

Opera Helps

A menu of opera emotions

HOPE & FAITH

Soprano

- Un bel dì -

MADAME BUTTERFLY

Music Giacomo Puccini

Libretto Giuseppe Giacosa

Butterfly refuses to think that Pinkerton has abandoned her and believes he will return to her one day.

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IMPOSSIBLE LOVE

Soprano

- Sola, perduta, abbandonata -

MANON LASCAUT

Music Giacomo Puccini

Libretto Giuseppe Giacosa & Luigi Illica

Alone, lost and abandoned, Manon recalls her fate and the loss of her love.

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FATE

Soprano

- Vissi d'arte -

TOSCA

Music Giacomo Puccini

Libretto Giuseppe Giacosa & Luigi Illica

Tosca asks why God has forsaken her to the hands of Scarpia who has taken her beloved Cavaradossi captive.

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INFIDELITY

Soprano

- Porgi, amor -

LE NOZZE DI FIGARO

Music Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Libretto Lorenzo Da Ponte

The Countess laments her husband's infidelity and asks for him to come back to her, or otherwise to let her die.

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LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Soprano

- Mi chiamano Mimì -

LA BOHÈME

Music Giacomo Puccini

Libretto Giuseppe Giacosa & Luigi Illica

Mimì meets her neighbour Rudolfo for the first time and captivates him.

YOUTHFUL LOVE

Soprano (en travesti)

- Voi che sapete -

LE NOZZE DI FIGARO

Music Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Libretto Lorenzo Da Ponte

A young man asks if what he is experiencing for the first time is love.

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JEALOUSY

Soprano

- Quando me'n vo' -

LA BOHÈME

Music Giacomo Puccini

Libretto Giuseppe Giacosa and Luigi Illica

Hoping to reclaim Marcello's attention, Musetta sings of her beauty and about how she is desired by others.

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MISSING THE ONE YOU LOVE

Mezzo (en travesti), Haute Contre, Alto Castrato

- Che farò senza Euridice -

ORFEO ED EURIDICE

Music Christoph Willibald Gluck

Libretto Raniero de' Calzabigi

Orfeo expresses his sorrow at the death of his beloved Euridice.

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RECONCILIATION

Soprano

- O mio babbino caro -

GIANNI SCHICCHI

Music Giacomo Puccini

Libretto Giovacchino Forzano

Lauretta asks her father for permission to live her life with Rinuccio, who is the son of his enemy.

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FANTASY LOVE

Mezzo

- Una voce poco fa -

IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA

Music Gioacchino Rossini

Libretto Cesare Sterbini

Rosina sings about having fallen in love with a person who doesn't in fact exist.

LOVE THAT CANNOT BE TAMED

Mezzo

- Habanera -

CARMEN

Music Georges Bizet

Libretto Henri Meilhac & Ludovic Halévy

Carmen sings about the power of love.

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SUSPICION

Baritone

- Aprite un po' quegli occhi -

LE NOZZE DI FIGARO

Music Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Libretto Lorenzo Da Ponte

Figaro advises men never to trust women.

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SEDUCTION

Mezzo

- Seguidilla -

CARMEN

Music Georges Bizet

Libretto Henri Meilhac & Ludovic Halévy

Carmen seduces Don José; 'true pleasure is when you're a pair', she sings.

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DECLARATION OF LOVE

Baritone

- Deh, vieni alla finestra -

DON GIOVANNI

Music Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Libretto Lorenzo Da Ponte

Don Giovanni sings a melancholy declaration of love to a young woman.

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REUNION

Baritone

- Di provenza il mar -

LA TRAVIATA

Music Giuseppe Verdi

Libretto Francesco Maria Piave

Giorgio Germont longs for his son Alfred to return home.

COURAGE

Baritone

- Votre toast (Toreador song) -

CARMEN

Music Georges Bizet

Libretto Henri Meilhac & Ludovic Halévy

Escamillo sings about living without fear.

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PHILANDERER

Baritone

- Madamina -

DON GIOVANNI

Music Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Libretto Lorenzo Da Ponte

Leporello sings about the women Don Giovanni has chased.

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PERSUASION

Baritone

- Bella siccome un angelo -

DON PASQUALE

Music Gaetano Donizetti

Libretto Giovanni Ruffini

Doctor Malatesta sings the praises of his sister as future wife for his friend Don Pasquale.

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ADVICE TO THE LOVESICK

Bass

- Non più andrai -

LE NOZZE DI FIGARO

Music Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Libretto Lorenzo Da Ponte

Figaro teases Cherubino that in the military he will have to forget about falling in love.

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PROTECTION

Baritone

- O du, mein holder Abendstern -

TANNHÄUSER

Music Richard Wagner

Libretto Richard Wagner

Wolfram sings to the evening star, asking for its protection.

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