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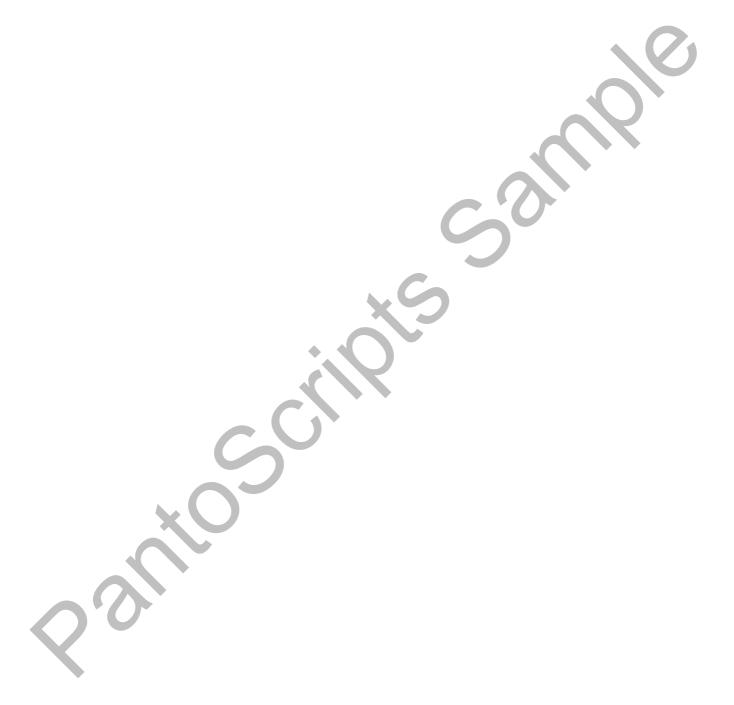
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A popular and traditional tale

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SYNOPSIS

This well-loved story is the tale of a young man called Robinson, who is deeply in love with Polly Perkins, the daughter of the local Squire. True to form, the Squire does not care for the young man, that is of course until he overhears Jack, Robinson's brother, telling Ma Crusoe that Robinson has found a treasure map. Squire Perkins immediately offers the use of his one remaining ship, The Scurvy Privateer, so they can set sail in search of the treasure. There is a great deal of fun and games on board ship, until Davi Jones, in his quest to find and keep the treasure, ensure that the ship sinks. All is not lost, as Amphitrite summons the help of Girl Friday to guide all of the castaways to safety upon the Gold Island. With all good pantomime tales, there is a twist at the end, and there is happiness for everyone.

The cast includes:

Ma Crusoe Male – Dame and mother to Robinson and Jack. Larger than life,

needs to have a good rapport with the audience. Not a great deal of singing, needs to be able to put across a song in a more comedic style. Ma a key part of one of the slapstick routines and must be prepared to commit to the practice of this or the routine will not

work – timing is essential.

Robinson Female – typical principal boy. Needs to be strong and traditional.

Must be able to sing.

Jack Male – comedy solo. Needs excellent timing as he is involved in

some slapstick. Not a part which is full of funny lines, so needs the ability to bring that little bit extra to the role. An idea would be to base the character on 'Ali G' to give it more character. Must be able

to sing.

Squire Perkins Male – father of the Polly. Has been wealthy but nobody realises

that most of his money has now gone. Needs to be the one in charge, but doesn't have to be done in a nasty way. Turns into the King of the Island at the end, delivering his song in an 'Elvis' style.

Therefore, must be able to sing.

Polly Perkins Female – principal girl. All-round loveliness, almost twee. Cares deeply for Robinson even though her father doesn't like for the

deeply for Robinson even though her father doesn't like for the

relationship. Must be able to sing.

Felicity Futtocks Female – almost like a second principal girl, but Felicity has to be

larger than life. Plenty of scope for comedy for the person who is prepared to invest in the part. Create a character of your choice.

Mrs Futtocks Female – Felicity's mother. Again, needs to be a character and this

could be anything! She is put out that her husband is at sea, most of the time. Doesn't think twice about being a little flirtatious if the need arises. Needs to be able to put across a song rather than be a

strong singer.

