

CAPTAIN REECE

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TAL

“MANTELPICE”

A NAUTICAL EXTRAVAGANZA IN 3 ACTS

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ACT I.

OPENING CHORUS
THE CREW OF THE MANTELPIECE
(SAILORS)

Haun ahna il bahrin tal « Mantelpiece »;
 Tahsbux li ma drajniex,
 Billi bahrin ahna biss fuk il palc
 Il meug ma idardarniex.

Halli jonfoh rih, halli meug ikum,
 Halli iberrak l'hemm u l'haun,
 Ma n'gharfux il bridge mil li scalapis
 Ankas ghanna tmun x'nulzau.

Ma narmau il boma, (x'indi ma nafux)
 Unghajtu « avast » « belay »
 Kluh ma nulzaux, ghax kluh m'ghannie
 U paga ma indahhu xej.

Ma nghajtu « ahoy » il-coll flimchien,
 U habel ma g'bidna katt;
 Mokdief b'idejna katt ma missejna,
 Fil birra ma jehodna hadd.

Ahna il bahrin tal « Mantelpiece »
 Ma tarau bhalna mchien;
 Jecc triduna fuk palec sibuna,
 Ghax tal bahar dan m'hux zmien.

No. 2
GOSSISPS' ENTRANCE
(ORCHESTRA ONLY)

No. 3
SLY MUSETTE

(MRS. GOSSIP AND DAUGHTERS)

Mrs. G. Darba chien hemm tfaila
Daughters Li jisimha chien Musette,
 Sabiha chienet Musette !



- Mrs. G.* Darb' ommha cianfrita
U kaltilha l'hi fraxchett.
- Daughters* Kaltilha l'hi fraxchett !
Mrs. G. Ghandec zball, uegbita hi, ghax inti
[dejjem ghedt]
- Daughters* L'omma kalet hecc Musette !
Mrs. G. L'ix-xebbiet johorgiu jistghou — uicc
[ma jatu il hadd]
- Daughters* Hazina chienet Musette !
- Mrs. G.* U hecc Musette .
Il chelma zammet ghat li hi fraxcbett;
Għax għad lirġiel geu daru mahha
Hadd biss ma sama il vuċi tahha.
U hecc Musette
Chelmta zammet għad li hi fraxchett;
Għax min'hemm ilħau
Hars izied minnha katt ma rau;
Fraxchett..... Musette.....
- Daughters* U hecc Musette ecc.

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- Mrs. G.* Daz-zmien ix-xebbiet colla ftit jeu
[uisk jixbhu il Musette]
- Daughters* Ftit jeu uisk jixbhu il Musette !
Mrs. G. Il mamà taf b'collo — taf li binta hi
Daughters Taf li binta hi fraxchett ! [fraxchett]
Mrs. G. Illi il binta ic-cianfar hsieb giò mohha
[ma giè katt]
- Daughters* Hsieb giò mohha ma giè katt !
Mrs. G. Ix-xebbiet johorgiu dejjem — uicc jatu
Daughters U uicc jatu il culhadd ! [il culhadd]
Mrs. G. U hecc Musette etc.
Daughters U hecc Musette etc.

No. 4

APACHES DANCE
(ORCHESTRA ONLY)

No. 5
 AT MY LADY'S FEET
 (LIEUT BELLAYE)

Fuki hemm ghain li ked tghassisli mohbia
 Tiddi bhax-xemx fuki sicuit;
 Il mahbuba gio' kalbi xerditli id-dia
 U ghaligha lest nghamel cull ma trid.

Insegui id-dia tar-raggi tahha,
 Gibditni leigha, rabbitti mahha,
 U fuka nimxi u mahha immur
 Bhal bahri f'tempesta mal cheuba idur,
 Mal cheuba idur.

U hecc zommni, zommni taht sbieb ghajnejch,
 Mexxini dejjem b'harsiet heluin,
 Ghax il kalbi inzomm u l'unur safijn
 U it-tnejn inkeghedom hdein rgleich.

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Fuki hemm ghain li ked tghassisli mohbia
 Tiddi bhax-xemx gio' kalbi tmur;
 Ghad li jena ma nafx xi trid tghidli id-dia
 Naf biss li iggiaghali nghasses spiss;
 Min xejn ma nibza sa chem jen cert
 L'iddaul min tahha jiddi cul mument.

