

# **X MARKS THE SPOT**

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**CAST**

**Jim Hawkins**

**Jim's Mother**

**Bill Bones**

**Black Dog**

**Dr. Livesay**

**Blind Pew**

**Squire Trelawney**

**Captain Smollett**

*Squire's Servants:-*

**Hunter  
Joyce  
Redruth**

**Long John Silver**

**Pirate 1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

**5**

**6**

**7**

**8**

**Ben Gunn**

**\* Mermaids }**

**\* Skeletons }**

*Numbers variable*

*to suit.*

**\* Extra Pirates }**

*\*Non-speaking*

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*SCENE 1 In The Admiral Benbow Inn*

*MUSIC No. 1 - OVERTURE / INTRODUCTION*

*(JIM HAWKINS is alone, sweeping the floor)*

**Jim:** My life is such a boring one  
Nothing happens here.  
I have to talk to customers  
And serve them with their beer.

If something doesn't happen soon  
My brain will start to rust.  
'Cos to an action man like me  
Adventure is a must.

*MUSIC No. 2 - DAY AFTER DAY*

**Jim:** *Day after day,*  
*(Plus Chorus off-stage)* *Day after day,*  
*Time drags it's weary feet,*  
*Day after day,*  
*Day after day,*  
*Along life's dreary street.*

**Jim:** *On Mondays and Tuesdays I work with the broom*  
*On Wednesdays and Thursdays I tidy my room.*  
*On Fridays and Saturdays I polish the floor*  
*On Sundays it's Church day - my life's such a bore.*

*(As previous Chorus) Day after day .... etc.*

**Jim:** *On dry days and wet days my life's just the same*  
*On hot days and cold days, in sunshine and rain.*

*On high days and low days life always seems black.  
On all days time stumbles along the same track*

**Mother:** Oh, there you are. Good morning, Jim.  
How are you this fine day?  
Come over here and sit by me.  
I have some things to say.

I've just been looking at the books  
And they're in a bad way,  
If we don't get some guests in soon  
We'll have to move away.

**Jim:** What! Close the Inn! But Mother dear,  
How then would we survive?

**Mother:** I'll beg - and you can go to sea  
You'll have a chance to thrive.

**Jim:** But I don't want to go to sea  
And join a captain's crew.  
We'll manage, Mum, I know we will -  
I want to stay with you.

**Mother:** We only have one guest right now  
And he owes two weeks rent.  
Bill Bones is not a man I like  
Believe me, he's no gent!

*(Enter BILL BONES).*

**Bill:** Did I hear someone call my name?  
Come on, cheer up will you?  
I hope you've kept a look out, Jim  
Just like you promised to.

I need to know if you should spy  
A man with just one leg.  
I lie awake and listen for  
The sound of Long John's peg.

He's chased me right around the world  
From north, south, east and west.  
He wants to get his foul hands on  
What's hidden in my chest.

**Jim:** I saw a man just yesterday  
He had a wicked grin  
With shabby clothes, a wooden leg  
A scar across his chin.

**Bill:** What's that you say - A wooden leg!  
But did you speak to him?  
And did he have some friends in tow?  
Think carefully now, Jim.

**Jim:** He didn't ask for you by name  
What is the worry for?  
His mate enquired about you and  
He's just come through that door.

**Black Dog:** Billy Bones!

**Bill:** Black Dog!

**Black Dog:** Come here you lubber!

*(Exit BILL chased by BLACK DOG).*

*(Re-enter BLACK DOG).*

**Black Dog:** I'll come back when I've got some help  
He won't escape from me.  
I'll drag his secrets out of him,  
For now, I'll let him be.

*(Exit BLACK DOG).*

**Mother:** Now what could that be all about?  
I'll think I'll go and ask.

I'll also beg him for some rent  
That's not an easy task.

*(Exit MOTHER).*

**Jim:** That livened up a boring day,  
But now it's time for work.  
The bedrooms still need sweeping out  
I don't have time to shirk.

*(Enter MOTHER).*

**Mother:** Quick, go and fetch the Doctor, Jim,  
To come and look at Bill.  
He's lying down upon his bed,  
I think he's very ill.

