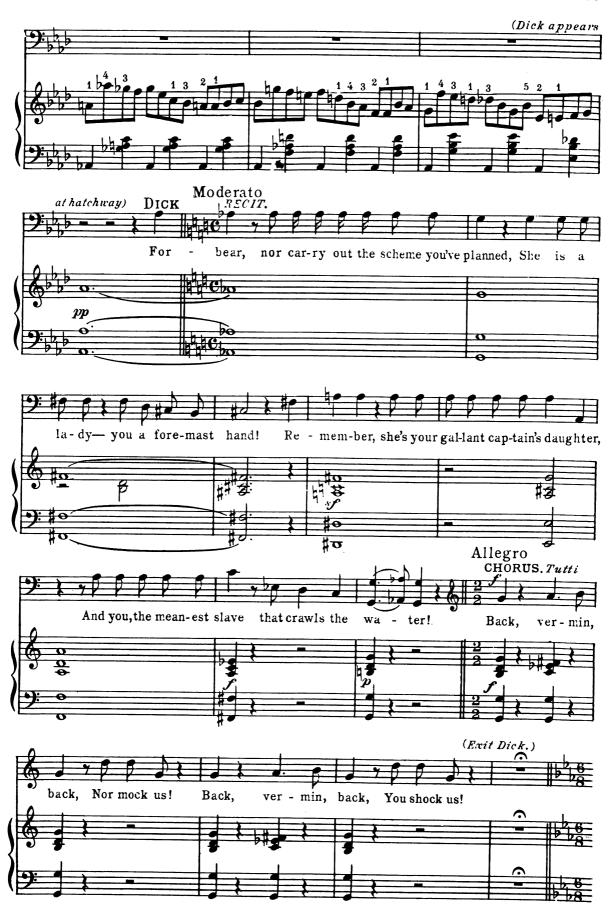


































CURTAIN



ACT II

No. 13 Song-(Captain Corcoran) "Fair moon, to thee I sing"

(Same Scene. Night. Moonlight. Captain discoverd singing, and accompanying himselfon a guitar. Little Buttercup, seated on quarter-deck, gazing sentimentally at him.)







CAPT. (coming down): Ah! Little Buttercup, still on board? That is not quite right, little one. It would have been more respectable to have gone on shore at dusk.

BUT.....True, dear captain— but the recollection of your sad, pale face seemed to chain me to the ship. I would fain see you smile before I go.

CAPT.: . . . Ah! Little Buttercup, I fear it will be long before I recover my accustomed cheerfulness, for misfortunes crowd upon me, and all my old friends seem to have turned against me!

BUT .:... Oh, no — do not say "all," dear Captain. That were unjust to one, at least.

CAPT.: . . . True, for you are staunch to me. (Aside.) If ever I gave my heart again, methinks it would be to such a one as this! (Aloud.) I am touched to the heart by your innocent regard for me, and were we differently situated, I think I could have returned it. But, as it is, I fear I can never be more to you than a friend.

BUT.: I understand! You hold aloof from me because you are rich and lofty—
and I, poor and lowly. But take care! The poor bumboat woman has gypsy
blood in her veins, and she can read destinies.

CAPT.: Destinies!

BUT.... There is a change in store for you!

CAPT.: A change!

BUT.:. Aye — be prepared!

No.14 Duet- (Buttercup and Captain Corcoran) "Things are seldom what they seem"















CAPT.: Incomprehensible as her utterances are, I nevertheless feel that they are dictated by a sincere regard for me. But to what new misery is she referring? Time alone can tell.

(Enter Sir Joseph.)

SIR JOSEPH:... Captain Corcoran, I am much disappointed with your daughter. In fact, I don't think she will do.

CAPT .: She won't do, Sir Joseph!

SIR JOSEPH:...I'm afraid not. The fact is, that although I have urged my suit with as much eloquence as is consistent with an official utterance, I have done so hitherto without success. How do you account for this?

CAPT.: Really, Sir Joseph, I hardly know. Josephine is of course sensible of your condescension.

SIR JOSEPH: . . . She naturally would be.

