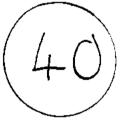
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Aspects of Love

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Aspects of Love

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Prologue 1964







(George Dillingham's Funeral. As the Overture is played, MOURNERS enter carrying a coffin. It is raining, they are holding umbrellas. The scene has a surreal quality. A stylised impression of the Tarantella at the end of Act Two. The characters of ROSE VIBERT and JENNY DILLINGHAM are seen briefly. All exit save a man and woman. We are later to identify the man as the thirty four year old ALEX DILLINGHAM and the woman as GIULIETTA TRAPANI)













Act One Page -7- (Scene One)





ALEX:(spoken)It was seventeen years ago when I first saw her in that shabby little theatre in Montpellier



Scene 2.

(A small provincial theatre in Montpellier, France, 1947. We have a view from backstage and hear the closing lines of a poorly attended performance of Ibsen's 'The Master Builder', the last of the season. Among the cast are MARCEL, the troupe's actor-manager and ROSE its twenty five year old leading lady, who is playing HILDE WANGEL)

DOCTOR (from down in the garden)
The Master Builder is dead!

VOICE 1 (nearer)
His head is all smashed in ...

VOICE 2 He fell right into the quarry.

HILDE (ROSE turns to RAGNAR and says quietly) I can't see him up there now.

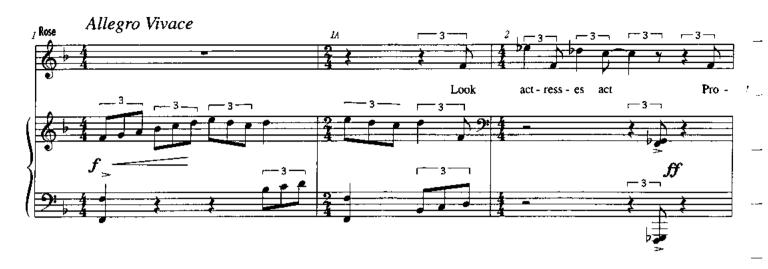
RAGNAR
This is terrible. So in fact he couldn't do it.

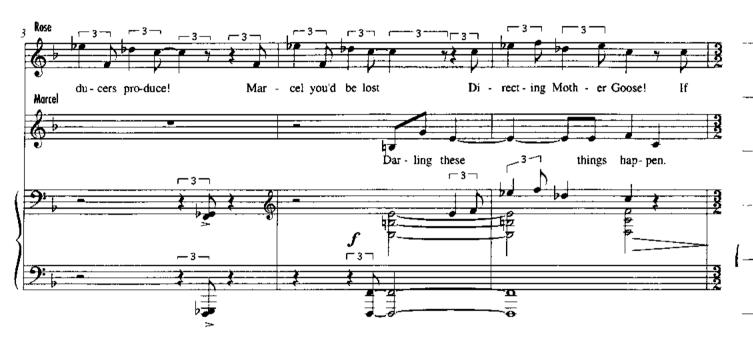
HILDE
(with a kind of quiet, bewildering triumph)
But he got right to the top.
(waves the shawl upwards and shouts with wild intensity)

My ... my ... Master Builder!

STAGE MANAGER Curtain. In. Out. In.

Curtain. Limp applause. Curtain call. Curtain falls again. ACTORS and STAGE HANDS mill about, striking scenery and packing up props and costumes. ROSE rounds furiously on MARCEL.



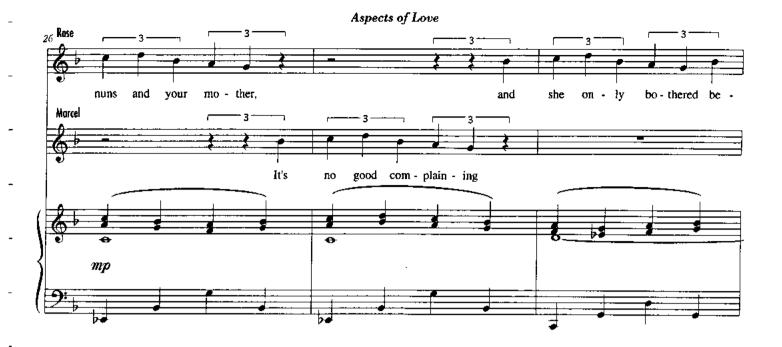








Act One Page -12- (Scene Two)









Act One Page -15- (Scene Two)





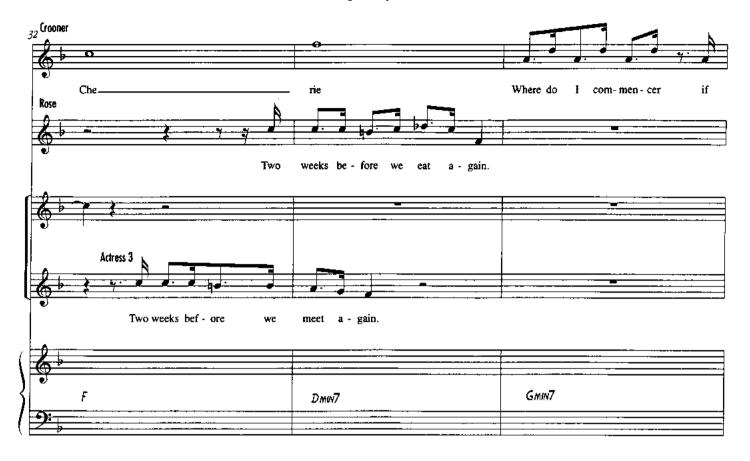
(A café in Montpellier, later the same evening. MEMBERS OF THE TROUPE enter in small groups, take seats and are served by the WAITER. ROSE and ALEX enter and sit downstage right of the others alone at a table. A CROONER sings on a wireless playing in the background. ACTORS are occasionally heard chatting)

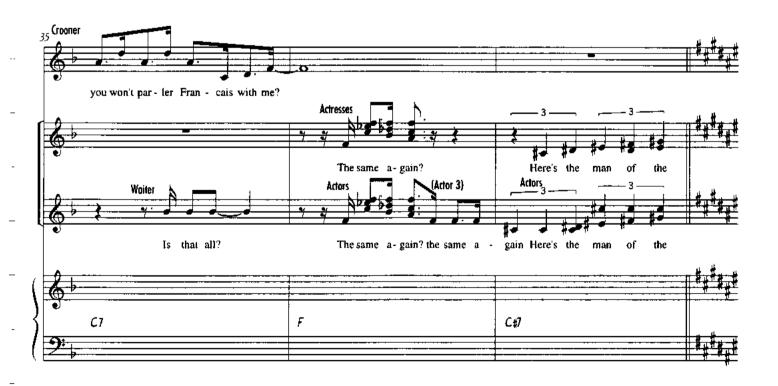




Act One Page -19- (Scene Three)













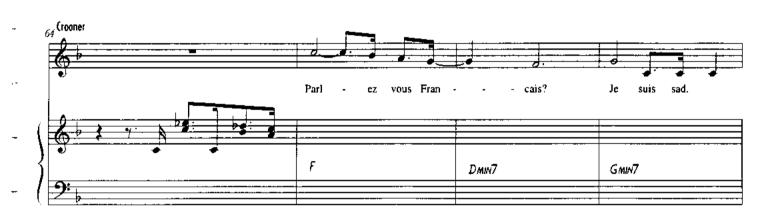


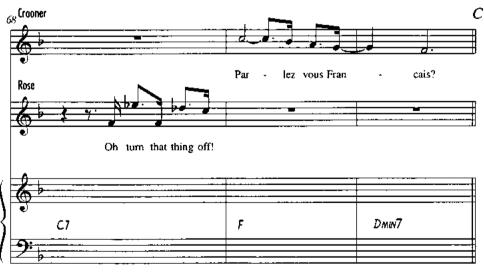
ALEX:such fearfully modern ideas....

(MARCEL throws a kiss to ROSE and departs. The CROONER's song has come to the end. We hear the voice of the RADIO ANNOUNCER.)

ANNOUNCER: Johnny Lejeune. Encore Johnny!

(The radio orchestra starts up again and we hear the opening bars of the song)





CUT OFF

The WAITER shrugs and turns off the wireless. By this time the café is more or less deserted.)









(Still no reply. ALEX is in a daze.)

ROSE: (spoken) Here, have some armagnac.

(He drinks and returns the glass to her. She too takes a sip, as if to seal their arrangement, then breaks the moment with....)



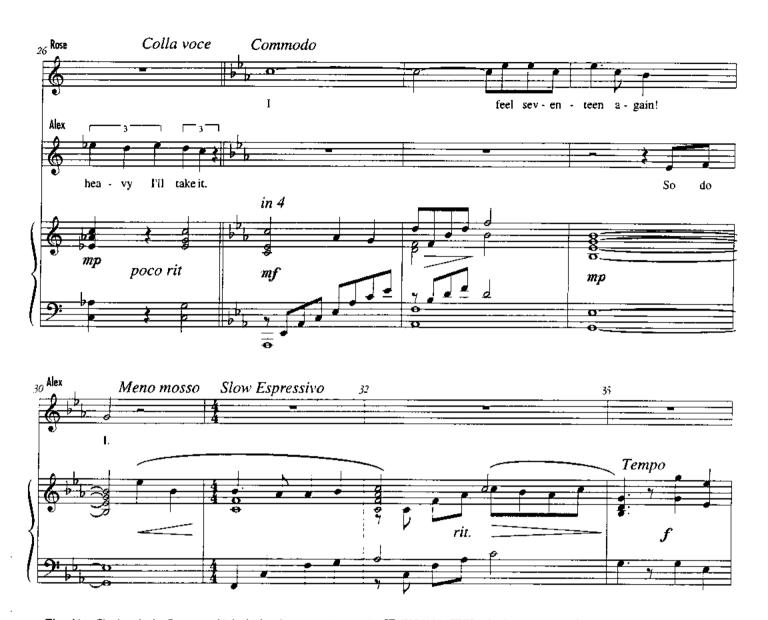


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(The Railway Station at Montpellier later the same night. ALEX is waiting anxiously, a knapsack slung over one shoulder. Other passengers arrive to take the train.)







They kiss. She hands the flowers, which she has been carrying, to the STATION MASTER who has just entered. ALEX and ROSE hurry off.



Act One Page -33- (Scene Four)

(A train compartment later the same night. ROSE and ALEX are midway through their journey. Their luggage is in the rack above their heads. ROSE is lying asleep against ALEX.)

















Act One Page -39- (Scene Five)



SEGUE (on applause)

Scene 6

(The House at Pau. It is pitch dark. There is a glimmer of a flashlight. ALEX is trying to open the door.)



Act One Page -41- (Scene Six)





Act One Page -43- (Scene Six)

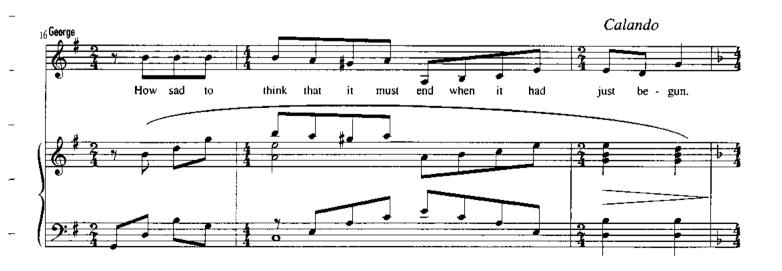
Scene 7

A Sculpture Exhibition in Paris. An art gallery containing sculptures and paintings being examined by the GLITTERATI, GEORGE and GIULIETTA. He is angrily brandishing a telegram which he has just finished reading.





