

HOOK

The ship's bewitched! There is a Jonah aboard.

PETER

(Advancing upon him)

Aye, it's the man with a hook.

PIRATES

Aye, it's the man with a hook.

HOOK

(Temporising)

No, lads, no, it is the girl.

PETER

Aye, aye, it's the girl!

PIRATES

Aye, the girl!

HOOK

Never was luck on a pirate ship wi' a woman aboard.

PETER

No, no, not with a woman aboard.

PIRATES

A woman aboard!

HOOK

Take her to the plank!

PETER

To the plank!

#54 - Plank Music

HOOK

(Jeering)

There is none can save you now, missy.

PETER

There is one.

HOOK

Who is that?

PETER

(Casting off the disguise)

Peter Pan, the avenger!

55 - Ship Fight

(General fight scene in which all participate. The KANGAROO has boxing gloves on and boxes several PIRATES.)

HOOK

Back, back, you mice! It's Hook—do you like him?

(He lifts up MICHAEL with his claw and uses him as a buckler.

A terrible voice breaks in.)

PETER

Wait, boys! This man is mine!

(HOOK shakes MICHAEL off his claw as if he were a drop of water, and these two antagonists face each other for their final bout. They measure swords at arms' length, make a sweeping motion with them, and bringing the points to the deck rest their hands upon the hilts.)

HOOK

(Jeering)

So, Pan, this is all your doing!

PETER

Aye, Hook, it is all my doing!

HOOK

Proud and impudent youth, prepare to meet thy doom!

PETER

Dark and sinister man, have at thee!

(As they begin to duel PETER flies about HOOK's head and swoops down on him. HOOK is unable to fight him properly.)

HOOK

It isn't fair. I say it though it was my last breath! It isn't fair. 'Tis some fiend fighting me. Pan! Who and what art thou?

(The children listen eagerly for the answer, none quite so eagerly as WENDY)

PETER

(At a venture)

I am youth! I am joy! I am freedom!

(Flies to topmost part of the rigging as BOYS cheer)

HOOK

If I am to die you'll all die with me!

(Stung to madness)

I'll light a bomb and blow up the ship!

(HOOK disappears, they know not where)

CHILDREN

Save us Peter, save us!

(PETER, alas, goes the wrong way, and HOOK returns, bomb in hand)

HOOK

In two minutes the ship will be blown to pieces!

CHILDREN

Mercy! Mercy!

HOOK

Back! Back, you pewling spawn! I'll show you now the road to dusty death!

(HOOK climbs the ladder to the poop deck)

There'll be a holocaust of children! There's something grand to the idea!

(HOOK reaches the poop where the CROCODILE is waiting for him. HOOK screeches at the sight of it)

Augggh! The croc! The croc!

(At this sight the great heart of HOOK breaks. That not wholly unheroic figure climbs onto the plank [sliding-board] and makes his farewell speech)

Pan—no words of mine can express me utter contempt for you.

(HOOK slides down the sliding board into the sea, followed by the CROCODILE. There is an enormous splash as ALL cheer.)

*PETER throws the bomb overboard. Everyone holds their ears. EXPLOSION!
General rejoicing)*

CURTAIN