CAPT .: But perhaps your exalted rank dazzles her.

SIR JOSEPH: ... You think it does?

CAPT.: . . . I can hardly say; but she is a modest girl, and her social position is far below your own. It may be that she feels she is not worthy of you.

SIR JOSEPH:... That is really a very sensible suggestion, and displays more knowledge of human nature than I had given you credit for.

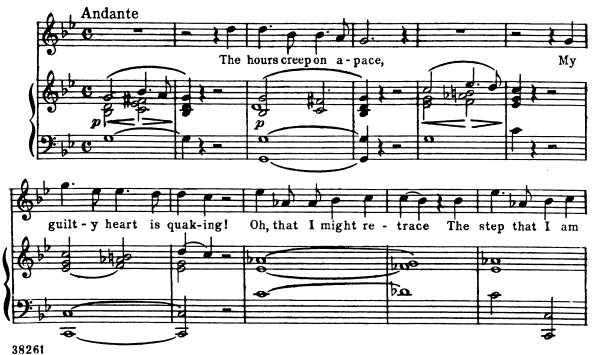
CAPT.: . . . See, she comes. If your lordship would kindly reason with her and assure her officially that it is a standing rule at the Admiralty that love levels all ranks, her respect for an official utterance might induce her to look upon your offer in its proper light.

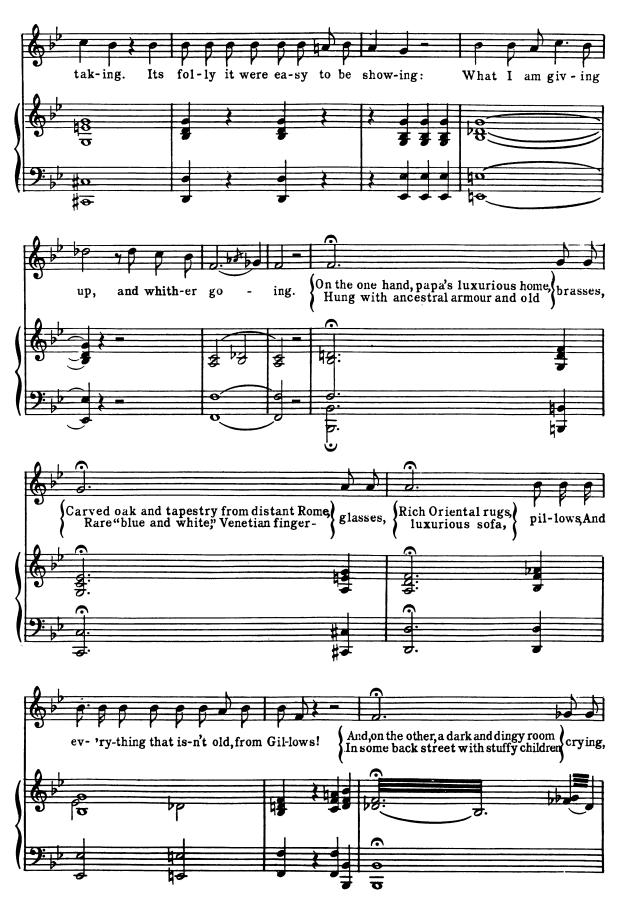
SIRJOSEPH:...It is not unlikely. I will adopt your suggestion. But soft, she is here.

Let us withdraw, and watch our opportunity.

(Enter Josephine from cabin. Sir Joseph and Captain retire.)

No. 15 Scena-(Josephine) "The hours creep on apace"

















(Sir Joseph and Captain enter.)

SIR JOSEPH:...Madam, it has been represented to me that you are appalled by my exalted rank. I desire to convey to you officially my assurance, that if your hesitation is attributable to that circumstance, it is uncalled for.

JOSEPHINE: Oh, then your lordship is of the opinion that married happiness is not inconsistent with discrepancy in rank?

SIR JOSEPH:... I am officially of that opinion.

JOSEPHINE:. That the high and the lowly may be truly happy together, provided that they truly love one another?

SIR JOSEPH: ... Madam, I desire to convey to you officially my opinion that love is a platform upon which all ranks meet.