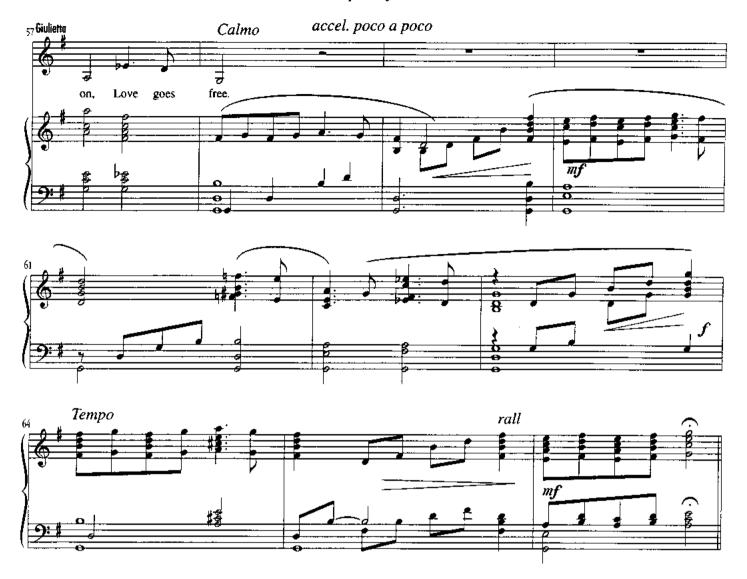












Scene 8.

(The terrace of the House at Pau. Morning sunlight, ROSE stands alone drinking in the view.)

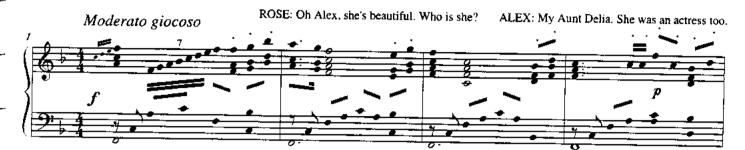


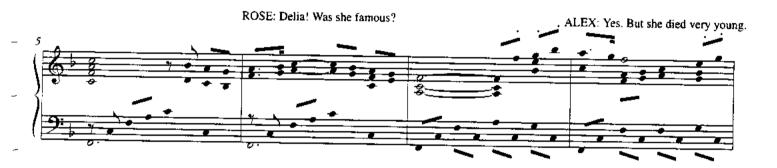




Scene 9.

(ALEX and ROSE. Exploring the House sequence covering the whole day. Various locations in the House, starting with the Drawing Room. They pull dust-sheets off furniture. ROSE uncovers a portrait of a young woman in a sumptious Edwardian ballgown.)





ALEX: That's why my uncle doesn't come down here very often. Too many ghosts.

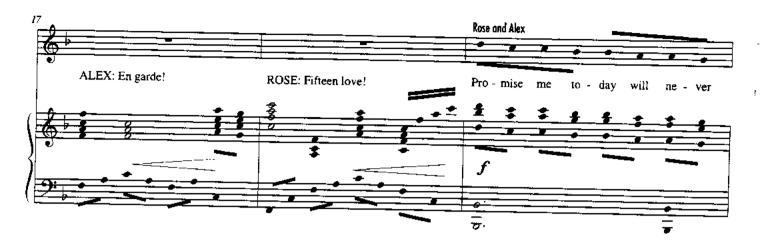
(ALEX uncovers another painting, rather a famous one.)

ROSE: Is that the original?

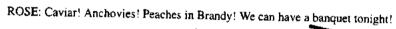


(They open a trunk)
ALEX: Don't be silly. That's in the Louvre. George did that one, Some people call it forgery. He prefers to think of it as a tribute.



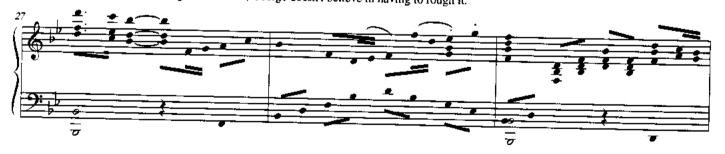


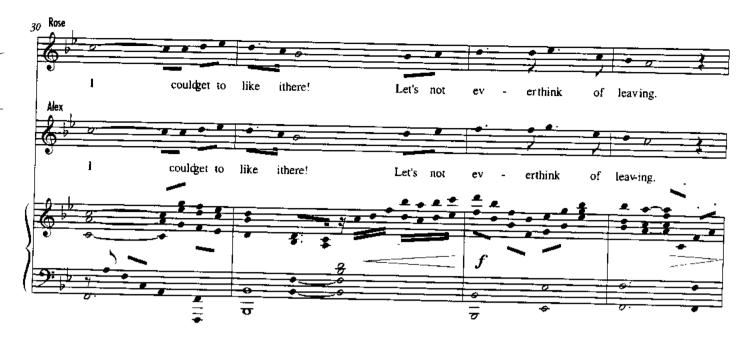


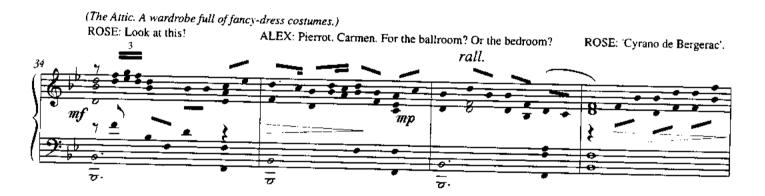


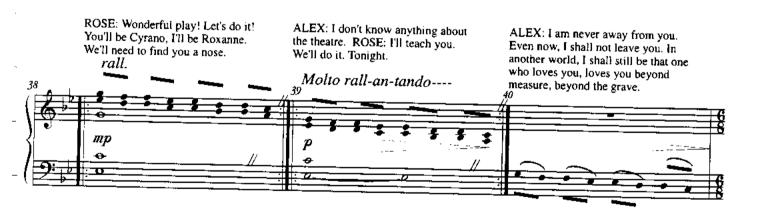


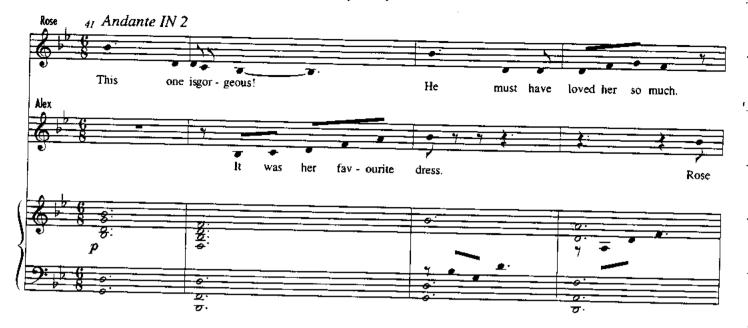
ALEX: When he does get down here, George doesn't believe in having to rough it.

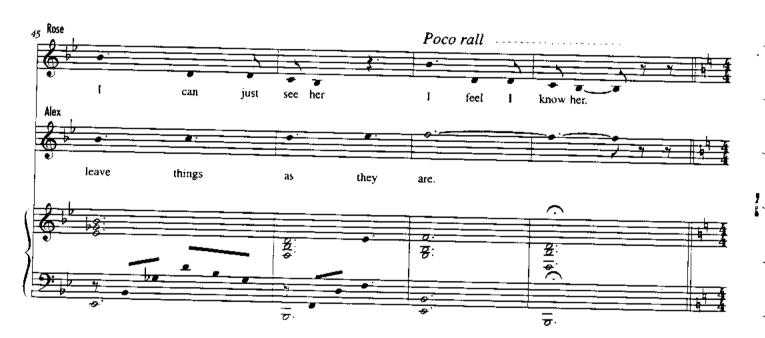








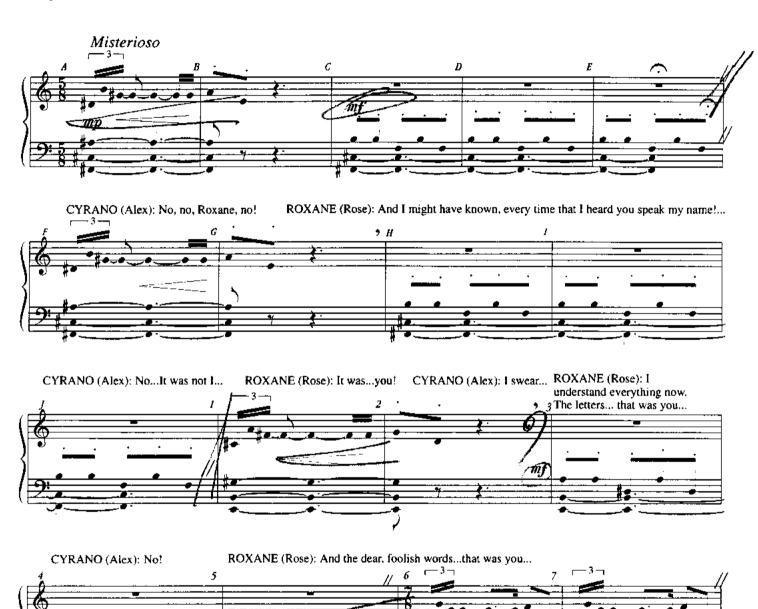




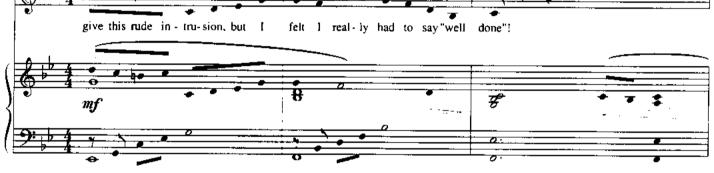


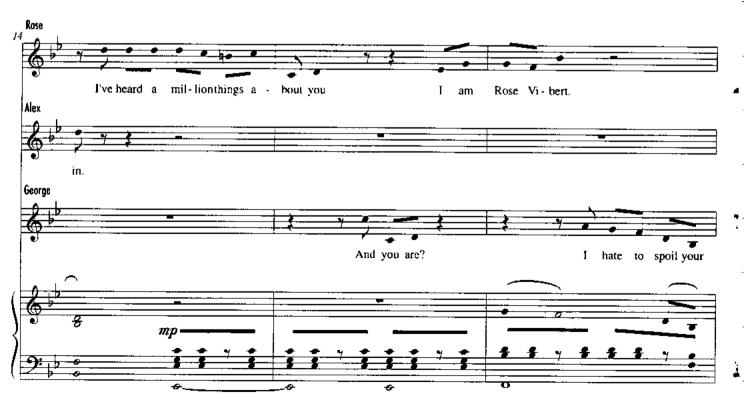
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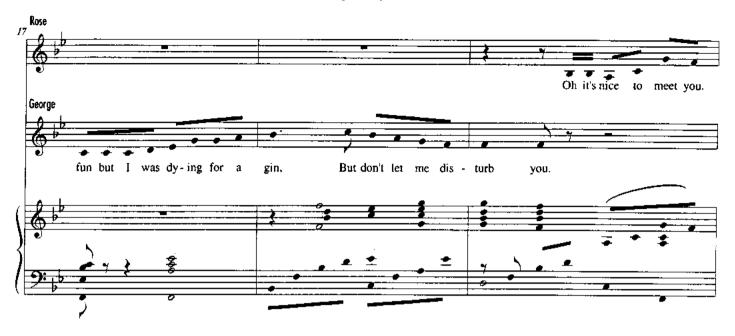
(The terrace at Pau. It is dusk. GEORGE enters. He examines a table littered with bottles and glasses with distaste. Voices are heard from inside the house. ROSE and ALEX appear from the house in costume, rehearsing. GEORGE steps back into the shadows, unseen.)

