

## No. 13. "I am the very model of a modern Major-General"

Solo and Chorus

Major-General, Girls, and Pirates

*Allegro vivace*

*ff*

Major-General

1. I am the ver-y mod-el of a mod-ern Ma-jor-Gen-er-al; I've  
2. I know our myth-ic his-to-ry, King Ar-thur's and Sir Car-a-doc's; I

*pp*

in - for - ma - tion veg - e - ta - ble, an - i - mal, and min - er - al: I  
an - swer hard a - cros - tics; I've a pret - ty taste for par - a - dox; I

know the kings of Eng-land, and I quote the fights his-tor-i-cal, From  
quote, in el-e-gi-acs, all the crimes of He-lio-gab-a-lus; In

Mar-a-thon to Wa-ter-loo, in or-der cat-e-gor-i-cal; I'm  
con-ics I can floor pe-cu-li-ar-i-ties pa-rab-o-lous; I can

ver-y well ac-quaint-ed, too, with mat-ters math-e-mat-i-cal, I  
tell un-doubt-ed Ra-pha-els from Ger-ard Dows and Zof-fa-nies I

un-der-stand e-quations, both the sim-ple and quad-rat-i-cal, A-  
know the croak-ing cho-rus from the *Frogs* of Ar-is-toph-a-nes! Then

bout bi-no-mial the-o-rem I'm teem-ing with a lot o' news,  
I can hum a fugue of which I've heard the mu-sic's din a-fore,

(Bothered for next rhyme— struck with an idea— joyfully)

With man-y cheer-ful facts a - bout the square of the hy - pot - e - nuse.  
And whis-tle all the airs from that in - fer - nal non-sense, *Pin - a - fore!*

## Chorus

With man-y cheer-ful facts a - bout the square of the hy - pot - e - nuse, With  
And whis-tle all the airs from that in - fer - nal non-sense, *Pin - a - fore,* And

With man-y cheer-ful facts a - bout the square of the hy - pot - e - nuse, With  
And whis-tle all the airs from that in - fer - nal non-sense, *Pin - a - fore,* And

man - y cheer-ful facts a - bout the square of the hy - pot - e - nuse, With  
whis-tle all the airs from that in - fer - nal non-sense, *Pin - a - fore,* And

man - y cheer-ful facts a - bout the square of the hy - pot - e - nuse, With  
whis-tle all the airs from that in - fer - nal non-sense, *Pin - a - fore,* And

man-y cheer-ful facts a - bout the square of the hy - pot - e - pot - e - nuse.  
whis-tle all the airs from that in - fer - nal non-sense, *Pin - a - pin - a - fore.*

man-y cheer-ful facts a - bout the square of the hy - pot - e - pot - e - nuse.  
whis-tle all the airs from that in - fer - nal non-sense, *Pin - a - pin - a - fore.*

## Major

I'm ver-y good at in-te-gral and dif-fer-en-tial cal-cu-lus; I  
Then I can write a wash-ing bill in Bab-y-lon-ic cu-nei-form, And

know the sci-en-tif-ic names of be-ings an-i-mal-cu-lous: }  
tell you ev-'ry de-tail of Ca-rac-ta-cus-'s u-ni-form: } In

short, in mat-ters veg-e-ta-ble, an-i-mal, and min-er-al, I

am the ver-y mod-el of a mod-ern Ma-jor-Gen-er-al. **Chorus**  
In  
In

short, in mat-ters. veg-e - ta - ble, an - i - mal, and min-er - al, He

short, in mat-ters veg-e - ta - ble, an - i - mal, and min-er - al, He

is the ver - y mod-el of a mod-ern Ma - jor - Gen - er - al.

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Slower

3. In fact, when I know what is meant by

"mam-e - lon" and "rav - e - lin", When I can tell at sight a Mau-ser

ri - fle from a jav - e - lin, When such af-fairs as sor-ties and sur -

pris - es I'm more wa - ry at, And when I know pre - cise - ly what is

meant by "com-mis - sa - ri - at", When I have learnt what prog-ress has been

made in mod-ern gun-ner - y, When I know more of tac-tics than a

nov-ice in a nun-ner - y - In short, when I've a smat-ter-ing of.

*(Bothered for a rhyme—struck with an idea)*

Vivace

el - e - men - tal strat - e - gy - You'll say a bet - ter Ma - jor - Gen - er -

Chorus

al has nev - er sat a gee - You'll say a bet - ter Ma - jor - Gen - er -  
You'll say a bet - ter Ma - jor - Gen - er -

al has nev - er sat a gee, You'll say a bet - ter Ma - jor - Gen - er -  
al has nev - er sat a gee, You'll say a bet - ter Ma - jor - Gen - er -

al has nev - er sat a gee, You'll say a bet - ter Ma - jor - Gen - er -  
al has nev - er sat a gee, You'll say a bet - ter Ma - jor - Gen - er -



Major

al has nev-er sat a, sat a gee. 4. For my

al has nev-er sat a, sat a gee.

*fz*

mil - i - ta - ry know-ledge, tho' I'm pluck-y and ad - ven-tur - y, Has

*pp*

on - ly been brought down to the be - gin-ning of the cen-tu - ry; But

still, in mat-ters veg - e - ta - ble, an - i - mal, and min - er - al, I



am the ver - y mod - el of a mod - ern Ma - jor - Gen - er - al.

**Chorus**  
*f* But  
*f* But

still, in mat - ters veg - e - ta - ble, an - i - mal, and min - er - al, He

still, in mat - ters veg - e - ta - ble, an - i - mal, and min - er - al, He

is the ver - y mod - el of a mod - ern Ma - jor - Gen - er - al.

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*ff*

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