

MIKADO:

See how the Fates their gifts allot
For A is happy, B is not
Yet B is worthy, I dare say
Of more prosperity than A

KO-KO, POOH-BAH, & PITTI-SONG:

Is B more worthy?

KATISHA:

I should say
He's worth a great deal more than A

QUINTET:

Yet A is happy!
Oh, so happy!
Laughing, Ha! ha!
Chaffing, Ha! ha!
Nectar quaffing, Ha! ha! ha!
Ever joyous, ever gay
Happy, undeserving A!

KO-KO, POOH-BAH, & PITTI-SONG:

If I were Fortune which I'm not
B should enjoy A's happy lot
And A should die in miserie
That is, assuming I am B

MIKADO & KATISHA:

But should A perish?

KO-KO, POOH-BAH, & PITTI-SONG:

That should he
Of course, assuming I am B

QUINTET:

B should be happy!
Oh, so happy!
Laughing, Ha! ha!
Chaffing, Ha! ha!
Nectar quaffing, Ha! ha! ha!
But condemned to die is he
Wretched meritorious B!