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### ACT 1 — The Fishing Village of Rederring in Cornwall

Chorus of the Bridesmaids (with Zorah)	Fair is Rose
Song (Hannah and Chorus)	Sir Rupert Murgatroyd his leisure
Song (Rose)	If somebody there chanced to be
Duet (Rose and Robin)	I know a youth
Chorus of Bridesmaids and	From the briny sea
Song (Richard)	
Song (Robin)	My boy, you may take it from me
Duet (Rose and Richard)	The battle's roar is over
Entrance of Bridesmaids	If well his suit has sped
Trio (Rose, Richard and Robin)	In sailing o'er life's ocean wide
Recit. and Aria (Margaret)	Cheerily carols the lark
Chorus	Welcome, gentry
Song and Chorus (Sir Despard)	Oh, why am I moody and sad?
Duet (Richard and Sir Despard)	You understand? I think I do
Finale	Hail the bride

### ACT 2 — Picture Gallery in Ruddigore Castle

Duet (Sir Ruthven and Adam)	I once was as meek
Duet and Chorus (Rose and Richard)	Happily coupled are we
Song (Rose with Chorus of Brid'maids)	In bygone days
Chorus of Ancestors (with Sir Ruthven	Painted emblems
and Sir Roderic)	
Song (Sir Roderic and Chorus)	When the night wind howls
Chorus	He yields
Duet (Margaret and Despard)	I once was a very
Trio (Margaret, Sir Ruthven and	My eyes are fully open
Song (Hannah with Sir Roderic)	
Despard)	There grew a little flower
Finale	Oh, happy the lily when kissed by the bee

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### The Witch's Curse

#### ACT 1

In the fishing village of Rederring, a corps of professional bridesmaids serenade "sweet Rose Maybud", asking if anyone is going to marry her. Fearing that through lack of work they "will be disendowed," they suggest that Dame Hannah takes a husband. She declines, and tells how she discovered that the youth to whom she was betrothed was a bad baronet of Ruddigore, and sings of the curse of the Murgatroyds.

Robin Oakapple, a shy young farmer loves Rose but is too bashful to woo her himself, so persuades his foster brother Richard to do so on his behalf. Richard, however, persuades Rose to marry him, but when Robin reveals his intentions she switches to him! The disappointed Richard reveals to Sir Despard Murgatroyd that Robin is really his elder brother, Sir Ruthven, and Despard exposes Robin and stops the wedding. Rose offers to marry Despard, but he, now virtuous, takes Margaret, whom he had deserted while a bad baronet, and Rose returns to Richard.

#### ACT II

In the picture gallery of Ruddigore Castle, Robin is confronted by his ancestors led by his uncle the late Sir Roderic, who step down from their frames to torture him until he promises to commit a worthy crime, such as carrying off a lady. Despard and Mad Margaret, now living a blameless life, beg Robin to reform. He agrees to do so and defy his ancestors, when to his horror, his henchman, old Adam, returns with the maiden, Dame Hannah, who attacks him with a dagger. Robin appeals to Sir Roderic for help, and he and Hannah recognise each other as lovers of long ago. Robin has an idea. A baronet of Ruddigore can only die through refusing to commit his daily crime, which is tantamount to suicide, but suicide is a crime, so Roderic should not have died. Roderic therefore resumes his existence, and is united with Hannah Robin is free to marry Rose, and Richard finds happiness with one of the bridesmaids.



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