

FX: The sound of the storm dies away.

Our friends will soon be safe and warm.
They'll find themselves on a sandy beach
Safely out of King Rat's reach.

**But first our hero has to go
Beneath the waves; way, way below
To the ocean bed, whereon there lies
A treasure - which young Dick shall prize.
For now it's time for us to peep
At Neptune's Kingdom of the Deep!
Though it may appear both dark and dim,
See where the glittering fishes swim*

FAIRY BOW-BELLS exits DR.

**If you have chosen to include THE SHORES OF MOROCCO scene rather than THE NEPTUNE scene, omit the italic section above and all of the next scene.*

Cloth/Tabs out for UV Ballet of sea creatures, which is played in front of Blacks.

MUSIC CUE 11j: UV BALLET (INSTRUMENTAL)

As the sea-creatures exit the Blacks open revealing...

SCENE NINE

NEPTUNE'S UNDERWATER KINGDOM

KING NEPTUNE is seated on his throne. DICK enters gingerly.

DICK: Wow! I can't understand it; here I am...walking on the sea-bed, but I can still breathe?

NEPTUNE: All welcome visitors to my land are able so to do.

DICK: Who are you?

NEPTUNE: I am Neptune! King of the Sea.

DICK: What do you want with me?

NEPTUNE: Rather, Dick Whittington, ask yourself what you would have from me.

DICK: Nothing that I know of sire,...except to be with my friends again.

NEPTUNE: If you would see your dream come true, then the Prize of Poseidon must be yours!

NEPTUNE offers DICK a glittering sword.

NEPTUNE: Do not be afraid. Take it!

DICK takes the sword.

DICK: It's a very beautiful sword, sire. But how can this help me find my friends?

NEPTUNE: If you would fulfil your destiny, then you will need the Sword of the Sea!

NEPTUNE: For even as we speak, the friends you seek are in great danger.

DICK: What kind of danger?

NEPTUNE: They have been captured by the Sultan's guards.

DICK: Then I must rescue them!

NEPTUNE: You have no need to fear the Sultan, he is a kindly man. But there are others who will harm you if they can.

DICK: I'm not frightened of anyone! Just show me where I can find my friends.

NEPTUNE: Very well - I will lead you from my underwater lair
To your world above, of sunshine and air.

DICK and NEPTUNE exit. Blackout. Cloth/Tabs out.

ALTERNATIVE SCENE NINE

THE SHORES OF MOROCCO

FX8: WAVES ON SEASHORE.
There is a log centre stage. Enter JACK.

JACK: Hey! **(The audience respond)** Wicked! This looks like a lonely place – I must be the only one saved from the wreck! I think I'll lie down and have a rest.

JACK lies down to one side of the stage and sleeps. Enter ALICE.

ALICE: Dick! Tommy! Oh dear, there's no-one around. I must be the only one saved from the wreck! Oh. I'm so tired, I'll just sit down for a minute.

ALICE lies down and sleeps. Enter DICK.

DICK: I've been looking for ages and I haven't seen anyone. I must be the only one saved from the wreck!* I'll just have a quick nap and then I'll start searching again.