**SEE SEE AT LAST THEY COME TO MAKE THEIR CHOICE**

**See, see**

Jackie, centre stage, beckons to Tina and Sarah B

**at last they come to make their choice –**

Tina and Sarah B, having joined Jackie, beckon to the rest of the contadine to join them in centre.

The ladies push the men out of the way to make a cluster centre stage.

Men disperse: Ian S and Warren DSR. Ian N, Laurie, Andrew, USR. Paul and Richard DSL. Stephen and Philip USL.

**Let us acclaim them with united voice.**

**Hail, hail!**

Girls in cluster at front. Bouquets, in both hands, help up to chest.

Front row of cluster: Tina, Jackie, Sarah B, Sarah F, Nikki

Second row: Kim, Eleanor, Kate, Cathie, Suzanne

Third row: Caroline, Debbie, Jane, Catherine

**Gallant gondolieri, ben’ venuti! ben’ venuti!**

Roses extended in front of you. Step, together, step together, going backwards to form a V.

SL: Front to back: Tina, Jackie, Sarah B, Kim, Eleanor, Kate, Caroline

SR: Front to back: Nikki, Sarah F, Suzanne, Cathie, Catherine, Jane, Debbie

During this, Marco and Giuseppe appear at back on gondola.

**Accept our love;**

Be in V by now.

Bring roses in to chest

**Our homage, and our duty.**

Lean in towards centre

**Ben’ venuti!**

Stand up straight again

**Ben’ venuti!**

Curtsey, inside leg behind.

**BUON’ GIORNO, SIGNORINE**

**Introduction**

Sam and Jonny to bottom of rostra, centre stage.

Sam SL, Jonny SR.

**M+G: Buon’ giorno, signorine!**

Sam and Jonny back to back.

Sam, right hand on heart, addressing SL

Jonny, left hand on heart, addressing SR

**Girls: Gondolieri carissimi!**

Sam and Jonny cross over. Sam to SR, Jonny to SL.

Girls - swooning and trying to control yourselves.

**Girls: Siamo contadine!**

Small curtsey, inside foot behind.

**M+G: Servitori umilissimi! [Your humble servants]**

Sam bows to SR. Jonny bows to SL.

**M+G: Per chi questi fiori**

Jonny inspects Tina’s bouquet.

Sam inspects Nikki’s bouquet.

**Questi fiori bellissimi?**

Sam and Jonny to ce ntre

**Girls: Per voi, bei signori,**

**O eccellentissimi!**

Bouquets out

SR girls rush forwards to the left of Sam, bouquets out.

SL girls rush forwards to the right of Jonny, bouquets out.

**INSTRUMENTAL**

As per stage directions: (The Girls present their bouquets to MARCO and GIUSEPPE, who are overwhelmed with them, and carry them with difficulty.)

**M+G: O ciel!**

Back to centre, right arm laden with flowers. Girls reform their V.

**Instrumental**

Look at each other a little confused by the flowers.

**O ciel!**

Regaining their composure.

**Girls: Buon’ giorno, cavalieri!**

Take two little steps towards the gondoliers, coyly.

**M+G Siamo gondolieri**

Nodding

**M+G: Signorina, io t’amo!**

Sam down on one knee towards Tina.

Jonny in behind him, arm out towards Jackie.

**Girls Contadine siamo**

Girls, little coy curtsey. Inside foot behind.

**Men: Signorine (not M+G)**

The men, who have got gradually more upset throughout this song try to get the women’s attention.

(During these next few lines, Sam and Jonny in the middle, having a little conflab about which women you like the look of, comparing how many flowers you each got etc.

**Girls: Contadine!**

Shaking their head, discouraging the rest of the men.

**Girls: Cavalieri**

Back to the middle, to curtsey coyly and M+G again.

**Men (Not M+G): Gondolieri!**

Men gesturing to the women in desperation that they, too, are gondoliers!

**M+G: Poveri gondolieri**

Jonny and Sam keep the women’s attention. Free hand (left?) up to chest.

**M+G and men: Poveri gondolieri**

Jonny and Sam switch sides to address the other half. (Sam now SL, Jonny now SR)

**All men: Buon’ giorno signorine!**

**Girls: Gondolieri carissimi!**

Girls swooning and smiling at M+G.

**Girls: Siamo contadine!**

Girls curtsey, inside leg behind.

**All men: Servitori umilissimi**

All men bow.

**Marco: Per noi questi fiori, questi fiori belissimi (with men underneath)**

Jonny centre stage. singing beautifully.

Sam goes over to the girls SL.

**Girls: Per voi, bel signori,**

**Girls: O eccelentissimi**

Inside arm out towards the gondoliers.

Inside arm to heart.

**All men: Signorine!**

M+G: gesture out to the women.

**Girls: Contadine!**

**Cavalieri!**

Girls shoo the men behind them.

Curtsey to M+G, inside foot behind.

**All men: Gondolieri!**

M+G: bow.

Men: arms at chest height, begging the women to notice you.

**All: Buon’ giorno**

A moment of stillness.

**All: Signorine/cavalieri**

Girls: curtsey (inside leg)

M+G: Bow to outside groups

Men: Arms at chest height, trying to get the women to notice you.