

## An Artemisian Herald

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To the tune of "A Modern Major General,"  
from "The Pirates of Penzance," music by Arthur Sullivan

C  
I'm an Artemisian Herald; we have duties multitudinous  
G7  
But handle them with style in a manner fortitudinous.  
C  
Announcements that we give are always clear, concise and audible.  
G D7  
We blazon all devices with facility that's laudable.  
G7 Cm  
We've memorized the precedence for peerage and nobility;  
Bb7 Eb  
Processionals we run are noted for their punctuality.  
G7 Cm  
We read the various scrolls aloud with obvious sincerity--  
Ab7 G7  
And manage to pronounce the wildest names with great dexterity!  
C  
And so, good lords and ladies, see how one with my capacity  
G7  
Must study hard and practice long with zeal and tenacity.  
C G7 C G7  
For heraldry or ceremony, tourney or processional  
C F C G7 C F C G7 C  
The Artemisian heralds have a style that's most professional.

Yet I can think of no job more maligned in the Society  
Because of one small practice that has gained us notoriety--  
We ease the pressure caused by our heraldic duties numerous  
By telling brilliant puns which to our own ears sound quite humorous.  
And though these puns provide release to make our lives more liveable  
It seems that those around us find the practice unforgivable.  
And so they do forget the heralds' qualities most sensible  
And fasten their attention on those they find reprehensible.  
But even though the populace our humor can't appreciate  
They couldn't get along without a herald to officiate.  
And so, at court or ceremony, tourney or processional  
The Artemisian heralds tell their puns with style professional.

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