Capt Rehab Male – regular Captain of Squire Perkins' ships. Although a feared

pirate, he is not necessarily the 'baddie'. Must be able to sing, and will need to commit to the slapstick routine in terms of practice or

the sketch will not work.

Lieu Futtocks Male – one half of the comedy duo. This character is loosely based

on Sgt Wilson from Dad's Army. Very polite and laid back – has to be, as he is married to Mrs Futtocks. (The word 'futtocks' is a nautical term and is the rope in the rigging of a ship.) Group singing

rather than solo.

Able Seaman Spanker Male or Female – the other half of the comedy duo. Has a stutter and is obviously the sillier of the pair. (The word 'spanker' is another nautical term and is a type of sail on a sailboat.) Group

singing rather than solo.

Dr Foster The town doctor who goes along for the ride! Turns into the Island

Witch Doctor. Has a song. A fun part for the right person.

Davi Jones Male or Female, so either Davy or Davina. NASTY – the most

horrible baddie. Needs to be almost manic in the performance.

Lots of boos are needed from the audience.

Amphitrite Female – Goddess of the sea. Calm, serene, always comforting

those in need.

Girl Friday Female - Helps Robinson to try to find the treasure. Without

knowing, is very attractive to Jack. Must be able to sing.

ACT ONE

SCENE ONE

The Port side

The scene is a typical harbour scene. The gang plank is at the back of the stage, leading onto the ship, SR. Down towards the front of the stage is The Nobody Inn. The chorus, Ma Crusoe, Jack Crusoe and Robinson Crusoe are all on a full stage.

SONG

DRUNKEN SAILOR

Ma Crusoe

(Picking up one of the chorus) How many times have I told you? You behave in my establishment or I throw you out! (Throws chorus off stage)

All but a small group of the chorus follow offstage.

Ma Crusoe

(Looking to the audience) Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't see you lot out there. Let's have a look. Oh yes, same old suspects. What's matter – nothing good on TV tonight? (Picks on one man) Oooh I say. Hello sailor! What's your name? (Man says) Well hello Bert. That's a nice name. Where you from? (Man says) Sorry! (Man repeats) No I heard you the first time. I'm just sorry. If you're lucky I'll let you buy me an ice cream in the interval!

I'd better introduce myself. My name is Ma Crusoe. I'm the owner of The Nobody Inn – and ain't that just the case. Since the recession and that [insert name of local new shop] in [insert location], people are staying at home. Nobody wants my beverages (sobs). Oh wake up you lot – it's going to be a long night if you don't start to participate. I said (sobbing) nobody wants my beverages!

Audience

Aw!

Ma Crusoe

That's better. I really am stony broke though. If I don't find a way to raise some money soon, I'm going to have to close the Inn. (**Realising**) I know! You lot can help me. Will you boys and girls?

Audience

Yes!

Ma Crusoe

I can't hear you. Will you help me boys and girls?

Audience

Yes!

Ma Crusoe I've had it told on very good authority that you are a particularly

generous audience. I've seen how much you've spent on sweeties

and raffle tickets. (To chorus) Now, has anyone got a bag?

Chorus Here Ma Crusoe. You can have mine!

Ma Crusoe Thank you dear. Now you've heard of a Just Giving page, well this

is my Just Giving bag! (**Going into the audience**) So, if I can just have your spare change that will help me enormously. And if you sign this piece of paper I'll even benefit from Gift Aid! Come on,

hand it over!

Robinson Ma! What do you think you're doing?

Ma Crusoe Robinson, the audience are going to give me their spare change.

It'll help us pay all those outstanding bills.

Robinson You can't do that! (Grabs hold of her)

Ma Crusoe Why not?

Robinson Because you just can't! It's just not right.

Ma Crusoe (Looks at herself, and then Robinson) There are a lot of things

about Pantomime that aren't right, but it doesn't stop us doing

them! Here love, you can have your bag back.