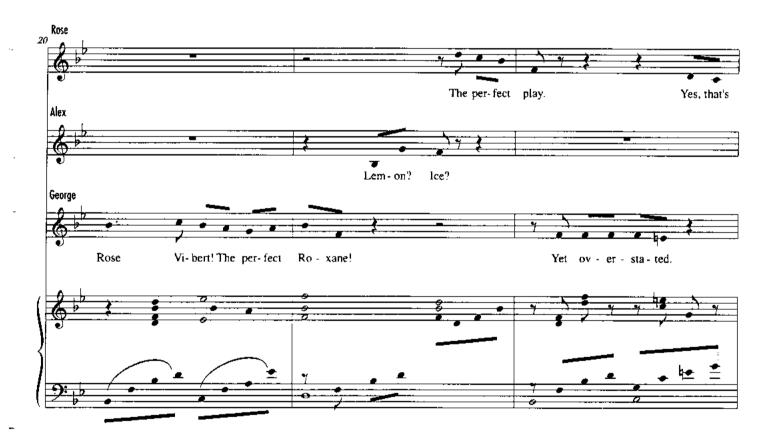


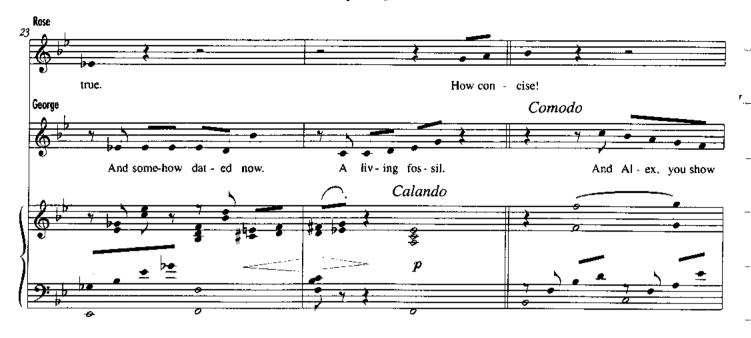


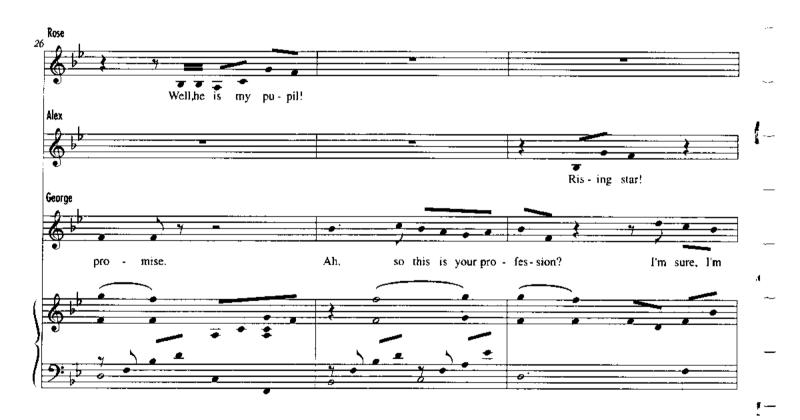










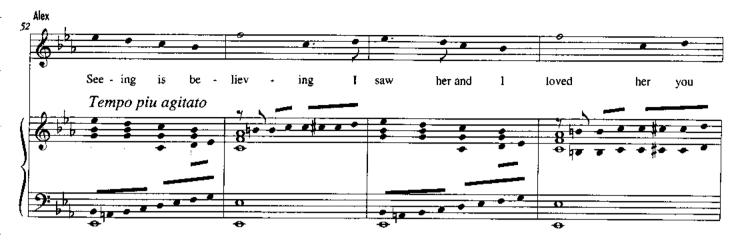


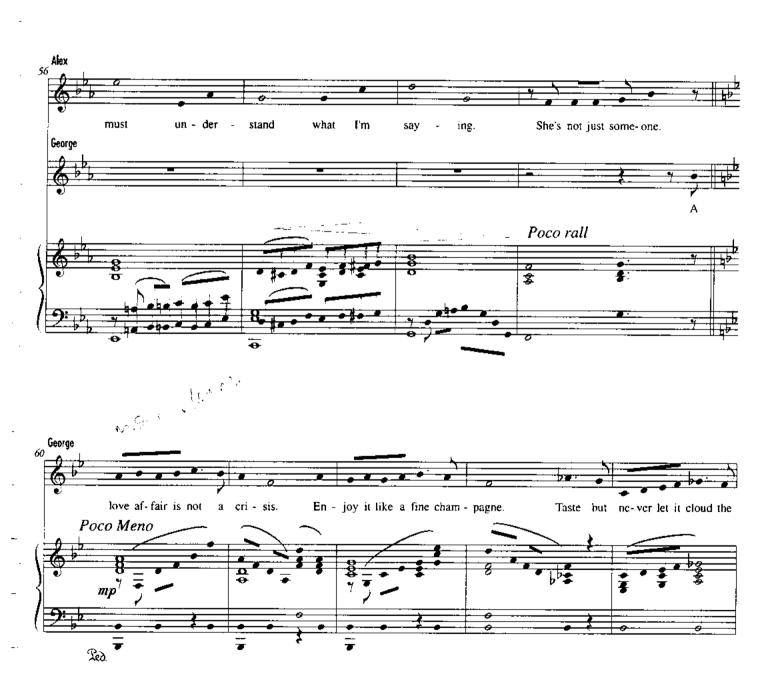




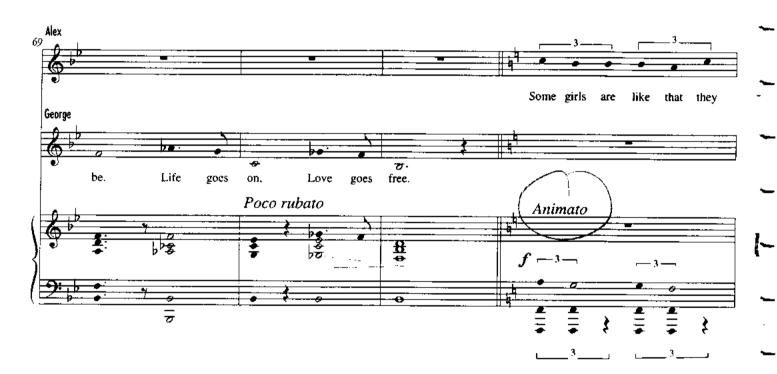


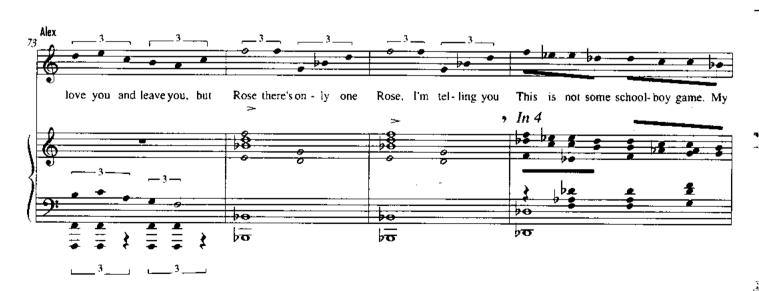










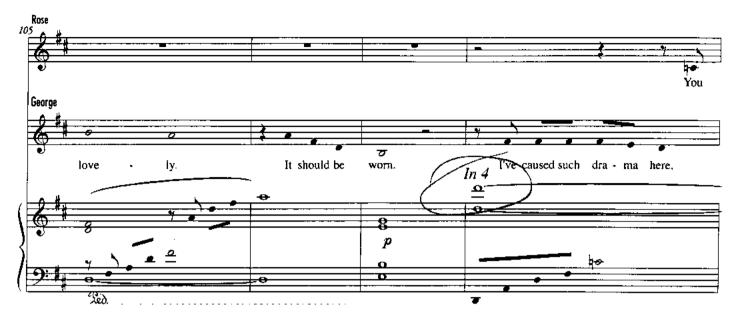


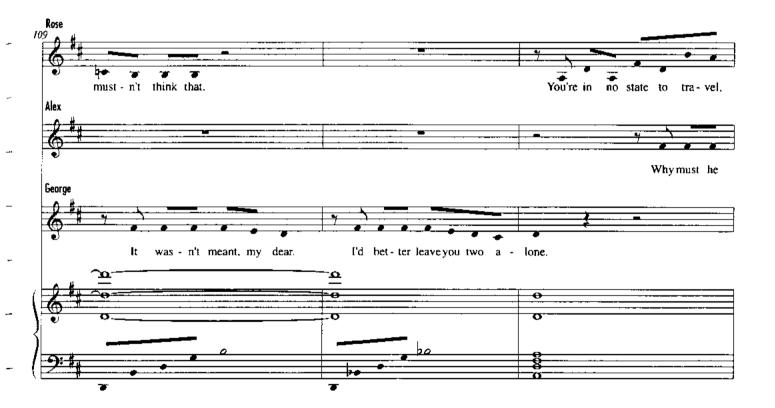


(ROSE appears in the doorway. She is wearing Delia's ballgown which lends her a resplendent, other-world quality. For a moment we half believe that we are seeing the portrait come to life. BOTH turn upstage and see her. The effect on GEORGE is devastating. Overcome, he stumbles to a chair.)