*(Exeunt BOTH).*

## SCENE 2

*(BILL in bed. MOTHER, JIM and DR. LIVESAY by his side).*

**Doctor:** There's nothing I can do for him  
He's had a heart attack.  
You'd better tell his family  
That they should dress in black.

**Mother:** He didn't have a family  
No kids, no dog, no wife.  
He never even had one friend -  
A loner all his life.

The only things he ever owned  
Are packed in that sea chest.

**Jim:** I'll take it down the Oxfam shop  
I think that would be best.  
I wonder what he has in here  
He's always kept it locked.  
Some dirty clothes, a dusty map  
A pistol - and it's cocked.

**Doctor:** A Map!

*MUSIC No. 3 - X MARKS THE SPOT*

**Dr. & Jim:** *X marks the spot,  
Follow the trail.  
Look for the signs,  
We mustn't fail  
X marks the spot  
Just past that mound,  
Locked in a chest  
Under the ground.*

*(plus Chorus  
off-stage)* *North, south, east or west  
Hunt for the treasure.  
Hunt for the chest.*

**Chorus (Off-  
Stage)** *North, south, east or west  
Hunt for the treasure chest.*

**Dr. & Jim:** *X marks the spot.  
Buried for years,  
Guarded by ghosts,  
Shielded by fears.  
X marks the spot,  
Call for the spade  
Dig up the gold,  
Silver and jade*

**Chorus (Off-Stage)** *North, south .... etc.*

*(Enter BLACK DOG and BLIND PEW)*

**Pew:** Right, where's that scoundrel, Billy Bones?  
We've come to speak to him  
And if we don't get what we want  
We'll tear him limb from limb.

**Doctor:** If Billy Bones is whom you seek  
You've left it just too late  
He's gone and had a heart attack  
And that sure sealed his fate.

**Pew:** The crafty dog has cheated us  
His secret's gone with him.  
We'll search his room and find the map

**Doctor:** Let's get out of here, Jim.

**Black Dog:** Stand fast there lad! Don't make a move  
'Cos that would make me mad.  
What have you got behind your back?  
Let's see your hands, my lad.

*(JIM passes map to the DOCTOR).*

**Jim:** Look! See, I've nothing in my hands  
Now Sir, please can I go?  
All Billy owns is in that chest  
There's nothing more I know.

**Pew:** Get out of here you little whelp  
Or this is what I'll do  
I'll throw you down upon the floor  
And take my stick to you.

*(Exeunt JIM, DOCTOR and MOTHER).*

**Black Dog:** There's nothing here, I've searched the lot  
The map's not to be found.  
We'll never find the treasure now  
And dig it from the ground.

**Pew:** Come on Black Dog, let's get away  
Before the cops get here.  
Long John Silver must be told  
He won't like this, I fear.

*(Exeunt BLACK DOG and PEW singing):*

*Sixteen men on a dead man's chest  
Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum.  
We pirates are a dirty bunch.  
We pick our nose and suck our thumb.*

SCENE 3

*(MOTHER, JIM, SQUIRE TRELAWNEY, DR. LIVESAY and CAPTAIN SMOLLETT around the table. BLACK DOG and PEW listening in).*

**Doctor:** So we agree that what we have  
Is genuinely real.  
A treasure map to pirates' gold  
Come on Squire, what's the deal?

**Squire:** I've found a ship that we can hire  
And Smollett here's the boss.  
I'll fund the trip, take half the loot  
And carry any loss.

**Captain:** I'm Captain of a lively brig  
But I don't have a crew.  
I haven't time to search one out,  
I'll leave that up to you.

**Doctor:** I'll go down to Bristol Docks  
And see what I can find.  
The Hispaniola's crew will be  
All caring men - and kind.

**Squire:** Wait Doctor, just before you go  
Please listen close to me  
When you are looking for a crew  
Tread very carefully.

No word of treasure must be spoke  
Or it will get around  
We'll end up with a crew of scum  
The worst that can be found.

**Doctor:** I'm sure you can rely on me  
I will be so discreet.

**Squire:** You mean we'll only hear your voice  
On one side of the street?

**Doctor:** I have to make an early start  
I'll see you all quite soon.  
And when you see the crew I hire  
You'll sing a different tune.