Chorus Thank you! Are you really broke?

Robinson I'm afraid we are. Business has been really slow recently.

Jack It doesn't help that Squire Perkins has just doubled the rent.

Chorus Why has he done that, Jack?

Jack I blame Robinson!

Robinson It's not my fault.

Jack If you didn't go chasing after his daughter, he wouldn't be so angry

at us.

The rest of the chorus exit, shaking their heads.

Robinson But I can't help it. I've fallen in love with Polly.

Jack moves to challenge Robinson.

Jack It would be better for all of us if you hadn't.

Ma moves in between the pair.

Ma Crusoe Now, now boys. This isn't going to help anyone at all.

Enter Polly SR.

Polly Robinson!

Robinson (Runs towards Polly but circles away as Squire Perkins enters)

Polly! Squire Perkins! Good day to you Sir.

Squire Perkins What's good about it?

Jack You've nothing to worry about. Someone's not doubled your rent!

Squire Perkins You can always find somewhere else to live.

Ma Crusoe Jack! Shut up before we end up homeless. (**To Squire Perkins**)

Why hello, Squire Perkins. Sophisticated, charming and debonair.

Jack (Aside) And that's just three words he can't spell!

Squire Perkins Come here, Polly. I don't want you conversing with that good for

nothing boy.

Robinson Here, who are you calling a 'good for nothing'? I've got big plans

for the future I'll have you know.

Squire Perkins You'll never be good enough for my daughter.

Ma Crusoe Now now, Squire – don't be a spoil sport. Jack, go inside and pour

the Squire a pint of our finest.

Jack enters the Inn.

Ma Crusoe Come on, Squire Perkins, there are a few little issues I wish to

discuss with you.

Squire Perkins But

Ma Crusoe These two will be fine alone for a few minutes. Stop worrying about

them.

She pushes him into the Inn.

Polly I'm really sorry about Daddy, Robinson. I'm sure once he really

gets to know you – he'll realise what a wonderful person you really

are.

Robinson He'll never think I'm good enough for you, Polly. Not until I'm rich

and I can't see that happening anytime soon.

Polly It's so unfair, Robinson.

Robinson I know, but don't you agree? Your father isn't going to let you have

anything to do with me until I'm rich.

Polly I'm sure he'll come round in the end. (**Brightly**) Anyway, what

have you been doing today?

Robinson Actually, I went for a walk down by the docks and I found

something rather interesting.

Polly What's that?

Robinson Wait here!

Robinson runs into the Inn and brings out a bottle.

Polly (Confused) What's that?

Robinson It's a bottle! I found it at the edge of the water.

Polly A bottle?

Robinson But look. There's something inside it. Maybe it's a message.

Polly (Excitedly) Quick Robinson – let's look!

Robinson (**Taking paper out of the bottle**) It's a map.

Polly What kind of map?

Robinson It looks like a treasure map. Polly, this could be the answer to all

our problems. If we find the treasure, then your father will have to

accept me.

Polly Oh Robinson. We'll be together at last.

SONG HAPPY TOGETHER

Jack and some of the chorus enter during the song.

Jack What are you two so happy about?

Polly We're going to be rich!

Jack Really? I thought you and your father were already rich.

Polly We're not as rich as you think. But look at this! (Hands over the

map)

Jack What's this?

Robinson Look at it closely Jack. It's a treasure map!

Enter Ma Crusoe and Squire Perkins.

Ma Crusoe Who mentioned treasure?

Jack Look Ma! Robinson's found a treasure map. We're going to be

rich.

Ma Crusoe Hear that Perky boy? We're gonna be rich!

Squire Perkins Ha! But you haven't found it yet. There'll be no treasure near here.

Robinson There isn't. We're going to have to travel the seas. I need a ship!

Squire Perkins (Slyly, to the audience) I have a cunning plan. You can have one

of my ships as long as I can come with you.

Polly But Daddy, you only <u>have</u> one ship left.

Squire Perkins (**To Polly, quietly**) Shush Polly. (**Openly**) I used to have more. In

fact, I used to have a whole fleet.

