



# Treasure Island

(Revised version)

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## ACT I SCENE I

(At The Admiral Benbow. Jim walking up and down the stage)

[SONG]: Overture

Mother - (Off scene) Jim. Go to room number seven.

Jim - Coming!

Mother - Jim. Go to room number sixteen.

Jim - Coming!

Mother - Jim. Go to room number forty-two

Jim - Coming!

Mother - Jim. Go to room number ninety-eight...

Jim - Comin... Mom, we don't have ninety-eight rooms...!

Mother - Clever boy. I'm glad you're paying attention.

Jim - But for those of you who do not know me, I'm Jim Hawkins and this place is The Admiral Benbow. There are not so many admirals around here, but for a few days there has been a mysterious character around here. He calls himself The Captain. And he's so mysterious. He is always coming and going with his trunk. What's inside it? Look, he's coming! Be all eyes!

Captain - Kiddo!

Jim - Yes, Captain?

Captain - Has any man come by with one leg?

Jim - Nope.

Captain - And yesterday?

Jim - Nope.

Captain - Alright. This means that everything is okay.

Jim - Captain...

Captain - Yes, kiddo?

Jim - Who is this man with one leg...?

Captain - (*Scared*) Nobody, kiddo, nobody...

Jim - But didn't you say that...?

Captain - Nothing, kiddo, nothing... Do you see this...? It is a silver coin. And I'll pay you one of these every single month if you keep an eye out and tell me if you see anything strange...

Jim - Like a man with one leg?

Captain - Exactly. Like a man with one leg. You've got it. (*He leaves*)

Jim - There's no man with one leg at The Admiral Benbow. Nor pirates nor strange people. Except for the Captain. Sure. There's only my mother, the owner, and me. I wish I could see some pirates around here. I wish I could see some pirates around here. I'm sure they have many stories to tell me and they know what lies beyond the sea.

Captain - (*He returns*) Hey, kiddo. Remember to let me know if you see anything suspicious around here.

Jim - Like a pirate?

Captain - Haha. Pirates do not exist, kiddo...

## ACT I SCENE II

Jim - (*Imagining*) How can you say that pirates don't exist if the mysterious Captain looks like a pirate? What does he keep inside his trunk that carries up and down all the time? Is it

some pirate treasure full of gold and silver coins? Maybe a map that says where the treasure is hidden.

Captain - (*He returns again*) Kiddo!

Jim - (*Militarily*) Yes, Captain!

Captain - Bones. Billy Bones. It is time for you to learn my name. Take it. It's your first silver coin. And remember I'll give you one silver coin every month if you are alert, and keep an eye out, and if you see anyone suspicious, I'll give you one gold coin.

Jim - Thank you, Captain!

Captain - But most importantly, let me know if you see a man with one leg. (*He leaves*)

Jim - Well, it's a silver coin. With this I can buy a lot of things. And if I save a lot of coins, maybe I can buy a ship and go on adventures... An adventure to take me far away from here.

[SONG]: Being a pirate.

Mother - (*Off scene*) Jim!

Jim - What?

Mother - (*Off scene*) Jim. Go to room number seven.

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Mother - Jim. Go to room number ninety-eight...

Jim - Comin... Mom, we don't have ninety-eight rooms...!

Black Dog - (*Enters*) Good morning...

Jim - Good morning... Can I help you?

Black Dog - I'm interested in booking a room...

Jim - A room...?

Black Dog - Yes. Do you have any?

Jim - Yes.

Black Dog - I would like to know if there's any...Captain around here

Jim - A Captain...?

Black Dog - Yes. A Captain...

Jim - ... what's your name...?

Black Dog - Black Dog.

Jim - I don't think so. There's no Captain

here...Black Dog - Oh, boy!

Jim - Do you have two legs...

Black Dog - Yes, two legs... (*Scared*) Have you seen somebody with only one leg?!

Jim - No, no... just asking.

Black Dog - Usually, men with only one leg are pirates... have you ever seen a pirate?

Jim - (*Scared*) Nope. Never.

Black Dog - Nor a Captain...?

Jim - No... no...

Black Dog - Alright. I'll come back another day.

