

NORTHAMPTON G&S GROUP – HMS PINAFORE

Please prepare the following speeches for your character

You may be asked to read only ONE of them You are NOT expected to be off-book

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DICK DEADEYE (*Able Seaman*)

A

- DICK. *I have thought it often. (All recoil from him.)*
- BOAT. Don't take no heed of *him*; that's only poor Dick Deadeye.
- DICK. I say – it's a beast of a name, ain't it – Dick Deadeye?
- BUT. It's not a nice name.
- DICK. I'm ugly too, ain't I?
- BUT. You are certainly plain.
- DICK. And I'm three-cornered too, ain't I?
- BUT. You are rather triangular.
- DICK. Ha! ha! That's it. I'm ugly, and they hate me for it; for you all hate me, don't you?
- ALL. We do!
- DICK. There!
- BOAT. Well, Dick, we wouldn't go for to hurt any fellow-creature's feelings, but you can't expect a chap with such a name as Dick Deadeye to be a popular character – now can you?
- DICK. No.
- BOAT. It's asking too much, ain't it?
- DICK. It is. From such a face and form as mine the noblest sentiments sound like the black utterances of a depraved imagination. It is human nature – I am resigned.

B

- DICK. Captain.
- CAPT. Deadeye! You here? Don't! (*Recoiling from him.*)
- DICK. Ah, don't shrink from me, Captain. I'm unpleasant to look at, and my name's agin me, but I ain't as bad as I seem.
- CAPT. What would you with me?
- DICK (*mysteriously*). I'm come to give you warning.
- CAPT. Indeed! do you propose to leave the Navy then?
- DICK. No, no, you misunderstand me; listen!