

## **Audition Side 2 – Robert, Natalie**

**Robert**

Is someone there? Hello! Is someone there? (Draws a dagger from his belt.)  
Come out.

**Natalie** (showing herself)

I'm sorry. I didn't mean to alarm you. Please don't hurt me.

**Robert**

Hurt you? No, no, I'm sorry. I just didn't know what..... You might have been a coyote. (Struggling to find words) A bear. (Putting his dagger away)

**Natalie**

A bear? This far south?

**Robert**

(Still struggling to find word. Obviously taken by her beauty) Well..... I don't know.....

**Natalie**

Well, I can assure, I'm not a bear. Or a coyote.

**Robert**

No, you are certainly not either of those.

**Natalie**

Your singing was beautiful. Nighttime is my favorite time of the day. When I was a girl, my mother would often bring me down to the beach at night and point out all the stars by name. (Pointing) Orion, Leo, Gemini, the twins. That's Pisces, the two fishes. She especially loved that one. (Pause) Who are you? What are you doing here? Where did you come from?

**Robert**

So many questions! I'm Robert, first mate of the mightiest ship to ever sail the Atlantic. Our ship is anchored off Tucker's Island, and I've been sent ashore to see if we can pick up some supplies for our ship before we head back out to sea.

**Natalie**

What kind of supplies do you need?

**Robert**

We've been at sea for more than a fortnight, so, mostly food, material to mend our sails and some wood to patch the leaks and holes in the hull and decks.

**Natalie**

We may be able to help you. My father is the mayor of the village. I can bring you to talk to him. How would you pay for what you need?

**Robert** (Realizing she doesn't know he is a pirate)

Gold?

*(Elvira appears, hidden by bushes and listens intently)*

**Natalie**

Gold!

**Robert**

Yes, gold.

**Natalie**

What kind of ship is this?

**Robert** (Thinking quick)

A whaling ship. I am first mate on the mighty schooner (pausing) The Rose of the Sea under the command of the famous, legendary, renowned, handsome, eponymous much admired and beloved, Captain Togar.

**Natalie**

Eponymous?

**Robert**

Eponymous!

**Natalie**

(Beat – thinking) Never heard of him.

**Robert**

(Beat – thinking) What about the infamous, notorious, heinous, viscious, odious, unbelievably horrid, despicable, diabolical, dastardly, extremely dislikable Captain Rowan Togar

**Natalie**

Heinous?

**Robert**

Yes, heinous

**Natalie**

Rowan?

**Robert**

Yes, Rowan

**Natalie**

Sorry, the only Togar I've ever heard of is captain of the Bloody Mary

*(Loudly) Wait! You're a pirate?*

*(Elvira stands, alarmed)*

**Robert**

Please! *(he presses her to be quiet, placing an arm around her and a hand over her mouth – looking around to see if anyone has heard) Shhhhhhhh.* We are not that bad, at least not on land. *(He relaxes his grip and uncovers her mouth - Natalie relaxes, Elvira crouches down again)*

**Natalie**

No, No! This is wonderful. It's perfect! It couldn't be better!

**Robert**

Wonderful? Perfect? You are happy to see pirates? You're not afraid of me? This is really very unusual...and the name Togarrrrrrrr doesn't bother you?

**Natalie**

Togar?

**Robert**

Togarrrrrrrrrr

**Natalie**

Togarrrrrrrrrrr.....Has a rrrrrrring to it (giggles) I mean of course we've heard all those terrible stories about his exploits. His ruthlessness, and barbaric character. His hair blowing in the wind, and his tanned, muscular bare chest. Some of the women in town even fantasize about him. If you like that sort of thing. No, we need you. You arrived at just the perfect moment!

**Robert**

We have?

**Natalie**

My father and the Chief of Police were discussing you this morning. Would you be willing to fight for us in return for the supplies you need?

**Robert**

Fight! That's what we do for a living, and we love it! Who do you want us to fight?

**Natalie**

To make a long story short, we are plagued by a bunch of thieves scallywags, smugglers, who raid our village and steal from us. I want you to meet my father.

**Robert**

We just met! You want me to meet your parents already? You move fast.

**Natalie**

No, to talk out a deal to get you and your men to fight the Mooncussers for us. And there is only my father. My mother died from pneumonia when I was 11. Besides, I'm sure that you have lots of women, in many ports. A man like you could never be interested settling down in a town like this. Especially with a simple girl like me.

**Robert**

Alas, I must first get back to the ship and talk to Captain Togarrrrrrrr. If he agrees then I'll be back with everyone.

**Natalie**

Maybe I should come with you.

**Robert**

With me? No! That is quite impossible. Women on board a pirate ship is bad luck. It's a recipe for all sorts of horrible happenings.

**Natalie**

Oh please. I've never been outside Tuckerton and I could help you explain things. Please, oh please. Is he...is he truly as bad as they say?

**Robert**

No, not really. You know how stories get exaggerated! He doesn't have a mean bone in his body. Except when we raise the skull and crossbones and board another ship...but that's mostly to strike fear in the hearts of our foes. It's all show biz. Wait, I don't even know your name.

**Natalie**

It's Natalie.

**Robert**

Natalie! That's a beautiful name!

**Natalie**

So, I can come along?

**Robert**

All right. But no one can know you're onboard. Wait, I have an idea.

**Natalie**

Yippee

**Robert**

Pirates don't say yippee.

**Natalie** (Lowering her voice)

Aye aye, matey.

**Robert**

Maybe it's best if I do all the talking. Come on, we don't have much time.