Jack What happened to them?

Squire Perkins Er - I sold them.

Polly No you didn't, Daddy. They all sank. The only one left is The

Scurvy Privateer.

Ma Crusoe Delightful name. So, if we take your ship, we all risk being

shipwrecked?

Squire Perkins It's the best ship I have.

Jack It's the only ship you have!

Robinson So, are we all agreed? We set sail on The Scurvy Privateer?

Squire Perkins You can pay me when we return, and if you find the treasure and

become rich, then I may even allow you to marry Polly.

Robinson We'll need a crew.

Squire Perkins You can use my regular crew. They've just returned from a

voyage.

Ma Crusoe And we can make up the rest. I'll be chief cook!

Jack I'll be the bottle washer!

Polly And I'll be

Squire Perkins You'll be nothing. You are the owner's daughter, and as such, will

not work on this voyage.

Ma Crusoe I'm so excited – I'm off to pack my bags. Come on boys.

Robinson We set sail at noon! I'll see you then Polly.

Ma Crusoe, Robinson exit into The Nobody Inn. Squire Perkins and Polly exit SR. Jack is about to leave.

Felicity Cooee! Jack!

Jack Oh my word, it's Felicity.

Enter Felicity and Mrs Futtocks.

Felicity Hello Jack!

Jack (Nervously) Hello, Felicity. Hello, Mrs Futtocks. Nice day we're

having.

Mrs Futtocks What's nice about it? My husband hasn't returned from his last

voyage and my only daughter seems to only have eyes for the

village idiot.

Jack (Aside to the audience) I'm not surprised her husband stays

away. (Realising) Hey, who are you calling an idiot?

Felicity You're not an idiot Jack. I think you're lovely. I wish you'd take me

out walking one day.

Jack Well, you see, it's like this Felicity. I'm just so busy helping Ma run

the Inn, there just doesn't seem to be enough time to do anything

else.

Mrs Futtocks You never seem to be busy when I see you.

Jack And besides that – I'm going on a little voyage.

Felicity Oh Jack, don't leave me. I'd be so lonely without you. Mummy,

can't we go too?

Jack (Panicked) What? No! I don't think there's any room. I think it'll be

a long and difficult journey. Far too dangerous for a delicate flower

like you.

Felicity Oh Mummy! Did you hear him? He called me a delicate flower!

Please can we go?

Mrs Futtocks I shall go and see Squire Perkins this very minute. With any luck,

your father may be on this voyage and I'll get to see him at last.

Felicity Oh Jack – did you hear that? Mummy and I are coming with you.

Jack (Resigned) Terrific – just what I always wanted!

Mrs Futtocks Come along, Felicity. We've no time to waste.

Felicity I'll see you soon Jack. I'm so excited.

Mrs Futtocks and Felicity exit, SR.

Jack (Exiting into the Inn) I feel like a lie down.

Captain, Lieutenant and Able Seaman Spanker enter from the ship at the back of the stage.

Capt Rehab Ahoy there, Maties. Back on dry land at last. A weaker man

would've bin addled by that trip.

Lieu Futtocks I say that was <u>quite</u> a difficult journey, I felt awfully queasy as we

came round the Bay of Biscay.

Capt Rehab You really need to toughen up Futtocks – yus never makes a Pirate

Captain like me if you don't.

Lieu Futtocks Well if truth be told, I'm not really bothered. I've been getting quite

a bit of earache recently from Mrs Futtocks you see. I think she's

awfully cross that I'm away most of the time.

A S Spanker I ser say Sir. It's nice to be back in such a sper splendid place.

Don't you agree, fer Futtocks?

Lieu Futtocks I do indeed. Although (**looking out to the audience**), I'm not sure

about the this lot.

Capt Rehab surveys the audience.

Capt Rehab Yer lily-livered bunch of limpets. But wait here – (to a lady in the

audience) Arr – I like what I be seeing here. A trim little craft she be. I like's the cut of 'er jib. I don't think I's 'ad the pleasure, Missie.

