

Sarah Except you, that is!

Maid Marian Oh, don't remind me.

Sarah He does have rather a soft spot for you, doesn't he? I've a feeling he intends to marry you!

Maid Marian Please don't remind me, Sarah, I could think of nothing worse.

Sarah It'd be different if it were Robin though, eh?

Maid Marian Oh, Sarah, Robin and I were so in love before my father had to leave. I've never told anyone this, Sarah, but you are my best friend and I know I can trust you. Robin and I made a promise that we would be married; we were just waiting for the right time to ask my father before he had to leave and that wicked Sheriff was put in charge. If only my father would return, everything would be better.

Sarah Wow, marriage! But I never had you down as the Marian kind! Oh well, until then you've always got me!

MUSIC #2 : MARIAN & SARAH

Nora (*Offstage*). Marian, Marian!

Maid Marian Quick, let's hide!

Nora (*Entering*). Marian, where are you? Come back or I'll be in trouble! Ooooh hello, look at you all! Allow me to introduce myself, I am Nurse Nora, (*she curtsseys to the audience and lets out a small fart*), and I am Maid Marian's nursemaid. Oh, I'm exhausted, I tell you! I've just finished a twenty-four hour hairdressing marathon... I'm completely lacquered! Oh, but let me tell you, I've had a tough life... (*She encourages an audience reaction*). It's tougher than that! I've been married four times and every time it's ended up in disaster. First, there was the magician, well, he disappeared. Then there was the athlete, he ran off with another woman. Then I had my heart set on a tennis player, but love meant nothing to him. The last one was eight feet tall; he left me too... well, we never could see eye to eye. (*She picks on a man in the audience*). Play your cards right, precious, and you could be number five! Anyway, while I was out I got some lovely sweets! Does anyone want any? (*She throws sweets to everyone*). Now I'm supposed to be looking after Maid Marian, you haven't seen her have you? (*Audience reaction*). What? She went this way? Oh, thank you, boys and girls. I'm sure I'll catch up with her, bye!! (*She exits*).

Will Scarlett enters and greets the audience.

MUSIC 3 : WILL'S ENTRANCE

Will Scarlett Hello everyone! (*Audience reaction*). Oh come on, my Nan could do better than that! Hello everyone!! (*Audience reaction*). My name's Will... Will Scarlett, and I'm one of Robin Hood's Merry Men. Have you all heard of Robin Hood? (*Audience reaction*). You have? Good, that saves a lot of extra dialogue. Well then, you all know that he's a good honest man who takes from the rich and gives to the poor. His gang is called the Merry Men and we live in the forest together. Ooh, I've got an idea... do you all want to be in my gang? (*Audience reaction*). You do? Excellent, well here's what we'll do. Every time I come on, I'm gonna shout: "Watcha Gang", and I want you all to shout back: "Watcha Will". Do you think you can do that? OK, well let's give it a go. "Watcha Gang!" (*Audience reaction*). Have you done it? You're as quiet as a bunch of [*local football team*] supporters at a home game! Let's try again... "Watcha Gang" (*He encourage the audience reply*). That's much better. Now, I've been sent down to check that the coast is clear for Robin, we've got some gifts for the villagers from our latest raid on the Sheriff. (*He whistles the all clear to offstage for Robin, as he does the villagers enter*).

Villager 1 Hello Will, is Robin coming again?

Will Scarlett Yes, he'll be on his way now.

Villager 2 Oh, he's so brave!

Villager 3 And strong!

Villager 4 And handsome!!

Will Scarlett Yeah, alright, there are some others in the Merry Men, you know. There's me, Little John, Friar Tuck. *(The villagers all laugh)*. What? What's wrong with us?

Villager 1 Nothing Will, you're all lovely but you're no Robin Hood, let's face it.

Will Scarlett Yeah, I suppose you're right. *(He milks the audience for sympathy)*.

Villager 2 Will, has there been any word from King Richard?

Will Scarlett None!

Villager 3 I wish he would come back soon. He'd make everything better.

Will Scarlett But what about us? We're looking after you!

Villager 4 Yes, and without you we'd be done for, but only the King can change things for good.

Little John *(Offstage)*. Come and get it!

Villagers He's here / I can't wait to see him / Where is he? / He's my hero! etc etc

Robin enters flanked by Little John and Friar Tuck, who are carrying sacks filled with goodies.

Robin Hello everyone! Good to see you all again, we bring with us gifts for you all, things that the Sheriff had stolen and kept in his castle. Gentlemen, please give the people their possessions back!

Little John and Friar Tuck give the amusing selection of gifts back to the villagers who crowd around them.

Will Scarlett Robin, we'd better be quick; the Sheriff's men will be along soon.

Robin Don't fear, Will, the Sheriff has all his men training today so we should be fine.

By this time the villagers have taken their gifts from Friar Tuck and Little John. Friar Tuck has bent down to get the gifts out of the bag and cannot get back up.

Friar Tuck John! Little John, please give me a hand, I'm stuck!

Little John Pleased to meet you. I'm Little John.

Friar Tuck No, not Tuck, I said: 'I'm Stuck'!

Little John Oh, you're a stuck Tuck! Honestly Friar, I don't know why you get down on your knees when you know you can't get back up!

Friar Tuck Well, sometimes I just forget... now, could you please give me a hand? *(Little John claps)*. No, I don't mean that, I mean help me up!

Little John Oh, sorry, right away your holy holiness!

Robin Gentlemen, when you're quite finished I think it's time we should be leaving, we have much to do and less time to do it in!

Villager 1 Robin, on behalf of the village I want to thank you for bringing back our things. How can we ever repay you?

Robin Waynetta, there's no need to repay us. Just to see that lovely smile back on your face is thanks enough

Villager 1 *(Smiling, revealing black and missing teeth, then breathing in his face)*. Well, fank you Robin, for h-everyfing.

Robin: Eurgh! Like I said, it's all in a day's work!

Robin and his Men exit, waved off by the villagers.

Scene 2

The Sheriffs Castle. The Sheriff and Bullseye are discovered onstage in the castle. Bullseye is wearing one rubber glove.

Sheriff OK, Bullseye, read out the monthly report.

Bullseye Sire, one of the villagers you fired from the village fete isn't happy and wants to sue for unfair dismissal.

Sheriff Have him thrown in the dungeons! Now, carry on.

Bullseye Well, your highness, last month we took from the villagers four hundred and fifty groats in taxes, two sacks of possessions, a little bit of gold what I found, some livestock including two horses, six chickens, three ducks, one goose, three pigs, four sheeps, and a hamster called Kevin.