Jiddi cul mument,
 U ech zommni, etc. etc.

No. 6
 SHIP - A - HOY
 (SAILORS, MRS. G. AND DAUGHTERS)

<i>Sailors</i>	Ship-a-hoy! Ship-a-hoy! Il valigja x'gebitilna. Ship-a-hoy! Ship-a-hoy! Se'r icol'na gharusa ilcoll, Ghaliex Captan Reece hasbilna Ix-xbejbiet già nizlu il mol, Ship-a-hoy! etc. etc. etc.
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Stennejn' ahna, stennejn' ahna
 Ghal ghomorna dan il jum,
 Il vapur li sej nizzlilna
 It-tfajliet li uaslu illum;
 Ghaliex Captan Reece già ueghedna
 (Ghandu kalb hanina uisk)
 L'ahna il-coll daluakt nizzeugiu;
 Jalla il mara iggib ir-risk !

*Mrs. G. &
Daughters*

Stenneu huma, stenneu huma
 Ghal ghomorom dan il jum,
 Il vapur li sej nizzlilom
 It-tfajliet li uaslu il-lum;
 Ghaliex Captan Reece già ueghedom
 (Ghandu kalbu hanina uisk)
 L'huma il coll daluakt jizzeugiu;
 Jalla il mara iggib ir-risk !
 Ship-a-hoy etc. etc.

(ENTER LADIES)

Ladies Ahna huma leuuel fost tnax il tuzzana
 Li inzuru gejna pajis il Maltin,
 Min jaf chif sejra tcun il-lakgha taghna
 Fuk d'il fregata mimlija bahrin !
 Ahna ingibulcom gmiel, hleuua u namur
 U gid bizzejid biex tistaghneu fis;
 Fis-sengha taghcom titilghou għad sgur,
 Ghax ahna ilcoll kraba tal cbir Captan
 [Reece.]

No. 7

GEE, I WISH I HAD A BOY

(MISS AMELIA & CHORUS)

Miss A. Chif xbait m'il hajja, xbin, li keghda nghad-
 Hecc uahdi min filghodu sa bil-lejl, [di,
 Ghad li bdeit nikdiem,
 Xtakt nghaddi ftit zmien
 U namrat insib jeu inchella tnejn.
 Nixtiekk nakla xi beusa, xi tghannieka,

Xi karsa, jeu xi ghafsa, xi piacir !
 Ma ghalxejn jen it-tantait,
 U infittek ghoddni xbajt,
 Nibza uisk li se'r immut bid-dispiacir.
 Xbin chem nixtieck chelli xi boy
 [Bhal ma għandom it-tfajliet
 Uihed li mhabba fija għal bzon lest jati
 [Xebgħa ponnijet
 Xejn ma, niddejjak chiecu hej
 Jecc floe namrat icolli tnejj,
 Ghax chif jen, jen xbajt għal collox, xbin,
 Nixtieck li chell « boy » !

Chorus Xbin chem nixtieck chelli etc. etc.

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Miss A. Giè li giuvni sibt ha grazzia mighi
 U harsa helua hares lejja, xbin,
 Għal darba darbtejn
 Ma collox għal xejn
 Ghax m'ohra bidilni li għanda inkas snin.
 Jen issa kalbi bdeit nakta għal collox
 Għal xein ma iservi 'l bichi u it-talb;
 Hada mighj id-destin,
 Hadd ma ihenn għalija xbin,
 Nibza uisk li se'r immut bil ksim il kalb.
 Xbin chemm nixtieck chelli etc. etc.

Chorus Xbin, chemm nixtieck chelli etc. etc.

No. 8

MISS CUTE'S ENTRANCE
 (ORCHESTRA ONLY)

No. 9

PINKY PANKY POO
 (MISS CUTE & CHORUS)

Miss C. Ghad illi kalbi tajt l'inglisa
 inhobb uahda giappuniza
 o....oh o....oh o....oh

Ghamlitni sentimental
b'dauc il modi orientali
o....oh o....oh o....oh

Tifhem biss hi l'ilsien tahha
ma nistax niftiehem mahha
o....oh o....oh o....oh

Jena inhobba imma nghali
li ma tifhimx hliet sinjali
o....oh o....oh o....oh

Pinki — Panki — Poll
Ahna 'nhobbuc ilcoll
Mita idha nghidilha ittini
Hi ankas ma trid tirrispondini.

