

## AUDITION SIDE 1—SAILORS CHORUS

*Background: SAILORS E, F, and G are younger sailors who were sent into town to buy gun powder, but they came back with ladies' face powder. SAILORS A, B, C, and D are inspecting their purchase. When auditioning, you may speak for (all: E, F, and G) or for (all: A, B, C, and D) or choose a smaller subset of these.*

SAILOR A. Gentlemen! What... is... this?

SAILOR E. Powder, sir.

SAILOR B. Does this look like black powder to you?

SAILOR E. I can't say that it does. It looks nicer

SAILOR C. Much nicer.

SAILOR F. It was cheaper, too!

SAILOR C. It smells like roses.

SAILOR A. Boys! Where did you buy this??

SAILOR G. A little shop... [*wistfully*] They served tea.

SAILOR D. [*disdainfully*] Did they also sell perfume and rouge?

SAILOR A. This... is... ladies' cosmetic powder—not gun powder!

SAILOR E, SAILOR F, SAILOR G. oh.

SAILOR D. We don't have time for this!

## AUDITION SIDE 2—SAILORS, RELATIVES

*SAILORS 1 & 2 have been standing in the shadows. ALL others enter quietly.*

*ALL = all who are on stage. Except for SAILOR 5, auditioners should speak every line marked "ALL." REBECCA, LOUISA and GWEN are RELATIVES.*

SAILOR 1. They're gone!

SAILOR 2. That was close! I thought surely they'd see us in the shadows.

GWEN. Is Ralph ready?

SAILOR 3. Think so. Shakin' like a Jelly, but ready.

SAILOR 2. How 'bout Josephine? Is she ready?

REBECCA. Soon. She's packing a few things.

SAILOR 4. Packing? Whatever for? They're only going onshore for... How long does a wedding take? 5 minutes?

LOUISA. It is the only wedding she will ever have. Allow her some indulgence. She needs something old, something new...

SAILOR 4. [*interrupting*] Oh. All right, then.

SAILOR 5. [*Bracing himself, as if trying to keep warm*] Strange night to be sneakin' off. Reminds me of that night when we saw 'The Creature.'

SAILOR 3. Yeah, that's some tale you tell. [*Aside to others*] Watch out, he's known for swingin' the lamp a bit [*indicating exaggeration*].

SAILOR 4. And each time the tale gets taller.

SAILOR 1. I've never heard about 'The Creature.'

SAILOR 2. Me neither.

REBECCA. What is it?

GWEN. It sounds fascinating! Is it of land? or of sea?

LOUISA. It sounds dreadful to me.

SAILOR 5. [*Deep in thought*] Yup. It was a night just like tonight. Clear. Waters as smooth as glass. Full moon. There we was... doin' our maneuvers out in the deeps. No cause for worry... The seas were calm. And then... [*shouts*] Wham!

ALL. Shhh!

SAILOR 5. [*whispering*] Wham! The ship went a'rockin. Almost capsized! Now, how could thatta' happened on such a calm sea? And then... just as plain as nothin' we look out on the starboard side and what dya think we saw?

ALL. What?

SAILOR 5. A giant creature. No! Giant don' even begin to describe her! She was bigger than the whole ship! and them teeth! long as my arm!

SAILOR 3. [*to SAILOR 4*] Last time, they were as long as his hand!

SAILOR 5. Now, what woulda' made that creature try to sink our whole ship?

ALL. What?

SAILOR 5. Mermaids!

ALL. Mermaids?

SAILOR 5. The mermaids were ridin' that creature! And when they took one look at us, they let wail with an unearthly.. a-eeeeee.

ALL: [*cutting him off before he can make much sound*] Shhhhhh!

REBECCA. You'll wake the whole ship!

LOUISA. If you haven't already!

**AUDITION SIDE 3—ADVANCED CHORUS—SAILORS AND RELATIVES WITH  
JOSEPHINE, AND RALPH**

*This is an optional audition side for advanced actors/actresses in Chorus roles.*

*When auditioning for Chorus, only speak “ALL” Ralph is pronounced “Rafe”*

**Be prepared to act the same lines as:**

- Romantic
- Mystified (*puzzled, perplexed*)
- as if sharing a secret
- Angry (*but only for the last two “ALL” lines*)

RALPH. My friends, my leave of life I’m taking. For oh, my heart is breaking.  
When I am gone, tell the maid that, as I died, I loved her well!

ALL. Of life, alas! his leave he’s taking, For ah! his faithful heart is breaking;  
When he is gone we’ll surely tell the maid that, as he died, he loved her well.  
*[turning away, weeping].*

*[BOATSWAIN has loaded a pistol, which he hands to RALPH.]*

RALPH. Be warned, my messmates all who love in rank above you—For  
Josephine I fall!

*[Puts pistol to his head. ALL stop their ears] [Enter JOSEPHINE on deck]*

JOS. Ah! stay your hand—I love you!

ALL. Ah! stay your hand—she loves you!

RALPH. *[incredulously]* Loves me?

JOS. Loves you!

ALL. Yes, yes—ah, yes,—she loves you!