

## ACT THREE

### Scene 2

#### THE PIRATE SHIP

##### #46 - The Pirate Ship

*In the strange light of a moonlit night we see what is happening on the deck of the Jolly Roger, which is flying the skull and crossbones and lies low in the water.*

*Some PIRATES are preparing torture instruments. A quartet on the poop prepare their music.*

*HOOK paces.*

*On the poop MULLINS is visible, in the only greatcoat on the ship, raking with his glass the monstrous rocks within which the lagoon is cooped.*

*STARKEY leans over the bulwark, silently surveying the silent waters. The only sound to be heard is made by SMEE at his sewing-machine, which lends a touch of domesticity to the night.*

*HOOK is now leaning against the mast, now prowling the deck, the double cigar in mouth. With PETER surely at last removed from his path we, who know how vain a tabernacle is man, would not be surprised to find him bellied out by the winds of his success, but it is not so; he is still uneasy, looking long and meaninglessly at familiar objects, such as the ship's bell or the Long Tom, like one who may shortly be a stranger to them. It is as if Pan's terrible oath 'Hook or me this time!' had already boarded the ship.*

#### HOOK

How still the night is. Nothing sounds alive. Now is the hour when children in their homes are a-bed -

##### #47 - Hook's Waltz

- their lips bright-browed with the goodnight chocolate, and their tongues drowsily searching for belated crumbs housed insecurely on their shining cheeks. Compare with them the captive children on this boat! Split me infinitives, but 'tis me hour of triumph! Peter killed at last and all the boys about to walk the plank.

*(Laughs)*

At last I've reached me peak! I'm the greatest villain of all time! Who was Bluebeard?

PIRATES

Nobody!

HOOK

Who was Nero?

PIRATES

Nobody!

HOOK

Who was Jack the Ripper?

PIRATES

Nobody!

HOOK

(Sung)

WHO'S THE SWINIEST SWINE IN THE WORLD?

PIRATES

CAPTAIN HOOK! CAPTAIN HOOK!

HOOK

WHO'S THE DIRTIEST DOG IN THIS WONDERFUL WORLD?

PIRATES

CAPTAIN HOOK! CAPTAIN HOOK!

HOOK

CAPTAIN OF VILLAINY,  
MURDER AND LOOT.

(Grabbing SMEE)

EAGER TO KILL ANY  
WHO SAYS THAT HIS HOOK ISN'T CUTE.

SMEE

(Cowering)

It's cute!

HOOK

(Laughs and drops SMEE)

WHO'S THE SLIMIEST RAT IN THE PACK?

PIRATES

CAPTAIN HOOK! CAPTAIN HOOK!

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