

CHASE Incidental Music (© Track 17)

[As the soldiers attack, the outlaws emerge from their hiding places. A skirmish takes place, battle positions as before, but GISBORNE and SOLDIER 1 capture MUCH, and escape (Right). SHERIFF fights LITTLE JOHN. SOLDIER 3 vs WILL SCARLETT. Having disposed of a soldier, who goes off limping, ALAN-A-DALE helps to capture the SHERIFF.]

SHERIFF *(held by LITTLE JOHN & ALAN-A-DALE)* You knew we were coming!
Who told you? Who is the traitor? Tell me his name!

ROBIN We followed your Norman scent, my lord! The smell of blood, deceit
and death!

ALL *(ad lib.)* Yes... Ugh... *(with nods etc.)*

ALAN-A-DALE An unpleasant odour! *(to the outlaws)* What do you say, men?

VILLAGERS Yeah! *(some of them mime 'bad smell' gestures, fanning noses etc.)*

SHERIFF You will pay for this with your lives!

ROBIN *(to the outlaws)* Little John! Alan! Will! Take their weapons
and escort them out of the forest.

*[Exit LITTLE JOHN, ALAN, WILL SCARLETT, SHERIFF and
remaining SOLDIERS (Right).]*

Come on everybody, let's celebrate our victory!

RAISE YOUR SWORDS - CHORUS (Unaccompanied)

Each time they sing
the word 'Raise'
VILLAGERS raise
arms with clenched
fists. Those with
swords raise them.

→ RAISE YOUR SWORDS, YOU MEN OF SHERWOOD!
RAISE YOUR SWORDS AND FIGHT FOR GOOD!
RAISE YOUR SWORDS, YOU MEN OF SHERWOOD!
RAISE YOUR SWORDS TO ROBIN HOOD!

*[VILLAGERS and OUTLAWS sing the chorus of the song as they
exit Left. If the cast are all staying on stage they can go about their
business again after singing, but 'freeze' once the action at the Castle
begins, to avoid distraction.]*

SCENE 3 - The End Of Much?

*[At Nottingham Castle, MUCH is brought before the SHERIFF by a
guard (enter Right)]*

SHERIFF So you're the lad who killed the king's deer!

MUCH My father has no money... and... I was so hungry... and...

GUARD 1 Kneel to the Sheriff, you Saxon swine!

[Forces MUCH to the ground.]

SHERIFF It is a very serious crime to hunt in the King's forest.

MUCH But please... It was only one deer... and it was very small...

SHERIFF You will be hung at dawn. Take him to the dungeon.

MUCH I won't do it again... I promise...

GUARD 2 Silence, boy! On your feet!

MUCH *(as he is led away)* But please! It was only one deer...

[MUCH is taken away (Left) and placed, where he can still be seen by the audience, in jail.]

SCENE 4 - In The Forest

[VILLAGERS and OUTLAWS unfreeze, or re-enter and gather together. ROBIN mimes interaction with VILLAGERS, as they sing the song. During the song, ALAN, WILL SCARLETT and LITTLE JOHN return.]

RAISE YOUR SWORDS (© Track 5 / 20)

GATHER AROUND THE OAK TREE.
FOR FREEDOM AND JUSTICE WE FIGHT!
WE WILL NEVER SURRENDER,
ROBIN HOOD'S OUTLAW KNIGHTS.

NO-ONE WILL EVER DEFEAT US!
WE'RE SHERWOOD'S MERRY BAND!
FIGHTING THE SHERIFF'S CRUELTY,
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WE STAND.

Each time they sing the word 'Raise' VILLAGERS raise arms with clenched fists. Those with swords raise them.

→ *RAISE YOUR SWORDS, YOU MEN OF SHERWOOD!
RAISE YOUR SWORDS AND FIGHT FOR GOOD!
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RAISE YOUR SWORDS TO ROBIN HOOD!*

GUARDING THE THRONE OF ENGLAND
FROM THE EVIL PRINCE JOHN.
RICHARD OUR KING IS RETURNING,
THEN OUTLAW DAYS WILL BE DONE.

NO-ONE WILL EVER DEFEAT US!
WE'RE SHERWOOD'S MERRY BAND!
FIGHTING THE SHERIFF'S CRUELTY,
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WE STAND.

RAISE YOUR SWORDS... (etc.)

*....RAISE YOUR SWORDS TO ROBIN –
ROBIN – ROBIN HOOD!*