



# Ode to the Mikado

by Kerry Black

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*The Mikado's* a terrific show, it's the tale of Titipu,  
where romance and comedy blossoms between Yum-Yum and Nanki-Poo.  
The path of love is never smooth, thanks to the Mikado's malevolence,  
though he tries to con the folk with an air of benign benevolence!  
This year our Mikado is the wondrous Matt,  
strutting about the stage in his kimono and top hat!  
Our Three Little Maids are glamour girls, as modern day rock chicks,  
as they flash their fishnets to dazzle the Titipu town hicks!  
Backstage we're all busy with safety pins and tea,  
if you get in our way, beware the Snickersnee!  
This year George and Martin are Pooh-Bah and Pish Tush,  
unfortunately George's bowler rolled into the pit with a whoosh!  
In this age of diversity, you're really not going loco,  
it actually is Susanne cavorting as our Ko-Ko!  
While Robin on the other hand, plays an incredible dame,  
his starring role as Katisha will surely bring him fame!  
And if you're wondering about the secrets of his Wonder Bra,  
like the mysteries of the East, I'm telling you tra-la!  
The ladies of the chorus, never, ever whinge,  
poor Clare even entrusted me to cut her orange fringe!  
Sadly at the dress rehearsal, Joe fell over and hurt his foot,  
hopefully he'll recover to wear a Kirkcaldy Pirate boot!  
Poor Jack is down on his knees hoping his head won't really be chopped off,  
if Ian really killed him, who would run Jack's Caff?  
Rae and Eddie worked so hard to bring this wondrous monochrome show to you,  
with flashes of glowing technicolour, it's a pretty how-de-do!  
Mike's been in the background, with Helen and the backstage crew,  
with Alison and Amanda, ensuring the props are all on cue!  
There are many marvellous moments, trampled toes and torn trousers are on my little list,  
I'll refrain from putting in my oar, I'm sure you get the gist!  
Though *The Mikado* is now over, don't feel sad or tragic,  
next year it's *The Sorcerer*, I've heard it's truly MAGIC!