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TITLE: I Am the Very Model of a Modern ~~Major General~~ Records Manager
Lyrics

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[Pirates of Penzance (not EDRMS Pinafore)]

I am the very model of a modern records manager
I've information in paper, in email and in digital
I know the Codes of Practice, and I quote the standards national
From TNA to 489, in order categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters preservational
I've had to stand in wellies in a flooded file receptacle
On digital migration I am trying to keep cheerful
Despite losing metadata in the latest software overhaul

*On digital migration he is trying to keep cheerful
Despite losing metadata in the latest software overhaul*

I know our role in history, appraising all the countless docs
For saying this Sir Hilary might well have fed me to the dogs
My policies can save us all the headaches and the tension
By consistent application of the schedule of retention

I've had to argue hard in favour of an EDRMS
The head of IT was not keen and caused me quite a lot of stress
But finally I've got as far as drafting a most detailed spec
Ripped off like many others from the standard that is called MOREQ.

*But finally he has got as far as drafting a most detailed spec
Ripped off like many others from the standard that is called MOREQ.*

The Government now tells me that I have to protect information
Fair enough its awful if your colleagues know your medication
And it can be shameful if expense claims are made public
For example if your spouse has claimed for movies pornographic.

I'm very good at FoI and regulations for re-use
I know the section numbers of exemptions to prevent abuse
In short, in matters information, records, documents, data
I am the very model of a modern records manager

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