

“Fold Your Flapping Wings”

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*Recitativo & Aria which originally followed immediately
after the Trio “If You Go In” in Iolanthe, Act II*

Allegro pesante

Recit.

My Bill has now been read a sec - ond time: His

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rea - dy vote no mem - ber now re - fus - es; In ver - i - ty I wield a pow'r sub - lime, And one that I can turn to might - y us - es! What joy to car - ry, in the

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ver - y teeth Of Min - is - try, Cross - Bench and Op - po - si - tion, Some ra - ther ur - gent meas - ures - Quite be - neath The ken of Pa - tri - ot and Pol - i - ti - cian!

a tempo

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Fold your flap - ping wings, Soar - ing Leg - is - la - ture! Stoop to lit - tle things - Stoop to hu - man na - ture! Nev - er need to roam, Mem - bers pa - tri -

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o-tic, Let's be-gin at home- Crime is no ex - o-tic! Bit-ter is your bane- Ter - ri-ble your tri-als- Din - gy Dru-ry Lane!

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Aria

Soap - less Sev-en Di-als! Take a tip - sy lout, Gath - er'd from the gut - ter- Take a wretc-hed thief, Thro' the ci - ty sneak-ing,

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Hust-le him a - bout- Strap him to a shut-ter: What am I but he, Wash'd at hours stat - ed- Fed on fi - li - gree- Cloth'd and ed - u - Pock-et hand-ker-chief Ev - er, ev - er seek-ing: What is he but I Robb'd of all my chan-ces- Pick - ing pock-ets by Force of cir-cum-

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1.

ca - ted? He's a mark of scorn, I might be an - oth-er, If I had been born Of a tip - sy moth-er! stan - ces? I might be as bad- As un - luck - y, ra - ther,

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2.

a tempo

If I'd on - ly had Fa - gin for a fa - ther!