

Robin But, I have received word that the Sheriff is training his guards tougher than ever in an attempt to stop us, so we will have to train harder too. *(All the men grumble)*. Now, Friar Tuck, I thought you were going to get into shape.

Friar Tuck I am in shape; the shape I picked is round.

Robin You know what I mean.

Friar Tuck I keep trying to lose weight, Robin... but it keeps finding me.

Robin You really should try something... start small, can you touch your toes?

Friar Tuck No, I believe if the Lord had wanted me to touch my toes he'd have put them further up my body.

Robin Tuck, I'm being serious.

Friar Tuck Oh, I'm sorry, Robin, there is a skinny person inside me struggling to get out... trouble is, I can usually sedate him with a chocolate bar. Mmmmmmmmm!

Robin Well, from now on, Friar, you'll be on a diet. Now, we have two new members wanting to join us today so let's make them welcome. This is Alan and Bill.

Merry Men Pleased to meet you / hello / watcha etc...

Robin Now then, chaps, why don't you introduce yourselves? You first, Alan.

Alan We'll my name's Alan a Dale and I used to be a wandering minstrel...

Friar Tuck Mmmmm, Minstrels!

Alan But you see with the Sheriff taking everyone's money, no-one's got anything left to give to me, so I decided to put a stop to him, and there's no better way than by joining Robin Hood and the Merry Men!

The men cheer.

Robin Thank you Alan, you are well met!

Alan: I'd like to sing a song to celebrate. *(He starts singing very badly)*.
 My name is Alan a Dale
 When I sing I never wail
 To do some good
 I've joined Robin Hood...

Robin That's wonderful Alan, maybe you could finish another time.

Alan *(Singing)*. How about now?

Robin Another time. Bill, would you care to introduce yourself?

Bill *(Starting in a high pitched female voice before realising and dropping her tone)*. Well, my name is Belinda, err, sorry I mean Bill, and, erm, well, erm, well, I used to be a butcher but the Sheriff burnt down all the farms and people can only afford to eat slop...

Friar Tuck Mmmmmmm, Slop!

Bill So I decided to join the Merry Men and put an end to the Sheriff once and for all!!

The men cheer.

Robin Welcome to our band of men, Bill. Now, we haven't much room at the moment, so, Alan, you'll be sharing the Friar's hut, and Bill, you're in with Little John. *(Billinda lets out a cheer by mistake)*. I'm sure you'll fit in and you'll be one of the gang in no time at all. Bill, there's something I'd like you to do for me, if you would. I need to send a letter to Marian, would you mind awfully jotting this down?

Bill Certainly. Who's Marian?

Robin Marian's the most wonderful woman, and she's the woman I love. *(Bill reacts mushily, then realises, and acts manly)*. Are you ready?

Bill Yep, fire away!

MUSIC # 5 : ROBIN AND THE MERRY MEN