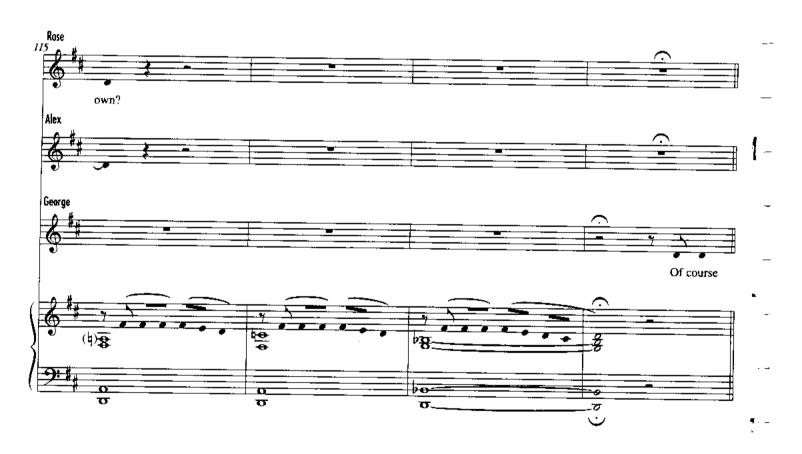






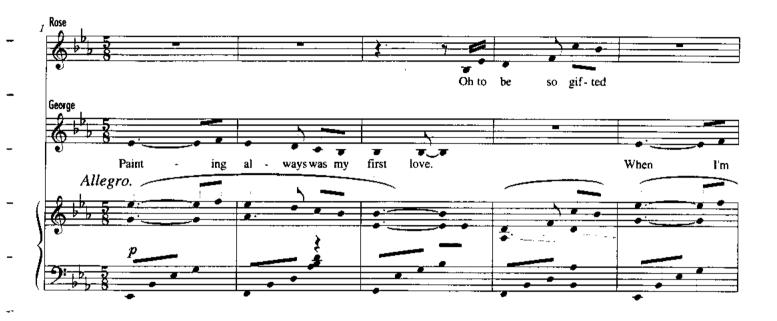


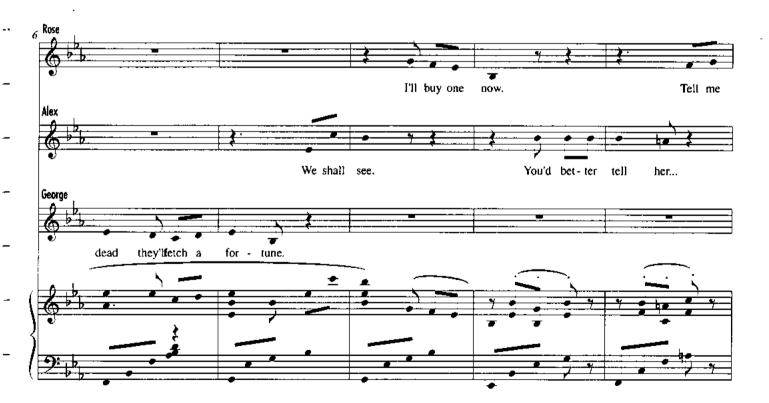


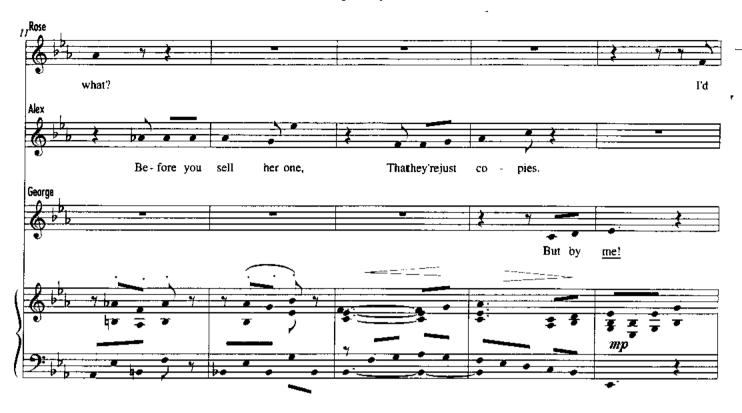


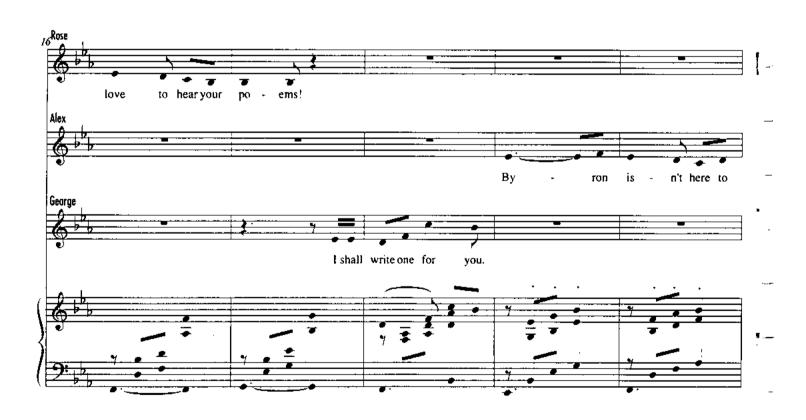
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(The terrace at Pau. Later the same evening. ROSE, ALEX and GEORGE at the tail end of dinner. ALEX is slightly drunk)



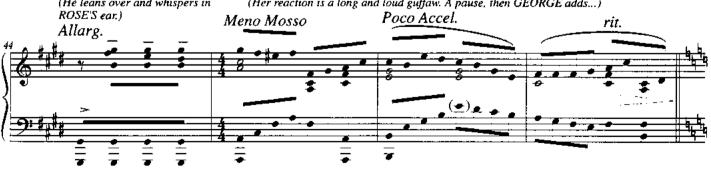




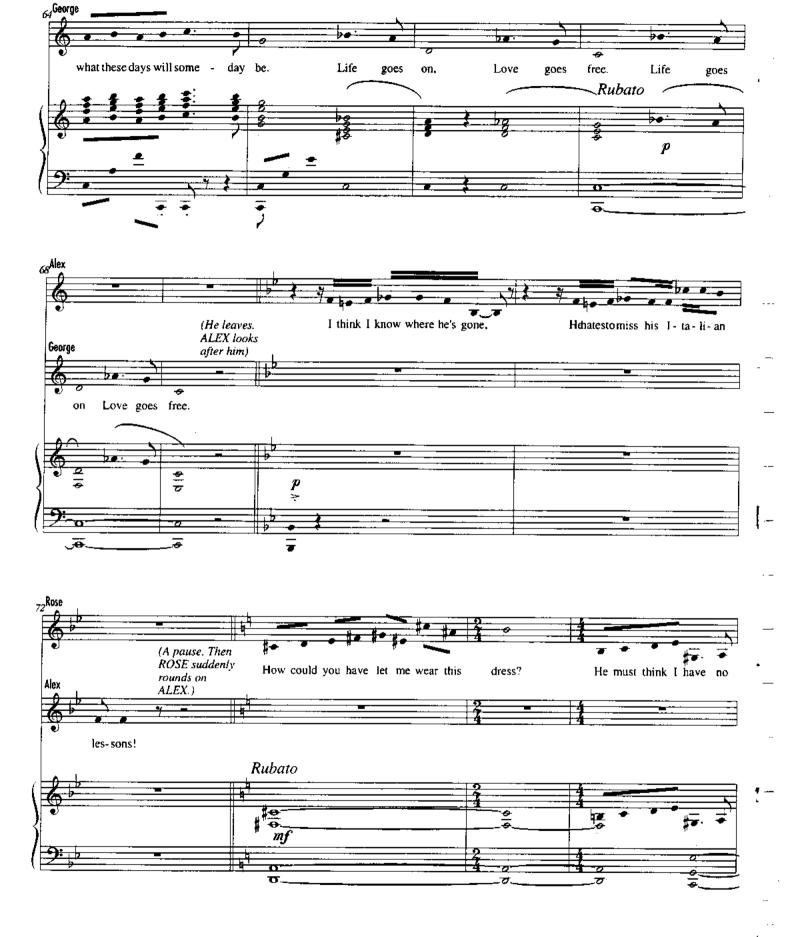


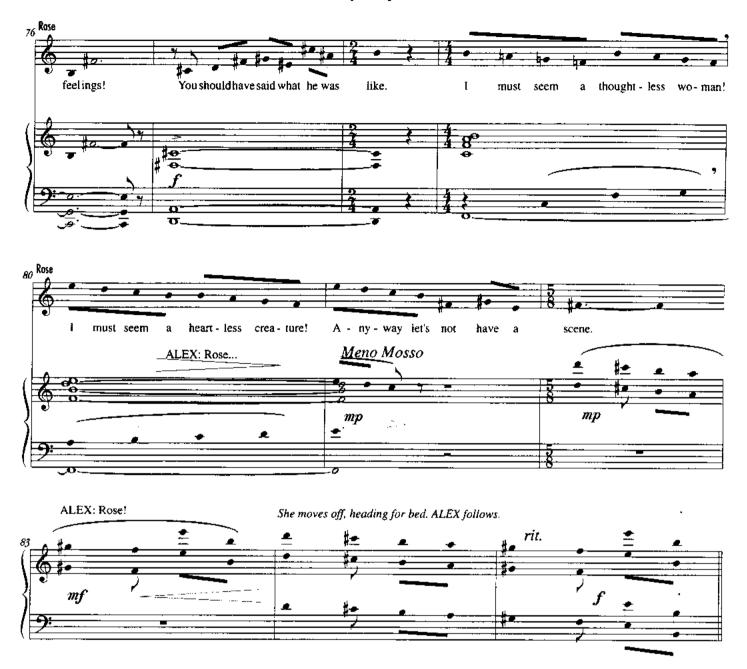


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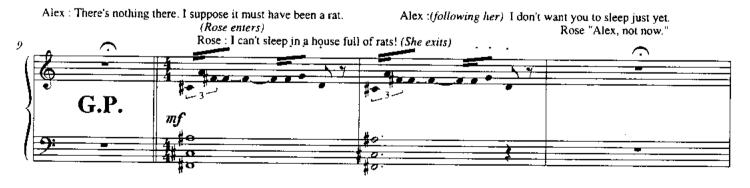






(Outside the Bedroom. It is pitch dark. A noise outside has awakened ROSE. She is heard speaking to ALEX from offstage)





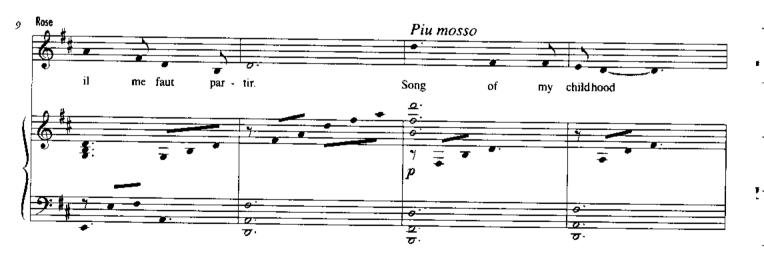






(Various locations in and around the Pyrenees. A brief excursion taking us through the rest of the day. We see ALEX and ROSE enjoying idyllic local scenery and pleasures)



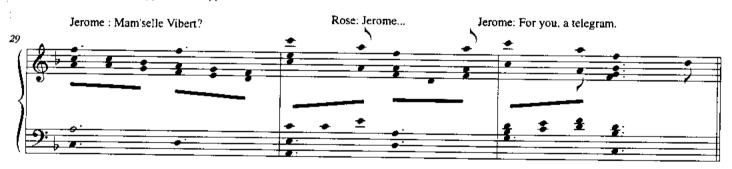








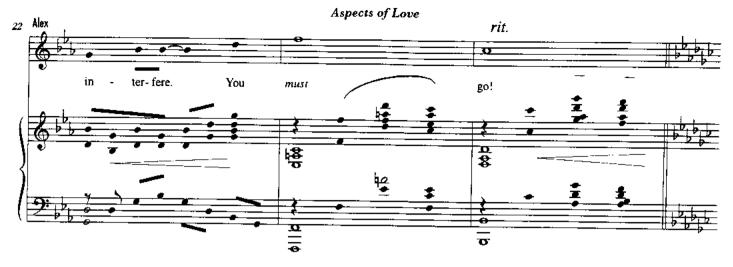
ROSE and ALEX returning to the house. It is late in the afternoon. A man - JEROME - appears and approaches ROSE.



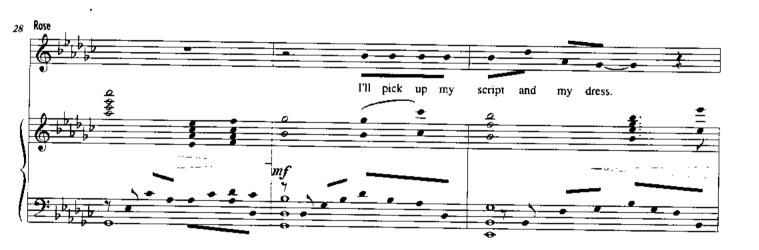
JEROME hands her the telegram and leaves. She opens it and reads.









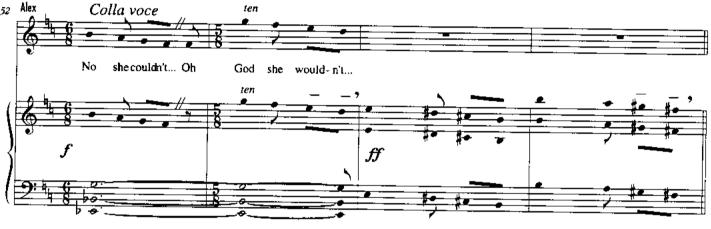


(She goes and then returns for one last hug. She exits. ALEX is now alone. He moves around pensively, then notices the discarded, crumpled telegram. He picks it up.)









