I'm doing a G&S show!

the ode read by Kerry Black at our 50th Anniversary tea on Saturday 22 April 2023

I'm doing a G&S show.
I am the lead tenor you know,
I hit the high notes every night,
as I strut round the stage in my tights.

Well I am the Company MD, my best day's the Orchestra Tea, I wave at them all from my pit, as I fervently pray for a hit!

Ah've been in the chorus fir life, though a ken that ma talents are rife, ah only came here wi' ma wife, dae ye think that it's cos ah'm fae Fife!

I'm doing a G&S show, I've got a braw frock wi' a bow, my ringlets will soon be displayed, thanks to the tongs of Sinead!

I'm doing a G&S show, I've played all kinds of parts don't you know, I only came here for a laugh, the best thing for me is Jack's Caff!

I'm doing a G&S show, I'm a soprano at heart don't you know, the audience are all a thrill, as I deliver my song with a trill!

I am a poor wandering soul, I just can't stand shows on the whole, Oh why are their songs filled with patter? Oh why does it matter, matter, matter?

I'm doing a G&S show, I'm in charge of the costumes you know, the dressing rooms are all a hustle, as I lace folk in bonnets and bustle. I'm doing a G&S show, I've played villains and lords don't you know, you can tell by the look on my face, that I am the company bass!

I'm a woman who's now reached the age, to play more mature roles on stage, I've played duchesses, Buttercup and Ruth, I revel in them, that's the truth!

I'm doing a G&S show, I'm doing the props don't you know, I've handled knives, posies and guns and spent many hours spreading buns!

I'm directing a G&S show, I'm an experienced performer I know, I pray that they'll all get it right and be perfect by opening night.

I'm doing a a G&S show, I'm in charge of the stage don't you know. I plan out the scenery and lighting, my knowledge is truly quite frightening.

I'm doing a G&S show, am I mezzo or alto? I don't know! ah'll sing what I'm tellt, ah'll blast at full pelt, for I'm doing a G&S show!