



Audition Script – Dr Livesey

OVERVIEW

- **Role:** Physician / comic straight man
- **Personality:** Dry, literal, unintentionally funny
- **Function:** Medical gags, logical explanations, joins the voyage
- **Performance Notes:** Deadpan delivery enhances the humour

Audition Pieces:

1. SCENE 1 - p.3 from 'Enter Dr Livesey' to 'Enter Jim' p.5
2. SCENE 6 - p.41 from 'Enter Squire and Doctor at a run' to p.42 'It's true, Captain.....'

Song - My Bonnie Lies Over The Ocean - one verse and one chorus

SCENE 1 – The Benbow Inn

At the cosy but chaotic Admiral Benbow Inn, Henrietta Hawkins runs the pub with her son Jim. Jim dreams of adventure, and of Maggie Trelawney. Their evening is interrupted by the arrival of Billy Bones, a nervous old sea-dog with a mysterious past. When Blind Pew appears and delivers the dreaded Black Spot, Billy collapses dramatically and leaves behind a sea chest containing Captain Flint's treasure map. Realising the pirates will soon return, Jim, Henrietta, and the hapless duo Fore and Aft flee to seek help from Squire Trelawney

SCENE 6 – On Treasure Island

The ship arrives at the island. Jim is the first to set foot ashore and soon encounters the eccentric Ben Gunn, a marooned sailor with a fondness for cheese and a head full of secrets. The pirates begin to reveal their true colours, and the hunt for the treasure intensifies.

1st Piece **From scene 1 – The Benbow Inn**

Enter Dr Livesey [MSL]

DOCTOR: Good evening, Mrs Hawkins.

HENRIETTA: Dr Livesey, how good of you to call at such short notice.

DOCTOR: Well, it sounded quite urgent. Now, what seems to be the trouble?

HENRIETTA: It's a bit delicate, Doctor.

DOCTOR: **[produces tube of cream]** Take this cream and rub it on the affected area.

HENRIETTA: It's not that this time Doctor.

DOCTOR: Then what is it?

HENRIETTA: I'm thinking about getting remarried, but I don't want any more kids. What method of birth control would you recommend?

DOCTOR: In your case, leaving the light on.

HENRIETTA: I'll put yours out in a minute! **[coughs roughly]**

DOCTOR: Are you all right Mrs Hawkins?

HENRIETTA: It's my chest Doctor, it's terribly rough.

DOCTOR: I can see that.

HENRIETTA: Would you mind having a look at it for me?

DOCTOR: If I must; but I'll need a drink first.

HENRIETTA: What would you like, Doctor?

DOCTOR: I'll have a stiff one.

HENRIETTA: **[leads audience]** Not in here you won't!

DOCTOR: Hold the drink. I want to get this over with quickly. **[stethoscope to her chest]** Mmm...ooh...aah!

HENRIETTA: **[worried]** What is it, Doctor Livesey?

DOCTOR: Beg pardon?

HENRIETTA: **[shouts into end of stethoscope]** What is it!?

DOCTOR: Aaaah! You could've done me a nasty injury just then, Mrs Hawkins!

HENRIETTA: There's still time. Now, what did you hear?

DOCTOR: It's a sort of regular, bom-bom...bom-bom...bom-bom.

HENRIETTA: That's my heart, you fool!

DOCTOR: I've always wondered what that sound was. Close your eyes. **[she does and he holds a spotted handkerchief in front of her face]** What do you see?

HENRIETTA: Nothing.

DOCTOR: Open them again. **[she does]** Now, what do you see?

HENRIETTA: Spots.

DOCTOR: **[shouts]** Do you suffer from headaches!?

HENRIETTA: **[holding her head]** Well, I do now!

DOCTOR: **[spins her round]** How do you feel Mrs Hawkins?

HENRIETTA: **[wavers]** Dizzy.

DOCTOR: Spots before the eyes, headaches, and dizziness? It's just as I suspected.

HENRIETTA: What is it Doctor?

DOCTOR: You're run down.

HENRIETTA: I knew I'd been working too hard. What do you suggest, Doctor?

DOCTOR: I suggest a long sea voyage. **[aside]** The longer the better.

HENRIETTA: I've always fancied a nice long sea cruise.

Enter Jim [MSL]

2nd Piece	From scene 6 – On Treasure Island
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Enter Squire and Doctor at a run [MSR]

SQUIRE: Captain Snicket!

CAPTAIN: For the last time, my name is, Smollet!

Enter Henrietta staggering on [MSR]

FORE: What happened to you, Mrs Hawkins?

HENRIETTA: I was grabbed by of the ghost of Captain Flint.

AFT: That must've been a horrible experience Mrs Hawkins.

DOCTOR: Not as horrible as the one I've just had.

HENRIETTA: **[looking around]** Where's my little Jimmy?

ARROW: The pirates kidnapped Maggie, and Jim went to try and rescue her.

HENRIETTA: Oh, no! They'll probably nab him too and do unspeakable things to him!

SQUIRE: You seem overly concerned about the boy, Bucket.

HENRIETTA: That's because I'm his mum!

CAPTAIN: We've only been on the island a few hours, and Bucket's already lost his mind.

DOCTOR: Bucket really is the boy's mother, Captain.

CAPTAIN: Not you as well, Doctor?

DOCTOR: It's true, Captain! He, I mean...she, tried kissing me earlier.