Pinki — Panki — Poll
Ahna 'nhobbuc ilcoll;
Ghad li ismec m'hux min tagħna
Ahna xejn ma jippurtana
Pinki — Panki — Poll
Pinki — Panki etc. etc.

Chorus

II

Missiera jismu Hop Luè
U izomm hanut tat-tè.

O....oh....o....oh....o....oh
Mita ghal bintu jen stakseitu
Indunait li offendejtu

O....oh....o....oh....o....oh
Mil bezbuza ittendejt
Li ahiar immur mnein geit
O....oh....o....oh....o....oh
Imma mohhi f'Pinki chien
U'l missiera tlabta jen

O....oh....o....oh....o....oh

Chorus

Pinki... Panki... Poll etc.
Pinki — Panki etc. etc.

No. 10

CHAMPAGNE AND TERRAPIN

(GENERAL CHORUS)

Xiampanja u 'mbit tajjeb ! oh xi piacir,
 Urrah ! Urrah ! Urrah !
 Laham tac cianga, m'hux laham tal hmir
 Urrah ! Urrah ! Urrah !
 Ghax s'issa ahna ghexna bil hobs u bil frott,
 U tè, u galletti u cunserva tal bott ;
 Il captan se'r jtma illum lilna u 'l lott
 Urrah ! Urrah ! Urrah !

No. 11

DUET — WHAT OF THAT?

(CAPTAIN REECE AND MRS. LEE)

Reece	Ghad l'illum jen captan X'figha din !
	Jen cont bin sagristan X'figha din !
	Ghad li cont hassiela mighi Biex takla tmintax-ir-rbighi
	Illum tcun l'gharusa tighi X'figha din !
Mrs. Lee	Ghad l'illum jen hassiela X'figha din !
Reece	X'figha din !
Mrs. Lee	Ghamel cont m'inhix halliela X'figha din !
Reece	X'figha din !
Mrs. Lee	Billi cont nahsel il huejjeg Billi dal uakt sejra 'ntejjeg Billi lilech ser nizzeuueg X'figha din !
Reece	Jech jen nokorsoc karsa x'figha din !
Mrs. Lee	X'figha din !

- Reece* Jo'nhares leich xi harsa x'figha din !
Mrs. Lee X'figha din !
Reece Ghàndi kalbi leich migbuda
 Ghandi rasi bich mehuda
 Ma nistaux nibkghu mifruda
 X'figha din ! X'figha din !
Mrs. Lee Ghaineich dahlu gio fija
Reece X'figha din !
Mrs. Lee Ghax bl'imhabba hama mimlija
Reece X'figha din !
Both { Sa chem ahna nakbdu in-niedu
 Min xulxin hemm bzonn nitbghedu
 U ghalech nakbdu nitnghedu
 X'figha din ! X'figha din !

No. 12 FINALE

THE GIRL THAT HE LOVES THE BEST
 (SAILORS)

A sailor — Canta fuk Mary Ann
 Maggie jeu Susanne
 Incantau fuk Maisy
 Mary u Angelin
 Peggy u Clementine
 Mignonette u Daisy
 Ix-xebjbiet heluin
 Ihobbu 'l bahrin,
 Cull bahri ihobbom ;
 Imma ilcoll ighiduleck
 L'ghandom uahda ahiar mill coll.

Sailors — Iva
A sailor — Għandu uahda l'ahjar mill culhatt
Sailors — Iva
A sailor — Uahda li jinsa ma jista katt
 Lila hu ihobb biss
 Fuka hu jahseb fiss
 Bigha johlom spiss

Għax hu ihobb l'istandard tighu,
 U ma kalbu dan marbut;
 U ihobb il bahrin shabu,
 U għal pajjsu pront imut;

Ma hemm imhabba l'ihoss izied hu;
 Bil bost'acbar u ahiar,
 Ta dic li xelghatlu kalbu,
 Ta min f'kalbu tefghalu in-nar.

Sailors Ghax hu ihobb etc.

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A sailor Meta il guerra imur
 Hatt ma jaf sigur
 Kalbu il min jatigha ;
 Meta icun il Giapan
 L'Africa o Jucutan
 Min jaf jahsibx figħa !