JOSEPHINE: I thank you, Sir Joseph. I did hesitate, but I will hesitate no longer. (Aside.)
He little thinks how eloquently he has pleaded his rival's cause!

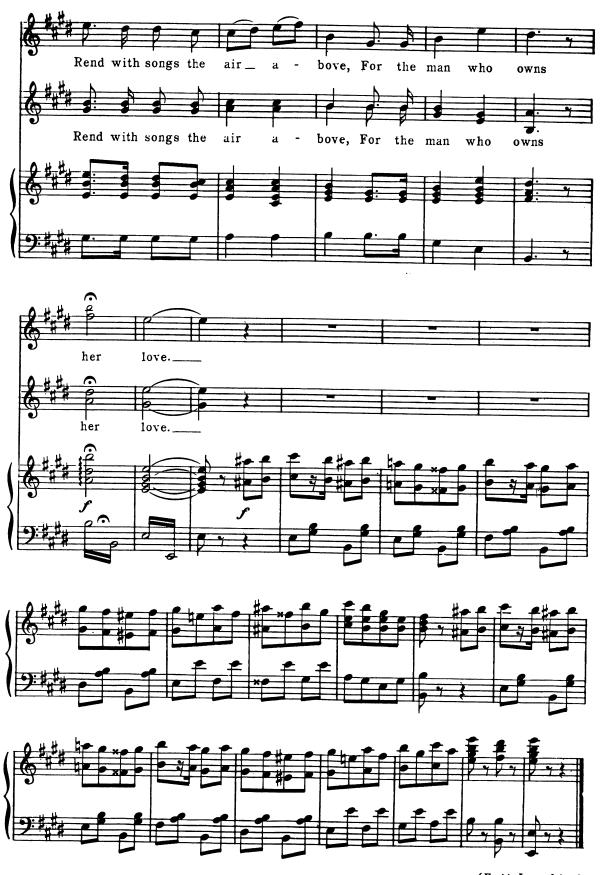
No.16 Trio-(Josephine, Captain, and Sir Joseph) "Never mind the why and wherefore"











CAPT.: . . . Sir Joseph, I cannot express to you my delight at the happy result of your eloquence. Your argument was unanswerable.

SIR JOSEPH:... Captain Corcoran, it is one of the happiest characteristics of this glorious country that official utterances are invariably regarded as unanswerable. (Exit Sir Joseph.)

CAPT.:... At last my fond hopes are to be crowned. My only daughter is to be the bride of a Cabinet Minister. The prospect is Elysian. (During this speech Dick Deadeye has entered.)

DICK: Captain.

CAPT.:... Deadeye! You here? Don't! (Recoiling from him.)

DICK: Ah, don't shrink from me, Captain. I'm unpleasant to look at, and my name's agin me, but I ain't as bad as I seem.

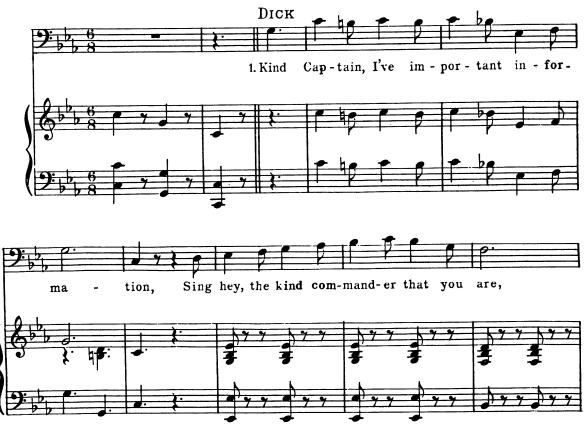
CAPT .: . . . What would you with me?

DICK (mysteriously): I'm come to give you warning.

CAPT .: Indeed! Do you propose to leave the Navy then?

DICK: No, no, you misunderstand me; listen!

No. 17 Duet-(Captain and Dick Deadeye) "Kind Captain, I've important information"















CAPT: . . . Dick Deadeye — I thank you for your warning — I will at once take means to arrest their flight. This boat cloak will afford me ample disguise — So! (Envelops himself in a mysterious cloak, holding it before his face.)