Jim - Didn't you want a room?

Black Dog - Not today. (*He leaves*)

### ACT I SCENE III

Jim - (*Looking at how Black Dog leaves and facing the audience*) Do you understand it? Because I don't understand it. What kind of name is Black Dog? (What's your name? (...)) Oh, nice! Nice name. So a very Catalan name. Do you like it? (...) Don't you want to change it to, for example, Black Dog? Or... Green Frog? Do you like Green Frog as a sailor's name? Not cutthroat enough for a pirate. Black Dog doesn't seem like a pirate or a crew member from a ship. He doesn't have a wooden leg or scars or tattoos, just a funny name, but he doesn't look like a pirate. Do you have a wooden leg? (...) Yes, wooden. A fake leg because a shark ate your leg and you replaced it with... Besides that, a wooden leg. If I had a ship, do you think I'd come across sailors or pirates with wooden legs? More than this can you imagine me as a pirate? Yes, as a pirate! (No wooden leg, please) With scars and a sword and a terrifying name like... Black... Black Shark! Yes, Black Shark. But not Black Dog... it's cheesy. Besides... I like puppies! Do you like puppies? (...)

Silver - (Enters) Good evening.

Jim - (Scared) ... Good evening.

Silver - What's up? It's like you've seen a ghost... (*Laughs*) or a pirate... (*Laughs again*) Come, give me some rum. Hey, wake up, kiddo! Have you never seen a man with a wooden leg? It's more common than you can think. Come on, have a drink too. I'm looking for a placeto stay for a while. Do you have any available rooms to stay here?

Jim - I don't know...

Silver - Wow... What a way to run a business, young man...

Jim - Jim. My name is Jim Hawkins.

Silver - What a way to run a business, young Jim Hawkins. Drink with me. Do you know ifthere's a Captain around here?

Jim - (*Scared*) A captain?

Silver - Yes. A captain.

Jim - Of a ship...

Silver - Yeah. Sure. Of a ship...

Jim - Oh, well...

Silver - I'm looking for a job...

Jim - A job?

Silver - Yeah. A job. I'm a cook.

Jim - A cook?

Silver - Yeah. The best cook of the seven seas. I feed kings and soldiers, dukes and peasants. Even pirates!

Jim - Pirates!?

Silver - Yeah, pirates. Have you ever seen a pirate?

Jim - Nope. Never. But I thought you were one of them... sir...

Silver - John. Long John Silver. Pleased to meet you. (*Shake their hands*) See you later. And find a good room for me, boy.... I'll be around until I find a new captain.

## ACT I SCENE IV

Jim - What should I do? A man with a wooden leg is here. He doesn't seem dangerous or anything like that. He's just a cook who has been on a lot of ships. How did Silver lose his leg? It's impossible to know if I don't ask him, but I guess he doesn't like to talk about his private life. Where has he been...? (He leaves)

Captain - (*Enters*) Jim... Jim.... Where are you? I've seen a man with a wooden leg around here. It can't be! It can't be! He must be Long John Silver. I thought he was dead! Oh, my heart, my heart... I must run away from here. I'm the only one who knows where Captain Flint's treasure is buried! Oh, no. It can't be! He's... He's Blind Pew.

Pew - (*Enters*) Hi Bones...

Captain - It can't be.

Pew - I can't see it, but I know when someone has peed their pants. I can smell it. Captain - What do you want from me?

Pew - You know perfectly well what I want from you. We were both members of Captain Flint's crew. I want the map.

Captain - What map?

Pew - Captain Flint's treasure map. I know you stole it.

Captain - No! (*They fight. Pew falls. Captain runs away*)

Pew - Dammit! I'll bash your face in if I catch you. You can't run forever! (*He leaves in the opposite direction from the Captain*)

Captain - Oh, my heart! My fragile heart! Ouch! (*Falls*)

Jim - Captain! Captain! What happened?

Captain - It's my heart... it's failing... it hurts. Go to my room and bring me the trunk, kiddo.

Jim - But...

