



H.M.S. PINAFORE

OR

THE LASS THAT LOVED A SAILOR

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Dramatis Personae :

The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B.
(*First Lord of the Admiralty*).

Captain Corcoran (*Commanding H.M.S.
Pinafore*).

Ralph Rackstraw (*Able Seaman*).

Dick Deadeye (*Able Seaman*).

Bill Bobstay (*Boatswain's Mate*).

Tom Tucker (*Midshipmite*).

Marines.

Josephine (*the Captain's Daughter*).

Hebe (*Sir Joseph's First Cousin*).

Mrs. Cripps (*Little Buttercup
(a Portsmouth Bumboat Woman)*).

*First Lord's Sisters, his Cousins, his Aunts,
Sailors, Marines, etc.*

SCENE—QUARTER-DECK OF H.M.S. PINAFORE, OFF PORTSMOUTH.

ACT I—NOON.

ACT II—NIGHT.

Accompanist : Mrs. R. J. Routh.

Scenery by : Miss E. M. Hood, Mr. H. L. Savage, R. B. Brooks, W. Greenfield,
R. Webster, J. V. Wilson.

“**God Save the King.**”

PRINCIPALS :

Sir Joseph Porter	-	L. Ness	Ralph Rackstraw	-	G. H. Read
Dick Deadeye	-	B. W. Page	Bill Bobstay	-	K. Spedding, Esq.
Josephine	-	I. Armstrong	Midshipmite	-	J. A. Gray
Hebe	-	D. Wilson	Marines	-	B. Davies
Mrs. Cripps	-	N. Martin			A. Gilbert
Capt. Corcoran	-	H. O. Arnott, Esq.			

CHORUS—Sailors :

I. Thomas, Esq.	G. Jefferson	M. Furniss	J. N. Malyon
F. H. Meek, Esq.	J. V. Wilson	D. Armstrong	P. Lord
R. Featherstone	C. L. Wright	R. E. Burnside	M. Cawthorn
R. V. S. Wright	H. M. Wilson	B. Beel	E. Garrett
G. S. Bilson			

Sisters, Cousins, etc. :

J. G. Carter	J. D. Smith	T. G. Bosomworth	T. L. Boothby
B. Dunning	B. Gray	L. Helm	T. W. Chester
D. Harrison	K. Lord	P. Anderson	W. B. Earl
G. H. Cowen	W. H. Carter	J. E. Kitching	T. E. Johnson

H.M.S. PINAFORE.

First produced at the Opera Comique Theatre, May 25th, 1878.

The Opera satirizes in particular (a) the promotion of a civilian (Mr. W. H. Smith, M.P. for Westminster) by Disraeli in 1877 to be First Lord of the Admiralty, and (b) the sort of patriotism which consists of shouting a platitude, striking an attitude, and doing little or nothing to help one's country.

ACT I.

Story.

The sailors stop their work to welcome Little Buttercup, who sells them her goods, and confesses to a secret sorrow with which the ugly Dick Deadeye sympathises. Ralph too is sad owing to his hopeless love for Josephine, the Captain's daughter. The Captain comes on deck, greets his crew, and tries to relieve his own and Josephine's obvious melancholy by speaking to her of the advantages of a marriage with Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B. Josephine however affirms her hopeless love for Ralph.

Sir Joseph arrives with his relatives, tells us his history, and gives us some peculiar hints for politeness at sea. He presents Ralph with a song he has written "to encourage independence in the lower branches of the service."

Acting on this Ralph tells Josephine of his love and is haughtily rejected. He is about to shoot himself when Josephine reappears and confesses her love for him. They plot to steal ashore and get married.

ACT II.

It is night.

Captain Corcoran, though in sentimental mood, rejects Buttercup's proffered love on account of their disparity in rank. In retaliation she warns him that his fortunes will soon undergo a change, and hints that he is not really what he seems. Josephine is distracted by doubt, when Sir Joseph, conceitedly believing that she hesitates to wed him because of his exalted rank, tells her that love levels all ranks. On this she decides to accept Ralph, while Sir Joseph and the Captain think she will now do what they wish and give him up.

Sequence of Choruses, &c.

Chorus "We sail the ocean blue."

Solo "I'm called Little Buttercup."

Scena "The nightingale sighed."

Aria "A maiden fair to see."

Song "My gallant crew, good morning."
and chorus.

Song "Sorry her lot."

Chorus "Over the bright blue sea,"
"Sir Joseph's barge is seen"
"Gaily tripping, lightly skipping."

Song "When I was a lad."

Trio "A British Tar."

Duet "Refrain, audacious tar."

Finale "Can I survive."

Song "Fair moon, to thee I sing."

Duet "Things are seldom what they seem."

Scena "The hours creep on apace."

Trio "Never mind the why and wherefore."