

Gilbert And Sullivan

"Duet Prince And Princess"

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PRINCE.

We're rigged out in magnificent array
(Our own clothes are much gloomier)
In costumes which we've hired by the day
From a very well-known costumier.

COST. (bowing).

I am the well-known costumier.

PRINCESS.

With a brilliant staff a Prince should make a show
(It's a rule that never varies),
So we've engaged from the Theatre Monaco
Six supernumeraries.

NOBLES.

We're the supernumeraries.

ALL.

At a salary immense,
Quite regardless of expense,
Six supernumeraries!

PRINCE.

They do not speak, for they break our grammar's laws,
And their language is lamentable--
And they never take off their gloves, because
Their nails are not presentable.

NOBLES.

Our nails are not presentable!

PRINCESS.

To account for their shortcomings manifest
We explain, in a whisper bated,
They are wealthy members of the brewing interest
To the Peerage elevated.

NOBLES.

To the Peerage elevated.

ALL.
They're/We're very, very rich,
And accordingly, as sich,
To the Peerage elevated

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