Never Mind the Why and Wherefore

Gilbert & Sullivan
(from 'HMS Pinafore')

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A

Eb Bb7

Captain Ne - ver mind the why and where- fore, love can le - vel ranks, and there- fore, though his
Sir Jo Ne ver mind the why and where- fore, love can le - vel ranks, and there- fore, though your
Josephine Ne - ver mind the why and where- fore, love can le - vel ranks, and there- fore, I ad -

14 Eb Bb7 Gb° Eb Ab Eb Bb

lord - ship's sta - tion's migh - ty, though stu - pen - dous be his brain, though her
nau - ti - cal re - la - tion in my set could scarce - ly pass, though you
mit the ju - ris - dic - tion; a - bly have you played your part; You have

18 F7 Bb E° Bb/F F7 Bb

tastes are mean and fligh - ty and her for - tune poor and plain.
oc - cu - py a sta - tion in the low - er mid - dle class.
car - ried firm con - vic - tion to my hes - i - ta - ting heart.

B

24 F7/Bb *Captain & Sir Jo.* Bb F7/Bb Bb

Ring the mer - ry bells on board ship, Rend the air with warb - ling wild,

28 F7/Bb Bb Eb Bb F7 Bb *Captain*

For the un - ion of his Lord - ship with a hum - ble cap - tain's child. For a

33 Gb Bb *Josephine* Ebm Bb *Sir Jo.*

hum - ble cap - tain's daugh - ter For a gal - lant cap - tain's daugh - ter, And a

37 Gb Bb *Josephine* Ebm Bb (to Coda)

Lord that rules the wa - ter, And a tar who ploughs the wa - ter.

42 C Eb Bb7 Eb Bb7

Let the air with joy be la - den red with songs the air a - bove,

Cpt.

Let the air with joy be la - den red with songs the air a - bove,

Jo.

Let the air with joy be la - den red with songs the air a - bove,

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Eb Bb7 Eb Bb7 Eb Bb7

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For the un-ion of a maid-en with the man who owns her love.

Cpt.

For the un-ion of a maid-en with the man who owns her love.

Jo.

For the un-ion of a maid-en with the man who owns her love.

Coda

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Eb Bb7 Eb Bb7

Josephine

Let the air with joy be la - den Ring the mer - ry bells on board - ship,

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Eb Bb7 Eb Bb7

Men

For the un - ion of a mai - den, for her un - ion with his Lord - ship

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Eb Ab Bb7 Eb

Rend with songs the air a - bove, for the man who owns her love!

Cpt.

Rend with songs the air a - bove, for the man who owns her love!

Jo.

Rend with songs the air a - bove, for the man who owns her love!

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Eb Ab Eb Bb7 Eb

Rend with songs the air a - bove for the man who owns her love!

Cpt.

Rend with songs the air a - bove for the man who owns her love!

Jo.

Rend with songs the air a - bove for the man who owns her love!

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