DICK: Ha, ha! They are foiled - foiled!

(Enter Crew on tiptoe, with Ralph and Boatswain meeting Josephine, who enters from Cabin on tiptoe, with bundle of necessaries, and accompanied by Little Buttercup.)

No.18 Soli and Chorus "Carefully on tiptoe stealing"























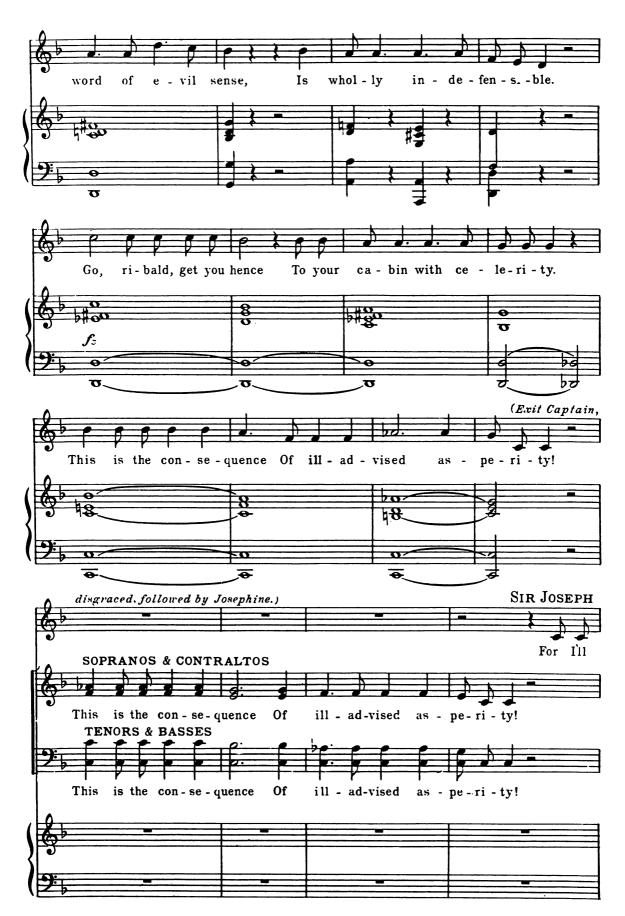




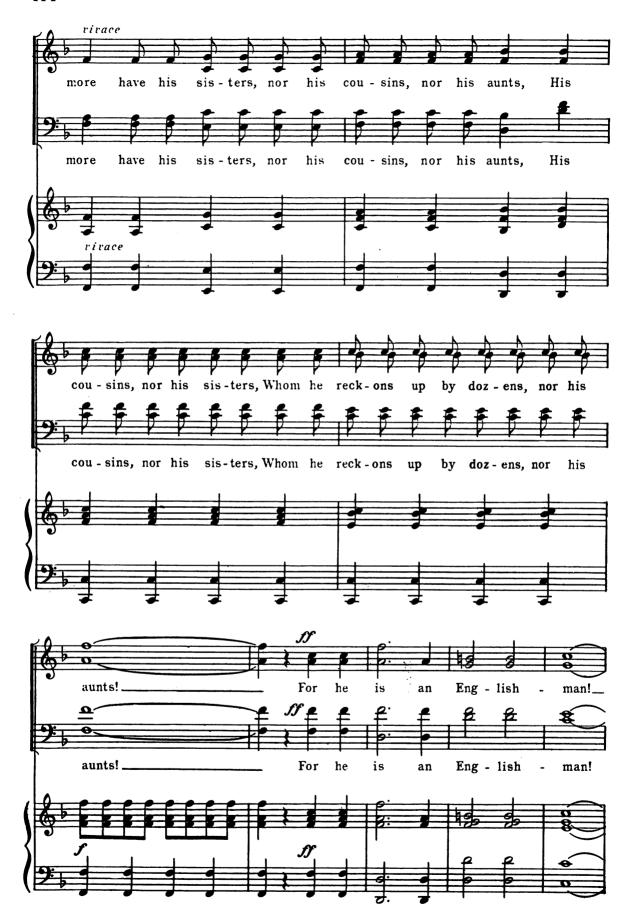














SIR JOSEPH: . . Now, tell me, my fine fellow — for you are a fine fellow —

RALPH: . . . Yes, your honour.

