







The Pirates of Penzance

A band of Pirates  celebrates the 21st  birthday of apprentice,  Frederic. Nursemaid  Ruth reveals she mistakenly apprenticed Frederic to a pirate instead of a pilot .


When he was a  boy. Eager to set off on adventures, Frederic tells The band to leave piracy as they are too tender-hearted  to make a living at it:


Everyone knows the pirates let all orphans  go... Hence all ships

They encounter are manned by "orphans".

But the Pirate  King insists he would be happy with no other life!



Ruth and Frederick depart... they come across a group of maidens .





Learning he is a pirate, the girls shun him, but their sister,  Mabel,


Says they must show  compassion to a wandering soul.




Frederic and Mabel fall in love as the girls discuss the weather.



The pirates arrive-each seizes a girl for his  wife! The girls' father, the Major  General arrives-He implores the pirates not to take his daughters. Hearing he is an  orphan, they relent and instead make the General and his daughters honorary members of the pirate band. .

The General regrets lying  about being orphaned. Frederic, eager to atone for piracy, rallies

The Sergeant  and police  to capture the pirates.

Ruth and the Pirate King reveal that Frederic's Birthday is February  Paradoxically, He has had only five birthdays and is still indentured to the pirates for many years to come. As Frederic must remain a pirate now, it is his duty to tell the Pirate King about the General's lie.




Mable vows to wait for Frederic (though it seems so long).

The pirates seize the General but stand down when the police

Order them to yield in the name of the Queen!



Ruth reveals the pirates are just noblemen gone astray. Considering this,

The General is pleased to give his daughters to the pirates in marriage  and all are overjoyed!



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