*(Exit DOCTOR. He can be heard offstage saying "Treasure! We've found treasure!")*

**Captain:** Can we rely on him to find  
A band of trusty men?  
Or will he end up with a crew  
Straight from some robbers' den?

**Captain:** I'll need a cabin boy, my lad  
So do you want the job?  
The work is hard, the hours are long  
The pay is just ten bob.

*(Aside)* That's 50p in real money.

**Jim:** Can I go Mum, can I please?  
I'd love to join his crew.  
I'll save up all my wages, Mum  
And send them home to you.

**Mother:** How you're going to manage that  
I really do not know.  
But if you've set your mind on it  
I guess that you can go.

**Jim:** To sea! To sea! I'm off to sea!  
I'd better go and pack  
I'm positive that I will be  
So rich when I get back.

*(Exit MOTHER).*

*MUSIC No. 4 - THE SEA (Part 1)*

**Jim:** *Life's an adventure  
Waiting for me  
Grasp it with both hands,  
Don't let it free.*

**Chorus:** *The sea, the sea is calling me.  
(Off stage) I have a date with destiny.  
It has a message you can hear  
Just put a shell to your ear.*

**Jim:** *Dolphins and porpoise  
Mighty white whales  
They'll swim all around us  
When they sight our sails*

*Chorus.*

**Jim:** *Lost in the doldrums  
Drifting for days,  
Baked by the hot sun  
Seared by its rays.*

*Chorus.*

*(Exit JIM)*

**Squire:** I'd better go and pack as well  
We'll need an early start  
I have a lot of things to do  
In two days we depart.

*(Exeunt SQUIRE and CAPTAIN).*

**Black Dog:** So, they really had Flint's map  
I knew that I was right.  
Let's make our way to Bristol Town  
We'll travel overnight.

*(Exeunt BLACK DOG and PEW).*

#### SCENE 4 ON BOARD

*(Present are CAPTAIN SMOLLETT, SQUIRE TRELAWNEY, DR. LIVESAY, JIM  
and the SQUIRE'S three SERVANTS - HUNTER, JOYCE and REDRUTH).*

**Captain:** Well Doctor, have you found a crew  
To sail this lively brig?  
The Squire has three servants here,  
But they're not very big.

**Doctor:** I said that I would find a crew  
And I had some good luck.  
I met a man they call Long John,  
And he will be our cook.

He recommended all his friends  
And they are now on board.  
Long John has said they are good men -  
The best we can afford.

**Captain:** I guess we'd better look at them -  
Let's have them all topside.

Mr. Hunter, pipe "All Hands",  
We have to catch the tide.

*(HUNTER blows whistle and CREW assembles. They are obviously PIRATES).*

**Redruth:** You think that we can trust this bunch -  
They look a scurvy crew.  
I wouldn't turn my back on them -  
I don't know about you!

**Captain:** Which one of you is called Long John?

**Long John:** Captain, sir, that's me.  
And this lot are all friends of mine,  
They're bright as you can see.

**Hunter:** About as bright as my pet dog.  
I've taught the mutt to beg.  
The only other things it does  
Are sleep - and cock its leg.

**Pirate 1:** Was that an insult I just heard?

**Pirate 2:** I don't think that's in doubt.

**Pirate 3:** So how should we reply to him?

**Pirate 4:** Let's punch him in the snout!

**Long John:** Now then lads, let's all be friends  
Shake hands with this man, Jack.  
*(aside).* Don't worry men, the time will come  
When we'll get our own back.

*(They shake hands - PIRATE 4 squeezes HUNTER'S hand).*

**Captain:** Now that we've got that sorted out  
It's time to hoist the sail.  
Splice the mainbrace - cast off aft,  
And polish up that rail!

