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I met a good man yesterday
Who looked most sorrowful and sore,
I said—what is the matter, pray?
He wept and answered, *Pinafore!*"

"I went one summer night," he said,
 "To hear that most unholy play,
 And now I know this awful dread
 Will follow to my dying day."

"I laughed," he said "I had no thoughts
What wickedness I did commit
Until the Reverend Doctor Porrs
Showed me the sinfulness of it.

Now nightly dreams of *Buttercup*
Afflict my sleep, she seems to be
Engaged in mixing of me up—
I change into a big, big D—.

*Dick Deadeye with a fiendish grin,
In sulphurous clouds, with horns and tail
Seems waiting to revenge my sin,
In that bad place where sermons fail.*

The "Ruler of the Queen's Navee"
Orders me off to-dungeon deep,
Where fires undying seem to be
A roasting of me in my sleep.

Hebe and naughty Josephina
With *Corcoran* and all the crew
Go through their wicked parts—the scene
Is lighted up with flames of blue.

In dreadful trance I toss and groan
Longing to drive the fiends away,
Shall I be never left alone?
I ask—they "hardly ever" say.

But what makes all my days so sad—
More than these nightly dreams of fire
Is—"Pinafore" did not seem bad
Till Dr. Potts rebuked the choir.

For three long months I've walked in guile,
Laughing at wicked "Pinafore,"
Oh, can I ever dare to smile
For seeing not my fault before?"

I left that sadly stricken one,
To wonder if a fall from grace
Follows of course when harmless fun
Loosens the muscles of the face.

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