

HUBBLE BUBBLE PIRATE TROUBLE

SCRIPT (AGES 9+)

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FULL DETAILS

Running Time (including music): Approximately **50 minutes**.

Number of songs: 7

Cast: 39 speaking parts (easily adaptable to approximately **26 - 70**).

The cast can also be expanded further with **non-speaking parts**; suggestions for expanding or reducing the cast are provided in your Play Pack. For further information, take a look at the cast list available on our website.

SCENE 1: WELCOME TO OUR SHOW!



Track 1: MEDLEY (OPTIONAL)

Time to get ready for the start of the show! The instrumental Medley welcomes the audience as the cast assemble, ready to begin the performance...

SCENE 2: THE HOME FOR RETIRED PIRATES

*Chairs are arranged in a semi-circle on stage left. The first chair is empty, the second is occupied by **Merry Moonshine**, and the third by **Skull McGraw**. In the fourth chair **Dozey Bones** is snoozing.*

Narrator 1: Yo, ho, ho! Ahoy, me hearties!
Welcome to the show.
Soon you'll hear a pirate tale,
From very long ago.

Narrator 2: This is the retirement home
For pirates from the past.
When you've heard their fishy tales
I'm sure you'll be aghast!

***Salty Sally** hobbles on stage and sits down in the vacant chair.*

Narrator 3: Here she comes - it's Salty Sally,
Bravest of them all.
Next is Merry Moonshine,
And then there's Skull McGraw.

Narrator 4: Finally there's Dozey Bones,
Who's snoozing in the chair.
So, gather round and listen,
To a tale beyond compare...

*The **Nurse** enters and crosses to the **Pirates**.*

Nurse: Right-o, you lot, time to put your teeth in and smarten up -
you've got visitors!

All the Pirates: *(Excited)* Visitors...?!

Nurse: Some nice children from _____ *[insert the name of your school]* have come to say hello.

*The **Nurse** exits as the **Children** run on excitedly and gather round the **Pirates**.*

Merry Moonshine: *(To the Children)* Ahoy, me hearties! How goes the day?

Child 1: *(In awe)* Wow! Are you REALLY pirates?

Child 2: *(Folding arms and turning away, unimpressed)* They CAN'T be. There's no such thing as pirates.

Skull McGraw: *(Mischievously)* Oh, is that so...? Listen up, landlubbers!

♪ **Track 2: A PIRATE'S LIFE**

(Optional Part 2 vocals in brackets)

Verse 1	When I was a kid, Father said to me, This is what to do, Follow in my footsteps, One day you'll be,	(When I was a kid) (Father said to me) (This is what to do)
	Captain of a ship, Sailing on the seas, Treasure can be yours, Follow in my footsteps, One day you'll be just like me.	(Captain of a ship) (Sailing on the seas) (Treasure can be yours)

Chorus A pirate's life for me,
That's the way to be.
A pirate's life is full of fun,
Taking lots of gold from ev'ryone.

A pirate's life for me,
The calling of the sea,
With a yo, ho, ho,
We're happy and free,
It's a pirate's life for me!

← Through the chorus, hold both arms at shoulder-height, with forearms overlapping (so that the right hand sits on top of the left elbow, and the left hand sits below the right elbow), then bob up and down in time with the music, with each alternative singer doing the opposite action.

Dozey Bones: *(Suddenly waking up and looking around in horror)* Fleas...?!
Who's got fleas...?!

Salty Sally: Not fleas! SEAS!

Skull McGraw: Aaaarr, 'tis true. We had nothing but mouldy biscuits, and a lemon to suck on... if we were lucky!

Merry Moonshine: *(Nostalgically)* Do you remember the time we were blown off course to a beautiful tropical paradise...?

The Pirates all sigh nostalgically.

Merry Moonshine: I think it were called _____ *[insert the name of a local town]!*

Skull McGraw: And those freezing nights up in the crow's nest - enough to shiver yer timbers!

Dozey Bones: *(Mishearing again)* Fish fingers...?! Is that what we're having for lunch...?

Skull McGraw: Aaaarr, go back to sleep, you old sea dog!

Dozey Bones starts snoring again.

Salty Sally: *(To the Children)* And don't even ASK about the dreadful trouble with Hubble Bubble.

All the Children: *(In awe)* Hubble Bubble...?!

Salty Sally: *(Snapping)* I said don't ask!

The Children look downcast.

Salty Sally: *(Smiling cheekily)* But since yer have...! *(Leaning in conspiratorially)* It all started with Captain Gorgonzola...

All the Children: *(Intrigued)* Captain Gorgonzola...?!

Child 3: *(Cheekily)* Sounds a bit CRACKERS to me...!

Child 1: Why was he called Captain Gorgonzola?

Dozey Bones: *(Still apparently asleep)* 'Cause he never changed his socks!