*MUSIC No. 5 - WE ARE THE CREW*

**Pirates:** *We've served on ships with fewer sails  
We cut our teeth on iron nails  
We've sailed on all the oceans blue  
Now we'll sail this ship for you.*

*Refrain: We are the crew  
We are the crew  
Just for you.  
Count on us  
We're good men  
Through and through.*

*We've sent ships down to Davey Jones  
We've seen good men reduced to bones.  
We've spliced the mainbrace, climbed the yard.  
We've done all this because we're hard.*

*Refrain.*

*No-one wants to mess with us.  
No-one ever makes a fuss.  
We've sailed together as a crew  
Now we'll do the same for you.*

*Refrain.*

**Squire:** *I love the smell of fresh sea air -  
It hones my appetite.  
Let's go and sample Long John's food  
And see if it's all right.*

*(Exeunt SQUIRE, CAPTAIN, DOCTOR, JIM, REDRUTH, HUNTER & JOYCE).*

**Long John:** *It's best behaviour all the way  
Until we land on shore.  
And then we'll settle all our debts  
And add a little more!*

SCENE 5

*(JIM and JOYCE are on deck).*

**Joyce:** We've been at sea for forty days -  
I hope we are on course.  
I don't like all these ups and downs  
I'd rather ride a horse.

**Jim:** I don't think we can trust Long John -  
He only has one leg.  
Bill Bones was frightened of a man  
That had a wooden peg.

**Joyce:** Goodnight, Jim lad. I'm off to work  
Before I can retire.  
I have to go below now and  
Serve supper to the Squire.

*(Exit JOYCE).*

**Jim:** The apple barrel's over there -  
I'm feeling rather thin.  
I'll have to help myself - Oh no!  
I've got to climb right in.

*(JIM climbs into the apple barrel. Enter LONG JOHN SILVER and the PIRATES).*

**Long John:** I heard the Captain say today  
That we will soon strike land.  
It won't be very long now lads  
Before we show our hand.

**Pirate 5:** We'll take this ship - we'll mutiny  
And put an end to chat.  
We'll kill the Captain and the Squire

**Pirate 6:** I'll fix that nosey brat!

**Pirate 7:** Flint's treasure will belong to us,  
And it is right it should.  
We sailed with him across the seas -  
We helped him spill some blood.

**Pirate 8:** Does anybody want a snack -  
The apple barrel's here?

**Pirate 6:** Don't waste your time on fruit, my lad -  
Let's go and have a beer.

*(Exeunt LONG JOHN and PIRATES).*

**Jim:** I guessed that we could not trust them -  
I knew it all along.  
My sixth sense warned me they were bad -  
And it is never wrong.

Captain Smollett must be told  
Before they show their hand.  
We have to form a battle plan  
For when this ship strikes land.

*(Exit JIM).*

*SCENE 6*

*MUSIC No. 6 - MERMAID'S DANCE*  
*(To Music for No. 4 "THE SEA")*

*(Enter the "GOOD GUYS").*

**Captain:** Good job these mermaids guided us  
And got us safe ashore.  
We did not bring much food with us -  
Let's look around for more.

**Squire:** We're out of danger, thanks to Jim  
He has saved all our lives.  
He warned us of the pirates' plot -  
Before they used their knives.

**Doctor:** Good job this island wasn't far -  
We didn't row for long.  
This is the place that's on our map -  
I know I am not wrong.

Look! Over there is Spyglass Hill -  
I'm sure it has to be.  
Jim, you will have a better view  
If you climb up that tree.

*(JIM goes towards a tree and a wild looking figure rushes out: BEN GUNN).*

**Jim:** Who are you? You frightened me.  
Hey! Can you understand?  
Have you lived here for all your life -  
And do you own this land?

**Ben Gunn:** Spirits, ghouls and skeletons  
Have haunted me for years.  
But this time I can FEEL a ghost  
And hear it with my ears!

**Doctor:** What makes you think that we are ghosts?  
Hang on there Sir - don't run.

**Ben Gunn:** You mean you're real, and not a spook  
That's come to haunt Ben Gunn?

**Captain:** Ben Gunn, you say, is that your name?  
Just answer me mate, please.  
You look quite faint - you need a drink.

**Ben Gunn:** I'll settle for some cheese!

*MUSIC No. 7 - DREAMS*

**Ben Gunn:** *Everybody needs a dream  
They help you through the toughest times.  
You dream of fame,  
The Lottery  
Or living in hotter climes.*

*But I don't dream of untold wealth  
Of cash that grows on trees.  
I only dream of Wensleydale  
And other tasty cheese.*

*Everybody needs a dream .... etc.*

*But I don't dream of things like that.  
Instead I'm on my knees  
Begging God to send to me  
A little piece of cheese.*

**Ben (Plus  
Chorus of  
Characters on  
stage):** *Cheese! Cheese! Mmm,  
Cheese! Cheese! Lovely cheese!*

**Ben Gunn:** My names's Ben Gunn, and Captain Flint  
Marooned me on this isle.  
And that was twenty years ago -  
I've been here quite a while.

