

KIPPS *(Interested in spite of himself.)* The lawyers?

CHITTERLOW Exactly. And very civil they were too.

KIPPS And?

CHITTERLOW We're in! Biff! Just like that!

KIPPS A fortune?

CHITTERLOW A fortune!

KIPPS *(Hesitant.)* How much?

CHITTERLOW *(Grandly.)* Twelve hundred pounds, sire!

KIPPS For me? Twelve 'undred?

CHITTERLOW Twelve hundred pounds a year!

(Having only just regained his balance, KIPPS sways once then passes out – flat on his back.)

 Shop! . . . Shop!

(SID, PEARCE and BUGGINS come in – each from separate directions.)

SID What's up?

CHITTERLOW Twelve hundred . . . that's what's up!

PEARCE Twelve hundred?!

CHITTERLOW A year. It's the truth. I went to the lawyer myself.

BUGGINS *(Kneeling over KIPPS.)* It wouldn't surprise me if he hasn't dropped dead. Dropped dead with the shock of it.

(FLO, VICTORIA and KATE appear.)

FLO Who's dead?

BUGGINS Artie.

FLO Oh Artie . . . Artie!

BUGGINS All that money. And he won't live to enjoy it.

VICTORIA Money?

PEARCE Twelve hundred. A year.

FLO He ain't dead. He's comin' round.

VICTORIA I wonder if he'd like to get married.

FLO (*Patting KIPPS's face.*) Come on, Artie. There, there . . . there, there.

BUGGINS Water!

CHITTERLOW Champagne, more like.

KIPPS (*Coming to.*) Where am I? Where am . . . ?

CHITTERLOW Sire!

KIPPS Oo – I just remembered. Twelve 'undred! Twelve 'undred a year!

(*And HE passes out again.*)

PEARCE Travel. If I had that sort of money I'd travel.

BUGGINS He don't want to go to France. Them Frenchies 'll have it off 'im in no time.

VICTORIA (*Rushing to KIPPS.*) He'll be going nowhere in this state.

KATE If I was him I'd go to the Rockies and shoot bears.

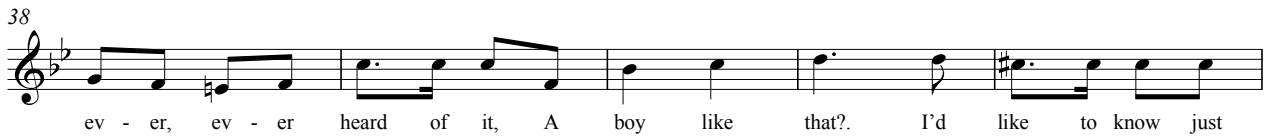
FLO How ladylike.

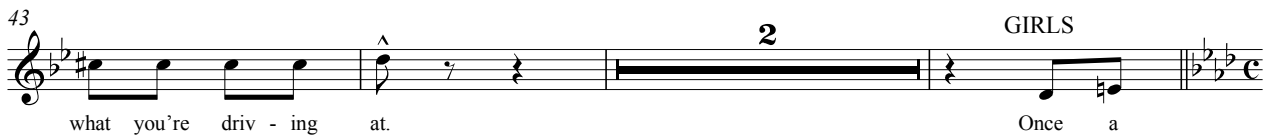
PEARCE London – that's the only place for the man about town.

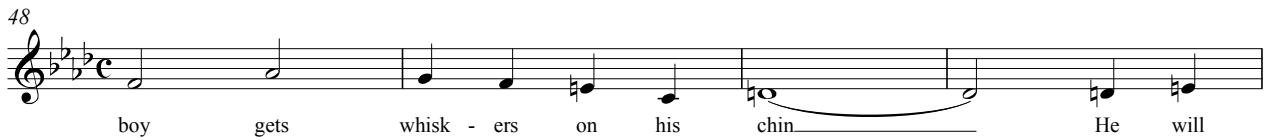
BUGGINS And what about the shop?

SID Hang the shop.

(*But SHALFORD has entered, unobserved.*)

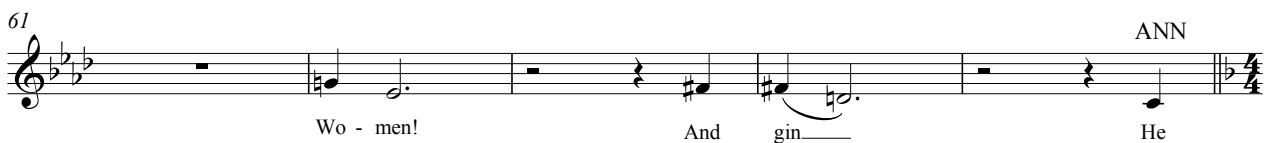
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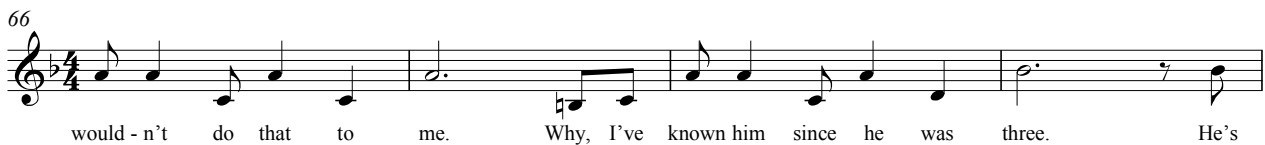
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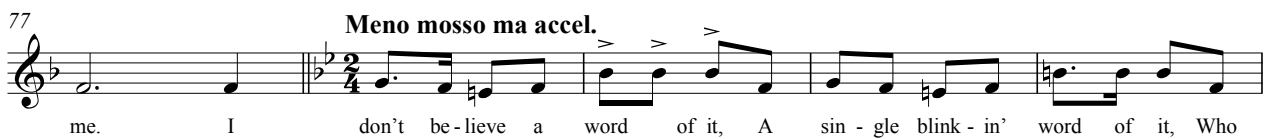

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