

(Enter two kiddies as heralds. They blow a trumpet fanfare. Wilberforce. He is fussy and pompous.)

(3) Enter

Wilberforce Hear ye! Hear ye! I read this proclamation as Chamberlain to the court of Merry-Go-Lucky.

All Hooray!

Wilberforce To all loyal subjects – it is hereby announced that there will be a visit this afternoon from your reigning maniac – er monarch. His Majesty King Ichabod the Twenty-Tooth, Her Majesty Queen Florence and her Royal Highness Princess Marigold. Sealed with the royal seal and signed with the royal signature – Ichabod the Wreck – er Rex.

All Hooray!

1st Ensemble When will their Majesties arrive?

Wilberforce They should have been here five minutes since.

2nd Ensemble Then why aren't they here?

Heralds Because they're always half an hour late.

Wilberforce It has been rumoured that the King and Queen are rather short of money and they're touring the countryside to find some rich Prince for Princess Marigold to marry. So hurry up. You've got twenty-five minutes to line the streets with bunting and fly the royal flags.

All Hooray!

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