A S Spanker (Looking at the lady) I don't think you're going to either, Sir.

Capt Rehab Blistering barnicles – bilge, ye speaks. I is the most handsome

Captain ever sailed the seas.

Audience Oh no you're not!

Capt Rehab Oh yes I is

Audience Oh no you're not!

Capt Rehab I is! Etc

Lieu Futtocks Well, you're possibly not the best looking, Captain. I have seen

maybe one or two more

Capt Rehab Belay, t'is bilge ye speaks.

A S Spanker I thinks ye looks fer fine Captain – ye a ser sea dog o' the ber best

order.

Capt Rehab What we needs is a real booty of a voyage. We needs to be earnin'

dubloons a plenty. Makes me the most powerful Cap'n of the seas.

Lieu Futtocks If you don't mind Captain, I'd better just pay a call in to the good

lady before we set sail again. She can give a jolly good tongue

lashing when she's in the mood.

Capt Rehab Women is weak. You need to stand ye ground.

Lieu Futtocks Well yes, I do realise this, but have you ever met Mrs Futtocks?

A S Spanker Ber bit of an awesome woman if you ask me.

Capt Rehab (Shouting) Well nobody did asks you. Now what we needs is a

plan.

Lieu Futtocks A plan, Sir?

Capt Rehab A plan!

A S Spanker What ser sort of per plan?

Capt Rehab A plan which makes me the most powerful Captain o' the seas.

Lieu Futtocks Well I think you're quite powerful as it is.

Capt Rehab I's not powerful enough for me, matey.

A S Spanker Oh dear. 'E's off again. (**To audience**) 'E does this from time to

time.

Capt Rehab (Starting to rage and pace) I wants to see Blackbeard taste me

cat o'nine tails, begad. I'll 'ave 'is lights and liver, then feed 'im to

the fish.

Lieu Futtocks Oh, I say Captain. That sounds jolly awful to say the least.

Capt Rehab Then I'll be after Jack Sparrow, me hearties. That scurvied, poxy

Seadog. That hornswaggler cheated me out of treasure.

A S Spanker Ber but that wasn't yer treasure, Captain.

Capt Rehab (**Shouting**) Blaggard! I's the most fearsome pirate of the seas,

matey, an' don't ye forget it.

A S Spanker Aye aye, Captain.

SONG REHAB

Enter Squire Perkins at the end of the song.

Squire Perkins Ah, Rehab, there you are. I want you to prepare to sail at noon.

Capt Rehab We's only just hit dry land.

Squire Perkins That might be the case, but we've important business to do.

A S Spanker Ber but, we've just let all the ster ster staff go on shore leave,

Squire Perkins.

Squire Perkins Don't worry about that. I can find you plenty of willing volunteers.

You just get the ship ready.

Robinson enters from the Inn – bringing luggage.

Squire Perkins Ah Robinson, my friend. Good news we sail at noon.

Robinson That is good news indeed. We're packed and ready. I've been

studying the treasure map and we've a dangerous journey ahead.

Squire Perkins Nothing to fret about. We have an experienced crew.

Aside, so Squire Perkins and Robinson can't hear. Capt Rehab starts plotting with Lieu Futtocks and A S

Spanker.

Capt Rehab Did ye hear the word treasure, me hearties?

Lieu Futtocks I believe I did, Captain.

A S Spanker Cer, certainly did, Captain.

Capt Rehab This is it! Treasure will sees me as the most powerful pirate of the

seas.

Lieu Futtocks But how are you going to get the treasure, when they have the

map? I think they'll notice if it goes missing.

Capt Rehab I got a nose for treasure. One dark night I'll find that map and over

the side 'e goes. No-one will hear the splash.

A S Spanker Sper, splendid plan, Captain.

Capt Rehab 'Tis time to introduce ourselves me thinks.

As the Captain approaches, Robinson hastily rolls up the map.

Capt Rehab Ahoy there boy. Be yers one of me new crew?

Robinson Yes Captain. There'll also be my brother and mother.

