

# Characters

- DICK WHITTINGTON:** Ambitious, honest young man, as obvious. (*Can either be played by male, or female as Principal Boy*)
- ALDERMAN FITZWARREN:** Good natured, sea-faring merchant – owner of a large London store. (*Male*)
- ALICE:** The Alderman's kind-hearted daughter. (*Principal Girl*)
- DOLLY DUMPLING:** The Alderman's cook – typical pantomime Dame character. (*Obviously, best played by a man*)
- IDLE JACK:** Dolly's daft, lazy son – the “Simple Simon” of the piece. His costume should have “long shorts” or short dungarees, no longer than cropped trousers, worn with long brightly coloured socks, which must be fully visible. (*Probably male, but could be played by female*)
- CAPTAIN CUTTLEFISH:** An odd-ball sea captain, recruited by the Alderman. Together with his Mate, Scupper, they form a typical panto-style comedy twosome. (*Usually male, but could be played by female*)
- SCUPPER:** The Captain's idiotic mate – works well if played with an Irish accent, but this is not essential. (*Male or female*)
- TOM:** Dick Whittington's “cool” cat – probably depicted in modern “Cats” style costume and face paint, with face exposed for small speaking part. (*Male, but could be played by female – possibly a youngster*)
- KING RAT:** Our slightly comical baddie – a cross between a rat and demon, played tongue-in-cheek. An important speaking role, so the costume must leave face exposed, with the obvious make-up. He carries a “magic mace”, possibly illuminated red from within. (*Male*)
- [Alternatively, can be played by a female as **QUEEN RAT**, changing all necessary references from “he” to “she” etc.]
- FAIRY BOWBELLS:** Typical good Fairy character – she has a wand with jingle bells on it, which can jangled. Possibly, she also has a bell-shaped costume and, optionally, a comically broad cockney accent. (*Female*)
- THE SULTAN OF MOROCCO:** English speaking Sultan. (*Male. Smaller part – Act II only, probably joining the Chorus for Act I*)
- [Alternatively, can be played by a female as the **SULTANA**, in which case an amended version of Act II Scene 6 is available free on request.]
- FEMALE CHORUS:** Londoners/Shoppers  
Ceremonial Officials/Beefeaters  
Sailors  
Ladies of the Sultan's Harem
- MALE CHORUS:** Londoners/Shoppers  
Ceremonial Officials/Beefeaters/Guardsmen  
Sailors  
The Sultan's Slaves/Royal Attendants  
Two also play the Sultan's Guards in Act II Scene 6
- DANCERS:** Featured in musical numbers as desired and can augment Chorus parts. Also perform the optional ultra-violet scene, if included.
- THE 4 RATLINGS:** Four young Dancers or Chorus also play small non-speaking “Ratlings” in some scenes: **Spit, Squeak, Sniff and Scratch.**