

Emperor/Empress of China (Adult male/female)

The ruler of all China. Wants his/her daughter to marry a rich prince, as the country is running out of money. Forbids the citizens of Peking to gaze upon her beauty, otherwise they will be executed. May be required to sing.

**SCENE 1**

Emperor/Empress                      Now if all goes well tonight precious daughter of mine, RICH Prince Po-kee will ask for your hand in marriage and we won't have to use these blighted public baths again, I'll have new ones fitted in the Palace grounds.

Yasmin                                      But I don't want to marry Prince Po-Kee Mother/Father. He's old! He's got more chins than the Chinese telephone book and a face that could turn milk sour!

Emperor/Empress                      I admit he's no oil painting but looks aren't everything. He's very, very rich and that's all that matters. For the country in running out of money, so I'm asking you to marry a rich Prince who will bring us in some much needed wealth and besides.

Yasmin                                      But Father/Mother I want to marry for love not riches!

Emperor/Empress                      We've been through this - you can't. You are Princess, you have a responsibility to the people of China! So come along.

**SCENE 2**

**Enter EMPEROR/EMPRESS**

Emperor/Empress                      You were right be . . . he's looking at my daughter . . . Policeman, arrest him at once! He has broken the law and must be punished. Fetch the royal executioner.

**Enter TWANKEY.**

Twankey                                      What's going on out here?

Emperor/Empress                      Nothings going on, it's this boy's head that's coming off!

Twankey                                      What? Our Aladdin? No, you can't!

Emperor                                      I can I'm the Emperor/Empress, I'm in charge, everyone must do as I say!

SONG – With a little help from my friends

What would you do if I sang out of tune  
Would you stand up and walk out on me?  
Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a song  
And I'll try not to sing out of key

Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends  
Mm, I get high with a little help from my friends  
Mm, gonna try with a little help from my friends

What do I do when my love is away  
Does it worry you to be alone?  
How do I feel by the end of the day  
Are you sad because you're on your own?

Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends  
Mm, I get high with a little help from my friends  
Mm, gonna try with a little help from my friends