

## Harmony Spring Show Script

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Narrator (Doug Standing):

Good afternoon, everyone. We are so glad that you joined us today. We have a great show lined up for you. As most of you know, right after our performance this afternoon we are going to the Grand Banquet Hall for our Cabaret Show.

We still have a number of tickets available for the cabaret show and you can purchase them at the Grand Banquet Hall just a few blocks from here. To give you a sample of the type of songs we will share at the cabaret, here is our headline quartet, Vocality!

Vocality sings 3 songs

Narrator (Doug Standing):

Thank you, Vocality! It is clear that the cabaret show is going to be great fun!

Some of you may have noticed that we have a donation box in the narthex for FamilyMeans. They are a non-profit based here in Stillwater that provides support to individuals and families through challenges in all life stages. Each year the Croix Chordsmen select a community organization to partner with. A portion of the show proceeds will be donated to them, and we very much appreciate any added financial help you could provide to FamilyMeans.

Lastly, many of you know from past performances how much fun and comradery the Croix Chordsmen have. They love to get together on Tuesday evenings to sing. And that love of singing has resulted in the chorus being like a large extended family — celebrating individual success and supporting each other through challenges. And they are always looking to expand their chorus family. So if you, or someone you know, would have interest in giving the chorus a try, the guys would love to have you visit. More information on their website, or just chat with one of the guys after the show!

Slide 1: Good Ship Harmony on the sea.

Doug's script ...Reading from the Captain's Log. Narrator (Doug Standing):

Now, on to Harmony On The High Seas! Today, I will tell you a tale ...of a merry band of men that love the sea ...and love to search for treasure. They also love to sing as they do their work about the ship. After many long months at sea, the ship and crew are nearing the end of their voyage. I think they'll be arriving on deck soon to cast off for the trip back home. So, sit back and relax and listen as the tale of the good ship...HARMONY...as it navigates the final days of its Atlantic voyage, as it heads for port.

Song 1: Sea Shanty Medley — There....once was a ship...

(pitch blows — D ) Reprise- Basses start- Tee Idle Dum Dum — Ohhhh...Tee Idle Dum Dum...

**Doug sits down with the book and begin reading**

“Captain's Log: 17 September 1844 — We are sitting at anchor off the lea side of Rock Island, 200 Nautical miles west of the Azores. We have been at sea for 7 months, two weeks and four days. The men are weary, but there is naught a sign of mutiny. We have righted the ship after a

bloody encounter with a French frigate and have only a few wounded. The men are busy stowing "bounty" in the hold ...

Scene I - Leaving an Island in the Caribbean

1<sup>st</sup> Mate Beta Hook: Ahh..what a great blessing the sea has given us on our journey. Look at all these precious trinkets and coins we have gathered. It really has been a time of celebration for us.

Capt. Lute Fisk: Aye, it has Mr. Hook....but men...I think we have gathered all the loot our ship can handle. Our luck has given us ALL this bounty to bring back to our home of merry old England. It is time we start headin' back across the sea to meet our loved ones again.

Seaman #1: Ya betcha Capt'n. I'm a missin' my sweetheart back in Wales. I can't wait to get back on the vast sea and sail back to our homeland. I sure do miss her.

Seaman #2: Capt'n...when da ya think we'd be pushin' off these islands and sailing back?

Capt. Lute Fisk: I am hopin' at the break a dawn we'd be hoistin' the sails and haulin' in the anchor ... but I know this time of year the sea can be treacherous and the weather unkind. I have a feelin' its gonna be a challenging voyage for us.

1<sup>st</sup> Mate Beta Hook: I know if we stick together Captain Lute we can accomplish anything. I just know me sweet Becca is waiting for me to come back.... and the only thing I left her with. was a song in her heart....

**Song 2: "Til Then" - My love...**

**Slide 2: A beautiful blue turquoise tide coming into a sandy beach**

Capt. Lute Fisk: Men, the time has come for us to leave — we have an ebb tide — let's go!

*Warm n Fuzzy comes to the side of the boat looking over onto the tide coming in. Approaches the center mic.*

Tyler: Guys .....this beautiful blue tide makes me think of me love across the sea. Steve: Aye. it surely is a beautiful site to behold.

**Song 3: Ebb Tide (Warm N Fuzzy)**

*After applause Warm N Fuzzy goes to the back of the ship. Side of the stage.*

Merlin: Capt'n...I'm a hope'n this here ebb tide is a sign of good fortune for our journey back home.

Capt. Lute Fisk: I'm a hope'n fer the same me matey.