(Montpellier Railway Station. ROSE and MARCEL are standing together, their suitcases on the ground.)



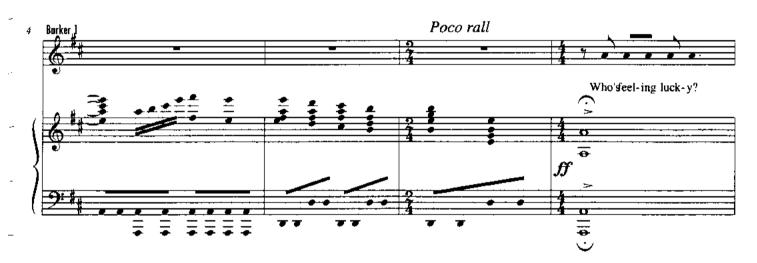


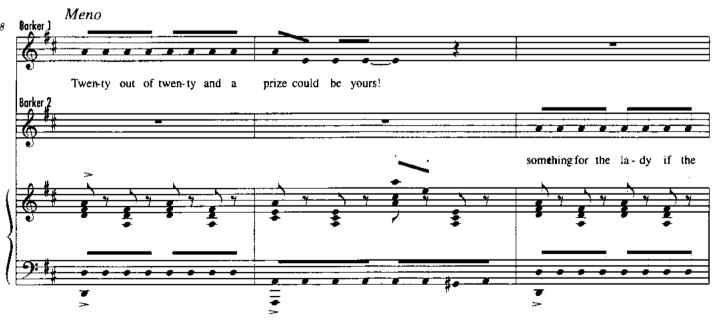
MARCEL picks up the suitcase and exits.



A fairground in Paris. Two years later. It is early evening. ALEX in British army uniform with TWO FELLOW OFFICERS and THREE GIRLS. FAIRGROUND BARKERS and ENTERTAINERS of all kinds mill about. We focus on the rifle range.















Act One Page -95- (Scene Sixteen)



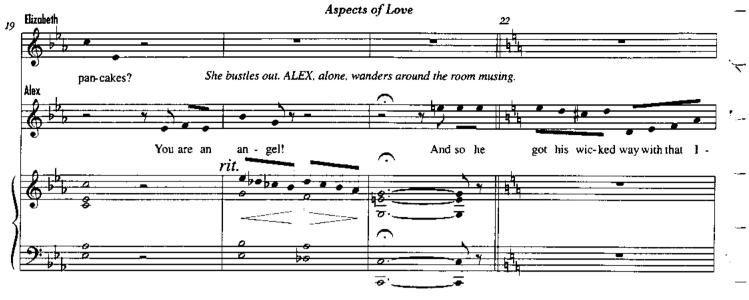
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The Living Room of GEORGE'S Flat in Paris - later that evening. ELIZABETH, GEORGE's elderly housekeeper, is showing in ALEX who is carrying the donkey.







He relaxes into a chair. Slowly and unseen by ALEX, ROSE appears and moves gradually downstage.



Act One Page -100- (Scene Seventeen)









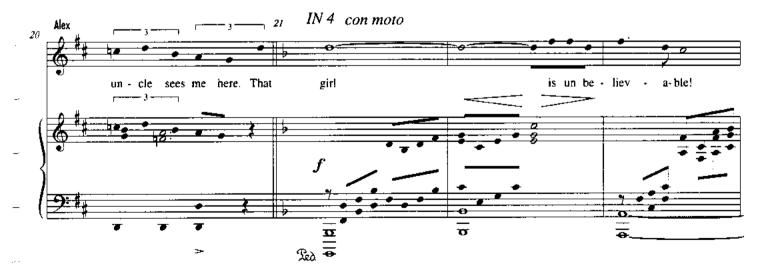


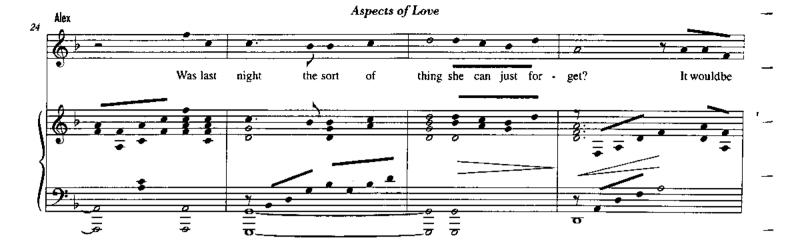
Lights fade as, fatally, they fall into one another's arms, kiss passionately and exit to the bedroom.

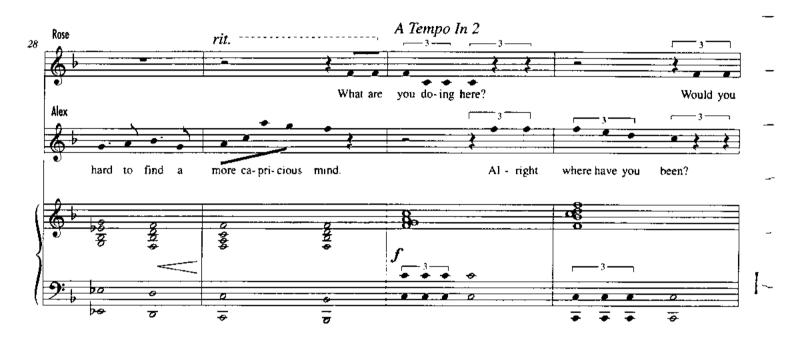
(The Living Room of GEORGE'S Flat. It is the following morning. The cuddly donkey still sits on the desk.)

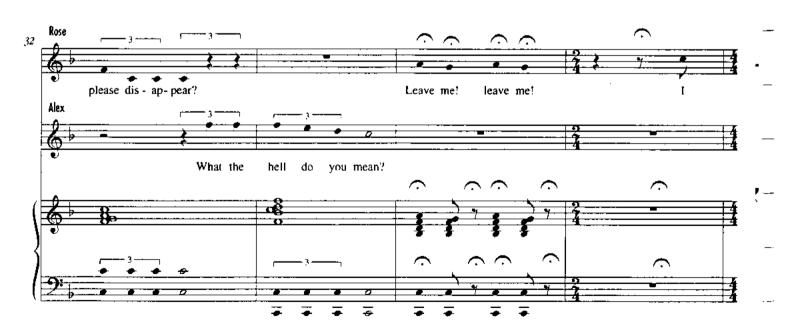
















He hurries over to inspect it.



















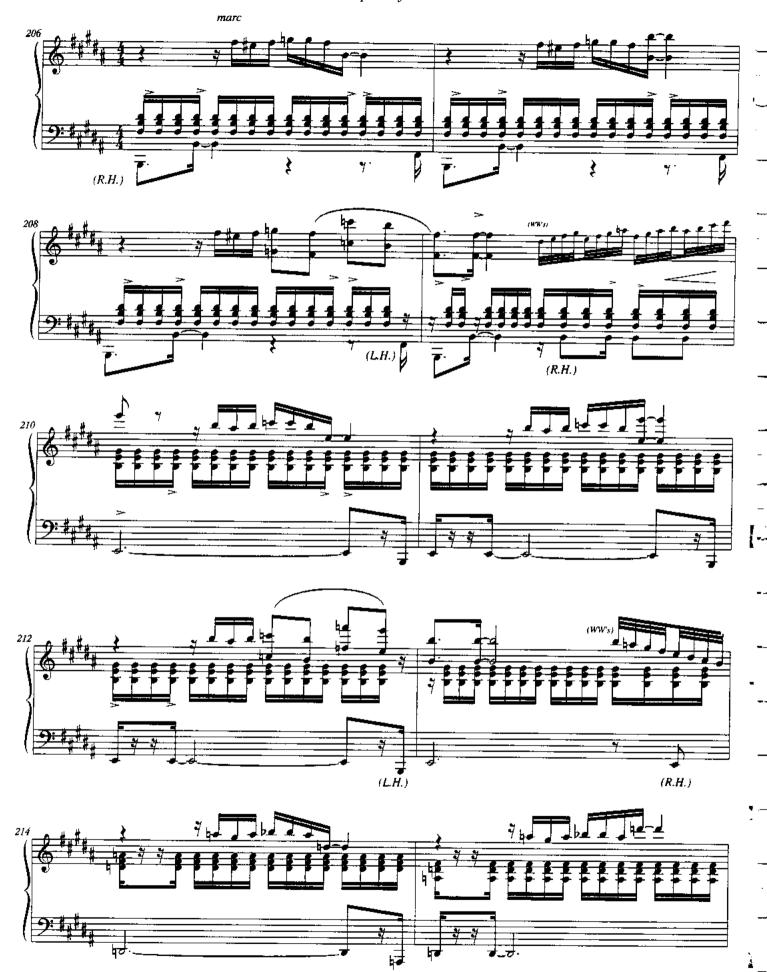
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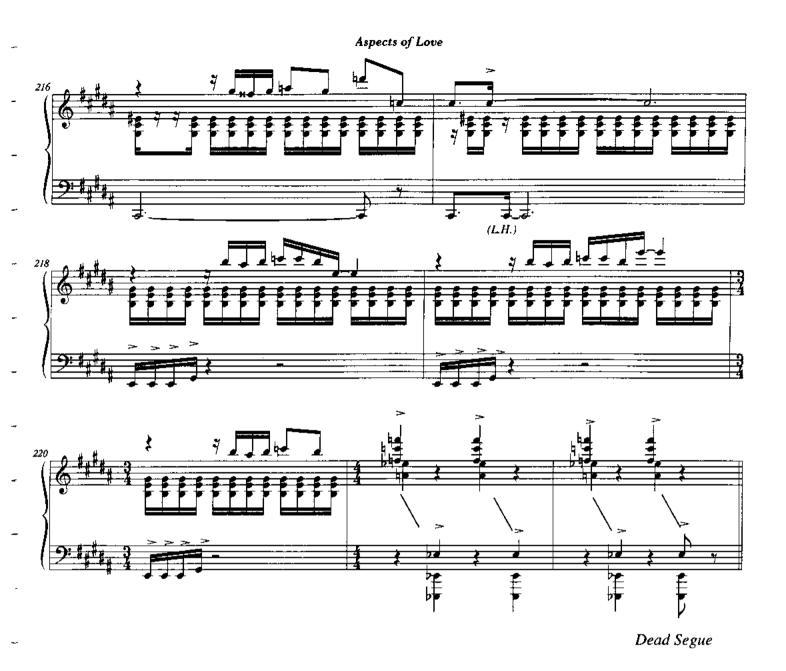












Scene 19

(GIULIETTA's studio in Venice, some days later. Over music we see George arriving and being warmly greeted by GIULIETTA. We then find him seated centre stage and sitting for a sculpture on which Giulietta is working. He is giving her his version of events in the previous scene. There is a couch upstage left.)





