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MAUREEN FEGREDO  
 CYNTHIA JENNER  
 JANET GREY  
 ELIZABETH PURVIS

The May-Queen	... ..	PAMELA ECKETT
The Butcher	... ..	MAURICE BINNING
The Baker	} The Merchants of Windsor	MICHAEL GARROOD
The Tinker		... ..
The Tailor	... ..	ROBERT DUFFET
Long Tom	} Royal Foresters	BRIAN PEARSON
Big Ben		... ..
Jill-All Alone	... ..	MARGARET BANFIELD
Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex	... ..	BRIAN PERRY
Francis Bacon	... ..	DESMOND WOOD
Sir Walter Raleigh	... ..	IAN WOOD
Walter Wilkins, a London actor	... ..	HAYDN THOMAS
Silas Simkins, another actor	... ..	BRIAN BUSBY
Bessie Throckmorton	... ..	GEORGINA THORNE
Dr. Roderigo Lopez, The Queen's Physician	... ..	JACK CANDY
Queen Elizabeth	... ..	IRENE MOWAT

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THE INNYARD, WINDSOR TOWN

## ACT 2

Scene 1 THE FLAG ROOM, WINDSOR CASTLE

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### *Musical Numbers*

#### ACT 1

- |   |     |     |     |     |  |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Introduction                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | The Orchestra                            |
| 1 Opening Chorus                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | May Queen & Chorus                       |
| 2 Duet<br>"Two proper men"                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | Long Tom, Big Ben                        |
| 3 Quartet<br>"Four men of Windsor"            | ... | ... | ... | ... | Butcher, Baker, Tinker, Tailor           |
| 4 Solo<br>"I wonder why"                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | Jill                                     |
| 5 Solo with chorus<br>"The Yeomen of England" | ... | ... | ... | ... | Essex & Chorus                           |
| 6 Solo<br>"Fat Black Jack"                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | Raleigh & Chorus                         |
| 7 Solo with Chorus & Dance<br>Song & Hornpipe | ... | ... | ... | ... | Wilkins, Two Actors & Chorus             |
| 8 The Garland Dance                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | The Chorus                               |
| 9 Solo<br>"She lost the letter"               | ... | ... | ... | ... | Bessie                                   |
| 10 Quintet<br>"Oh! 'tis folly"                | ... | ... | ... | ... | Bessie, May Queen, Raleigh,<br>Ben & Tom |
| 11 Solo<br>"Where the deer do lie"            | ... | ... | ... | ... | Jill & Chorus                            |
| 12 The entrance of Queen Elizabeth            | ... | ... | ... | ... | Ensemble                                 |
| 13 Solo with Chorus<br>"O peaceful England"   | ... | ... | ... | ... | Queen & Chorus                           |
| 14 Solo with Chorus<br>"Mistress of the Sea"  | ... | ... | ... | ... | Wilkins & Chorus                         |
| 15 Finale Act I                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | Ensemble                                 |

#### ACT 2

- |  |     |     |     |     |                                |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------------|
| 16 Opening Chorus                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | Jill & Chorus                  |
| 17 "Queen O' May"                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | Chorus                         |
| 18 Quartet<br>"England Merrie England" | ... | ... | ... | ... | Bessie, Jill, Ben & Tom        |
| 19 Trio<br>"Hey Nonny No!"             | ... | ... | ... | ... | Simkins, Tailor, Butcher & Men |
| 20 Solo<br>"The perfect English Rose"  | ... | ... | ... | ... | Raleigh                        |
| 21 Duet<br>"Big Brass Band"            | ... | ... | ... | ... | Wilkins, Simkins & Men         |

*Musical Numbers continued*

- 22 Duet  
"That love may come to me" ... .. Jill & Raleigh
- 23 Solo  
"She found the letter" ... .. Bessie
- 24 Quartet  
"Cupid" ... .. Essex with Bessie, Jill & Raleigh
- 25 Solo  
"Love is all" ... .. Bessie
- 26 Reprise  
"Jolly, jolly Robin" ... .. May Queen & Chorus
- 27 Reprise  
Entrance of Queen Elizabeth ... .. Chorus
- 28 The Masque of St. George  
& The Dragon ... .. Wilkins, Simkins & Chorus
- 29 Rustic Dance ... .. The Dancers
- 30 Ensemble  
"Merry men a-drinking" ... .. Wilkins, Raleigh, Tom & Chorus
- 31 Finale Act II ... .. The Company

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