Scene II - Running into Bad weather on the voyage

*Basses start- Tee Idle Dum Dum - Ohhhh...Tee Idle Dum Dum...*

**Doug with the book reads**

Captain's Log: 18 September 1844 — We are about to hoist anchor to begin our final leg. The men are excited to chart a course for home port. Supply Officer Knight has reported our rum rations are nearing the dregs. Good fortune that we have at least been able to resupply our food rations from the stores of the French frigate before we sent it to "Davy Jones' Locker!"

The weather is fair today, but there are Mare's Tails on the western horizon. I expect bad weather by the fourth watch today.

Slide 3: Rough dark seas, big waves, and dark clouds 11 seconds of the under fades away 1<sup>st</sup>  
Mate Hook: Captain...there's a storm a brewin' ahead. I am afraid for me life.

Capt. Lute Fisk: This storm is turning out to be worse than I thought. Davey Jones' Locker might take us all. It just may be the end for us. Let's all say our prayers so if we do go down we'll find our way to heaven!

Jeff: Mateys !!!.....Mateys !!! .....tis be alright. Even if we meet our doom on the seas. it'll be a glorious day in heaven.

#### Song 4: First Day In Heaven (Warm and Fuzzy)

Slide 4: Calm blue sea with soft clouds

Merlin: I think the worst is over...we may not see our first day in heaven after all.

1<sup>st</sup> Mate Hook: Captain...that was a terrible storm.... The galley took on a lot of water and part of our main sail is torn. I'm not sure we can get to England now.

Capt. Lute Fisk: Have faith Mr. Hook, just have faith....

#### Song 5: Over The Rainbow — When all the world...

Slide 5: Calm blue seas with rainbow and clouds on the horizon

Capt. Lute Fisk: Mr. Hook, I believe I see a rainbow on the horizon. I don't think we'll need to be thinkin' too much about heaven for the rest of our voyage.

1<sup>st</sup> Mate Hook: Ya darn right we're gonna make it. Nothin' can stop us from getting back to our loved ones. Not even the worst Mother Nature can throw at us is gonna stop us. Look at dem der blue skies!

#### Song 6: Blue Skies — Bluuue skies...blue skies...

Capt. Lute Fisk: Aye, Mr. Hook...these blue skies are a good omen. Lets hope everything is smooth sailin' from now on. Lets get to work on fixin' these masts.

Scene III — Find lost Sailors

Slide 6: Men in a rowboat on the starboard side of Harmony

#### Tee Idle Dum Dum - Ohhhh...Tee Idle Dum Dunn...

##### **Doug with the book reads**

Captain's Log: 21 September 1844: 'Twas a huge Nor'Easter we just came through. The men have been repairing rigging and mending sails for hours. The crow's nest reports spotting something on the horizon. We are steering a course 30° East/Northeast to investigate the sighting.

1<sup>st</sup> Mate Hook: Capt'n, look...there's a small rowboat with a few mates on our starboard side. Capt. Lute Fisk: Aye, they must have been stranded due to the storm, haul 'em aboard.

Tony: Thankee lads for rescuing us — we were thinkin' we would be lost at sea fer eternity Capt. Lute  
Fisk: Tis' the honorable thing to do me lad.  
Jay (interrupting): Capt'n, these are me long-lost brothers! I'm so glad we found 'em. Capt. Lute  
Fisk: Aye, where were ye headed, lads ?  
Tom: Well, that'd be a loooong tale

Slide 7: Original photo of Harmony

### Song 7: The Last Farewell (Vocality)

Jay: Brothers, I know we be headed back to England, but t'is pretty close to Ireland and I know we all miss Mother.

Tony: Aye, maybe we can make it there as part of our journey.  
(pitch is blown C)

### Song 8: Athlone (Vocality)

Jay: *Brothers, you have been through a lot being tossed around in that small boat. Come with me and I'll get you some special grog.*

## Scene IV — The ship becomes stalled because of a lack of wind

Basses start- Tee Idle Dum Dum - Ohhhh...Tee Idle Dunn Dum...

### Doug with the book reads

Captain's Log: 24 September 1844: We have had many days of "making way" with high pressure and blue skies. Sextant readings from First Officer Jennings have us twenty eight hundred nautical miles North East of our point of departure from Rock Island. Now, for the past six hours our forward progress has been halted as the ship has been in the doldrums. But, the men are catching their breath after days of hard sailing and remain in good spirits knowing we are on the "down hill run."

Slide 8: Perfectly calm blue waters

1<sup>st</sup> Mate Hook: Capt'n ....I fear the mates might get restless here in the doldrums.  
Capt. Lute Fisk: (to Mr. Hook)...have no fear...I know we may get restless with ther' bein' no wind but we ALL want to get back to our home in England because we all have dreams of what we will do with our riches we have gotten. Do you not have a dream Mr. Hook ?.....