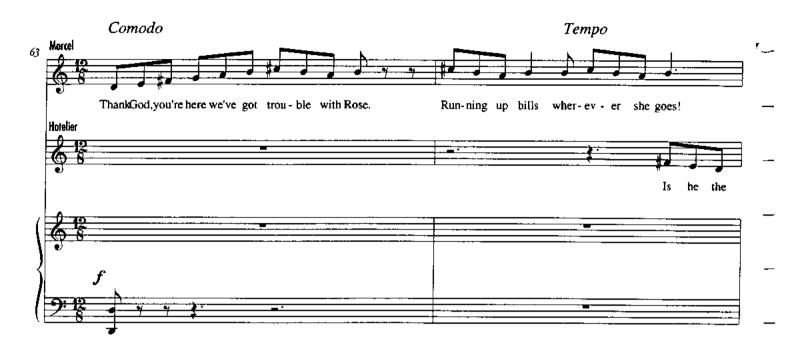


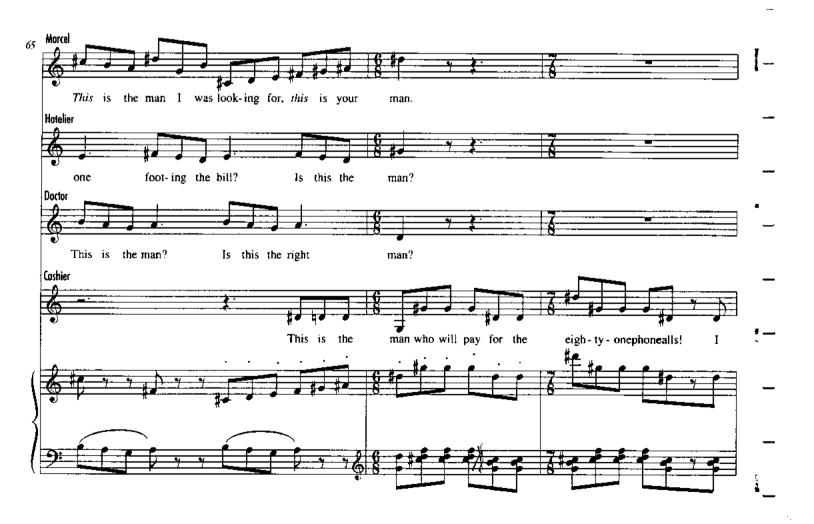






He rises wearily. He is confronted by MARCEL, who enters closely followed by a hysterical crowd of people. They are a HOTELIER, a HOTEL CASHIER, a DOCTOR, a PHARMACIST and a GONDOLIER. Together they burst into the room in a frenzy, all apparently demanding money from a completely bewildered GEORGE.





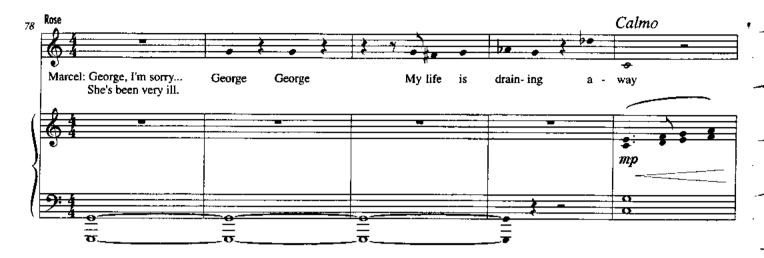




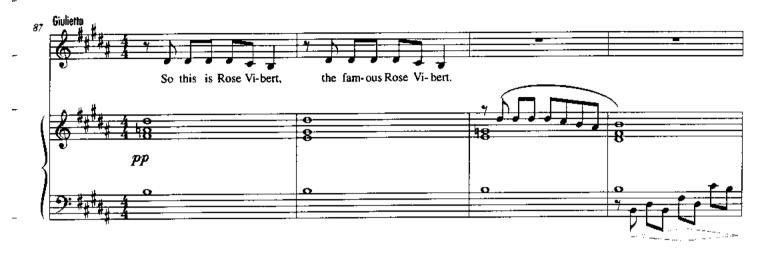


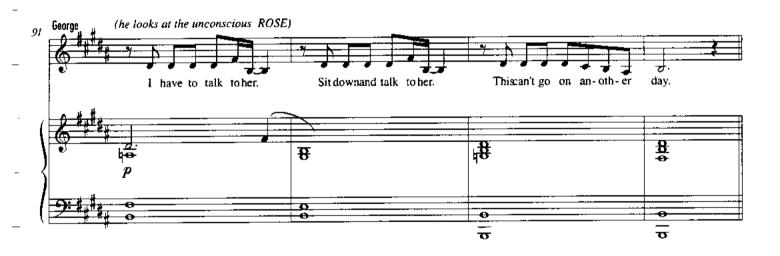
(The crowd now parts to admit ROSE, the cause of all the confusion. She is supported by a NUN. She is ailing and delirious. Her arm is in a aling.)

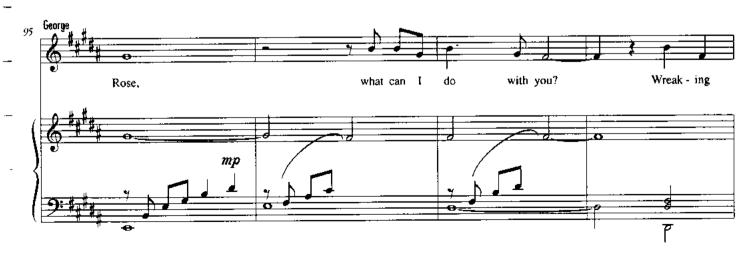
(She collapses melodramatically onto the couch and promptly passes out. The crowd quickly withdraws with MARCEL following.)



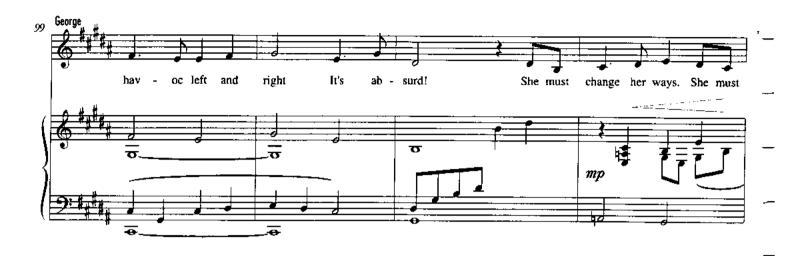




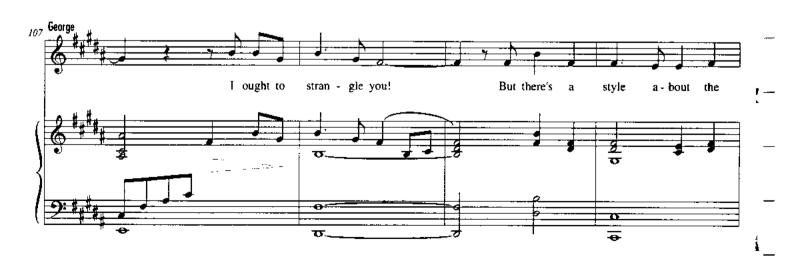


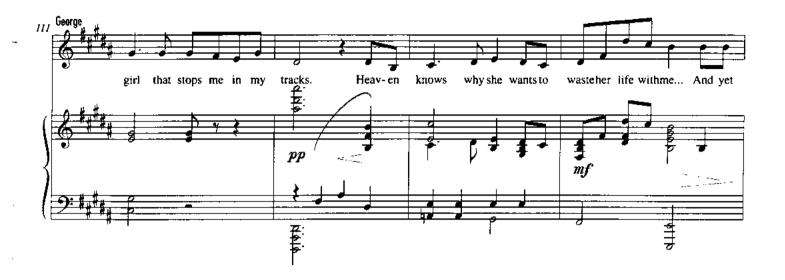


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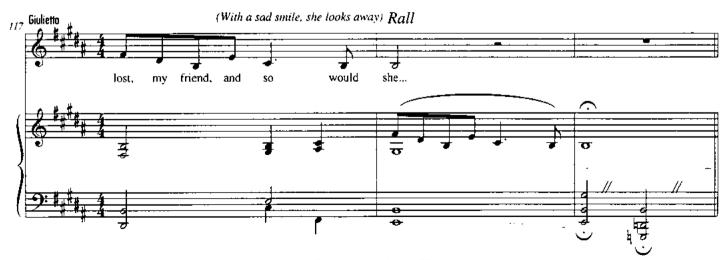






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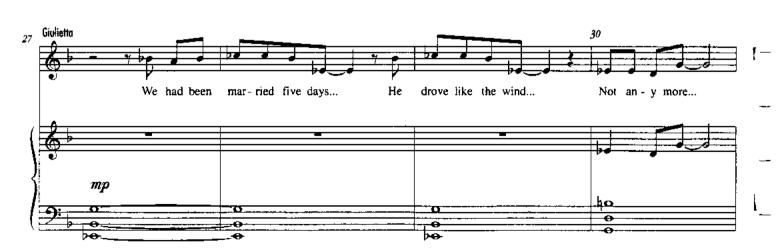
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Scene 20

(The same, two weeks later. It is late afternoon. ROSE is propped up on the couch. GIULIETTA is sketching her)



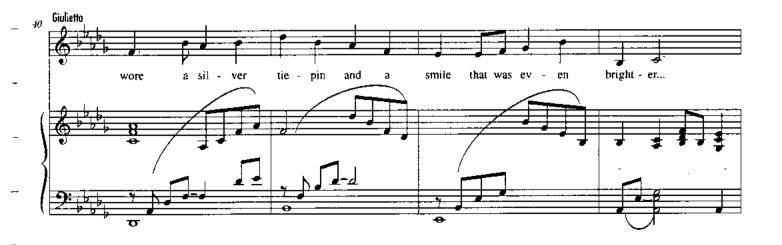


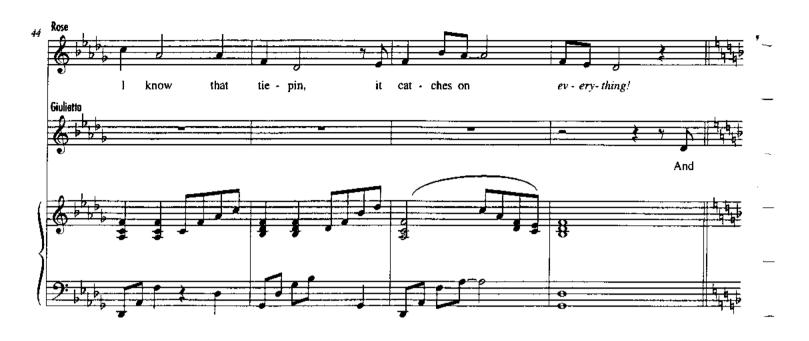


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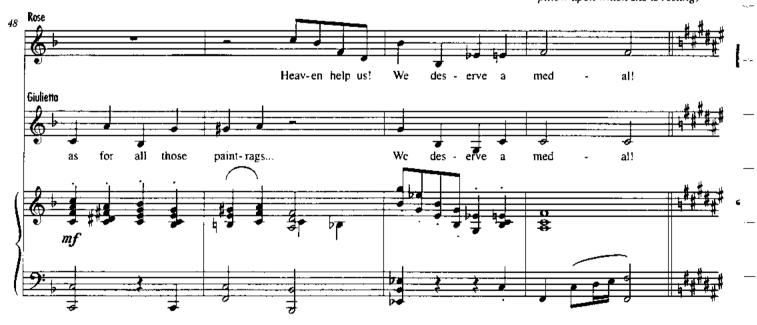


