Gilbert And Sullivan "Song Julia"

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JULIA (with Lisa clinging to her): Ah, pity me, my comrades true, Who love, as well I know you do, This gentle child, To me so fondly dear!

ALL:

Why, what's the matter?

JULIA:

Our sister love so true and deep From many an eye unused to weep Hath oft beguiled The coy reluctant tear!

ALL:

Why, what's the matter?

JULIA:

Each sympathetic heart 'twill bruise When you have heard the frightful news (O will it not?)

That I must now impart!

ALL:

Why, what's the matter?

JULIA:

Her love for him is all in all!
Ah, cursed fate! that it should fall
Unto my lot
To break my darling's heart!

ALL:

Why, what's the matter?

LUD:

What means our Julia by those fateful looks? Please do not keep us all on tenter-hooks-Now, what's the matter?

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JULIA:
Our duty, if we're wise,
We never shun.
This Spartan rule applies
To every one.
In theatres, as in life,
Each has her line--
This part--the Grand Duke's wife
(Oh agony!) is mine!
A maxim new I do not start--
The canons of dramatic art
Decree that this repulsive part
(The Grand Duke's wife)
Is mine!
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ALL:

Oh, that's the matter!

LISA (appalled, to LUDWIG): Can that be so?

LUD:

I do not know--But time will show If that be so.

CHORUS:

Can that be so? etc.

LISA (recit.): Be merciful

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