### Song 9: I've Gotta Dream - (Joel) - I'm malicious, mean and scary...(chorus - wah...wah..)

Capt. Lute Fisk (to 1<sup>st</sup> Mate Hook): See we all have our dreams....but together we can accomplish anything.

Seaman #1 (Tad): I'm really starting to wonder if the wind will ever start blowing again! Seaman #2 (Jeff): We'll if it doesn't, our sailing days may be over!

### Song 10: I Will Go Sailing No More — Out...among...the stars I sailed....

Seaman #1 (Tad): Argh! I have got to do something about this no wind problem. I'm missing me sweetheart and we just have to get moving again!

Seaman #2 (Jeffj: Aye...I feel we are almost there...tis makes me want to grab me mug and start drink in'.....

**Song 11: Almost There — Ain't got time...for drinkin'....**

Capt. Lute Fisk: Tis a blessin' that the wind finally picked up and we are on our way again to our homeland. Look out lassies... here we come !!!

### **Doug with the book reads**

Captain's Log: 29 September 1844: After 5 full days with no wind we have finally picked up a following sea. I have to give credit to me matey Tad ...he convinced all of the sailors to get in our small boats and tow the ship for 4 straight days. Now with favorable wind we are making good headway and the crew is once again looking forward to getting home soon.

**Song 12: Tee-Idle Dum Dum (FULL VERSION) - Ohhhh...Tee Idle Dum Dum...**

1<sup>st</sup> Mate Hook: Capt'n, the men know we are getting close to home. They're singing happy songs!  
Capt. Lute Fisk: Aye, but you and I need to keep our eyes out for the light house. We don't want to be runnin' into any of dem der rocks along the shore!

**Slide 9: Lighthouse back-lit by sunset**

**Song 13: Shine On Me (Just 4 Fun?)**

Jay: Seeing that light house off in the distance tis a great feeling. I think we are all gonna see our loves tonight!

Tony: Ya think it'll really happen tonight ??....

**Song 14: Tonight, Tonight (start with Vocality, others join as desired)** Jay: Tis gonna be a joyful night when we arrive home Captain.

**Slide 10: Original Good Ship Harmony**

### **Doug with the book reads**

Captain's Log: 4 October 1844 — Home port will be on the horizon by our second watch. The men are in high spirits, even though the rum rations have been gone for two days.

(chorus *moans here*)

The ship has performed well and is in good repair considerin' the encounters we have had with the French and the Spanish. The hold is full!

1<sup>st</sup> Mate Hook: Well, Capt'n, we made it home!

Capt. Lute Fisk: Aye, we certainly did. And with all that loot we brought back we are gonna have a great homecoming. Let's join the crew for some fun....cause tis a GOOD DAY  
!! (pitch *blows*)

**Song 15: It's a Good Day — (Basses start) — A Good Day...**

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Doug: And so ends our story of Harmony On The High Seas! We certainly hope you enjoyed our story. The journey has been a long and treacherous one. but with a true spirit of HARMONY and togetherness our gang of swashbucklers have traversed thru a storm....fought off boredom with no wind.... and have landed safely in their beloved homeland safe and sound.

And with that we'd like to thank you all for attending and sharing our love of music...  
...that's ..what friends are for.

### Song 16: That's What Friends Are For - Do...do...do...

**Doug: Voice over song:** Now, as we wrap up there are several thank you's to share.

- Our show chairman — Jeff Knight
- Our Stage Manager — Tyler Stromquist
- Our guest chapter quartets....Just 4 Fun - Warm n Fuzzy and Vocality.
- Our soloists — Joel Ortman...Ed Obermeyer-Kolb...Walt Ogburn....Lee Wyland
- Our actors — Captain Lute Fisk — Jon Tandberg...1<sup>st</sup> mate Beta Hook — Joel Ortman 1<sup>st</sup> seaman
- Tad Jennings. 2<sup>nd</sup> seaman — Jeff Knight
- Stage props and setup — Jim Otto & Walt Ogburn
- Sound and lights — Phil and Ash
- Our Musical Directors, Jay Althof & Lee Wyland

**Jon Tanberg** - on the hold between that's what friends are for and Keep The Whole World Singing

- Just a reminder that our cabaret show will start in about 30 minutes.
- And if any men here are interested in learning more about joining the fun with the Croix Chordsmen we'd love to chat with you in the narthex.
- Now we invite all barbershoppers to stand and join us in our theme song — Keep The Whole World Singing