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"The Maid of the Mountains"

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With Revisions by Emile Littler

Lyrics by Harry Graham Music by H. Fraser Simpson

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The story opens in the bandits' stockade in the mountains. Baldasarre, the chief, has decided that the gang must be disbanded as it is now too dangerous to continue to operate, particularly as they have in their midst "Teresa," the maid. Angela, the Governor's daughter, and her companion, Vittoria, lose their way in fog and stumble on the hiding place. Baldasarre thinks himself in love with Angela and, from her, learns that a new Governor arrives that day, replacing her father for his inability to capture the bandits.

When Teresa is captured, Baldasarre decides to waylay the new Governor and his party and assume their identities to effect her rescue, but, when he arrives in Santo, Baldasarre becomes so infatuated with Angela that he refuses to leave. In a fit of jealausy Teresa denounces them, and the old Governor is able to make a simple capture and imprison them on Devils Island, and so regain favour with the people.

The bandits are not unduly disturbed by their incarceration and, with due audacity, several escape by swimming to the mainland. The officer in charge of the prison, because of his discontent with the administration, allows the rest to escape, and Teresa and Baldasarre are eventually reunited.

Many comedy scenes are enacted by Tonio and Vittoria, his wife, whom he had hoodwinked into thinking he was drowned when rescuing a fellow creature, and joined the bandits. However, because of her wealth, he thought it was better to return to his love-nest and put up with his wife.

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Many of us proudly remember Australia's own Gladys Moncrieff, who endeared herself to many thousands of people for her magnificent portrayal of Teresa in this grand musical. In fact, when we think of "The Maid" we think of "our Glad."

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THE CAST (In order of appearance)

CARLO (Brigand) Len Foster
BEPPO (Brigand) Allan Jeffries
PIETRO (Brigand) Paul Claussen
ANDREA (Brigand) Jeff Harris
ZACCHI (Brigand) Geoff Arnell
TONIO (Brigand) Bill Barwell
TERESA (The Maid of the Mountains) Rosemary Hall
BALDASARRE (The Brigand Chief) Max Johnson
ANGELA (The Governor's Daughter) Isobelle Tomkins
VITTORIA (Tonio's Wife) Thersy Colman
GENERAL MALONA (Governor of Santo) Jim Foley
CRUMPET (His Aide) Ian Nutley
MAYOR OF SANTO Gordon Rosenthal
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SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I: The Bandits' Stockade in the Mountains.

ACT II: Courtyard of the Governor's Palace in Santo.

ACT III: On Devils Island.

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AC	T I
1	"FRIENDS HAVE TO PART" Brigands
2	SONG — "LIVE FOR TODAY" Beppo and Brigands
3	SONG — "MY LIFE IS LOVE" Teresa and Brigands
4	NOCTURNE Orchestral
5	SONG — "FAREWELL" Teresa
6	"DIVIDING THE SPOIL" Baldasarre, Beppo, Tonio, Brigands
AC	т п
7	OPENING CHORUS—"WE'RE GATHERED HERE" Chorus
8	GOVERNOR'S SONG — "FOR MANY A YEAR" General Malona and Chorus
9	SONG — "LOVE WILL FIND A WAY" Teresa
10	LAUGHING CHORUS Chorus
11	DUET — "DIRTY WORK" General and Tonio
12	DUET — "PARADISE FOR TWO" Teresa and Beppo
13	DUET — "HUSBANDS AND WIVES" Vittoria and Tonio
14	SONG — "BACHELOR GAY" Beppo and Chorus Ladies
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AC	T III
16	CHORUS OF FISHERFOLK Chorus
17	SOLO AND CHORUS General and Chorus
18	DUET — "WHEN YOU'RE IN LOVE" Teresa and General
19	DUET — "OVER THERE AND OVER HERE" Vittoria and Tonio
20	FINALE
OR	CHESTRA: Strings — Ivan Lazaroff leader, Keith Crellin, Gwenda
	Crowther, Mary Walsh; (Cello) Douglas McGregor; (Bass) Col
	Bierton. Woodwind — (Flute) Jenny Hall; (Oboe) Jane Lazaroff;
	((Clarinets) Kathy Gray, Glen Fraser. Brass — (Trumpets) Nev Jen-
	sen, Rex Jones; (Trombone) Morrie Grail. Tympani — Ken Clarke. Pianists — Thea Gray, Nella Crellin.

Remarkable History of

"THE MAID OF THE MOUNTAINS"

When the late George Edwardes was first approached by the author, Frederick Lonsdale, to put on "The Maid," and after Mr. Edwardes had read the play, he commented: "It's not a bad story, but I don't like romance with robbers." However, he agreed to make a contract if Mr. Londsdale supplied the first act within six weeks. Mr. Lonsdale made all the action take place in a hut, through which there was no glimpse of the mountains. The setting had to be altered.

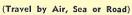
The arrangements for the music were made in a strange way. Mr. Fraser-Simpson, the composer, then practically unknown, was introduced and was given a contract which stipulated that in the event of his music not being used he would be paid £1000. He bought a castle with the money that eventually came to him.

On the first night of the show, the author was very disappointed with the work and offered to sell his interest for £500, but was strongly advised not to dispose of it, and the huge success of "The Maid" since then is well-known.

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