Capt Rehab Women, eh? Be she a cook?

Robinson She has her moments.

Capt Rehab That be good enough for me. Tell 'er l's be seeing 'er at the

Captain's table this evening.

Robinson I'll tell her now, Captain.

Robinson goes back into the Inn. Squire Perkins exits.

Squire Perkins I'll see you at noon, Captain.

Capt Rehab Able Seaman Spanker?

A S Spanker Aye Captain?

Capt Rehab Gets ready to set sail.

A S Spanker Aye aye Captain.

Enter Felicity and Mrs Futtocks with luggage ready for the voyage.

Felicity Daddy!

Mrs Futtocks There you are. You were due back weeks ago.

Lieu Futtocks Yes dear. I am rather sorry about that. But we had to take a bit of a

diversion round Cape Cod.

Mrs Futtocks Months at a time you leave me. I'm surprised Felicity even knows

who you are.

Felicity Did you bring me a present, Daddy?

Lieu Futtocks Not this time, I'm afraid.

Felicity Huh! What's the point of you travelling round the world and not

bringing anything back?

Mrs Futtocks I don't know why I put up with you sometimes. You can be really

thoughtless.

Lieu Futtocks I thought you rather liked my charm, humour and intelligence.

Mrs Futtocks You thought? You thought? When did you last have a sensible

thought?

Lieu Futtocks (Aside) When I decided to go on the last voyage.

Felicity Has Mummy told you that we're coming on your next voyage?

Lieu Futtocks Oh dear, are you? It could get rather choppy you know.

Mrs Futtocks It's the only way I can get to see you. It can be our second

honeymoon.

Lieu Futtocks I haven't got over the first one yet. (To the audience) For twenty

years, we were blissfully happy - then we got married.

Mrs Futtocks I've seen Squire Perkins and he's agreed to let us sail. He says

Felicity will be good company for his daughter Polly.

Felicity Can we go on board yet Daddy? I want to choose my cabin.

Mrs Futtocks Of course we can Felicity. Come on. (To Lieu Futtocks) Bring the

bags.

Mrs Futtocks and Felicity go on board the ship.

Lieu Futtocks Oh my word – this really is going to be a difficult voyage. Maybe

she'll fall overboard! I can hope!

He picks up the luggage and follows them on board the ship. The ship bell sounds. All who board the ship enter from all entrances with their luggage. First to appear is Doctor Foster.

Chorus Doctor?

Dr Foster Yes? What can I do for you?

Chorus I think I've swallowed a pen.

Dr Foster Well use a pencil for the time being.

Chorus Doctor?

Dr Foster And what can I do for you?

Chorus I think I swallowed a bone.

Dr Foster Are you choking?

Chorus No, honestly! I did!

Chorus Doctor. When I press myself here, here and here – it hurts, and

hurts and hurts.

Dr Foster You have a broken finger.

Squire Perkins enters with Polly.

Squire Perkins Ah Foster, there you are. I've been looking for you everywhere.

Dr Foster Well here I am.

Squire Perkins I want you to come on this voyage with us. The usual ship's doctor

has called in sick and I don't travel too well.

Dr Foster At your service Squire. It'll be a nice break from my normal routine.

Squire Perkins Oh and doctor?

Squire Perkins pulls Dr Foster away from the crowd.

Squire Perkins Have you got anything for wind?

Dr Foster (**Opening his bag**) Here's a kite.

Squire Perkins moves away. Ma Crusoe enters with

Jack.

Ma Crusoe Dr Foster, I need your advice about Jack here.

Jack Don't Ma! It's embarrassing!

Ma Crusoe If we're going on a long voyage together, then you'll have to get it

sorted.

Dr Foster What's the matter Jack?

Jack I'm a bit embarrassed.

Ma Crusoe He's got bad teeth, foul breath and smelly feet.

Jack Ma! Not so loud! People will hear.

Dr Foster Oh that's easy to diagnose. You've got foot and mouth disease.

Chorus goes up to Ma Crusoe.

