

## **The Old Man and the Old Moon Characters**

*(Cast size can be 7-26)*

**THE OLD MAN:** An old man whose job it is to fill the moon with liquid light. His journey in pursuit of his missing wife forces him out of his complacent lifestyle.

**THE OLD WOMAN:** An old woman who's growing tired of her life filling the moon with her husband. She leaves her home in search of a forgotten memory.

**MATHESON:** The first-mate of the ship and the narrator of the tale. Matheson loves telling stories so much that he commands the attention of the audience and the respect of his sailors.

**LLEWELLYN:** The youngest, somewhat naïve, spirited sailor whom the Old Man mentors and takes on as an apprentice towards the end of his journey.

**MABELU:** A sailor who has a good sense of humor and the best of intentions. He lost his precious dog years ago.

**CALLAHAN:** An ardent sailor. Never loses a fight.

**COOKIE:** An unhinged cook. Might be afraid of fire.

**CAPTAIN:** A fearless leader and most eloquent speaker.

**PERRY:** A legendary hero of the imperial fleet. First Naval Lieutenant Pericles Llewellyn McWallander was thrown overboard by his mutinous crew. He now spends his days inside the belly of a "prison fish",

**CLERK:** Overwhelmed and unenthused each and everyday at the boat shop.

**MICKEY:** The clerk's young assistant. Wears his grandfather's hat to work.

**SOLOMON:** A witty aeronautical engineer. Sibling of Bartley.

**BARTLEY:** A witty aeronautical engineer. Sibling of Solomon.

**DOG:** Her name is Lucy. Mabelu lost her years ago.

**BARTENDER:** Goes by Bill but that's not his real name.

**PATRON:** Plays the piano but doesn't take requests.

**FINE LADY:** She lives in town. Has a secret.

**REBEL ONE:** Rebel captain. Trying to avoid a fight.

**REBEL TWO:** Rebel soldier. Trying to start a fight.

**BOATSWAIN ONE:** A master boatswain.

**BOATSWAIN TWO:** A boatswain's apprentice.

**BEN:** He has a store in town but they're currently sold out of everything.

**GHOST SINGER:** A dead sailor with a penchant for cabaret.

**THE YOUNG WOMAN:** The Old Woman, a long time ago.

## Casting Suggestions for 7 Actors

ACTOR 1 -  
Female/Male  
The Old Man

ACTOR 2 -  
Female/Male  
Matheson, Fine Lady

ACTOR 3 -  
Female/Male  
Butcher, Ben, Callahan, Rebel Two, Perry

ACTOR 4 -  
Female/Male  
Mabelu, Patron, Dog

ACTOR 5 -  
Female/Male  
Boatswain One, Llewellyn, Ghost Singer

ACTOR 6 -  
Female/Male  
The Old Woman, Boatswain Two, Mickey, Captain, Bartley, Young Woman

ACTOR 7 -  
Female/Male  
Fishmonger, Clerk, Cookie, Rebel One, Bartender, Solomon

## Instrumentation for 7 Musicians

Piano/Accordion  
Banjo  
Guitar/Violin/Dulcimer  
Drums/Percussion  
\*Optional Bass

Please be advised that the bass plays in the following three songs, and is tacet for the rest of the show.

#1 Song from the Stone  
#5 Sail for Love  
#12 Bremen