

Artful Dodger

Cleverest of Fagin's gang. Londoner.
Introduces Oliver to Fagin

Principal vocal

Youth (Yr 7+)

Male

Dodger

OLIVER
Do you live in London?

DODGER
When I'm at home. I suppose you want some place to sleep tonight, don't you? Are you accommodated?

OLIVER
No - I don't think so...

DODGER
Then accommodated you shall be, me old mate. There's a certain house - and I know a respectable old gentleman lives there, wot'll give you lodgin's for nothink, and never ask for the change - this is - and that is, if any other genelman wot he knows interduces yer. And does he know me? I should say he does! Not arf he don't - and some!

OLIVER
Who is the respectable old gentleman, then? Is he a charity gentleman?

DODGER
Well, I wouldn't eggzackly say that - not eggzackly. But if I interduces someone it's alright, on account of I happen ter be a pertickler favourite of Mister Fagin ... that's his name - Mister Fagin. By the way if I'm interducing you to Fagin, I better know who you are - me old china plate.

OLIVER
My name's Oliver - Oliver Twist.

DODGER
And my name's Jack Dawkins - better known among me more hintimate friends as the Artful Dodger.

OLIVER
Pleased to meet you, Mister Dawkins.

DODGER
(Pausing for thought)
Come to think of it - I ain't got no hintimate friends. Still, what's the difference, me old pork sausage, you're coming with me.

OLIVER
Are you sure Mr. Fagin won't mind?

DODGER
Mind?

Dodger - Song 'Consider Yourself'

CONSIDER YOUR SELF AT HOME.
CONSIDER YOURSELF ONE OF THE FAMILY.
WE'VE TAKEN TO YOU SO STRONG
IT'S CLEAR WE'RE GOING TO GET ALONG.
CONSIDER YOURSELF WELL IN.
CONSIDER YOURSELF PART OF THE FURNITURE.
THERE ISN'T A LOT TO SPARE
WHO CARES? WHATEVER WE'VE GOT WE SHARE!
IF IT SHOULD CHANCE TO BE WE SHOULD SEE SOME HARDER DAYS
EMPTY LARDER-DAYS
WHY GROUSE?
ALWAYS A CHANCE WE'LL MEET SOMEBODY TO FOOT THE BILL
THE DRINKS ARE ON THE HOUSE!
CONSIDER YOURSELF OUR MATE.
WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE NO FUSS,
FOR AFTER SOME CONSIDERATON WE CAN STATE
CONSIDER YOURSELF ONE OF US!