Chorus My Mum says you've been kicked out of your house and that's why

you're leaving on this ship.

Ma Crusoe Well you just tell her to mind her own business. She needs to

spend less time gossiping in [insert name of local hairdressers]

and more time getting her hair done if you ask me.

Paper Boy Read all about it! Read all about it!

Paper Boy enters at the same time as Robinson and

Polly.

Paper Boy Pirate ship attacked. Forty sailors thrown overboard.

Robinson Here boy. Let me have a look at one of those.

Paper Boy That'll be sixpence.

Ma Crusoe Sixpence? (Snatching the paper from Robinson) In that case you

can have it back.

Paper Boy But you've read it now.

Ma Crusoe So?

Paper Boy So – you still have to pay for it.

Ma Crusoe Listen here sonny Jim.

Paper Boy My name is Jake.

Ma Crusoe Alright then, sonny Jake. That paper has already been read hasn't

it?

Paper Boy I suppose so.

Ma Crusoe Well I'm not interested in reading second hand news. So sling your

hook!

Paper Boy (Exiting) But (Confused)

Robinson It seems trouble follows wherever we go.

Polly Don't worry Robinson. Are you ready to set sail?

Jack (Whispering to Robinson) Have you got the 'you know what'?

Robinson Tucked away Jack.

Entering at the back with A S Spanker, Lieu Futtocks. Mrs Futtocks and Felicity also enter and Felicity runs to

grab hold of Jack.

Capt Rehab All aboard, me hearties.

Polly Come on Robinson – let's leave all these troubles behind us.

SONG PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES

SCENE TWO

Good versus Evil

Davi Jones enter and stands in front of the curtains. Eventually moving SL. Thunder and lightning.

Davi Jones I've no doubt you've been expecting me

I am the curse of the deep blue sea The ships which sail above my locker

Their destiny will be a shocker
Many a sailor sets sail with a map
Never aware that they'll face a mishap
For there I will wait in still waters deep
Until all my victims fall fast asleep
Then all their lives I will surely claim
Those that I capture will fear my name.

SONG MY NAME

Enter Amphitrite through the curtains and moves SR.

Amphitrite Be gone you villain – make sure you're hidden

Your nastiness should be forbidden
Those sailing seas under such duress
My mission will be their lives to bless
For you would wish all sailors dead
As they pass over your sea bed
But I shall watch you hour by hour
And save their souls using all my power

I will ensure this is addressed

It's not simple, as you have guessed.

Davi Jones This day the Scurvy ship set sail

So I'll hatch a plan that will not fail I'll wait until they're on their way And then I'll tricks upon them play

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Amphitrite You won't play fair. I know your past

I must arrange protection fast.
I will attempt to ease the distress

Cast spells on your pow'r to make it less.

Davi Jones Try as you may – I won't lose my grip

My plan is to sink that Perkins' ship Once in the depths, I'll find that chap The one who holds a treasure map.

Amphitrite I think I had better form a plan

To save those on board, that's if I can I'll say goodbye, just for the time being A solution soon I'll be guaranteeing.

Amphitrite exits through the curtains. Thunder and lightning on Davi Jones as moves CS.

Davi Jones I'll call wind and rain with all my power

And this will increase hour by hour The gusts of wind will blow and blow Crusoe will drown, that much I know!

Davi Jones exits through the curtains.

SCENE THREE

On-board The Scurvy Privateer - the Galley

There is a table, centre stage which needs to be designed with a hole in the centre and a wire basket hanging underneath. There should also be an old fashioned speaking tube at one side of the stage which links to the props area. A S Spanker is at the table mixing oils and seasoning. He tastes, re-seasons, oils his hair etc.

Two chorus enter SR as Lieu Futtocks and Squire Perkins enter SL.

Chorus Attention!

The three adults stand to attention.

Chorus Ha ha! Fooled you!

Chorus (Approaching the table) Ooh, pizza! Give us a piece.

A S Spanker (Moving to chase them) Ger get off my pizza.

The two chorus run off laughing.