**Jim:** But why did he abandon you?  
And leave you all alone? -  
Without a telly or a shop -  
Without a mobile 'phone!!

**Ben Gunn:** He left me here because I saw  
The evil things he did  
He did it so I couldn't tell  
Just where his treasure's hid.

The other members of his crew  
Will never now grow old  
Because they knew his hiding place -  
They're buried with his gold.

But how did you lot come to be  
With me upon this isle?

**Captain:** We had a crew that mutinied -  
We'll be here for a while.

**Squire:** We came in search of Flint's vast horde  
Of precious jewels and gold -  
But Long John Silver has some men  
Who won't do as they're told.

**Ben Gunn:** Long John Silver! He's the worst  
That sailed the Seven Seas.  
The very mention of his name -  
I'm shaking at the knees.

Why don't you people come with me  
And stay in my safe den?  
Long John Silver can't find it -  
Nor any of his men.

*SCENE 7*

*(Enter JIM).*

**Jim:** Ben Gunn has got the safest den  
I'm sure it won't be found  
I've come for water - and I hope  
The pirates aren't around.

*(Enter PIRATES and grab JIM)*

*MUSIC No. 8 - BUCCANEERS*

**Long John:** *Smash, bash pinch and kick  
With sword and fist and blackthorn stick  
Slash, cut, stab and chop  
Beg for mercy and we'll stop.*

**Pirates:** *Refrain: Raise the Jolly Roger  
High into the air  
We're buccaneers, sea dogs  
And we don't care.*

**Long John:** *Salt pork, tots of rum  
And fish paste flavoured chewing gum.  
Our food ain't too good  
If we're thirsty - it's for blood!*

*Refrain.*  
**Pirates:** *And we don't care.  
And we don't care.*

**Long John:** *What have we here - Young Jim Hawkins.  
Let's trade this little chap.  
We'll send him back to all his friends  
If they give us - The Map!*

**Pirate 1:** *We'll never find their secret den  
They'll have to come to us.  
I'm sure we can attract them though  
If Jim kicks up a fuss.*

*(THEY advance on JIM and he shouts for help. Enter SQUIRE and HUNTER).*

**Long John:** *Ah there you are. We knew you'd come  
Now listen carefully.  
One of you must fetch the map  
And bring it here to me.*

*Don't hang about, we won't wait long  
His future's looking black.*



SCENE 8 AT BEN'S DEN

*(All JIM'S party present. The den has crates and boxes scattered around).*

**Hunter:** Well, that's it then, it seems we've failed  
Now we have lost our map.  
We'll never find the treasure now -  
I think I'll take a nap!

**Redruth:** A good idea, I'll have one too.  
It's getting rather late.  
I need somewhere to lay my head  
I'll lean against this crate.

*(THEY all settle down to sleep except JIM and BEN).*

**Jim:** It's my fault that we've failed, you know.  
They swapped the map for me.  
They'll never find the treasure now  
They've lost Flint's only key.

**Ben:** You sure that you ain't got no cheese  
To give to old Ben Gunn  
I'll buy a box of Dairylea  
Ten pounds for every one!

**Jim:** And how would Ben Gunn pay for cheese,  
With pretty leaves and stones?  
How much is Irish Cheddar worth?  
A handful of pine cones?

**Ben Gunn:** Oh no - I'm quite a wealthy man  
Just look around my den.  
Flint put his treasure in the ground -  
I dug it up again!

**Jim:** You mean these boxes all around  
Are full of Pirates' gold?  
Wake up! Wake up! I've got some news  
That's dying to be told.

Ben Gunn has dug the treasure up  
We do not need a map  
He saved us all a fruitless search  
He is a clever chap.

