

ACT TWO - PROLOGUE

MUSIC CUE 9: ENTR'ACTE (INSTRUMENTAL)
MUSIC CUE 9a: FAIRY'S ENTRANCE (INSTRUMENTAL)
Flash. Lights up. FAIRY BOW-BELLS enters DR.

FAIRY: Now to the second half we come
With a yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum!
For Dick and Tommy, Sarah and Jack
Have all set sail; off on the track
Of gold and jewels and heaps of treasure,
To help the Alderman is their pleasure!
And that naughty Alice has stowed away,
Girls didn't do that sort of thing in my day!
But the wind is good and the sky is blue
As the Lollipop sails for horizons new!

FAIRY BOW-BELLS exits DR. Cloth/Tabs out revealing...

SCENE EIGHT

ON BOARD THE GOOD SHIP "LOLLIPOP"

DICK and TOMMY are at the wheel.
MUSIC CUE 10: CAPTAIN CUTTLE, DICK and CREW.

CAPTAIN: Right, me lads - back to work! We should reach land sometime today.
so let's have the Lollipop looking at 'er best!

SAILORS: Aye-aye, Cap'n!

The SAILORS exit.

CAPTAIN: Hold her steady Mister Mate, south south-east!

DICK: Aye-aye Cap'n!

CAPTAIN CUTTLE exits. Enter ALICE with a mop, as she begins to swab the deck. TOMMY sees her, does a double-take, and draws DICK's attention to her.

DICK: Well, well Tommy - we seem to have a new face aboard the Lollipop.
Take the wheel a minute. **(TOMMY meows and complies)** Hey, sailor!

ALICE: **(Salutes)** Aye-aye Mister Mate!

DICK: What's your name?

ALICE: Alice...er...er...Alistair!

DICK: Alistair? That's a Scottish name isn't it?

ALICE: **(Bad Scots accent)** Och aye the noo! Hoots mon! See you, Jimmy!

DICK: Well, 'Alistair', it's a rule aboard ship that only officers are allowed to grow beards.

ALICE: Oh! Is that sooo?

DICK: Aye! So perhaps you should have a shave!

DICK pulls down ALICE's false beard.

ALICE: Oh...you! You! You knew all the time!

DICK: Of course I did! Do you think I'm stupid?

ALICE: Well?

DICK laughs and hugs ALICE.

JACK enters.

JACK: Hey...(audience respond) Wicked!

DICK: Jack, Alice tells me you helped her to stowaway?

JACK: She talked me into it.

DICK: You realise I could have you flogged for this?

JACK: You wouldn't get much for me!

DICK: Or make you walk the plank?

JACK: I might fall off!

DICK: I could even have you keelhauled!

JACK: Look, do what you like - just don't tell my Mum, O.K?

ALICE: I won't let him! Where is Sarah anyway? I haven't seen her all morning.

JACK: Last time I saw her, she was down in the hold with the midshipmen

SARAH is heard from offstage shouting "Atten - shun!!"

JACK: I knew it was too good to be true! Quick.