Ma għad li barra idur
 Granet, snin jeu xhur,
 Għandu uahda thobhu;
 U hu sgur meta iddar imur
 Li hemm uahda ahiar mil-coll.

Sailors Iva
A sailor Għandu uahda l'ahiar hi min culħatt
Sailors Iva
A sailor Uahda li jinsa ma jista katt
 etc. etc. etc.

End of Act I.

ACT II.

No. 1

FISHING

MRS. GOSSIP & DAUGHTERS, MISS AMELIA

MRS. LEE AND LADIES

- Mrs Gossip* Intom sgur rajtu xi sajjed
 B'sunnara, kasba u xlief,
 Fil mol jistad, billejl, binhar,
 Bilkgheda fuk il kfief.
 Ix-xorti jishet cull mument,
 Ma nesgha fli stess hin
 L'ix-xorti x'taksam ma għandha xej
 Ghax l'ghalf tighou hazin.
- Trejjex.... trejjex
 Hi sengħa ta cbir.... namur,
 Tant jecc għal hut int trejjex
 Jo 'nċhella għal giuvintur.
- Aghlef.... aghlef....
 U kalbee la takta katt,
 Mux ghaks izda risk
 Inti issib ftit jeu uisk
 Ghax l'ghalf ma jbattieh hatt!
- Daughters* Trejjex.... trejjex etc. etc.

II

Miss Amelia Jehtieg inuissi l'ix-xbejbiet,
 U hecc nagħmel ftit tal gid,
 Illi cull huta sabiex tmiss
 Ghalf ighod għaliha trid.

Fuk tigħec kum mal hut cajman,
 Mat-tost mudesta cun,
 Il lix ġa għazel scont il hut
 U icoll oċċi kbid culjum.
 Trejjex.... trejjex etc. etc.

6 Ladies Trejjex.... trejjex etc. etc.

III

Min Puturial sa hdejn il Palazz,
 Culljum seu uara it-tir,
 Sajjeda is-sib, telghejn nizlin,
 Irejxiu ghal hut il cbir.

Ma jecc tas-sajd int dilettant,
 Billejl imissec tmur
 U tokghod tghasses ghal xi ftit
 Gio'rcheijen ta xi sur.
 Trejjex.... trejjex etc. etc.
 Trejjex.... trejjex etc. etc.

6 Ladies

Encore verse

Mrs Lee

Fuk il Barracchi u Ghar id-dud
 Sajjeda ma jonksux,
 Fil quiet jistadu l'hemm u l'haun,
 Ma intom la tharsux
 Imma ghal xiolchom ghaddu dritt
 U il hut ma jitgherrix ;
 Ghax jisthi il hut, chif tafu ilcoll,
 Kuddiem innies ma imisx.

6 Ladies

Trejjex.... trejjex etc. etc.

No. 2

SAILORS' ENTRANCE
 (SAILORS)

Ic-ciajt u ix-xalar, inhobbu ahna ilcoll,
 Hajxitna mill'ahjar ghax ma ghanna l'eb-
 [da imboll
 It-tfajlietihobbuna-daksna ma ghandu,hatt,
 Ix-xebjiet li bisuna ma nistghu ninseu
 [katt.

Lesti immorru fejn ighajtilna il gmiel,
 Ghaliex l'imhabba ma izomm l'ebda xchiel;
 Ix-xabla dejjem lesta,
 M'ahniex bahrin tal festa,
 Ma dejjem hau
 Biex niggueriau

Ghal hajja o meut.
 Ciak.... ciak.... l'hemm u l'hau
 Is-seif ghal guerra sar,
 Ghad li buietna ma jerfghoux
 Kalb bhal taghna ma taraux ;
 Ciak..... ciak..... l'hemm u l'hau
 Guerrieri mill'ahiar
 Lesti għal guerra u għat-tfajliet
 Għal l'imħabba u għal gliet.

NO. 3 RECITATIVE.

