**FOR THE MERRIEST FELLOWS ARE WE**

**INTRODUCTION**

Men into position behind Ian.

Front row: (L-R) Paul, Richard, Warren

Second row: (L-R) Stephen, Ian N, Laurie

USR: Andrew

USL: Philip

**Antonio: For the merriest fellow are we**

Ian sweeps right hand around from left to right

**Tra la, tra la, tra la, tra la la la la, tra la la la**

Men step forwards: right, left, right

Leap left

Leap right

**Antonio: That ply on the emerald sea**

Ian sweeps left hand around from right to left

**Tra la, tra la, tra la, tra la la la la, tra la la la**

Men step backwards: right, left, right

Leap left

Leap right

**With loving and laughing,**

**And quipping and quaffing,**

**We’re happy as happy can be, tra la**

Ian: To the right: Step, cross in front, step, heel

Ian: To the left: Step, cross in front, step, heel

**With loving and laughing,**

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**We’re happy as happy can be, tra la la la la la la la**

Rest of men copy what Ian has just done:

To the right: Step, cross in front, step, heel

To the left: Step, cross in front, step, heel

On last la: straighten back up

**Chorus: Tra la la la, Tra la la la**

All men sweep right hand round from left to right. Palm up, chest height.

**Chorus: Traaaaa la la la la la la, Tra la, tra la, la la**

All men sweep left hand round from right to left. Palm up, chest height.

**K: Antonio over the chorus: traaaa la la la la la la**

**Antonio over the chorus: traaaa la la la la la la**

**[4 bars in total]**

Front row of men: traveling to the right – slowly – step together (x2)

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**Ian over chorus: Tra la la la, tra la la la**

**[2 bars in total]**

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**All chorus together: la la la la la la la la la la la la la**

All girls: hold flowers in outside hand and raise it outwards

All men: two hands out in front of you

**Tra**

All girls: Hold bouquet in both hands to your chest and turn in towards the men

All men: Right hand on chest

**La**

All girls face the front, holding bouquet in both hands

All men: Right hand raised, hand open

**INSTRUMENTAL**

Three point turn. (Right foot forward, step back on your left and turn to the left, step forwards (facing backwards) on your right foot, step left right.

**Antonio: With sorrow we’ve nothing to do**

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Men step forwards: right, left, right

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**Antonio: And care is a thing to pooh-pooh**

Ian sweeps left hand around from right to left

**Tra la, tra la, tra la, tra la la la la, tra la la la**

Men step backwards: right, left, right

Leap left

Leap right

**Antonio: And Jealousy yellow,**

**Unfortunate fellow,**

**We drown in the shimmering blue**

**Chorus: Tra la**

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Then men go to bow.

Jackie runs to centre stage, having spotted the approaching gondoliers. (They will be entering on a gondola USL.)