

Dick Whittington



A PANTOMIME PAVED WITH GOLD BY
TOM WHALLEY

CAST

IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

KING RAT – *The villainous vermin. Can also be Queen Rat.*

FAIRY BOW BELLS – *The magical spirit of London.*

ALICE FITZWARREN – *The Alderman's daughter. Principal Girl.*

ALDERMAN FITZWARREN – *Owner of the local store. A little bombastic.*

IDLE JACK – *Sarah the Cook's lazy and slightly silly son!*

SARAH THE COOK – *The Dame. Cook extraordinaire.*

DICK WHITTINGTON – *The hero. Principal boy.*

THE CAT – *Dick's furry companion.*

SULTAN VINEGAR – *The regal, powerful and commanding Sultan of Morocco.*

[EXCERPT FROM ACT ONE – SCENE FOUR]

ALICE ENTERS: **SFX CUE: SHOP BELL**

SARAH: Ooh! A customer!

ALICE: Hello Sarah! Hello Jack!

SARAH: Oh, it's only you! What's wrong Alice?

ALICE: I just can't stop thinking about Dick.

SARAH: You and me both! I think I'm having a hot flush!

JACK: Let me take your temperature.

JACK FETCHES A THERMOMETER.

SARAH: Is that oral or rectal?

JACK: How can you tell the difference between an oral and a rectal thermometer?

SARAH: The taste!

A RAT RUNS ACROSS THE STAGE: **SFX: RAT RUN**

SARAH: What was that?

ALICE: I saw four little scurrying feet...

SARAH: ...wiry whiskers...

JACK: ...and a long pink tail!

SARAH: I think it was an R.A.T!

JACK: Not a dog!

SARAH: I worry about you sometimes! It was a...

ALICE+SARAH: Rat!

ALICE: What are we going to do?!

DICK AND [NAME OF CAT] ENTER.

DICK: Hello boys and girls!

SARAH: Eee! A cat! No animals allowed in here. Jack, put the cat out.

JACK: He's not on fire...

DICK: Don't worry! He's a very good cat!

ALICE: Dick! You came!

SARAH: Ooh Alice! Are you smitten for the kitten?

ALICE: Yes Sarah! I'm quite fond of Dick too.

SARAH: I've nothing to say to that! Make yourself useful Idle Jack; pop and pick up a pilchard for the pussy!

JACK: [*Aside:*] I don't think I like Dick!

SARAH: [*Cosying up to Dick:*] My ex-husband always used to hate it when I shortened his name to Dick, especially since his name was 'Steve'!

ALDERMAN FITZWARREN ENTERS WITH A NEWSPAPER.

ALDERMAN: My ears are usually ringing with the sound of the till pinging by this time! What's awry?

ALICE: We've had a little vermin visitor!

ALDERMAN: Rats in my store?! Poppycock! If there are pests in my emporium, I'll eat my newspaper!

HE GOES TO READ HIS NEWSPAPER REVEALING A HUGE HOLE CHEWED RIGHT THROUGH THE MIDDLE.

CAT: Looks like something already has!

JACK: Those pesky pests have pilfered the Pear Drops...

ALICE: ...contaminated the Coconut Mushrooms...

SARAH: AND gnawed at my Aniseed Balls!

ALDERMAN: It's enough to make your eyes water! Well? What are we going to do? We can't shut up shop! We're the primary purveyors of 'Pick & Mix' this side of Peckham Rye!

ALICE: I've got it!

SARAH: Well don't give it to me!

ALICE: We need Dick!

ALDERMAN: I beg your pardon?

ALICE: [NAME OF CAT] and Dick could come and work here in the shop!

ALDERMAN: I don't know. We barely know this 'Dick'.

DICK: [NAME OF CAT] *is* the best rat catcher in the whole of Gloucestershire...

ALDERMAN: No.

ALICE: At least give him an interview!

ALDERMAN: Oh, all right! Sarah, give him one!

SARAH: Gladly! Dick, first question, what do you call a broken can opener?

DICK: A *can't* opener!

SARAH: What do you give a dog with a high temperature?

DICK: Mustard. Best thing for a *hot dog*!

SARAH: And finally, are you single?

DICK: Yes.

SARAH: You're hired!

DICK: Did you hear that [NAME OF CAT]? We've got ourselves a job! Our luck is starting to turn! What do you want me to do?

SARAH: There's a dangerous question! You can help Jack with his box...

ALDERMAN: ...then we need to prepare and pack for our voyage tomorrow.

ALICE: Where are we sailing to?

ALDERMAN: We're popping to Peking!

JACK: Peking? That's 'worth a look'!

ALICE: What for?

ALDERMAN: Well, I heard a rumour Cadbury's is bringing out a new oriental chocolate bar...though it could just be a Chinese Wispa! Once you've rid us of the rodents you two can come too!

ALICE: Setting sail on my birthday! I can hardly wait!

ALDERMAN: Maybe I should give you your present a little early...

ALICE: Oh! Yes please!

ALDERMAN: Here you are my dear. I've really splashed out on you this year!

ALDERMAN HANDS ALICE A GIFT BOX. IT'S A PEARL NECKLACE.

ALICE: Oh Father! It's beautiful! A pearl necklace! I love it!

SARAH: Let's pop it safely in the safe for safe keeping.

ALDERMAN: Good idea Sarah. Now, come on you lot! Time for bed.

SARAH: Did you hear that [NAME OF MAN]? Can't wait to see you spread eagled on my memory foam!

ALDERMAN: Dick, you stay on night watch. We need a vermin vigil!

ALDERMAN FITZWARREN EXITS.

SARAH: It's time for a night cap!

JACK: Do you want a Gin?

SARAH: No! Gin makes me sin!

ALICE: Do you want a Sherry?

SARAH: No! Sherry makes me merry!

CAT: Do you want a Rum?

SARAH: No! Rum makes me glum!

JACK: What do you want then?

SARAH: I'll have a BRANDY! Night-night boys and girls!

ALICE: Good night Dick!

THEY EXIT. [NAME OF CAT] YAWNS.

DICK: You're a tired little tomcat, aren't you? It's time for naps, perhaps. This box of chocs can wait 'til the morning.

CAT: Good night Dick.

DICK: Good night [NAME OF CAT]. Sweet dreams!

THEY SLEEP. THE DOOR OPENS REVEALING KING RAT: **MUSIC CUE: EVIL DRONE**

KING RAT: *Tonight's the night for my wicked mission to make darling Dick subject of suspicion.
Their trust in him will surely dwindle when they find the necklace in his bindle!*

HE OPENS THE SAFE AND TAKES THE NECKLACE: **SFX CUE: SAFE DOOR**

KING RAT: *I've cracked the safe, I have the knack,
Now to tuck it tight in Dick's little sack...*

DICK WHITTINGTON | TOM WHALLEY PANTOMIMES

HE PUTS THE NECKLACE IN DICK'S BUNDLE: **MUSIC CUE: STING**

KING RAT: *When morning comes, he'll take all the blame,
And then he will be gone for good...what a shame!*

KING RAT EXITS WITH AN EVIL LAUGH: **SFX CUE: THUNDER**

TOM WHALLEY

Pantomimes



FULL PERUSAL COPIES

AVAILABLE NOW FROM:

www.tomwhalleypantomimes.com/perusal