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Reno, Moon, Evelyn

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MOON

Don't shoot! I'm--

(He sees the PURSER staring at him.
He swats at the air around his
head)

Flying fish.

(To BILLY and RENO)

Flying fish!

(They ALL swat at the air around
their heads)

PURSER

(Drawing MOON aside)

Doctor, have you seen Mr. Flowers?

MOON

As a matter of fact, I just saw him going into the mizzen mast.

PURSER

We don't have a mizzen mast.

MOON

Then it must have been someone else.

PURSER

(To BILLY)

Sailor, come with me. I want you to help me find someone.

BILLY

Aye, aye, sir.

(BILLY and the PURSER exit)

RENO

Who's he looking for?

MOON

He's looking for Billy.

RENO

Billy ought to be a big help to him.

(EVELYN enters. He sees RENO and
stops in his tracks)

EVELYN

What ho, it's Reno Sweeney! I say, Lord Evelyn Oakleigh.
Might I have your autograph?

RENO

Why not?

(He hands her his notebook. She begins to write)

EVELYN

Do you know, I spent the most smashing evening at your club! "Lawdy, Lawdy! Saints preserve us!" Your singing stirred me to a frenzy! Had me dancing about like Bojingles!

RENO

Thank you.

(She hands him the notebook)

EVELYN

(Reading)

"Are you drunk or crazy? Good luck. Reno Sweeney."

(He guffaws)

I say, why don't we all have tea in my cabin? I know my fiance, Miss Harcourt, would love to meet you.

RENO

That's very sweet, but I'm afraid--

MOON

She'd love to.

EVELYN

Marvelous! Shall we say four o'clock?

MOON & RENO

"Four o'clock!"

EVELYN

Neaters!

(Peeking in his notebook)

See ya later, elevator!

(He exits)

RENO

Moonie, that's the Tommy that's making time with Billy's girl. This is going to be like consorting with the enemy.

MOON

Exactly. Here's the plan. You get to his cabin early, wearing something that slips off easy. I bust in and catch him tearing your clothes off, then we blackmail him into breaking the engagement.

RENO

Moon, that's despicable.

MOON

You don't like it?

RENO
I love it!

(THEY laugh)

MOON
You know, Reno, we should have teamed up years ago.

RENO
We're two of a kind, all right.

MOON
Partners!

RENO
Through thick or thin.

(Orchestra chord)

MOON
Night or day.

(Orchestra chord)

RENO
Right or wrong!

(Orchestra chord)

/10/ "Friendship"

MOON
IF YOU'RE EVER IN A JAM, HERE I AM.

RENO
IF YOU EVER NEED A PAL, I'M YOUR GAL.

MOON
IF YOU EVER FEEL SO HAPPY YOU LAND IN JAIL, I'M YOUR BAIL.

BOTH
IT'S FRIENDSHIP, FRIENDSHIP, JUST A PERFECT BLENDSHIP,
WHEN OTHER FRIENDSHIPS HAVE BEEN FORGOT,
OURS WILL STILL BE HOT.
LAHDLE-AHDLE-AHDLE DIG, DIG, DIG.

(4 bar orchestra interlude)

MOON
IF YOU'RE EVER DOWN A WELL, RING MY BELL.