

Characters

THE MAYOR of Hamelin Town

THE FIRST ALDERMAN

THE SECOND ALDERMAN

JOANNA . . . the heroine

THE PIED PIPER

FRAU SCHULTZ . . . a housewife

JACOB . . . a butcher

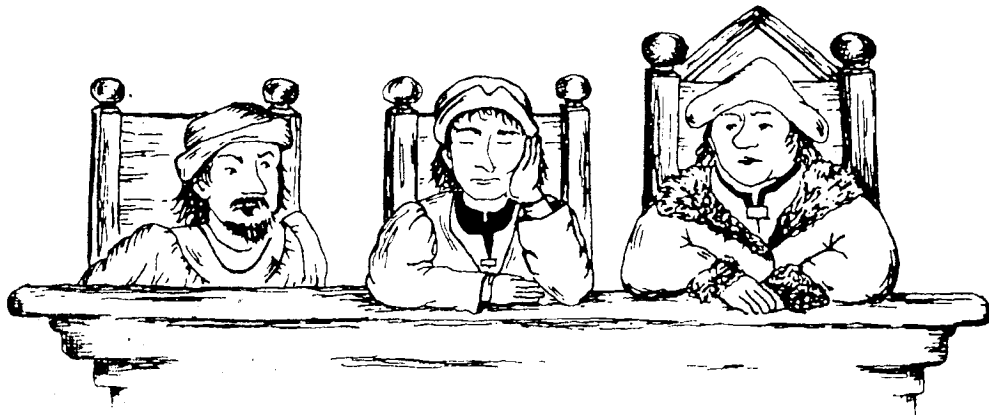
PETER . . . a shoemaker

HANS . . . a little boy

A CHORUS of Aldermen, Citizens, and Children

Act 1

*The Council Chamber of the Town of Hamelin
of the City of Hamelin, in Brunswick, Germany.
The time is early afternoon on a summer day
about the year 1475.*



*The scene opens on the Council Chamber of the Town Hall
of Hamelin with the Mayor and the Aldermen sitting
around a large council table singing a chorus which ac-
knowledges that the problem of rats is perplexing. One
Alderman has fallen asleep. The Mayor, a fat old fool,
upbraids them but gets no satisfaction at all.*

Chorus of Alderman and The Mayor

A Aldermen

Fa la la la la la la la We're the Al-der-men of Hame - lin
 Fa la la la la la la la We're the Al-der-men of Hame - lin
 Fa la la la la la la la We're the Al-der-men of Hame - lin

Town, Fa la la la la la la la We're the Al-der-men of Hame-lin
 Town, Fa la la la la la la la We've a May-or who is quite a
 Town Fa la la la la la la la We're the Al-der-men of Hame-lin

Town, We face a test that makes us frown, Our
 clown. He thinks his du - ties are so great And
 Town, We real - ly would be most an - noyed If