

Has anyone got the script?
But there are only a few lines left,
I'm terribly glad to say.
And here we are,
We're at the end —
Something about — balls.

Chorus His object all sublime
He will achieve in time —
To let the punishment fit the crime,
The punishment fit the crime —
And make each pris'ner pent
Unwillingly represent
A source of innocent merriment,
Of innocent merriment!

The Chorus exits, taking the vase. Pooh-Bah enters

Mikado I had a complete mental block.
Katisha You covered up very well.
Mikado Thank heavens I ken the rest.
Pooh-Bah Your line, Flora.
Mikado Just help me with this one.
Producer (*off*) Oh, you've had an execution, have you?
Mikado Now that sounds like one of my lines.
Producer (*off*) It is!
Mikado Give it to me once more. I've a mind like a sieve.
Producer (*off*) Oh, you've had an execution, have you?
Mikado Oh, you've had an execution, have you?
Ko-Ko Yes.

He hands the Mikado a certificate (with the script of the scene on it)

Mikado It isnae me again, is it? Och, how embarrassing. I'm just having
a wee bit of trouble getting started, David.
Producer (*off*) What do you want? A pair of jump leads?
Mikado What do you want? A pair of jump ... oh, don't be mean, David.
Just give me the first word. That's all I need.
Producer (*off*) And.
Mikado And ... and ...