THE CURSE

(WILLIAM LEE)

Jecc katt xi mara issib li tridee
 Cull ma se'r nghidlec nixtiek jigrilec;
 Flusec tahlilec fil *prim estratt*
 Sold fuk hix tahlef ma icolloc katt;
 Huejjeg tilbislee mill'actar ghalia
 Mn'ghand Saverina Bartoli Galia;
 Mohha fil visiti, fil ballijet,
 Cull posta iggiblec gozz contijet;
 Hi principessa, u inti buffun
 Hi tideverti, int mimli djun!
 U sabiex paci sgur katt ma issib
 L'ommha giò dareç il mara iggib !!
 Teumin icollha cull tħax il xagħar,
 Cull tant xi tlieta haj'uensu id-dar;
 Ghajjat, tuerziek ma jonksux sgur
 Mal glec imdendla cull fejn id-dur !
 Ahdem u stinca, binhar, billejl,
 Jec xortic thabbtec collu għal xej;
 L'il Cunsill titla m'hix hagia cbira,
 Ma akta jesec mit-tlet-mitt lira;
 Għalxejn ma iservi it-talb u'l hlif....
 Ma bakax post fl'Eseċčiv !
 Jecc teun f'tiatru tiehu piacir,
 Narrah jiffaccia xi cappell ċbir;

Xi «Merry Widow», xi «Chantecler»
Arah kuddiemec, għadu ankas deher !
Xi Areoplan minn ta daz-zmien
B'cabocci u hass mimli bhal guien
Piumi, għasafar, splinguni u veli,
Boceli li jibzghou min Francis Meli !
In-nies ie-ciapciap u tiehu gost
Int il-flus tidgħi l'intakt fil post !

Jecc katt fl-sajf grismejc jinxfullec,
Thossoċċ se'r taka ma l'art min tulec,
Ifga giu demmec, criepla bil ghacc,
Biex jinchic l'ilma mar gio'd-dranagg,
Jeu deni takbad min ta daz-zmien
Għax ilma mgholli massib imchien !

Randan jeu lè, jahtieg issum
U cafe isued tiehu culjum;
Bid-debbulizzi xi marda iggib,
Teun pront int tleglek tazza halib,
U hecc, xbin tiddobba, chif teun mghafus
Il Microcoċċu ta Doctor Bruce !
Fis tisfa uahdec, magħkus bil mard
Donnoe eadavru jimxi fuiee l'art,
Sa chemm sa fl'ahhar thallic is saħha,
E'l Malta Fever iggorroc mahha !!!

No. 4

SONG AND DANCE
I'AM SO TIRED OF VIOLETTES

No. 5

GLIMPSE, GLIMPSE, GLIMPSE.
(MISS AMELIA & LADIES)

Inhobb nitchixxef x'jaghmlu in-nies
Bhan-nisa ta daz-zmien;
Li storja tighi tuila uisk

Ma nnassalx sgur sat-tmiem.
Għax biex la moda nagħmel sgur
Min rasi nakla jen:
 Jen darba uahda rajt
 Għuvni u xebba flimchien.
Chorus X'chien dac li rajt—u chien hu xejn
[interessanti ?]
Amelia X'chien dac li rajt fittex ghajdilna.
 Jen harsa tajtom, biss... biss... biss...
 Harsa uahda c'chejċna ferni,
 Jen harsa tajtom biss:
 Drigħu ma kadda rajtu idur,
 Xioftu fuk xiofta rajta timur,
 Ma jen harsa tajtom biss, biss, biss!
 Hi harsa tatom biss, biss, biss, etc. etc.
Chorus Id-diar tal-lum tajbin tasseu,
Amelia Ghax min għand min jokghod hdeje
 Inti tisma collox, u igġib
 Ghajnejc uara uidnejch!
 Fost il girien hemm uieħed trux
 Chemm bniedem jista icun;
 U sgur ma jisimghoux
 Jeccjispara canun.
Chorus X'chien dac li smajt, u chien hu xejn
interrasti ?
Amelia X'chien dac li smajt fittex ghaidilna.
 Smajt hagia uahda biss... biss... biss...
 Hagia uahda c'chejċna ferm,
 Smajt hagia uahda biss:
 Biex ifegħmu ighajtu flimchien,
 Isemmgħu collox il-girien,
 Smajt hagia uahda biss, biss, biss!
Chorus Hi hagia semghet biss... biss... biss...
 Hagia uahda c'chejċna ferm,
 Hi hagia semghet biss,
 Biex ifegħmu ighajtu flimchien,
 Isemmgħu collox lill girien,
 Hi hagia semghet biss, biss, biss!

No. 6.
WEDDING MARCH

No. 6.

