

Pirates at the Barn: AUDITION SCRIPT 1

KATHY

MICHAEL

AMELIA:

And don't let me catch the two of you wasting time — or look out!
[She goes into the house.]

KATHY:

[after a moment; with a deep scorn] I think you're silly.

MICHAEL:

[looking up slightly startled] Eh? *[sadly]* Well. I don't care.

KATHY:

You're nothing but a stupid scaredie.

MICHAEL:

[not very confidently] I'm not!

KATHY:

You're scared of Uncle Samuel, you're scared of Aunt Amelia, you're scared of Black Bill. It's a wonder you're not scared of yourself.

MICHAEL:

I can't help it.

KATHY:

Well, it's silly. You let them all push you around and shout at you, and you're too scared to say a word. And when you do manage to say anything, it's all back to front.

MICHAEL:

What about you? All you ever say is *[mimicking her]* 'Yes, Aunt Amelia', just like that, over and over.

KATHY:

[indignantly] That's all I get a chance to say! And it's different for me, because I'm only thirteen and you're fifteen and you're an apprentice, and I'm only an orphan they found in Sydney.

MICHAEL:

A lot of difference that makes! He doesn't give me my wages, and I have to work just as hard as you do. I wish I wasn't an apprentice. I don't want to learn to make barrels. I want to be a sailor in the Navy.

KATHY:

[scornful] Ah, you couldn't be a sailor's tarbrush! You're too much of a coward. To be in the Navy you have to be as brave as — as Captain Richards!

MICHAEL:

[groans] You're not going to start on him again!

KATHY:

I can think he's wonderful without seeing him, can't I?

MICHAEL:

Now who's silly?

KATHY:

And he's tall and handsome, with dark flashing eyes and lovely red, curly hair.

MICHAEL:

[with deep scorn] Red curly hair!

KATHY:

And the bravest man in the whole world. Do you know he fought a dozen pirates all by himself once?

MICHAEL:

Huh!

KATHY:

There he was, all alone, with hundreds of pirates rushing at him —

MICHAEL:

[sourly] I thought you said a dozen.

KATHY:

I'd like to see you fight just one pirate, let alone a hundred — or even a dozen. And I hope you meet one, some day, just to show you. Won't you be scared!

MICHAEL:

And you'd be just as scared as I would.

KATHY:

[laughs scoffingly] I don't go silly when anyone shouts at me. And I'd like to see anyone boss me around like that.