Captain - Quickly! Trust me. It's very important. Bring me the trunk. (*Jim brings the trunk*) You see all these gold coins, kiddo? They're yours now. All of them. And you see this? It's a map. The map of Captain Flint's treasure. The fiercest pirate of the seven seas. Keep the map and don't let anybody get it. Or go looking for the treasure... if you're brave enough. You are a good friend and you deserve this. But now it's time to go... but... never trust a pirate! (*Dies*)

Jim - No, Captain! Please! Don't die. (*Reads the map*) "This is the map on which I declare where I buried my treasure. If you're strong and brave enough you'll find it. Captain Flint". It's on an island. The treasure is hidden on an island. Like real pirates. Am I a pirate...?

John - Nope. You are a good guy.

Jim - Long John Silver!

John - That's me.

Jim - It is the treasure map. To Captain Flint's treasure.

John - The most feared pirate on the seven seas.

Jim - Have you ever met him?

John - Oh, no. I'm just a cook. But his name scares legions of pirates and sailors.

Jim - I'm so sorry for the Captain.

John - The best thing you can do for him is to find the treasure.

Jim - Are you sure?

John - Yes. I'll help you find a captain and a full crew

Jim - And then I'll be a pirate?

John - You will be whatever you want to be.  
Jim - And then I'll sing pirate songs?  
John - Whatever you want!  
[SONG]: Fifteen Men on A Dead Man's Chest

## **ACT II SCENE I**

*(On the ship, Jim and Smollett act like pirates)*

Smollett - Are you dizzy?  
Jim - A bit.  
Smollett - Drink some water, it'll help  
Jim - Thank you, Captain Smollett.  
Smollett - Thanks to you, young Jim Hawkins. Made me Captain of this entire crew, chosen by the cook Long John Silver. They look like very nice people.  
Jim - Do you think so?  
Smollett - Sure! They fight and play dice, they give each other nicknames... they look like a real crew.  
Jim - They look as though they know each other from before, a very long time ago.  
Pirate #1 - I'll stab you!  
Pirate #2 - I'll kill you!  
Smollett - Being a sea man is like being part of a great brotherhood of honourable and brave men.  
Pirate #1 - I'll stab you!  
Pirate #2 - I'll kill you!  
Smollett - Furthermore, they will be very well paid by you, young Jim Hawkins.  
Jim - I hope so...  
Smollett - By the way, do some of your associates know the real meaning of our trip? I mean... do they know we are looking for Captain Flint's treasure?  
Pirate #1 - I'll stab you! Pirate #2 - I'll kill you!  
Jim - Nope. Only you and my faithful mate, Long John Silver.  
Smollett - The cook? That's your loyal mate?  
Jim - Yeah! There's no more honest man than him.  
Pirate #1 - I'll stab you!  
Pirate #2 - I'll kill you!  
Smollett - He looks like a good man. Like the rest of the crew.  
Jim - Captain Smollett... have you ever seen a pirate?  
Smollett - No. Never. Hehe... Pirates...  
Jim - They don't exist?  
Smollett - Nope. They exist! But I've never seen one...  
Jim - Oh, I see...  
Smollett - It's time to take a nap. Maybe you'll feel better later, young Jim Hawkins.  
Jim - Yeah, maybe. I'll try to rest a while next to this barrel.

## **ACT II SCENE II**

Silver - Hey, sailor... *(Makes a secret movement)*  
Pirate - Hey, sailor... *(Makes a secret movement)*  
Silver - Have you talked to the rest of the crew members?  
Pirate - Yeah. They agree and they will obey you when the time comes.

Silver - Smollet, and does the kid know anything?

Pirate – Nope. I talked very discreetly to him. Smollett and the kid are dumb. When the time comes, we'll mutiny and recover Flint's treasure!

Silver - Damn Billy Bones! He stole our map!

[SONG]: Conspiracy

Silver – See you later, sailor...

Jim – (Appears from behind the barrel) They want to recover Flint's treasure and kill us! No, Long John Silver! I never expected this from you! He was a member of Flint's crew! He was a pirate! And now he wants to be the captain of this ship by killing us. No. I can't allow this. I'll hide the map and I'll talk with Smollett. He must know!

Sailor – Land ahoy!