SIR JOSEPH: . . How came your captain so far to forget himself? I am quite sure you had given him no cause for annoyance.

RALPH: . . .Please, your honour, it was thus-wise. You see, I'm only a top-man— a mere foremast hand—

SIR JOSEPH: . . Don't be ashamed of that. Your position as a top-man is a very exalted one.

RALPH: . . .Well, your honour, love burns as brightly in the fo'c's'le as it does on the quarter-deck, and Josephine is the fairest bud that ever blossomed upon the tree of a poor fellow's wildest hopes.

(Josephine rushes to Ralph's arms.)

JOSEPHINE: . Darling! (Sir Joseph horrified.)

RALPH: . . . She is the figurehead of my ship of life — the bright beacon that guides me into my port of happiness — the rarest, the purest gemthat ever sparkled on a poor but worthy fellow's trusting brow.

ALL: very pretty!

SIR JOSEPH: . . Insolent sailor, you shall repent this outrage. Seize him! (Two Marines seize him and handcuff him.)

JOSEPHINE: Oh, Sir Joseph, spare him, for I love him tenderly.

SIR JOSEPH: . . Pray don't. I will teach this presumptuous mariner to discipline his affections. Have you such a thing as a dungeon on board?

ALL: We have!

DICK: They have!

SIR JOSEPH:. Then load him with chains and take him there at once.

No. 19 Octet and Chorus "Farewell, my own!"













No. 20 Song-(Buttercup and Chorus) "A many years ago"











SIR JOSEPH:... Then I am to understand that Captain Corcoran and Ralph were exchanged in childhood's happy hours — that Ralph is really the Captain, and the Captain is Ralph?

SIR JOSEPH: . . . And very well you have conveyed it, Miss Buttercup!

BUT Aye! Aye! Yer 'onour.

SIR JOSEPH:...Dear me! Let them appear before me at once!

(Ralph enters as Captain; Captain as a common sailor. Josephine rushes to his arms.)

JOSEPHINE: My father — a common sailor!

CAPT: It is hard, is it not, my dear?

SIR JOSEPH: ... This is a very singular occurrence; I congratulate you both. (To Ralph.)

Desire that remarkably fine seaman to step forward.

RALPH: . . . Corcoran. Three paces to the front - march!

UAPT .: If what?

RALPH: . . . I don't understand.

RALPH: . . . What!

SIR JOSEPH: Perfectly right. If you please.

RALPH: . . . Oh. If you please. (Captain steps forward.)

SIR JOSEPH . . . (to Captain): You are an extremely fine fellow.

CAPT.: Yes, your honour.

SIR JOSEPH: ... So it seems that you were Ralph, and Ralph was you.

CAPT .: So it seems, your honour.

SIR JOSEPH: ... Well, I need not tell you that after this change in your condition, a marriage with your daughter will be out of the question.

SIR JOSEPH: . : . It does to a considerable extent, but it does not level them as much as that.

SIR JOSEPH . . . (handing Josephine to Ralph): Here — take her, sir, and mind you treat her kindly.

RALPH and JOSEPHINE:.. Oh bliss, oh rapture!

CAPT. and BUT.:. . Oh rapture, oh bliss!

SIR JOSEPH: ... Sad my lot and sorry, what shall I do? I cannot live alone!

HEBE: Fear nothing — while I live I'll not desert you. I'll soothe and comfort your declining days.

SIR JOSEPH: ... No, don't do that.

HEBE: Yes, but indeed I'd rather—

SIR JOSEPH. ... (resigned): Oh! very well, then!

Tomorrow morn our vows shall all be plighted,

Three loving pairs on the same day united!

No. 21 Finale "Oh joy, oh rapture unforeseen!"



