Lieu Futtocks You'd better leave those two alone. They are the Captain's

nephews!

A S Spanker Hey, Lieutenant. Where is that ner new coat I had mer made?

Lieu Futtocks I think it's still at the cleaner's. Why do you ask?

A S Spanker I wer want to wear it when we have sher shore leave. I have lots of

mer money to spend when we ger get sher shore leave.

Squire Perkins What did you say? Lots of money?

All three are now stood at the centre table.

A S Spanker I der don't like the look in yer your eyes.

Squire Perkins What do you mean? I'm honest as the day is long.

Squire Perkins picks up three cups and places a lemon under one of them.

Lieu Futtocks I say! What are you doing?

Squire Perkins Well – it's just a little game.

A S Spanker A ger game?

Squire Perkins Yes. Each cup represents one of the oceans. (**Picks up cup by**

cup) This is the Mediterranean ocean. This is the Indian ocean

and this is the Pacific ocean.

Lieu Futtocks But what's that? Is it a lemon?

Squire Perkins No – that is a submarine.

A S Spanker A ser submarine? Ler looks like a ler lemon to me!

Squire Perkins (Placing the lemon under the middle cup) All you have to do

now is to find the submarine.

A S Spanker Ther that looks easy!

Squire Perkins Want a little bet? I'll bet you ten notes you can't find it.

A S Spanker Der done! (**Places down a note – value of ten**)

Squire Perkins (**Puts down a note – value of ten**) See, it's in the Pacific ocean.

Squire Perkins swaps the cups around, so the lemon falls though a hole in the table and into a basket underneath.

Squire Perkins Find the submarine.

A S Spanker (Picking up a cup) I know. It's her here! What? I cur could have

swer sworn it was her here.

Squire Perkins (Picks up the notes and another lemon) Here, have another go.

(Puts down another note – value of ten) Ten notes.

A S Spanker (Also putting down a note – value of ten) It sher should be easy.

The same happens again and Squire Perkins picks up

the notes.

A S Spanker I der don't understand.

Lieu Futtocks It does look simple.

Squire Perkins (**To A S Spanker**) I bet you ten notes it can be done.

They both put down notes – value of ten. Squire Perkins puts a lemon under the first cup and then lifts it straight

up.

Squire Perkins See! It's easy!

A S Spanker That's not fair. All you did was this.

A S Spanker repeats the move.

Squire Perkins Ok, you do it! Here's a one note to say that you can do it!

A S Spanker does it, then eventually realises that he's

only won a one note!

A S Spanker Ha! I won!

Lieu Futtocks I say, can I have a go?

Squire Perkins Of course you can.

Lieu Futtocks But I haven't got any change.

Squire Perkins I can give you change. Have you a ten?

Lieu Futtocks Yes. Here it is.

Squire Perkins (Counting) One, two, three. How many years have you been

sailing the seas for me?

Lieu Futtocks Six!

Squire Perkins Six?

Lieu Futtocks Yes, six!

Squire Perkins Seven, eight, nine, ten.

Squire Perkins picks up the note to the value of ten and Lieu Futtocks picks up the other notes.

Lieu Futtocks I say, that's not awfully fair. I didn't get all of my notes.

Squire Perkins Really? Well I'll give you the ten back and you give me the ones.

Lieu Futtocks One, two, three, four, five

Squire Perkins Wait! How long service have you got left with me?

Lieu Futtocks Two.

Squire Perkins Two?

Lieu Futtocks Yes, two.

Squire Perkins Sorry – carry on counting. I rudely interrupted you.

Lieu Futtocks Three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten.

Enter Ma Crusoe with Robinson and Jack.

Ma Crusoe Ah, there you are Squire. How am I expected to cook when the

stores are nearly empty?

Squire Perkins I can assure you that there is enough in there 'til we reach shore.

Robinson But there's no bread left.

Squire Perkins Then make some. That's why you're on this trip!

Squire Perkins exits.

Jack Make some? (Laughing) Did you hear that Ma? We've got to

make some bread!

Ma Crusoe And what's so funny about that?