

## Song: Mascara

**Estragon:** See! Lovers. I told you, we needed lovers.

**Vladimir:** Lovers. But not an ending. We need a break.

**Estragon:** A break?

**Vladimir:** Yes, a break. That lady there clearly needs a wee. So what do we have for an Act 1 Finale?

**Estragon:** I don't know. How about....

**Vladimir:** Pirates!

**Estragon:** What?

**Vladimir:** We need Pirates!

**Pirate King:** You called?

**Estragon:** Who on earth are you?

**Pirate King:** I'm the Pirate King. I am King of all the Pirates in this vicinity!

**Est/Vlad:** *(in unison)* What pirates?

**Pirate King:** Oh, yes; how silly of me! Shipmates Ahoy! *(the Pirates enter, each manhandling a lady or two. Albin the Pirate has not changed from his previous number. The Major General sidles in, looking sulky)*

**Vladimir:** Just out of interest....

**Pirate King:** Hmm?

**Vladimir:** Why is one of your pirates in a dress?

**Pirate King:** Oh, we're terribly modern, you know. Very enlightened.

**Estragon:** In that case, why are you all manhandling these ladies?

**Samuel:** Oh, that's easy! We are terribly modern, enlightened **pirates**. It's pretty much in the job description that we have to carry off ladies against their will...OW! *(his lady catches him a clout across the ear'ole)*

**Pirate King:** He's quite right, you know. But we are very respectful when we do it.

**Major General:** Respectful? Respectful? I'll have you know that those are my daughters!

**Samuel:** Yes! And that is why we have chosen them! You see, we could never have touched them if they were orphans.

**Estragon:** Whyever not?

**Pirate King:** Well, because we are orphans ourselves, and know what it is to be one.

**Pirates:** Orphan, orphan, orphan!

**Estragon:** *(beat)* Ummm... why did they chant "orphan" three times?

**Pirate King:** No idea I'm afraid. It seems to be some sort of reaction. Maybe psychological?

**Major General:** *(to Vladimir, sotto voce)* This gives me an idea! *(out loud)* In that case, I have something important to say, accompanied by the piano!

**Song: Pirates Act 1 Finale**

**End of Act 1**