Jim – I need to talk with Smollett before it's too late.

### **ACT III SCENE I**

*(On the island)*

Jim - Okay crew. You head that direction and I'll go in this direction and we'll meet back at base soon. Wow... This place is La Hispaniola. The island where Captain Flint's hid his treasure. What kind of secrets does this place hide? It looks empty.

Ben Gunn - Mercy! Please. Tell me you have some food. Mercy!

Jim - Who are you?

Ben Gunn - Gunn. Ben Gunn.

Jim - I'm Jim Hawkins.

Ben Gunn - Tell me if you have any food. I'm sick of eating coconuts.

Jim - Coconuts?

Ben Gunn - Yes! There's only coconuts on this island! No steaks, no sausages or beef. Only coconuts. And there's no cheese here! Please, tell me you have cheese. I'll do anything for cheese.

Jim - No. I don't have cheese. Maybe on the ship...

Ben Gunn - No. I don't need that...not a ship to sail away from here. Only cheese. Jim -  
(This man is crazy)

Ben Gunn - I haven't had cheese from three whole years.

Jim - (Totally crazy)

Ben Gunn - I'll do whatever you want for cheese...

Jim - But why haven't you eaten cheese in three years? Why does nobody live here? I don't see anybody except you...

Ben Gunn - It's a secret!

Jim - A secret?

Ben Gunn - Yes. A secret! I haven't been to explain it to anyone because I haven't seen anyone around here for so long. Can I trust you?

Jim – Yeah, of course.

Ben Gunn - I'm afraid of pirates. Are there any pirates around here?

Jim - ... No.

Ben Gunn - Nice. I was a pirate, you know? I was a crew member of the crew of the most feared pirate of the seven seas, Captain Flint.

Jim - Captain Flint!

Ben Gunn- Do you know him?

Jim – I've heard of him.

Ben Gunn - And you're not afraid of me?

Jim - No. You look like a good man.

Ben Gunn - I was a pirate. (Cries) But not anymore. Flint hid his treasure on this island, but he never told me where. The rest of the crew members thought I knew where the treasure was hidden, but it's not true! And they left me here, alone! I'd like to return home and eat cheese. Lots of cheese!

Jim - I could take you on my ship.

Ben Gunn - Oh, I'd love to, I'd love to...

Silver- Jim, where are you?

Ben Gunn - Whose voice is that...? It sounds like someone familiar.

Silver - Jim...!

Ben Gunn - Could it be Long John Silver?

Silver - Jim...!

Ben Gunn - Impossible! Or maybe yes... I need to go! Goodbye, Jim!

Silver - Jim! Where are you?

Jim - I'm here! I'm exploring the island.

Silver – I think we need to explore together. What do you think?

Jim – I prefer to do it alone, Long John Silver.

Silver – What's up, kiddo? Do you think I'll steal your treasure? (Laughs)

Jim – No. Long John Silver...

Silver – Okay... let's go...

Jim – Yeah, let's go...

## **ACT III SCENE II**

Silver - Well, we can't be too far away...

Jim- No?

Silver - (*Draws a weapon*) Give me the map, Jim.

Jim - (*Draws a weapon too*) Never.

Silver - If you don't give it to me, I'll kill you.

Jim - I know. I heard you on the ship. John Silver. I know what you want. I heard you...I can see you've already mutinied.

Silver - You're smarter than I thought, Jim. Now I must kill you. You're not as dumb as you look, Jim. Pity...Now I'll have to kill you.

Jim - Not if I kill you first. (*Disarms Silver*)

Silver - I must admit. You're good. You would make a great pirate.

Jim - I don't want to be a pirate, Long John Silver.

Silver - Oh... oh, look! A bird!

Jim - Where? (*He searches, Silver runs away and Smollett returns, gagged*)

Smollett - Jim!

Jim - Captain Smollett?

Smollett - Jim!

Jim - Here, Captain.

Smollett - Terrible! There's been a riot, Jim. They're not sailors. They're pirates!

Jim - (*Frees Smollett*) I know, Captain. They want the map!

Smollett - Where's the map?

Jim - It's hidden on the ship. I can go and get it.