COULD YOU BE TRUE TO EYES OF BLUE
(MRS. LEE & GENERAL CHORUS)

Mrs. Lee Chien-jum mill'actar sbieh
 Tax-xagħar li ahna fieh,
 Chienu sejrin flimchien.
 Icantau henjin,
 Bhal zeug għarajjes imghankin
 Lilec biss inhobb, kal hū,
 B'dauc il ghajnejn ēċċ sbieh u blū;
 Imma ix-xebba fis tngħedet
 U ēċċ lilu uiegħbet :
 Possibbli... possibbli... jista icun ?
 Jista icun li thobb, il ghajnejn blū
 Mita is-sued iharsu lejc ?
 Kalbec jen rajt, li thobbni smajt,
 Imma nibza u nargia nistaksic:
 Jista icun l'int thobb il ghajnejn blū
 Mita is-sued iharsu lejc ?

Chorus Jista icun etc. etc.

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Imma hu chien għadu zghir
 U ghalec tħixxel malair,
 Ghax ma leuuel namrata
 Xi ftit cullhadd bata,
 Cull giuvni jaf li għandi ragiun.
 Kalilha hū: jen immutajt,
 Chelma biss ma nistax nghaid;
 Imma hi reg'ghet tngħedet
 U hecc regħġeb uiegħbet:
 Possibbli... possibbli... jista icun ?
 Jista icun etc. etc.

Chorus Jista icun etc. etc.

No. 8. FINALE
BROADWAY
(MISS CUTE AND CHORUS)

Cute Jen tlakt mill'America sen'ilu
 U hafna pajisi già zort;
 Taparsi hadt gost nara collo
 Stghgibt b'cull ma rajt cull fejn mort.
 Il viagg chien sabieh, u l'Europa
 Grejt jena ghal darba darbejn.
 Ma id-dar hia dic li thobb kalbec,
 U tighaj tinsab f'nofs Broadway.
 Fuk Broadway tara cull gens ta nies,
 Fuk Broadway tiddeverti sgur bla kies
 Il fkar jinseu id-dejjak
 U l'ghonja jixxalau,
 U hajja bla temm, inti issib dejjem
 [hemm]

Chorus Fuk Broad... Broadway
 Fuk Broadway etc. etc.

2

Proposti taz-zuieg chelli hafna
 Min għand nobbli bil bosta għanjin.
 U gidom u isimhom offreuli
 Għalija ilcoll deħru mejtin;
 Ma l'ueħed u l'ieħor ghedt lè, jen,
 Ghad li talbu binhar u billejl,
 Ghax kalbi massib katt sgur paci
 Jecc hitokħod il bogħod minn Broadway
 [way]

Chorus Fuk Broadway etc. etc.
 Fuk Broadway etc. etc.

End of Act II.

ACT III

No. 1

WHAT'S THE MATTER
WITH THE MOON TO-NIGHT?
(NATALIE)

F'dana il quiet, nisma keghda xi crib fil boghod
 Donna vuci ta lament,
 Tizdied dejiem u gejja bil mod il mod,
 Lejja rieska continuament.

Il hlejjak tad-dinja ked jokorbu ucoll,
 Duejjak ghandom f'actar cbar,
 Lill xulxin jistaksu keghdin ilcoll :
 X'tah il kamar, x'fatta sar ?

X'tah il kamar, x'fatta sar ?
 M'hux bhas-soltu, dbiddel uisk !
 Tilef id-daul, m'hux izied ciar,
 M'hux bhas-soltu, dbiddel uisk !

Ftit ked jidher, ftit uisk dal-lejl,
 Cull shaba tghattieh mill ghajnejn ;
 X'tah il kamar, x'fatta sar ?
 M'hux bhas-soltu tbiddel uisk !

No. 2

MOTHERLAND
(SAILORS)

A sailor Ahjar bil bosta minn mitt elf gid
 Hia il kalb bil ferh mimlija,
 L'hena u't tama u'l paci izzid
 L'imhabba f'kalb cullhadd.

M'ahjar minn collox iz-zmien is-sib
 Li tghaddi fl'allegrija ;
 Mel'ejjeu ilcoll haun
 Flimchien incantau
 Ghal dauc li ma ninseu katt.

Inhobbu art tuelidna,
Inhobbu l'istandard,
Inhobbu is-sema ichal
L'isbah li jicsi l'art.
Inhobbu il kalb li safia
Ghalina thabbat spiss,
Inhobbu l'jum li tghana teun,
Inhobbu lila biss.