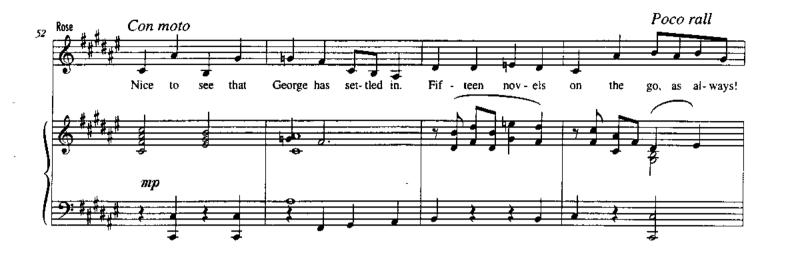


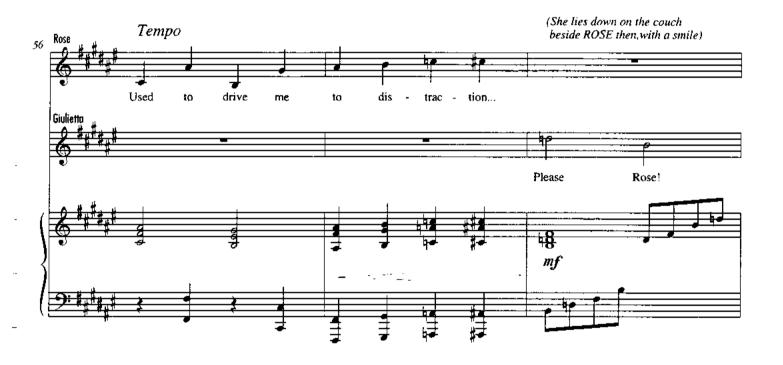




(Both laugh. A bond seems to be developing between them. ROSE discovers books behind the pillow upon which she is resting)

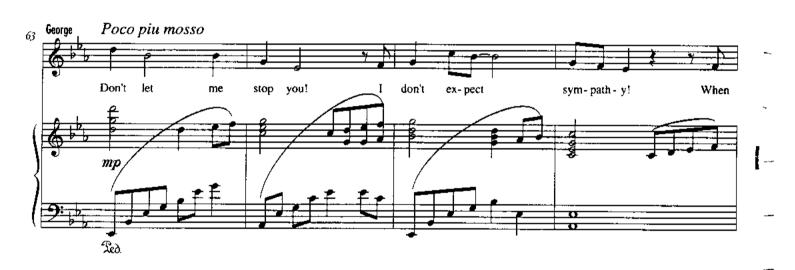




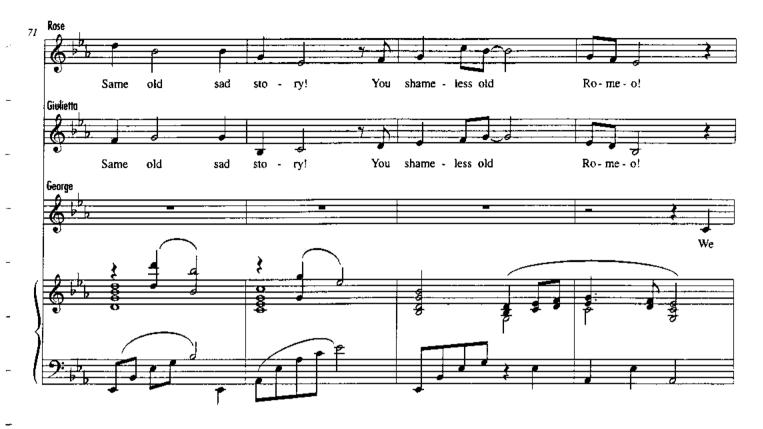


(They laugh again. GEORGE who has entered surreptitiously, overhears them)

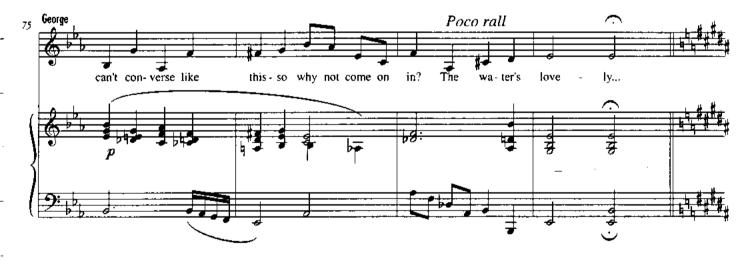




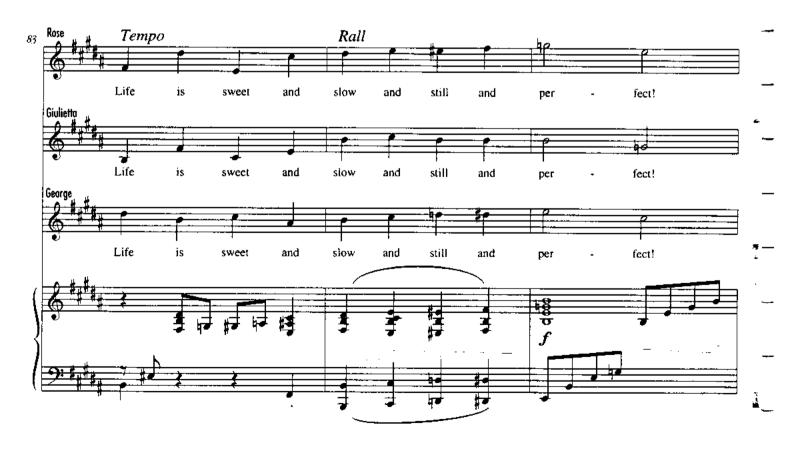




(He leans down over the couch and embraces both of them. All three smile warmly. Innuendo of a menage a trois)









(A Cafe in Venice. Daytime. GEORGE and ROSE - her arm still in a sling, but clearly much improved - are alone at a table in the open air)



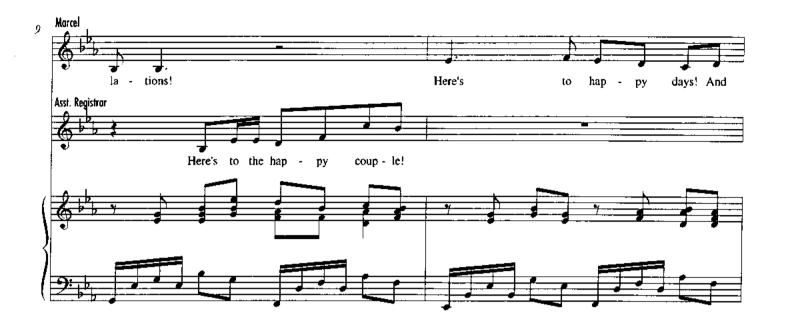


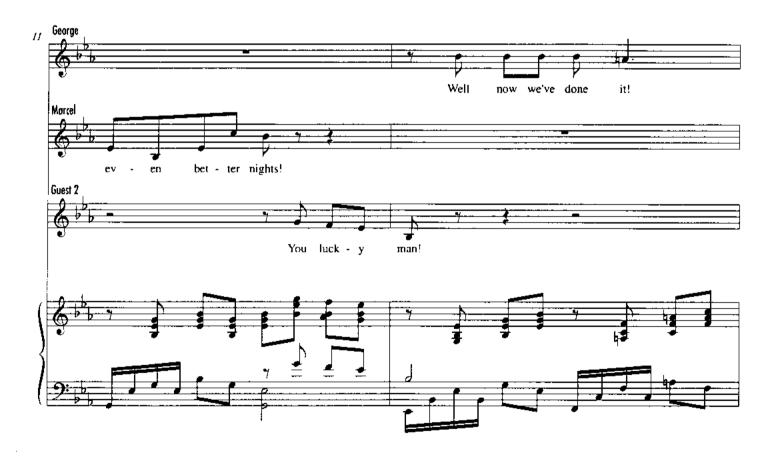


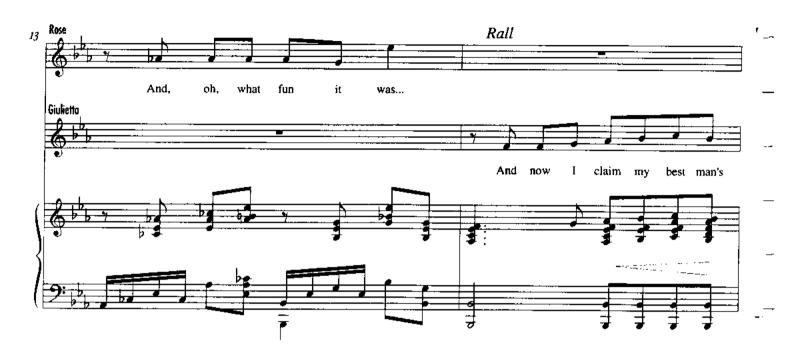


(A Registry Office in Venice. It is afternoon. The wedding of GEORGE and ROSE. GIULIETTA as Best Man, MARCEL, the REGISTRAR, the ASSISTANT REGISTRAR, a PHOTOGRAPHER and various GUESTS. It is the very end of the ceremony.)









(She kisses ROSE fully, passionately on the lips. All look on. Reactions vary, but George is clearly highly delighted. He claps his hands.)



(A military encampment in the jungle. Some months later. It is evening. ALEX is composing a letter.)





Aspects of Love

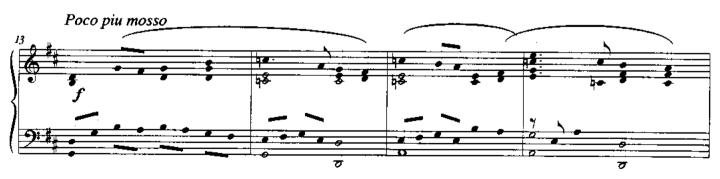
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Entracte







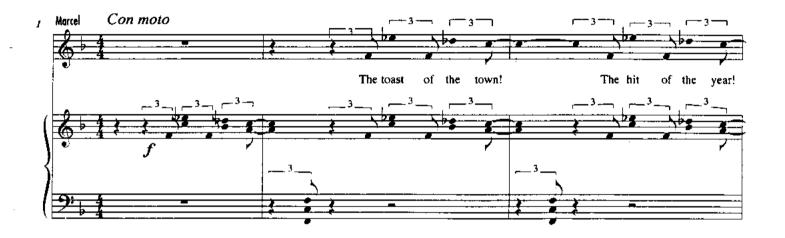


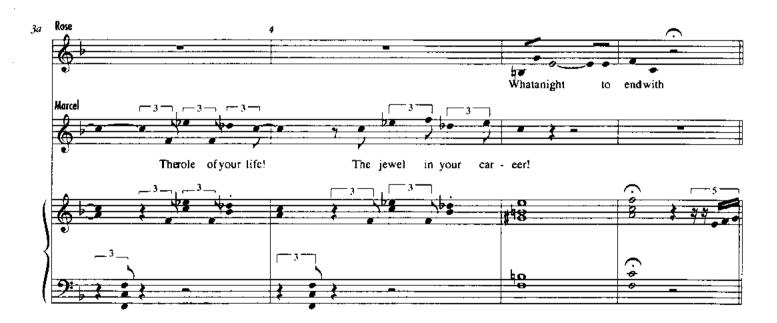


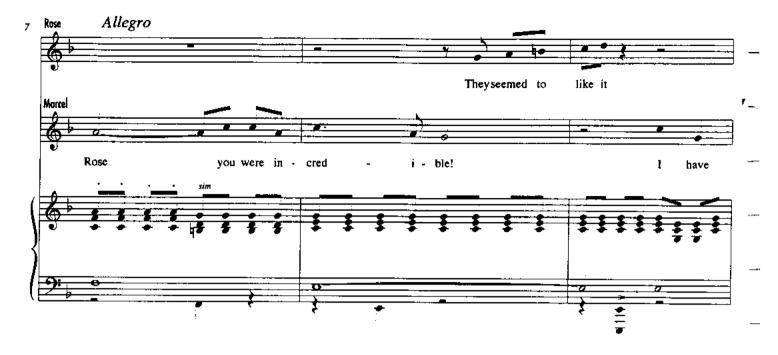
(A Grand Theatre in Paris, thirteen years later. View from backstage of a performance of Turgenev's 'A Month in the Country'. It is the triumphant last night and ROSE, now thirty-nine, is alone on stage, starring as NATALIA PETROVNA)

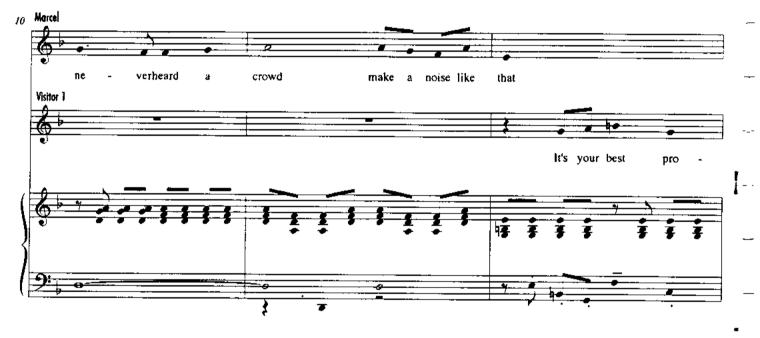
NATALIA: Natalia Petrovna...Unhappy woman, for the first time in your life...you are in love.

