

"I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major General"

Major-General, Girls and Pirates

Allegro vivace

Chords: Eb, Eb, Bb7/Eb, Eb, Bb7, Eb, Fm7, Eb/G, Bb, Eb

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I am the ve - ry mo - del of a
I know our my - thic his - to - ry, King
In fact, when I know what is meant by

Chord: Bb7/Eb

mo - dern Ma - jor Ge - ne - ral, I've in - for - ma - tion ve - ge - ta - ble,
Ar - thur's and Sir Car - a - doc's, I an - swer hard a - cros - tics, I've a
'ma - me - lon' and 'ra - ve - lin,"When I can tell at sight a Mau - ser

Chord: Eb

a - ni - mal, and min - er - al, I know the kings of Eng - land, and I
pret - ty taste for pa - ra - dox, I quote, in e - le - gi - acs, all the
ri - fle from a ja - ve - lin, When such af - fairs as sor - ties and sur -

Chord: Bb

quote the fights his - to - ri - cal, From Ma - ra - thon to Wa - ter - loo, in
crimes of He - li - o - ga - ba - lus, In co - nics I can floor pe - cu - li -
pri - ses I'm more wa - ry at, And when I know pre - cise - ly what is

20 F⁷ B^b // B^{b7}

or - der ca - te - go - ri - cal; I'm ve - ry well ac quaint - ed, too, with
a - ri - ties pa - ra - bo - lus. I can tell un - doubt - ed Ra - pha - els from
meant by 'com - mis - sa - ri - at,' When I have learnt what pro - gress has been

22 E^{bm} D^{b7}

mat - ters math - e - ma - ti - cal, I un - der - stand e - qua - tions, both the
Ger - ard Dows and Zof - fa - nies, I know the croak - ing cho - rus from the
made in mo - dern gun - ner - y, When I know more of tac - tics than a

24 G^b B^{b7}

sim - ple and quad - ra - ti - cal, A - bout bi - no - mial the - o - rem I'm
Frong of A - ris - to - pha - nes, Then I can hum a fugue of which I've
no - vice in a nun - ne - ry; In short, when I've a smat - ter - ing of

26 E^{bm} C^{b7}

teem - ing with a lot of news, With ma - ny cheer - ful facts a - bout the
heard the mu - sic's din a - fore, And whis - tle all the airs from that in -
el - le - men - tal stra - te - gy, You'll say a bet - ter Ma - jor - Ge - ne

29 B^b B^b

square of the hy - po - te - nuse. With ma - ny cheer - ful facts a - bout the
fer - nal non - sense Pin - a - fore! And whis - tle all the airs from that in -
ral has ne - ver sat - a - gee; You'll say a bet - ter Ma - jor - Ge - ne -

31 F⁷

square of the hy - po - te - nuse, With ma - ny cheer - ful facts a - bout the
fer - nal non - sense Pin - a - fore, And whis - tle all the airs from that in -
ral has ne - ver sat - a - gee, You'll say a bet - ter Ma - jor - Ge - ne -

33 B^{b7}

square of the hy - po - te - nuse, With ma - ny cheer - ful facts a - bout the
fer - nal non - sense Pin - a - fore, And whis - tle all the airs from taht in -
ral has ne - ver sat - a - gee, You'll say a bet - ter Ma - jor - Ge - ne -

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square of the hy - po - te - po - te nuse.
fer - ral non - sense Pin - a - pin - a fore.
ral has ne - ver sat - a - sat - a gee.

I'm
Then
For my

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ve - ry good at in - te - gral and dif - fe - ren - tial cal - cu - lus, I
I can write a wash - ing bill in Ba - by - lon - ic cu - nei - form, And
mi - li - ta - ry know - ledge, tho' I'm pluck - y and ad - ven - tu - ry, Has

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know the sci - en - ti - fic names of be - ings a - ni - mal - cu - lous; In
tell you ev - 'ry de - tail of Ca - rac - ta - cus - 's u - ni - form; In
on - ly been brought down to the be - gin - ning of the cen - tu - ry; But

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short, in mat - ters ve - ge - ta - ble, a - ni - mal, and mi - ne - ral, I
short, in mat - ters ve - ge - ta - ble, a - ni - mal, and mi - ne - ral, I
still, in mat - ters ve - ge - ta - ble, a - ni - mal, and min - ne - ral, I

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

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short, in mat - ters ve - ge - ta - ble, a - ni - mal, and mi - ne - ral, He

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is the ve - ry mo - del of a mo - dern Ma - jor - Ge - ne - ral!

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