



## Audition Script – Billy Bones

### OVERVIEW

- **Role:** Doomed old pirate
- **Personality:** Paranoid, dramatic, superstitious
- **Function:** Brings the treasure map into the story; dies repeatedly for comedy
- **Performance Notes:** Over-the-top melodrama; slapstick death scenes

### Audition Pieces:

1. SCENE 1 - p.5 from 'Fifteen men on a dead man's chest...' to 'SFX2' Howling wind p.7
2. SCENE 1 - p.10 from 'Yo Ho Ho and a bottle of rum' to p.11 'Enter Dr. Livesey at a run'

**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

**1<sup>st</sup> Piece**      **From scene 1 – The Benbow Inn**

**BILLY:**            **[off Wings SL]** Fifteen men on a dead man's chest...

**HENRIETTA:**    Those carol singers get earlier every year.

**Enter Billy Bones [MSL]**

**BILLY:**            Good evening, ma'am, are you the landlady of this 'ere inn?

**HENRIETTA:**    Yes, I am. What can I do for you Mr...?

**BILLY:**            Bones ma'am, Captain Billy Bones, and I'm looking for a berth.

**HENRIETTA:**    In that case you want the maternity ward at Warwick hospital.

**JIM:**                I think he means a room, mum.

**BILLY:**            You're a bright lad and no mistake.

**HENRIETTA:**    Rooms are fourpence a night. Sixpence for sheets or a shilling for clean sheets.

**BILLY:**            I'll take it as is. **[rummages in his pants]** Here, let me give you something.

**HENRIETTA:**    No thanks. Been there, done that, got the ointment.

**BILLY:**            **[takes out a gold coin]** It's a piece of eight.

**HENRIETTA:**    Don't you have a whole one then?

**JIM:**                That's enough to pay for a whole month's stay, mum!

**HENRIETTA:**    Welcome aboard Admiral! I've always loved a naval man, haven't I Jim?

**JIM:**                Several, if the number of uncle's I've had is anything to go by.

**HENRIETTA:**    Would you like a bath, Mr Bones?

**BILLY:**            Aye! It's about that time of year.

**HENRIETTA:**    Give him a bath, Jim?

**JIM:**                Can't he bath himself, mum?

**HENRIETTA:**    A room with a bath, you twit! Fetch the tin bath from the yard later Jim.

**JIM:**                Okay, mum.

**HENRIETTA:** And make sure you empty the coal first. What room's available Jim?

**JIM** Only the one next to the outside lav, mum.

**BILLY:** That's handy, at least I won't 'ave far to go in the night.

**HENRIETTA:** Are you sure you won't mind the pong?

**BILLY:** No, I finds the smell of ammonia clears me old tubes out a treat.

**HENRIETTA:** I'll just go and get your room ready, Captain. **[exits MSR]**

**BILLY:** Now that we're on our own Jim lad, I'd like 'ee to do me a little favour.

**JIM:** **[moving away]** Mum warned me about sailors like you.

**BILLY:** Don't worry Jim lad, I steers a straight course I do. **[produces a coin]** Do as I ask, and this shiny gold doubloon is yours to keep.

**JIM:** And what do I have to do to earn that?

**BILLY:** I want you to warn me if a one-legged man turns up, asking after me.

**JIM:** **[takes coin]** You can rely on me Captain.

**Enter Henrietta [MSR] wearing a large peg on her nose.**

**HENRIETTA:** Your woom...**[removes peg]**...I mean, your room, is ready Captain Bones.

**BILLY:** Thank 'ee kindly ma'am.

**JIM:** Would you like a nightcap before you retire, Captain?

**BILLY:** Aye, Jim lad. I'll have a stiff one.

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

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Piece</b>	<b>From scene 1 – The Benbow Inn</b>
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**BILLY:** Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum!

**PEW:** **[grabs Billy]** Gotcha, Billy! No pirate can resist joining in that song, and I'd recognise your tuneless caterwauling anywhere.

**BILLY:** **[terrified]** Get him off me Mrs Hawkins, he'll give me the black spot!

**HENRIETTA:** Calm down! I've been given far worse than that by sailors, and it hasn't done me any harm.

**PEW:** Take this you, scurvy swab! **[thrusts a note in Billy's hand]** Me and the rest of the crew will be back later to get what's ours. **[exits MSL laughing]**

**BILLY:** **[wails]** The black spot! I knew it! He's given me the black spot!

**JIM:** The black spot!

**FORE:** The black spot!

**AFT:** Not the black spot!

**HENRIETTA:** What exactly is the black spot?

**BILLY:** It's the pirate's death warrant! I must away afore they come for me!

**JIM:** Who'll come for you, Captain Bones?

**BILLY:** Cap'n Flint's old crew! They'll stop at nothing to get their hands on me chest!

**HENRIETTA:** **[hoists bosom]** I know just how you feel.

**BILLY:** I'll be dead afore mornin'! **[clutches his chest]** Aaaaah! **[falls down dead]**

**AFT:** He wasn't kidding, was he?

**JIM:** Is there a Doctor in the house?

**Enter Doctor Livesey at a run [MSL]**