

Mikado

If you want to know who we are

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on man-y a vase and jar, on man-y a screerand fan, we fi-gure in live-ly
paint. Our at-ti-tude's queer and quaint, you're wrong if you think it ain't. Oh!
If you think we are worked by strings, like a Ja-pa-nese mar-io - nette, you
don't un-der-stand these things: it is simp-ly Court et-i - quette. Per-haps you sup-pose this
throng can't keep it up all day long? If that's your i - dea, you're wrong. Oh! Oh! If
that's your i - dea you're wrong. If you want to know who we are, we are gen-tle-men of Ja-pan;
on vase & jar, on screen & fan, on ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny
ma-ny ma-ny a jar. Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! On vase and jar, on screen and

A wand'ring minstrel

fan. A wan-d'ring min-strel I, a thing of shreds and
patch-es, of bal-lads, songs, and snatch-es, and drea-my lull-a-by! My cat-a-logue is
long, thro' ev-'ry pas-sion rang-ing, and to your hu-mours chang-ing I tune-my sup-ple
song! I tune-my sup-ple song! Are you in sen-ti-men-tal mood? I'll
sigh with you,

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Oh, sor - ow! On mai-den's cold-ness do you brood? I'll do so, too,

Oh, sor - row, - sor - ow! I'll charm your will-ing ears with songs of lov-ers' fears,

while sym-pa-thet-ic tears my cheeks be - dew, Oh, sor - row, - sor - ow!

But if pa-tri-ot-ic sen-ti-ment is want-ed, I've pa-tri-ot-ic bal-lads cut and

dried; for wher - e'er our coun-try's ban-ner may be plant-ed, all oth-er lo-cal ban-ners are de-fied! Our

war - ri-ors, in ser-ried ranks as-sem - bled, nev-er quail or they con-ceal it if they do, and I

should-n't be sur-pris'd if na-tions trem-bled be-fore the might-y troops, the troops of Ti-ti - pu.

And if you call for a song of the sea, we'll heave the cap-stan round with a

yeo heave - ho, for the wind is free, her an - chor's a - trip and her helm's a - lee, hur -

rah for the home-ward bound! Yeo - ho heave - ho, hur - rah for the home-ward bound. To

lay a-loft in a howl-ing breeze may tick-le a lands-man's taste, but the hap-piest hour a sail - or sees is

when he's down at an in - land town with his Nancy on his knees, yeo-ho! And his arm a-round her waist!

A wan-d'ring min-strel I, a thing of shreds & patch-es, of bal-lads, songs, and

snatch-es and drea - my lull - a - by! and dream_y lull - a-lull - a - by, lull - a by.

Behold the Lord High Executioner

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Be-hold the Lord High Ex - e - cu-tion-er! A per-son-age of no - ble rank and
 ti - tle, a dig-ni-fied and-po-tent - of-fic-er, Whose func-tions are par-ti-cu-lar-ly vi - tal! De-
 fer, de-fer, to the Lord High Ex-e - cu-tion-er! De-fer, de fer, to the no-ble Lord, to the
 no - ble Lord, to the Lord High Ex - e - cu-tion-er! Ta-ken from the coun-ty jail
 by a set of cur-ious chan-ces; lib-er-a-ted then on bail, on my own re-cog-ni - zan-ces;
 waf-ted by a fav'-ring gale, as one some-times is in tran-ces, to a height that few can scale,
 save by long and wea-ry dan-ces; sure-ly, nev-er had a male, un-der such like cir - cum -
 stan-ces, so ad-ven - tur-ous a tale, which may rank with most ro - man - ces.
 Ta-ken from the coun-ty jail by a set of cur-ious chan-ces; sure-ly, nev-er had a male, so ad-
 ven-tur-ous a tale. De - fer, de-fer, to the Lord High Ex-e - cu-tion-er! De-fer, de
 fer, to the no - ble Lord, to the no - ble Lord, to the Lord High Ex - e - cu-tion-er!

I've got a little list

1. As some day it may hap - pen that a
 (2. There's the) nig - ger ser - e - nad - er and the
 (3. And that) Ni - si - Pri - us nui-sance, who just
 vic - tim must be found, I've got a lit - tle list I've got a lit - tle list Of so -
 oth - ers of his race, and the pia-no - or-gan-ist, - I've got him on the list! And the
 now is rath - er rife, the Ju - di-cial hu-mor-ist, I've got him on the list! All

ci - e - ty of - fend - ers who might well be un - der-ground, and who
 peo - ple who eat pep - per - mint and puff it in your face, _____ they
 fun - ny fel - lows, com - ic men and clowns of pri - vate life, _____ they'd

nev - er would be miss'd, who nev - er would be miss'd! There's the pes - ti - len - tial nui - san - ces who
 nev - er would be miss'd, they nev - er would be miss'd! Then the i - di - ot who prais - es, with en -
 none of 'em be miss'd, they'd none of 'em be miss'd! And a - pol - o - get - ic states - men of a

