

saw that my suit was hopeless. Overwhelmed with despair, I quitted the town. Judge of my delight when I heard, a month ago, that Ko-Ko had been condemned to death for flirting! I hurried back at once, in the hope of finding Yum-Yum at liberty to listen to my protestations.

Pooh-Bah No! Get, you know, my ... *(She mimes something that goes round her shoulders and covers her front)*

Beryl disappears, then returns with a piano accordion

Absent-mindedly, Pooh-Bah puts it on and begins playing it before realizing, removing it and handing it back to Beryl in exasperation

Beryl exits

Pooh-Bah It is true that Ko-Ko was condemned to death for flirting ... and stealing my clothes ... forcing me to wear this Balmain original ... but he was reprieved of these crimes, and raised to the exalted rank of Lord High Executioner.

He sits on the bench, absent-mindedly takes a compact and lipstick from his handbag and adjusts his make-up

Nanki-Poo How good of a nobleman such as yourself to tell all this to me, a mere strolling minstrel!

Pooh-Bah Yes, I'm a very important person. I'm the First Lord of the ... the place with money. I'm the one with the wig as well. I'm the sailor. And I'm the master of the ... things when you go on a hunt. I do the back stairs. I'm the Archbishop of ... the town we're in. And somebody else. And I do all these things.

Nanki-Poo You mean all these jobs are performed by one *man*?

Pooh-Bah *(lowering his voice)* Yes, that's right. *(Noticing the compact)* And I'm also His Majesty's Avon representative.

Nanki-Poo Can you give me any further information about Yum-Yum?

Pooh-Bah Allow me to sing you a little song.

No. 3. And the Brass Will Crash

(A cappella) Young man, despair,
Likewise go to,
Yum-Yum the fair