17. If I can catch this jolly Jack-Patch

Duet

Teresa and Minestra

Allegretto

Teresa

Minestra

Piano

If I can catch this jolly Jack-Patch,

He'll go for a year with a flea in his ear!

And my days are dark and dreary oh!

He'll find his joke is a pig in a poke,

For love my souls is weary oh!

Ah, me! my heart is dreary oh!

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He'll go for a year with a flea in his ear!

And my days are dark and dreary oh!

He'll find his joke is a pig in a poke,

For love my souls is
Ach - ting, oh!

Though scarce a score, I'm seventy four!

When a woman has come to seventy year
It's well to be with'rd and
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And my heart, my heart is
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break - ing, oh!

When a woman has come to seventy year
It's well to be with'rd and
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I'm on - ly a score like me,
It's bet - ter a fair young

old and blear;

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Minestra

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Minestra

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Teresa

Minestra
Enter Bartolo and Nita, still as waxwork Hamlet and Ophelia. They walk down the stage mechanically, as though controlled by clockwork. Their keys are fitted with keyholes in the small of their backs. Each wears a placard inscribed “Put a penny in the slot.”