



The Bab Ballads are a collection of light verse by Sir William S. Gilbert (1836-1911). In writing the Ballads, Gilbert developed his unique topsy-turvy style, where the humor was derived by setting up a ridiculous premise and working out its logical consequences, however absurd. The Ballads also reveal Gilbert's cynical and satirical approach to humour. They became famous on their own, as well as being a source for plot elements, characters, and songs that Gilbert would recycle in the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. This edition is in the Desert Alphabet.