

Gilbert And Sullivan

"Duet Baroness And Rudolph"

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BAR:

As o'er our penny roll we sing,
It is not reprehensive
To think what joys our wealth would bring
Were we disposed to do the thing
Upon a scale extensive.
There's rich mock-turtle--thick and clear--

RUD. (confidentially):

Perhaps we'll have it once a year!

BAR. (delighted):

You are an open-handed dear!

RUD:

Though, mind you, it's expensive.

BAR:

No doubt it is expensive.

BOTH:

How fleeting are the glutton's joys!
With fish and fowl he lightly toys,

RUD:

And pays for such expensive tricks
Sometimes as much as two-and-six!

BAR:

As two-and-six?

RUD:

As two-and-six--

BOTH:

Sometimes as much as two-and-six!

BAR:

It gives him no advantage, mind--
For you and he have only dined,
And you remain when once it's down

A better man by half-a-crown.

RUD:

By half-a-crown?

BAR:

By half-a-crown.

BOTH:

Yes, two-and-six is half-a-crown.
Then let us be modestly merry,
And rejoice with a derry down derry.
For to laugh and to sing
No extravagance bring--
It's a joy economical, very!

BAR:

Although as you're of course aware
(I never tried to hide it)
I moisten my insipid fare
With water--which I can't abear--

RUD:

Nor I--I can't abide it.

BAR:

This pleasing fact our souls will cheer,
With fifty thousand pounds a year
We could indulge in table beer!

RUD:

Get out!

BAR:

We could--I've tried it!

RUD:

Yes, yes, of course you've tried it!

BOTH:

Oh, he who has an income clear
Of fifty thousand pounds a year--

BAR:

Can purchase all his fancy loves
Conspicuous hats--

RUD:

Two shilling gloves--

BAR. (doubtfully):

Two-shilling gloves?

RUD. (positively):
Two-shilling gloves--

BOTH:
Yes, think of that, two-shilling gloves!

BAR:
Cheap shoes and ties of gaudy hue,
And Waterbury watches, too--
And think that he could buy the lot
Were he a donkey--

RUD:
Which he's not!

BAR:
Oh no, he's not!

RUD:
Oh no, he's not!

BOTH (dancing):
That kind of donkey he is not!
Then let us be modestly merry,
And rejoice with a derry down derry.
For to laugh and to sing
Is a rational thing-
It's a joy economical, very

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