

THE AUDIO SCRIPT OF THE SHIPWRECK

Character	Music	Pre-recorded Sound Effects	Live sound effects
Captain	Theme music composed and performed by students	Seagulls	Stumbling about on deck
Sailor Becky	or found online	Heavy sea wash	Chimes
Girl		Chimes	noise machine
Boy		distant waves on rocks	
Lady Penny		Noise machine (listen to audio file)	
Lampwick		Storm at sea	

ANNOUNCER: We present "Murder at the Castle" Episode 1
"The Shipwreck", a play for radio by the
students of School

Scene 1

(AT SEA. (SOUND EFFECTS TO BE ADDED: HEAVY SEAWASH.
SEAGULLS. THE SAILING SHIP MATHEW IS UNDER FULL
SAIL.)

SAILOR BECKY: Captain.

CAPTAIN: Yes, Sailor Becky?

SAILOR BECKY: The school children, we're taking on this trip, have
come on deck to see you.

CAPTAIN: Oh, yes. I see them.
(RAISING HIS VOICE) Well, hello there, children.
I'm the Captain of the Sailing ship, Mathew.

CHILDREN: Hello

CAPTAIN: (LAUGHS) Have you got your sea legs yet?
(HE STUMBLES BACK AND FORTH)

CHILDREN: (CHILDREN LAUGH AND STUMBLE BACK AND
FORTH TOO)
Ooops! Wooow!

CAPTAIN: Do any of you have any questions for me?

GIRL 1: In the old days did they have shipwrecks?

CAPTAIN: Oh – ar. (meaning yes)

BOY 1: Tell us about them.

CAPTAIN: Well there was the Sailing Ship Marie Rose.

SAILOR BECKY: She was sunk not far from here.

GIRL 1: I'm frightened.

CAPTAIN: That won't happen to us, don't worry.

SAILOR BECKY: Not unless we hear the ghost of the Marie Rose.

BOY 1: What sort of sound is that?

CAPTAIN: It's a sort of tinkle.

SAILOR BECKY: Some people say it's the ghost of the Marie Rose.
The ship that sunk hundreds of years ago.

CAPTAIN: Some say shipwrecks are caused by the magic of the
wicked Lady Penny.

SAILOR BECKY: And her evil assistant called Lampwick.

BOY 1: Where do they live?

SAILOR BECKY: In a castle on a cliff above the sea.

CAPTAIN: But I don't believe in nonsense like their magic.

SAILOR BECKY: Don't worry it won't happen to us.

CAPTAIN: Quite true, Sailor Becky. As long as we look after the
ship.

BOY 1: What was it like in the olden days?

GIRL 1: When the Mathew sailed from England to America?

CAPTAIN: Well, five hundred years ago they didn't have
charts to tell them where they were.

GIRL 1: What's a chart?

SAILOR BECKY: It's a map of the sea.

BOY 1: Does it show where the dangerous rocks are.

SAILOR BECKY: That's right.

BOY 1: Are there any here?

CAPTAIN: Yes. There are some over there (POINTING) To
starboard

GIRL 1: What does starboard mean?

CAPTAIN; It's on the right of the ship going forward.

BOY1 : And port is on the left.

SAILOR BECKY: That's right.

GIRL: In the olden days they steered by the sun and the
stars.

SAILOR BECKY: And they had compasses, showing north, east, south
and west .

BOY 1: Didn't they have GPS ?

GIRL 1: (LAUGHS) Don't be silly. GPS is modern.

CAPTAIN: Now boys and girls do you know the date
North America was discovered?

GIRL 1: Yes it was 24th June 1497

BOY 1: Wow that's clever. You know everything

GIRL 1: Thanks! (SHE LAUGHS}

(WE HEAR THE DISTANT TINKLING OF CHIMES. HER LAUGH
TURNS INTO A FRIGHTENED:)

GIRL 1: Ooooh!

SAILOR BECKY: Ooooh! That's the bell of the Marie Rose. I'm
frightened.

CAPTAIN: Be brave now Becky.

GIRL 1: Captain you're bobbing up and down. It's scary.

BOY 1: That's funny.

CAPTAIN: What's that?

BOY 1: I'm feeling sort of dizzy.

(BRING UP THE SOUND OF THE SEA AND FADE.)

Scene 2

(INTERIOR ACOUSTIC. INSIDE A TURRET AT LADY PENNY'S CASTLE. WE HEAR DISTANT SURF BREAKING ON ROCKS. THE SOUND OF CHIMES ARE LOUDER AND CLOSER.)

LADY PENNY: (IMPATIENT) Lampwick, can you see anything?

LAMPWICK: I'm just (TINKERING NOISES)
just twisting my telescope, my Lady.

LADY PENNY: Do hurry up. I can sense they are out there,
somewhere.

LAMPWICK: It's not easy, Lady Penny.

LADY PENNY: (SIGHS IMPATIENTLY)

LAMPWICK: Ah huh!

LADY PENNY: What is it!? What is it!?

LAMPWICK: I can see this ship, this old fashioned ship. There's
these children on board.

LADY PENNY: (EVIL SIGH OF RELIEF) Good! Start the storm
machine Lampwick.

(MACHINE NOISE STARTS UP AND MIXES INTO:)

Scene 3

(EXTERIOR ACOUSTIC. THE WIND AND SEA INCREASE IN SOUND.)

BOY 1: The rain's getting up.

GIRL 1: I'm scared.

(THE WIND AND SEA INCREASE. THEY BECOME A STORM WITH LASHING RAIN.)

BOY 1: (SHOUTS) And the waves are getting very big!

GIRL 1: (SHOUTS) Look over there.

BOY 1: (SHOUTS) There are some rocks.

GIRL 1: (VERY FRIGHTENED) We're going to be shipwrecked!

BOY 1: (CLOSE TO MICROPHONE) We're going to die!

(CRIES OF THE CHILDREN: 'HELP!' 'SAVE US!' 'HELP!' THE WIND AND THE SEAS GET BIGGER STILL. CREAKING AND CRASH OF THE SHIP AGAINST THE ROCKS. FADE.)