

Prestbury Youth Pantomime Association

Robin Hood & Babes in the Wood



Maid Marion audition

Nurse: I may be wrong, love, but I think you've upset the dear Sheriff.

Marion: Oh he's dear alright, he's costing the people of Nottingham a fortune. Thank goodness Robin Hood is giving some of it back to them.

Nurse: **(To Pip and Penny.)** Right my dears, it really is bedtime, so you need to brush your teeth and find your jim-jams. I'll come up and read you a story in a minute.

Marion: Goodnight Children.

Pip: } **(Together)**

Penny: } G'night Marion. **(The Babes exit.)**

Nurse: Now, Marion, why do I get the impression there's something else on your mind?

Marion: What do you mean?

Nurse: Well it's not just those poor people outside bothering you.

Marion: I don't understand!

Nurse: I'm sure you feel sorry for them, but I think there is something else that has put the colour in your cheeks...

Marion: **(Suddenly coy.)** Well, I have been a little distracted recently.

Nurse: Is it a man?

Marion: How did you guess?

Nurse: Isn't it always? Ooh, let's have a lovely girlie chat! C'mon, park your posterior here. **(She pushes Marion into the chair and perches on the corner of the desk.)**

Nurse: Now, tell your dear old Nursie all about him.

Marion: He's the bold and fearless defender of the downtrodden and hopeless.

Nurse: Jerry Springer?

Marion: No, Robin Hood.

Nurse: Him! Why, that thieving young rascal, he tried to take my money and my dignity... You mark my words, he won't hesitate to take a liberty with you.

Marion: Oh, I know! He's an outlaw and a robber, but he's got principles and he stands up for the poor. He and his men tried to rob me a few times in the forest but as soon as he found out who I was he didn't take anything.

Nurse: Other than liberties I'll bet!

Marion: No! He was very nice. He said he knew how I looked after the poor townsfolk and that I should never worry about travelling in the forest alone again. I've been to visit the Merry Men a few times since. Robin is the perfect gentleman.

Nurse: What about his looks?

Marion: **(Dreamily.)** He's got chestnut hair and hazel eyes...

Nurse: **(To the Audience.)** I knew it. She's nuts about him! **(To Marion.)** You'd better forget about Robin the Hoodlum, young lady. There's no future that way.

Marion: Maybe you're right. But you always told me that when it came to marriage, I must follow my heart.

Nurse: How right you are dear! The last time I got married I followed me nose and ended up marrying a chef.

Marion: Was it a happy marriage?

Nurse: No, he paid a fortune every month to his ex-wife, and we went broke.

Marion: How sad. Didn't his ex-wife have an income of her own?

Nurse: Oh yes, she worked in a bakery, but he said she kneaded the dough! **(Marion only smiles politely.)** Oh, there's no pleasing some, is there? Well, I'm off to bed dearie. I'll leave you here. Sleep well