

SCENE 8 – The Skydivers

(The stage is empty. We are in the sky.)

**OPTIONAL MUSIC: Could start here (see Director's Guide)
[optional download, 'Pirate's Dance']**

(One by one, SKYDIVERS called PARACHUTE PIRATES jump from STAGE LEFT as if having just jumped out of an aeroplane. They are wearing SKYDIVER outfits with headgear decorated with Skull and Crossbones)

(As the PIRATES jump onto the stage and each shout out their line, they are 'freefalling' with their hands outstretched to the side. One by one, they move from STAGE LEFT to STAGE RIGHT and begin to form a rotating 'rugby type scrum' circle that gets larger as all the SKYDIVERS join.)

PENNY: Whoopee!!...

PIRATE 1: Yay!!...

PIRATE 2: Geronimo!!...

PIRATE 3: Yippee!!...

PIRATE 4: Heads uuuuup!!

PIRATE 5: Look out below!!...

PIRATE 6: Let's goooo!!...

BIG PIRATE: Yo, ho, ho!!...

(Once the scrum circle is complete, they move CENTRE STAGE whilst still rotating. The scrum circle now needs to gradually move so that each PIRATE can pop their head up and shout their next lines when they are at the back of the circle but facing the AUDIENCE. They are still freefalling through the sky...)

PENNY: So where are we landing then?

PIRATE 1: That Flying Club over there...

PIRATE 2: That's tiny! Why are we going there?

PIRATE 3: They're planning an air show!

- PIRATE 4:** What? Without us!? Who's running it?
- PIRATE 5:** A little Pommy Microlight.
- PIRATE 6:** We'd better have a chat with that little Microlight.
- BIG PIRATE:** OK everyone, see that runway; that's our Drop Zone. See ya there...

SONG: 'Freefall' [CD track 37]

(During the song, the PIRATES break out of the semi-circle and perform a dance which is basically a mime/actions to accompany the words of the song.)

CHOIR

Verse 1

Carefully; setting up our parachutes,
Nervously; climbing into clean jumpsuits.
Check 'the gear' a second time,
I'll check yours and you check mine.
In the plane; waiting for 'the off' again

Chorus

Freefall...; what a great sensation,
Freefall...; keep in close formation,
Stretch out your arms, take control; dive through the clouds, spin
and roll.
Freefall...; all together,
Freefall.....;
We are parachuting!

Verse 2

Climb, climb, climb; circle upwards in the air,
Almost time; getting higher, nearly there.
Check your place within the line,
You know yours and I know mine.
With a thump; door is open, time to jump!!!

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

Legs together - arms well in.
Keep your head down - chest touch chin.
At the right time, raise your hand, and pull the rip chord fully;
"One thousand, two thousand, three thousand... check canopy"

Chorus 2

Glide down...; heading for the 'drop-zone',
Glide down...; see the 'X'; it marks home,
Now watch the ground, as we planned; ready to run, when we land.
Glide down...; soon we'll touch down,
Glide down.....;
We've been parachuting!

(After the last words are sung, the PIRATES glide off stage in different directions.)

END OF SONG [STOP/PAUSE CD]

(MYRO back onto stage, obviously scared of the approaching PIRATES.)

MYRO: P-P-P-PIRATES? What are they doing here?

(MYRO backs into the HANGAR 1)

(From the other side of the stage, the PIRATES land one at a time. The last to land is BIG PIRATE.)

BIG PIRATE: Hey! Little Microlight! Can we have a word with you?

(MYRO looks around the Hangar.)

MYRO: Th-th-there's no Microlight here Mr Pirate.

PENNY: *(Chuckling.)*

We're not *real* pirates, we're skydivers!

(MYRO emerges nervously from the hangar)

MYRO: Then why are you wearing skull and crossbones?

PENNY: Because we call ourselves the Parachute Pirates.

MYRO: Do you look for treasure?

PENNY: Of course...

ALL PIRATES: It's at the end of the rainbow!

(They all laugh.)

PENNY: Talking about skulls and crossbones – we do have a bone to pick with you, young Microlight.

MYRO: Oh? What's that?

- BIG PIRATE:** You haven't asked us to take part in your airshow.
- MYRO:** Errr., It's supposed to be a secret!! But of course you can take part. You guys were awesome – you could lead the display!
- PENNY:** Ripper mate! Well that's sorted then. Now, let's get that Dakota down here so we can go for another jump.
- BIG PIRATE:** Aye, aye, cap'n!
- (BIG PIRATE speaks into a radio...)*
- BIG PIRATE:** Deko says this airstrip is too short for him to land on – he says he'll meet us back at the hideout!
- PENNY:** Strewth – looks like we're walking again guys!
- (all the PIRATES groan)*
- See ya, Myro.
- (the PIRATES leave looking rather sorry for themselves)*
- MYRO:** Bye. See you at the airshow.
- Right. Anyone seen Gigi?...

MUSIC: 'Freefall outro' [CD track 38]

(As the Music plays out, the remaining PIRATES leave the stage, MYRO flies off to find GIGI, and ANIMALS return to the stage.)

MUSIC ENDS [STOP/PAUSE CD]

End of SCENE 8