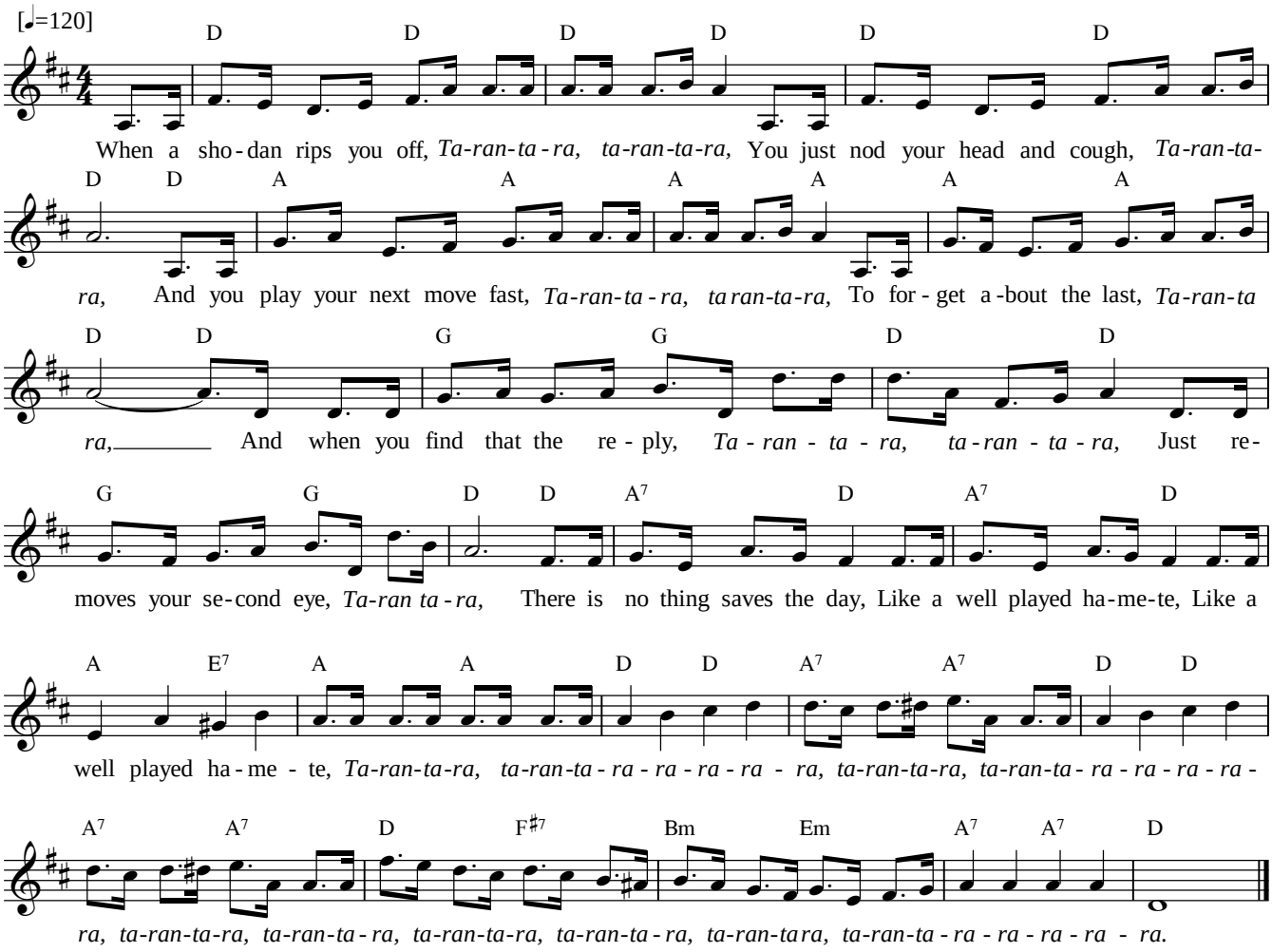
29. When a shodan rips you off

Paul King — Sir Arthur Sullivan



When a shodan rips you off,
Tarantara, tarantara
You just nod your head and cough,
Tarantara, tarantara
And you play your next move fast,
Tarantara, tarantara
To forget about the last,
Tarantara, tarantara
And when you find that the reply,
Tarantara, tarantara
Just removes your second eye,
Tarantara, tarantara
There is no thing saves the day,
Like a well played hamete,
Like a well played hamete,
Tarantara, tarantarararara,
Tarantara,
Tarantara, tarantarararara,
Tarantara,
Tarantara, tarantara,
Tarantara, tarantara,
Tarantarararara.

Now you're really in the soup,
Tarantara, tarantara,
Because the shodan isn't duped,
Tarantara, tarantara,
And you're feeling uninspired,
Tarantara, tarantara,
'Cause your plan has just backfired,
Tarantara, tarantara,
And you're losing ground quite fast,
Tarantara, tarantara,
(This game's looking like the last),
Tarantara, tarantara,
There is nothing boosts your go,
Like a welcome hana ko,
Like a welcome hana ko,
Tarantara, tarantarararara,
Tarantara,
Tarantara, tarantarararara,
Tarantara,
Tarantara, tarantara,
Tarantara, tarantara,
Tarantarararara.

But your reading wasn't right,
Tarantara, tarantara,
So you quickly lose the fight,
Tarantara, tarantara,
For your ko threats were so small,
Tarantara, tarantara,
That they weren't quite there at all,
Tarantara, tarantara,
And the time has come, you think,
Tarantara, tarantara,
To resign and get a drink,
Tarantara, tarantara,
There is nothing cheers you up,
Like a pint of beer to sup,
Like a pint of beer to sup,
Tarantara, tarantarararara,
Tarantara,
Tarantara, tarantarararara,
Tarantara,
Tarantara, tarantara,
Tarantara, tarantara,
Tarantarararara.

Gilbert and Sullivan invite parody, and there have been many attempts in the field of go songs, mostly in the USA. This one has been chosen as representing Manx go lore. [Ed.]

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