write for au - to - graphs, _____ all peo - ple who have flab - by hands and
 thu - si - as - tic tone, _____ all cen - tur - ies but this, and ev - 'ry
 com - pro - mis - ing kind, such as What - d'ye - call - him, Thing - 'em - bob, and

ir - ri - ta - ting laughs, _____ all chil - dren who are up in dates, and
 coun - try but his own; and the la - dy from the prov - in - ces, who
 like - wise Nev - er - mind, _____ and 'St - 'st - 'st and What's - his - name, and

floor you with 'em flat, _____ all per - sons who in shak - ing hands, shake
 dress - es like a guy, and "who does - n't think she waltz - es, but would
 also You - know - who, _____ the task of fill - ing up the blanks I'd

hands with you like that, _____ and all third per - sons who on spoil - ing
 rath - er like to try"; and that sin - gu - lar a - nom - a - ly, the
 rath - er leave to you. But it real - ly does - n't mat - ter whom you

tête - a - têtes in - sist, _____ they'd none of 'em be miss'd, they'd
 la - dy nov - el - ist, _____ I don't think she'd be miss'd, I'm
 put up - on the list, for they'd none of 'em be miss'd, they'd

none of 'em be miss'd! _____ He's got 'em on the list, _____ he's got 'em on the list, and they'll
 sure she'd not be miss'd! _____ He's got her on the list, _____ he's got her on the list, and I
 none of 'em be miss'd! You may put 'em on the list, you may put 'em on the list, and they'll

none of 'em be miss'd, they'll none of 'em be miss'd! 2. There's the
 don't think she'll be miss'd, I'm sure she'll not be miss'd! 3. And that
 none of 'em be miss'd, they'll none of 'em be miss'd!

Three little maids from school

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Three lit-tle maids from school are we, pert as a school-girl well can be, fill'd to the
brim with girl-ish glee, three lit-tle maids from school! Ev'-ry-thing is a source of fun. No-bod-y's
safe, for we care for none! Life is a joke that's just be - gun! Three lit-tle maids from
school! Three lit-tle maids who, all un-war-y, come from a la - dies' sem-i - nar-y,
freed from its gen-ius tu-te-lar-y Three lit-tle maids from school, three lit-tle maids from school!
One lit-tle maid is a bride, Yum-Yum, two lit-tle maids in at - ten-dance come, three lit-tle maids is the
to-tal sum three lit-tle maids from school! From three lit-tle maids take one a-way, two lit-tle maids re-
main and they won't have to remain ver - y long, they say. Three lit-tle maids from school,
three lit-tle maids from school! Three lit-tle maids who, all un-war-y, come from a la - dies' sem-i - nar-y,
freed from its gen-ius tu-te-lar-y Three lit-tle maids from school, three lit-tle maids from school!

Were you not to Ko-Ko plighted

Were you not to Ko-Ko plight-ed, I would say in ten-der tone, "Loved one,
let us be u - nit-ed, let us be each oth-er's own!" I would merge all rank and sta-tion, world-ly
sneers are naught to us, and, to mark my ad-mi - ra-tion, I would kiss you fond-ly thus. I/he would
kiss you/me fond - ly thus:: But as I'm en - gaged to Ko-Ko, to em-brace you thus, con fuo-co,

would dis-tinct-ly be no gio-co and for yam I should get to-co, to-co, to-co, to-co, to-co, to-co, to-co,
to-co, to-co, to-co! So, in spite of all temp - ta - tion, such a theme I'll not dis - cuss, and on
no con-sid-er - a - tion will I kiss you fond - ly thus, will I kiss you fond - ly thus. Let me
make it clear to you, this is what I'll ne-ver do! This, oh, this, oh, this, oh, this This__is what I'll
nev - er, __ nev - er do! This, oh, this, oh, this, oh, this This__is what I'll nev-er do! He'll
nev-er do! I'll nev-er do! He'll nev-er do! Oh, this, This is what I/he'll nev-er, nev-er do!

For he's going to marry Yum-Yum

For__ he's go-ing to mar-ry Yum - Yum! Yum-Yum! Your an-ger pray bur-y, for
all will be mer-ry, I think you had bet-ter suc - cumb! Cumb-cumb! And join our ex-pres-sions of
glee. On this sub-ject I pray you be dumb, dumb-dumb! You'll find there are man - y who'll
wed for a pen-ny, the word for your guid-ance is "Mum", mum-mum! There's lots of good fish in the
sea! On this sub-ject we pray you be dumb - dumb-dumb, we think you had bet-ter suc -
cumb - cumb-cumb! You'll find there__are man-y who'll wed for a pen-ny, who'll wed for a
pen-ny, there are lots of__good fish in the sea! There are lots of good fish in the sea! There's lots of good
fish, good fish in the sea! There's lots of good fish, good fish in the sea, in the sea, in the sea!