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Once upon a time, there was a lively boy called Jim Hawkins who looked after his parent's pub after they died at sea. It was hard work but he enjoyed meeting the colourful characters who came in.

One day, as Jim was chatting to his best friend Doctor Libby, an old sailor called Billy Bones burst through the door. He was renting a room above the pub, so Jim and Libby knew him quite well. He said that some pirates had been looking for him, and he was worried that they might have put the 'black spot' on him. That was a pirate curse, which Billy said would mean he was doomed. When he turned round, Jim saw he had a black spot on his back!

Billy realised the pirates had found him. Reaching into a pocket, he drew out a Treasure Map. That's what the pirates were looking for – and Billy decided that since he was doomed anyway, he would give it to Jim. Suddenly the Black Spot seemed to start working and poor Billy staggered off and met a grisly end. In the confusion, Jim and Libby didn't notice a well-dressed sailor come into the pub and sit in the corner.

Jim and Libby were very excited about finding the Treasure, although they weren't sure how they'd manage it. The dandy looking sailor couldn't help overhearing, and just happened to be in town with her boat and crew at that moment. She said she'd be happy to take them. They were off on an adventure!

The first part of their journey was fun. They all enjoyed the ships' rum a bit too much and many of them fell over drunk. Some of them started to get a little grumpy and a fight broke out between Long Jane Silver and Jim, which ended with Captain Jane being pushed overboard. On the immediate realisation that they had no idea how to sail without the Captain, she was pulled back onboard and the crew all agreed. No more rum!

Soon enough, they were nearly at their destination, so they all let out an almighty shout of "Land Ahoy"

When they approached the shore, Captain Jane sailed across to the island, accompanied by a pirate called Jake, while the rest of the crew went with Jim and Dr Libby. When they were alone, Captain Jane asked pirate Jake to spy on Jim.

Jim and Dr Libby located the treasure, which was being guarded by a huge crocodile. The giant croc swallowed them whole, even though Jim had already managed to grab the Treasure. Jim, Dr Libby, the other ships pirates and Captain Jane and Pirate Jake, who had caught up with Jim and Dr Libby, all ended up in the beasts' gooey tummy.

Suddenly, when all seemed hopeless, Peter Pan appeared out of nowhere. He summoned all of his magic and passion, repeating the phrase, "I do believe in fairies" over and over until the giant crocodile threw up, setting everyone in his tummy free. They fled, with the croc in hot pursuit, until Captain Jane threw a ticking clock into the monsters' mouth, causing it to swim away and leave them.

Later that night, Captain Jane sneaked out of her cabin, intending to steal the treasure chest from Jim. Unluckily for her, Jim heard her coming. The pirates were grumpy about being woken up in the dead of night, and there soon ensued another huge fight. In the middle of the skirmish, a pirate called Julie grabbed Captain Jane and threw her into the crocodiles' mouth. "Yum yum", thought the beast as he munched happily. Jim agreed to share the Treasure fairly between everyone. There soon followed a big party, with everyone dancing to 'Celebration' by Kool & The Gang and they all lived happily ever after......