Sailors Inhobbu art tuelidna etc. etc.

No. 3

FOUR AND TWENTY LITTLE MEN

(MISS CUTE AND SAILORS)

Rasi già ked iddur,
 Billejl ma norkode sgur,
 U'nticom ir-risposta ghada filghodu.

- Sailors* Oh, oh, oh, oh....
 Iva, ehlisna
 U id-dumx actar min filghodu.
 Erbgha u ghoxrIn bahri hej etc. etc.
- Cute* Halli issa nghazel il giuvnott !
- Sailors* Hau jen mejjet ghalic !
- Cute* Ghalija inti tghodd, u kalbi lesta intic;
 U inti ucoll il kalbi srakt,
 U lilec habbejt jen,
 U għandi rasi ta fuk taht,
- Sailors* Hau jen—ghax jen ucoll etc. etc.

No. 4

THE MESSAGE OF THE VIOLET

(MISS REECE AND BELLAYE)

- Bellaye* Xuftejn il uarda homor nar
 Bl'imhabba mixghoulin,
 Il għejra igibu lill culhadd,
 Għozzieb u mizzeugin.
- Ma jecc int tmissom okghod attent
 Ghax bix-xeuc mimljin,
 Hu il viola, dac hu 'l messaggier
 Li ighid lill mahbubin :
- Tuelid jen fir-rebbigha
 Kalb fiuri uisk heluin,
 Ingib beusa fuk cull uerka,
 Xuftejja għadom nedjin ;
- Dac li il messagg jibghatlec
 L'ihobboc ried juric,
 U ighidlek : iva inhobboc
 U kalbi intic !

Miss Reece

Xuftejn il gilju bojod silc
 Nar fihom mas-sibux,
 Lill moh ichelmu, m'hux lill kalb,
 Imhabba ma jhossux.
 Il uard u'l gilju contra xulxin
 U igibu spiss dulur ;
 Il viola tini il viela irrid,
 Tal kalb dac l'isbah fiur !
 Tuelid jen etc. etc. etc.

Both

Tuelid jen fir-rebbigha etc. etc.

No. 5

WHAT'S IT MATTER

(MRS GOSSIP AND CHORUS)

Mrs G. Cullgiuvnott habb f'ghomru xebba o tnejn
 Minghajr katt ma haseb filli gej,
 Li hu ihobbom dubiu katt ma gieh
 Sa chemm fl'ahhar tbiddel minnufieh ;
 Meta xebba sab li tghod ghalieh
 L'ohraju collha nesgha minnufieh ;
 Figha jahseb—bigha jeuden biss,
 Lila ihobb, u fuka mohhu fiss !
 X'ippurtac ghajnejha humiex suued,
 blu, jeu cbar jeu zghar ?
 X'ippurtac jec tohlomx bic billejl
 jeu tahsibx fic binhar ?
 X'ippurtac jec donniex xi blanzun,
 sabieha daks il uard ?
 Int sgur issiba chergha, daks chemm
 xebba tista tcun,
 Jec hi m'hix—dic li thobb int !

Chorus X'ippurtac ghajnejha etc. etc. etc.

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Mrs. G. It-tfal collha xejn ma ghamlu ahjar,
 Bniet, subien, seu cbar chemm ucoll zghar

Li hu ihobba ighajdila sicuit,
Lilu tuigeb, illi lilu trid.

Sa chemm flahhar kalbu thabbru bdiel
Li flimhabba sab hu cull ma ried;
U fid-dinja xejn m'hemm hliesa biss,
Lila ihobb, u fuka mohhu fiss!

X'ippurtac etc. etc. etc.

Chorus X'ippurtac etc. etc.

No. 6.

SAILORS' HORNPIPE

(DANCE)

No. 7. FINALE

THE GIRL THAT HE LOVES THE BEST

(CHORUS)

Għax hu ihobb l'istandard tighou,
U ma kalbu dan marbut,
U ihobb il bahrin shabu,
U għal pajjsu pront imut.

Ma hemm imhabba l'ihoss izied hu,
Bil bost'acbar u ahjar,
Ta die li xelghatlu kalbu,
Ta min f'kalbu tefghalu in-nar!

CURTAIN