

Modern Major-General

Lyrics by W.S. Gilbert

Music by Arthur Sullivan

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I am the ve - ry mo - del of a

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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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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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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

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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

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tee-ming with a lot o' news, With ma - ny cheer-ful facts a - bout the

31 A

square of the hy - po - te - nuse.

I'm

34 D A

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 D A7 D A7

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 D G Em D A7 D

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

43 D

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

46 A7 D

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 A E7 A

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 A7 Dm C7

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

55 C7 F A7 Dm

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 B \flat 7 A

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

61 D

Then I can write a wash-ing bill in

64 A7

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 D A7 D A7 D G Em

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

70 D A7 D

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

In

73 D A7

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 D

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 A E7 A

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

82 Dm C7 F

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 A7 Dm

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

88 B \flat 7 A

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

91 D

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

94 A7 D A7

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 D A7 D G Em D A7 D

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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