Smollett - It won't be enough. If we stay here, they will capture us... We need to do something...

Jim - I had an idea...

Smollett - (*Leaving*) I trust you, Jim.

### **ACT III SCENE III**

(On the ship)

Jim - First I need to take the map back and hide it again. Then, I need to make sure they cannot remove the treasure from the island. Done! Heave the anchor! Now the ship is adrift. If I'm lucky the ship will sail alone very far away from the island and they'll have to swim to recover the ship... And then... swim back to the island again.

Navy officer - Oh, look at this! A ship adrift! There's nobody inside the ship, but it doesn't look abandoned. It looks like the ship came from The Hispaniola. Sailors! We must go to The Hispaniola! You know it's a regular haven for pirates, so be careful!

### **ACT III SCENE IV**

(On the island again)

Jim - Here we go again. Where are the others? Captain Smollett, pirates... Ben Gunn? Where are they? Hey!

Silver - (*Pointing at him with a weapon*) Hi, Jim. I see you think you're smarter than you ~~are~~ are. If the ship goes adrift, nobody can leave the island. Not even you... Give me the map!

Jim - No...

Silver - Give me that map and take the shovel. Walk! Northeast 100 steps to the left. Right now! Then 100 steps to the right. Now! Dig! Dig! Oh, the treasure! It's the treasure! Open it! Open the chest!

Jim - It's empty! It's empty. There's a note inside. (*Reading*) You're dumb. I hid the treasure in another place. You'll never find me and you'll never find Captain Flint's treasure. Ben Gunn".

Silver - Ben Gunn! I thought he was dead.

Jim - Nope. I talked to him.

Silver - Where?

Jim - Here. On the island.

Silver - Damn! We'll never find Flint's treasure. It's your fault, Jim! You warned him about us.

Jim - No. It's your fault, Silver. You left him here.

[SONG]: Your fault.

### **ACT III SCENE V**

Ben Gunn - (*Hidden*) Bring me more rum! Blind Pew! Long John Silver! Ben Gunn! All my crew is here... You'll be with me forever. Bring me more rum!

Jim - What is that voice?

Ben Gunn - Bring me more rum!

Silver - He's Captain Flint! It's his last words! "Bring me more rum"! This place is haunted!

Ben Gunn - Hahahaha... (*Laughs*) What's up, Silver? You like you've seen a ghost.

Silver - It's Captain Flint! (*Runs away*)

Jim - But...That's not possible!

Ben Gunn- Hahaha. I know it's impossible. But I remember the last words of Flint. I was there and Silver was there too! They don't dare to steal his treasure. We'll share it together.

Jim - Nope.

Ben Gunn - Why?

Jim - I heaved the anchor and the ship is now adrift.

Ben Gunn - You heaved the anchor?

Jim - Yes. I'm sorry.

Ben Gunn - So what is that ship?

Jim - My God, it's the British Navy! We are saved!

Both - Hey, we're here! Here!

Jim - They saw us!

Ben Gunn - We can leave!

Jim - I will go back home with my mother.

Ben Gunn - I will eat cheese again... with your mother? You don't want to be a pirate?

Jim - No. Not anymore. I'll hire people to work at the inn and have a quiet life. And you? You don't want to be a pirate again?

Ben Gunn - No. I only want to eat cheese.

Jim - You can have all the cheese you want at The Admiral Benbow.

Ben Gunn - Is that where you live?

Jim - Yeah, that's the place I love. Look, an officer is coming.

Navy Officer - Who is in charge here?

Jim - Me, officer.

Navy Officer - So young! What's your name?

Jim - Hawkins. Jim Hawkins.

Navy Officer - Who are all these sailors screaming and crying to themselves on the island?

Jim - They are pirates.

Naval Officer - And you have captured all of them? Congratulations. That means you're a real captain.

Jim - Me? A Captain?

Ben Gunn - Yeah, and more than that, Captain. We'll share the treasure. It's time to go back home.

Jim - Home?

Ben Gunn - Yes, it's time to go.

Jim - Yeah. It's time to go. I'm tired of being a pirate.

[SONG]: Finale