*(EVERYONE wakes up and starts examining the contents of the boxes lying around).*

*MUSIC No. 9 - TREASURE*

**Jim, Squire  
& Captain:** *Gold, silver, precious gems,  
Necklaces and bangles  
Ivory and bolts of silk  
And crystal sticks for candles.*

**All on stage:** *Refrain: We've found the lot.  
We've found it all.  
We'll live like Kings  
We'll have a ball.  
We've found the pirates treasure haul.  
We've found the lot. We've found it all*

**Jim, Squire  
& Captain:** *Chains, brooches, earrings,  
Sword hilts set with garnets  
Tablecloths of Brussels lace  
And pearls that come in matching sets.*

*Refrain*

**Ben:** I'll share the treasure with you all  
If you can take me home.  
Back to my native Liverpool  
And never more to roam.

**Captain:** We'd love to take you home with us  
But we are stuck here too.  
There's nowhere else that we can go  
We'll have to live with you.

**Jim:** Now the Pirates have the map  
They might let their guard slip.  
With luck they'll hunt the treasure and  
Forget about the ship.

**Squire:** I guess we could row out and see -  
If we could get on board.  
We'd weigh the anchor, set the sails  
And make off with this hoard.

**Ben:** The Pirates will be busy men  
I'm telling you my lad.  
The ghosts of Flint's old crew are here.  
They'll drive Long John's men mad.

**Captain:** Well, grab a box each and let's go  
Back to our rowing boat.  
We'll make our way out to my ship  
The best that is afloat.

*(THEY pick up treasure and exit).*

## SCENE 9

*(Enter PIRATES - following map and carrying spades).*

**Pirate 5:** This really is an eerie place  
I don't like it one bit.  
I think someone is watching us.

**Pirate 6:** Stop acting like a twit!

**Pirate 7:** These two are frightened, look at them!  
What a pair of sillies!

**Pirate 8:** Are we nearly there Long John?  
This place gives me the willies.

**Pirate 1:** What was that? I heard a noise.  
It could be ghostly moans.

**Pirate 2:** I know exactly what it was -  
The rattling of bones!

*MUSIC 10 - SKELETONS' DANCE*  
(To Music for No. 8: "*BUCCANEERS*")

*(PIRATE 2 points to SKELETONS who enter and dance - THEY frighten PIRATES away - Exeunt SKELETONS - Enter PIRATES one at a time, calling to their friends, only to be chased off by SKELETONS).*

*SCENE 10 ON BOARD SHIP*

*(Two PIRATES on guard).*

**Pirate 9:** I'm sure I heard a muffled scream  
Coming from the shore.  
I don't know who it could have been  
I can't hear it no more.

**Pirate 10:** I bet the rest are having fun.  
This waiting's very hard.  
Why did Long John pick on us  
And leave us here on guard?

*(The PIRATES are overpowered by JIM'S party).*

**Captain:** I hope you both know how to swim  
As far as yonder bank.  
'Cos what I do with mutineers  
Is make them walk the plank.

*(PIRATES walk the plank).*

**Captain:** That's cleared my ship of pirate scum  
It's time to hoist the sails.  
Let's hope we have a fair wind home.  
With no typhoons or gales.

**Ben:** That isle has been my home for years  
With just one other man.  
But now that I have left that place  
He's lost his only fan.

**Jim:** You mean there is another man  
Living on that isle?

**Ben:** Oh yes! He popped up years ago  
He's been there quite a while.

He doesn't want the press to know  
That he is living there.  
The whole world thinks that he is dead  
But he just doesn't care.

**Jim:** But who is he, what is his name?  
Come on Ben, please tell me!

**Ben:** He told me once that he was known  
As Elvis Presley!

**Jim:** Elvis Presley? - Never heard of him.

*MUSIC No. 11 - THE SEA, THE SEA [Part 2]*

**All on stage:** *Fair wind for England  
Carry us home,  
Cross the wide oceans  
Through the white foam.*

*Carry us swiftly  
To where we should be,  
Back to our loved ones  
Over the sea.*

*Refrain:*

*The sea, the sea is calling me.  
I have a date with destiny.  
It has a message you can hear  
Just put a shell to your ear.*

*Back to my old home  
On England's fair shore.  
A new life of riches  
Who could want for more?*

*Refrain.*

*(Exeunt ALL - strains of "JAILHOUSE ROCK" are heard and the PIRATES  
run screaming across the stage).*

**THE END**