Everyone: *(Wafting air in front of nose to indicate bad smell)* Poooh!

Merry Moonshine: *(Conspiratorially)* It all began a long time ago...

The Children lean in to listen...



Track 3: INCIDENTAL MUSIC - A LONG TIME AGO

SCENE 3: THE TALE OF CAPTAIN GORGONZOLA

Salty Sally, Merry Moonshine, Skull McGraw and Dozey Bones are sitting stage left, surrounded by the Children, eagerly listening.

Narrator 5: Way back in the mists of time,
There lived a famous pirate.
For everyone aboard his ship,
Their life was quite a riot.

Captain Gorgonzola swaggers confidently on stage with a cheesy grin, and stands proudly with hands on hips.

Narrator 6: With thrills and spills, and high adventure,
Things were quite a breeze,
For Captain Gorgonzola
And his life upon the seas.



Track 4: THE BALLAD OF CAPTAIN GORGONZOLA

Verse 1 The story of my life,
Of how I came to reach the top.
The story of my life,
I savoured ev'ry drop.

← Point upwards to the sky.

The story of my life,
Of how I came to seize it.
I simply was the best,
Passing ev'ry test,
Better than the rest.

← Raise an open hand upwards, then close it into a fist, as though seizing something.

Chorus Robbing ships in a howling gale,
Escaped the jaws of a killer whale,
Found the map of a treasure trail,
In my time on the sea.

← Sway from side to side in time with the music, with each alternate row doing the opposite action.

Made my enemies walk the plank,
Took the gold from a local bank,
Lost it all when my pirate ship sank!
My life, out on the sea.

Verse 2 The story of my life,
Of meeting pirates far and wide.
The story of my life,
I robbed, I fought, I lied.

← Shield your eyes with your hand, and scan the horizon as though looking for pirates!

The story of my life,
The mem'ries last forever
But, who will follow me -
Who's it going to be?
Let's just wait and see.

← Hold hands out to side in uncertainty.

Chorus

Captain Gorgonzola goes to lie down for a sleep on stage right.

Skull McGraw: *(To the listening Children)* Captain Gorgonzola was the most famous pirate on the seven seas!

Everyone: *(Impressed)* Oooo!

Skull McGraw: But he had TWO children, who BOTH wanted to be as famous as their father.

*Peter and Penny enter, arguing fiercely about who's the best pirate.
Captain Gorgonzola is jolted awake grumpily:*

Cap'n Gorgonzola: *(To Peter and Penny)* Stop bickering, you two! Can't yer let yer old man get forty winks?!

Salty Sally: *(To the listening Children)* Peter and Penny used to argue like cat and dog. So Captain Gorgonzola had a cunning plan...

Penny: *(Whining like a spoilt child, to Captain Gorgonzola)* Dad, tell Peter that I'M the best pirate...

Peter: *(Stamping foot)* No! I'M the best pirate...

Penny: *(Glaring at Peter)* YOU can't even walk the plank like a pirate!

Peter: *(Glaring at Penny)* YOU can't even talk "the talk" like a pirate - aaaarrrr!

Cap'n Gorgonzola: *(Angrily)* That's enough! You can both PROVE who's the best pirate.

Captain Gorgonzola produces a treasure map.

Cap'n Gorgonzola: *(Mysteriously)* This 'ere is an ancient treasure map of Hubble Bubble Island...

Everyone: *(Impressed)* Oooo!

Cap'n Gorgonzola: Whoever finds the treasure first is the best pirate.

Narrator 1: But the sneaky pirate captain
Had a clever scheme -
The treasure map was torn in two...
Which was rather mean!

Captain Gorgonzola hands one half of the map to Penny, the other half to Peter.

Narrator 2: Penny had the first half,
And Peter had the other;
They'd have to work together -
A sister and a brother.

Peter: Work together...?! *(Folding his arms and turning his back on Penny)* No way!

Cap'n Gorgonzola: *(Shrugging)* It's the only way you'll find the treasure!

Captain Gorgonzola yawns loudly and lies down again.

Peter: *(Protesting)* But, dad...

Penny: *(Huffing, irritated)* Huh! It's no good - he's asleep!

Cap'n Gorgonzola: *(Suddenly sitting up)* No, I'm not! *(Menacingly, to Peter and Penny)* Beware the ghostly spirits of Hubble Bubble Island!

Captain Gorgonzola lies down again. Everyone holds their breath, then:

Cap'n Gorgonzola: *(Suddenly sitting up again)* That's it - NOW I'm asleep!

Captain Gorgonzola lies down again and begins to snore loudly. Peter and Penny glare at each other hatefully.

Merry Moonshine: *(To the listening Children)* So they each took their half of the map and set off in search of the treasure...

With time running out, the race is on! But who'll reach the treasure first...?

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