

PIRATES OF PENZANCE CHARACTERS AND THEIR VOCAL RANGES

CHARACTER	VOICE	VOCAL RANGE
MABEL One of Major General Stanley's daughters. Young, beautiful and coquettish	SOPRANO/COLORATURA	C4–DB6 (OFTEN HIGH E6).
RUTH Frederic's lifelong and loyal nursery maid. She is a woman in her 40's.	MEZZO SOPRANO/CONTRALTO	G3–Eb5 (SOMETIMES F#5)
FREDERIC A pleasant looking young man of 21. Youthful, genuine, and innocent	TENOR	Bb2–G4 (SOMETIMES Bb5).
KATE One of the Major General's daughters. She is beautiful, quick witted, sassy.	MEZZO-SOPRANO	Ab3–G5
EDITH Beautiful, the oldest of the Major-General's daughters. Level headed but a bit mischievous	MEZZO-SOPRANO	Ab3–G5
ISABEL Isabel is the youngest of the Major-General's daughters. A quiet daydreamer, she is mesmerized by the beautiful scenery of the beach	SOPRANO	C4–C6
PIRATE KING 40ish, rugged looking, a bit rough around the edges Not the brightest bulb in the chandelier but genuine, and a soft hearted person beneath all the swagger.	BARITONE/BASS-BARITONE	G2–F4.
SAMUEL The Pirate King's loyal right hand man. 20's or 30's. A bit of a rascal	BARITONE/TENOR	Bb2–F4
SERGEANT OF POLICE A serious minded bobby in his 40's or 50's. Not a prime physical specimen but fit enough to carry out the standard constabulary duties.	BASS/BARITONE .	G2–E4
MAJOR-GENERAL STANLEY Fatherly looking middle aged gentleman. He is a bit pompous, but also a bit silly at times. Self-aware, clever.	BARITONE/TENOR	Bb2–E4