

Polly Audition Material

Scene 1

POLLY has been bartending and JOHN has arrived particularly late.

POLLY

John! Where you been? You were supposed to be here hours ago!

JOHN

Sorry sis. I had a date.

POLLY

Guess it didn't go very well. Hey, not to worry – plenty more girls in Penzance.

JOHN

Not without beards. Besides, the date went perfectly. Elizabeth was charming, beautiful and easy.

POLLY

Elizabeth? Not Elizabeth Crow!? The one who dated the gay swordsmith? The mayor's daughter?
Whiney voice and a chin like an anchor?

JOHN

You're just jealous because you can't pout as well as she can... and you haven't had a date since
Uncle Fergus took you to see The Duchess of Malfi when you were 13.
Anyway, it's not her. I don't know what's wrong with me - I'm just... sad.

POLLY

You just need to find the right girl.

JOHN

No, it's more than that, sis. It's this whole life – this place. I mean, I love Mom and Dad. I love you...

POLLY shoots a glance

...but this life just isn't for me. I need something more, something new, something exciting!

POLLY

Well, I hear they're looking for a new apprentice down Patsy's Pasties.

JOHN

You just don't understand, sis! Oh well, nothing will ever change...

The door flies open and in come most of the crew from the Pirate ship THE MAIDEN'S RUIN™. There is a sobriety to the pirates as if someone has died. Someone has died.

POLLY

You have *got* to be kidding me!

Scene 2

JOHN is climbing up to make piece with POLLY after her earlier confession of love.

JOHN
Hello. Anyone home?

POLLY
Sotto Voce
Oh shit.

EYES
Oh hiya. Is that you Stan?

JOHN
No. It's me, John. Can I come talk to Polly?

POLLY
Come up John.

JOHN comes up. As 'twere. He squeezes into the nest with the others. EYES is between them.

JOHN
Hey Polly

POLLY
John

JOHN
Listen, I'm sorry I was a bit harsh. You just surprised me.

POLLY
I know, and I am sorry. Really. Blurting out all that in front of everyone.

JOHN
Well, mum and dad told me about the adoption just before I left so that bit was fine.

POLLY
So you knew?

JOHN
Yeah, it was just the other bit that threw me. You know.

POLLY
Yeah

JOHN
Um