

Modern Major-General

Lyrics by W.S. Gilbert

Music by Arthur Sullivan

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C

I am the ve - ry mo - del of a

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G

mod-ern Ma-jor-Ge-ne-ral, I've in-for-ma-tion ve-ge - ta - ble, an - i - mal, and mi - ne - ral, I

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C

G

know the kings of Eng-land, and I quote the fights his-to-ri-cal, From Ma-ra-thon to Wa-ter-loo, in

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D7

G

G7

Cm

or-der ca - te - go - ri - cal; I'm ve - ry well ac-quain - ted, too, with mat - ters ma - the - ma - ti - cal, I

25

B \flat 7

E \flat

G7

un-der-stand e-qua-tions, both the sim-ple and qua - dra - ti - cal, A - bout bi-no-mial the-o - rem I'm

28

Cm

A \flat 7

tee-ming with a lot o' news,

With ma - ny cheer - ful facts a - bout the

31 G

square of the hy - po - te - nuse. I'm

34 C G

ve - ry good at in - te - gral and dif - fer - en - tial cal - cu - lus; I know the sci - en - ti - fic names of

37 C G7 C G7

be - ings a - ni - mal - cu - lous. In short, in mat - ters ve - ge - ta - ble, a - ni - mal, and mi - ne - ral, I

40 C F Dm C G7 C

am the ve - ry mo - del of a mo - dern Ma - jor - Ge - ne - ral.

43 C

I know our myth - ic his - to - ry, King Ar - thur's and Sir Car - a - doc's; I

46 G7 C

an - swer hard a - cro - stics, I've a pret - ty taste for par - a - dox, I quote in el - e - gi - acs all the

49 G D7 G

crimes of He - lio - ga - ba - lus, In co - nics I can floor pe - cu - li - ar - i - ties pa - ra - bo - lous; I can

52 G7 Cm Bb7

tell un - doub - ted Ra - pha - els from Ge - rard Dows and Zof - fan - ies, I know the croa - king cho - rus from The

55 B^b7 E^b G7 C^m

Frogs of A- ris - to - pha - nes! Then I can hum a fugue of which I've heard the mu - sic's din a - fore,

58 A^b7 G

And whi - stle all the airs from that in - fer - nal non - sense Pi - na - fore.

61 C

Then I can write a wash - ing bill in

64 G7

Ba - by - lon - ic cun - ei - form, And tell you ev' - ry de - tail of Ca - ract - a - cus' s un - i - form. In

67 C G7 C G7 C F D^m

short, in mat - ters ve - ge - ta - ble, a - ni - mal, & mi - ne - ral, I am the ve - ry mo - del of a

70 C G7 C

mo - dern Ma - jor - Ge - ne - ral.

In

73 C G7

fact, when I know what is meant by "ma - me - lon" and "ra - ve - lin", When I can tell at sight a Mau - ser

76 C

ri - fle from a Ja - ve - lin, When such af - fairs as sor - ties and sur - pri - ses I'm more wa - ry at, And

79 G D7 G

when I know pre-cise-ly what is meant by "com-mis-sar-i-at", When I have learnt what progress has been

82 Cm B \flat 7 E \flat

made in mo-dern gun- ne- ry, When I know more of tac-tics than a no-vice in a nun-ne- ry – In

85 G7 Cm

short, when I've a smat-ter-ing of el - e - men-tal stra - te - gy – You'll

88 A \flat 7 G

say a bet-ter Ma-jor-Ge - ne - ral has ne - ver *sat-a-gee!*

91 C

For my mi-li-ta-ry know-ledge, though I'm pluck-y and ad-ven-tu-ry, Has

94 G7 C G7

on - ly been brought down to the be - gin-ning of the cen-tu-ry; But still, in mat-ters ve - ge - ta - ble,

97 C G7 C F Dm C G7 C

a - ni-mal, and mi-ne-ral, I am the ve-ry mo-del of a mo-dern Ma - jor - Ge - ne - ral.

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