

**Patience, or Bunthorne's Bride**, is a comic opera in two acts, with music by Arthur Sullivan and libretto by W. S. Gilbert. First performed at the Opera Comique, London, on April 23, 1881, it moved to the 1,292-seat Savoy Theatre on October 10, 1881, where it was the first theatrical production in the world to be lit entirely by electric light. Henceforth, the G&S comic operas would be known as the Savoy Operas, and both fans and performers of G&S would come to be known as "Savoyards."

Patience was the sixth operatic collaboration of fourteen between Gilbert and Sullivan. It ran for a total of 578 performances, which was seven more than the authors' earlier work, H.M.S. Pinafore, and the second longest run of any work of musical theatre up to that time, after the operetta Les Cloches de.

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### Dramatis Personae

| Colonel Calverley            | Officers of    | Chris Sinclair   |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Major Murgatroyd             | Dragoon        | Glen Lee         |
| Lieut, The Duke of Dunstable | Guards         | John Parry       |
| Reginald Bunthorne           | A fleshy poet  | Paul Anderson    |
| Archibald Grosvenor          | An Idylic Poet | Philip King      |
| Mr Bunthorne's Solicitor     |                | Gerald Hartley   |
| The Lady Jane                |                | Patricia Robins  |
| The Lady Ella                | Rapturous      | Elaine Foster    |
| The Lady Angela              | Maidens        | Elaine Moore     |
| The Lady Saphir              |                | Nina Lloyd-Hirst |
| Patience<br>Louisa Mould     | A Dairy Maid   | Jane Foster or   |

Ladies of the Chorus

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Joanna Griffiths | Laurine Kay       |
| Anna Bligh       |                   |
| Wendy Hock       | Louisa Mould      |
| Maggie Hock      |                   |
| Joyce Rodkinson  | Anna McPhee       |
| Deborah          |                   |
| Janet Jones      | Marlene Pinchbeck |
| Paul Jones       |                   |

Ann Store

Sue Sutto

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Gentlemen of the Chorus

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|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Michael Bundy | Ewen Lewis |
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Peter Mar

