I AM THE VERY MODEL
OF A MODERN MAJOR-GENERAL

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MAJOR-GENERAL

1. I am the very model of a modern Major-General; I've
2. I know our mythic history, King Arthur's, and Sir Caradoc's, I

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information vegetable, animal, and mineral: I know the kings of England, and I
answer hard acrostics, I've a pretty taste for paradox: I quote, in elegiacs, all the
quote the fights his-tor-i-cal, From Mar-a-thon to Wa-ter-loo, in-or-der cat-e-gor-i-cal. I'm
crimes of He-li-o-gab-a-lus! In con-ics I can floor pec-u-li-ar-i-ties pa-ra-bo-lous. I can

ver- y well ac-quaint-ed, too, with mat-ters mathe-mat-i-cal; I un-der-stand e-qua-tions, both the
tell un-doubt-ed Raph-a-els from Ge-rard Dows and Zoff-a-nies. I know the croak-ing cho-rus from the

sim-ple and quad-rat-ic-al: A-bout bi-no-mial The-o-rem I'm
"Frogs of Ar-is-to-ph-a-nes!" Then I can hum a fugue, of which I've

teen-ing with a lot o' news,
heard the mu-sic's din a-fore.

With man-y cheer-ful facts a-bout the
And whis-tle all the airs from that in-

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square of the hypo-th-e-nuse;
fer-nal non-sense, Pin-a-fore!

CHORUS

With man-y cheer-ful facts a-bout the
And whis-tle all the airs from that in-

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square of the hypo-th-e-nuse, With man-y cheer-ful facts a-bout the
fer-nal non-sense, Pin-a-fore, And whis-tle all the airs from that in-

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square of the hypo-th-e-nuse. With man-y cheer-ful facts a-bout the
fer-nal non-sense, Pin-a-fore, And whis-tle all the airs from that in-
square of the hypotenuse.

fernal nonsense, Pin-a-pin-a-fore.

very good at integral and differential calculus; I know the scientific names of

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animals. But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral, I

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beings

C G7 C/E G7
am the very model of a modern Major-General.

But still, in matters vegetable,

animal, and mineral, He is the very model of a modern Major-General!

In fact, when I know what is meant by
"mam-elon" and "rav-e-lin"; When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin; When

such a-fairs as sorties and sur-prises I'm more war-y at; And when I know pre-cise-ly what is

meant by com-mis-sar-i-at; When I have learnt what pro-gress has been made in mod-ern gun-ner-y; When

I know more of tac-tics than a nov-ice in a nun-ner-y; In short, when I've a smat-ter-ing of
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Tempo I

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el - men - tal stra - tegy -

You'll say a bet - ter Ma - jor - Gen - er - al has nev - er sat a gee;

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F#dim/G

say a bet - ter Ma - jor - Gen - er - al has nev - er sat a gee, You'll
MAJOR-GENERAL

For my
say a better Major-General has never sat a, sat a gee.

mil-i-tar-y knowl-edge, tho' I'm pluck-y and ad-ven-tur-y, Has on-ly been brought down to the be-

gin-ning of the cen-tu-ry, But still, in mat ters vege-ta-ble, an-i-mal, and min-er-al, I
am the very model of a modern Major-General.

But still, in matters vegetable,

animal, and mineral, He is the very model of a modern Major-General.