

Pirates of Penzance

"When Fred'ric Was A Little Lad"

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When Fred'ric was a little lad, he proved so brave and
daring. His father
thought he'd 'prentice him to some career sea-faring. I
was, alas, his
nurs'ry mad, and so it fell to my lot to take and bind the
promising boy
Apprentice to a Pilot. A life not bad for a hardy lad,
though surely not a
high lot. Though I'm a nurse, you might do worse than
make your son a
Pilot! I was a stupid nurs'ry maid on breakers always
steering, and I did
not catch the word a-right through being hard of
hearing. Mistaking my
instructions which with in my brain did gyrate, I took
and bound this
promising boy Apprentice to a Pirate! A sad mistake it
was to make and doom
him to a vile lot. I bound him to a Pirate, you, instead of
to a Pilot!

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