(Cut to the end of the Play. Tumultuous applause ringing in her ears, ROSE comes offstage to be greeted by MARCEL. He embraces her. We are now in ROSE's dressing room)



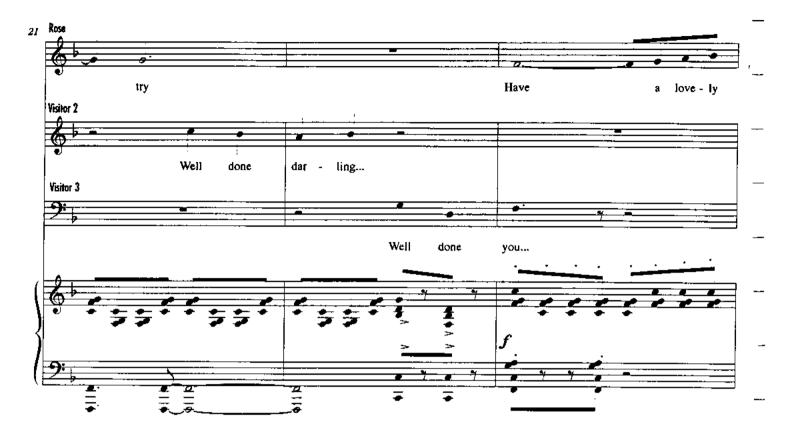








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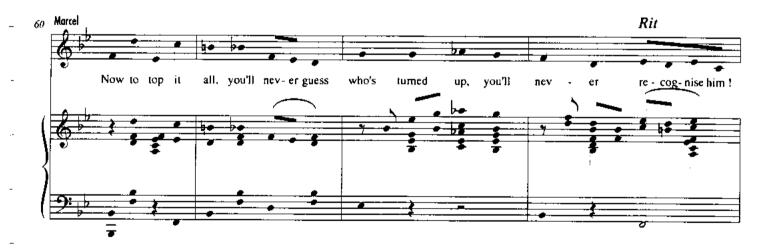


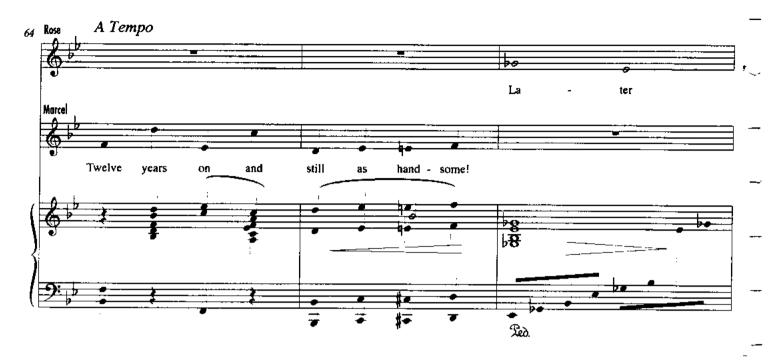


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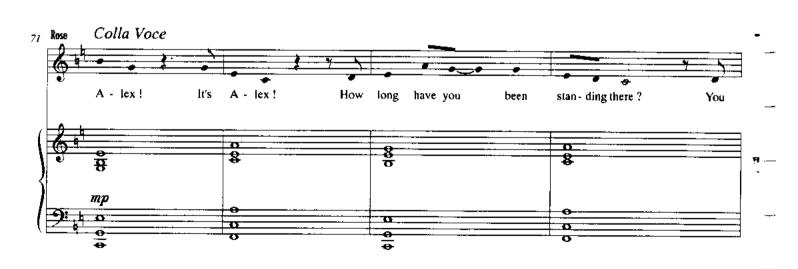




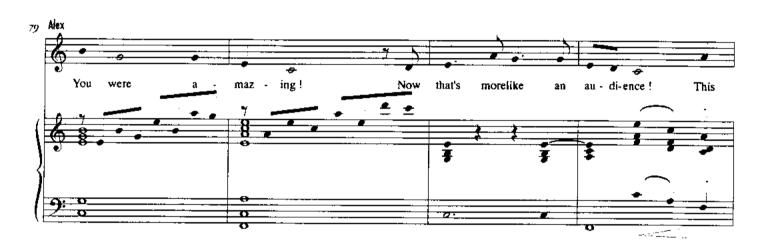


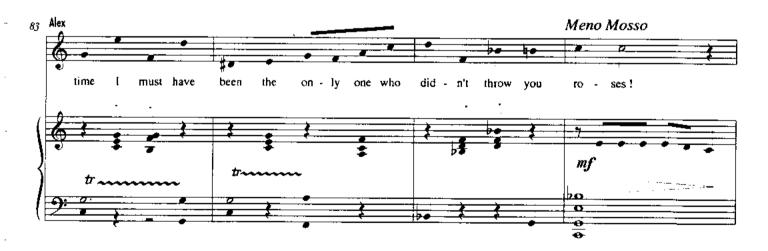




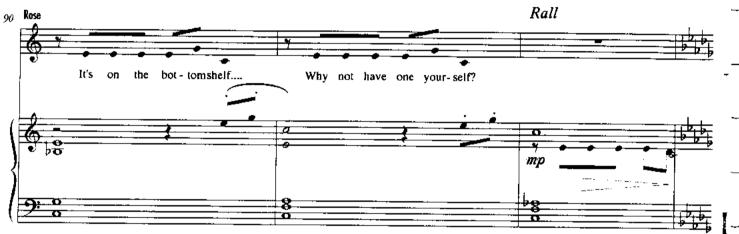


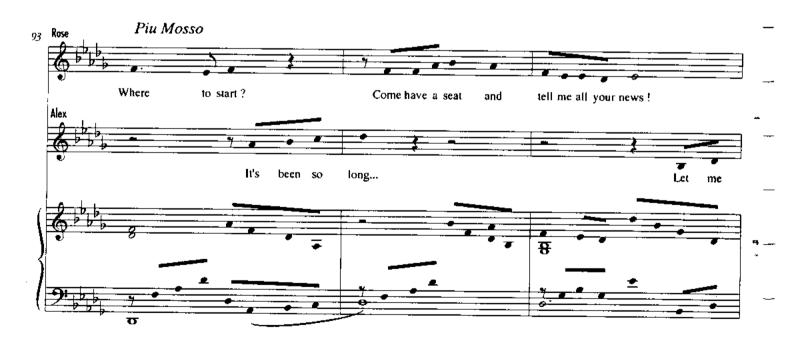








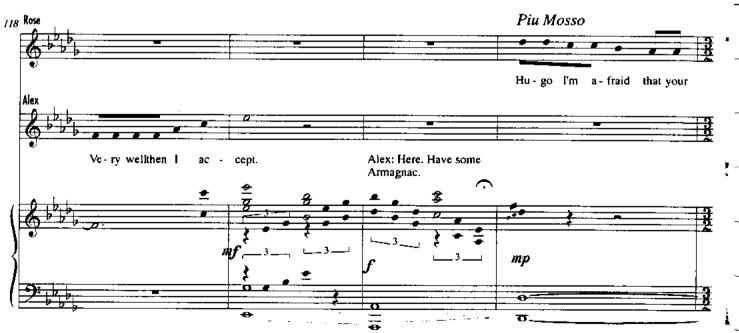












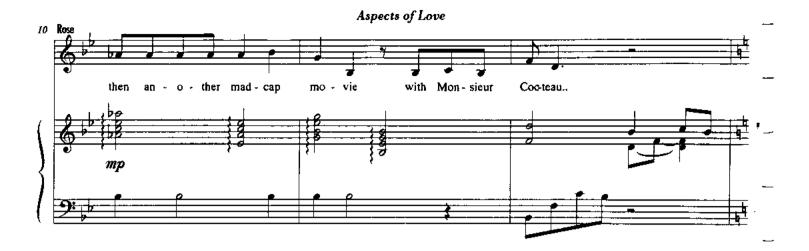


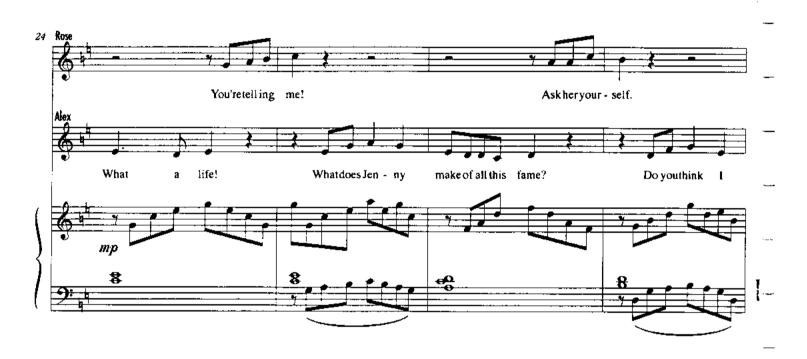




Rose's dressing room. It is a short time later.











Act Two Page -19- (Scene Two)

(The Terrace at Pau. GEORGE, now in his seventies, is getting his twelve year old daughter ready for bed.)

















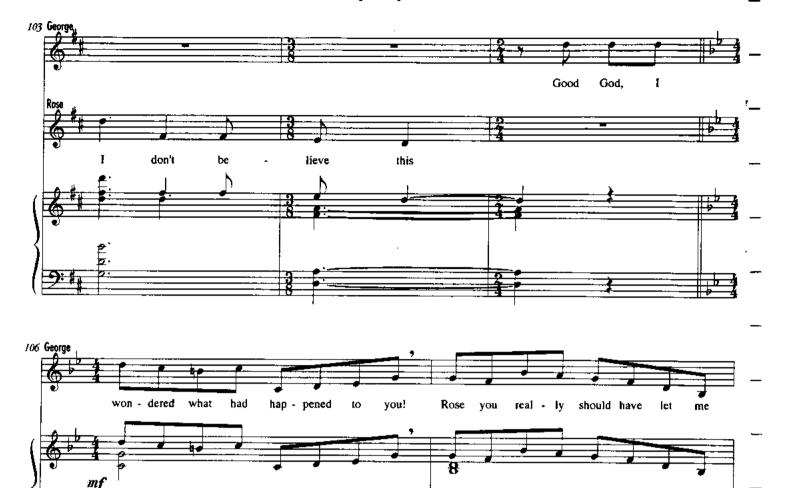




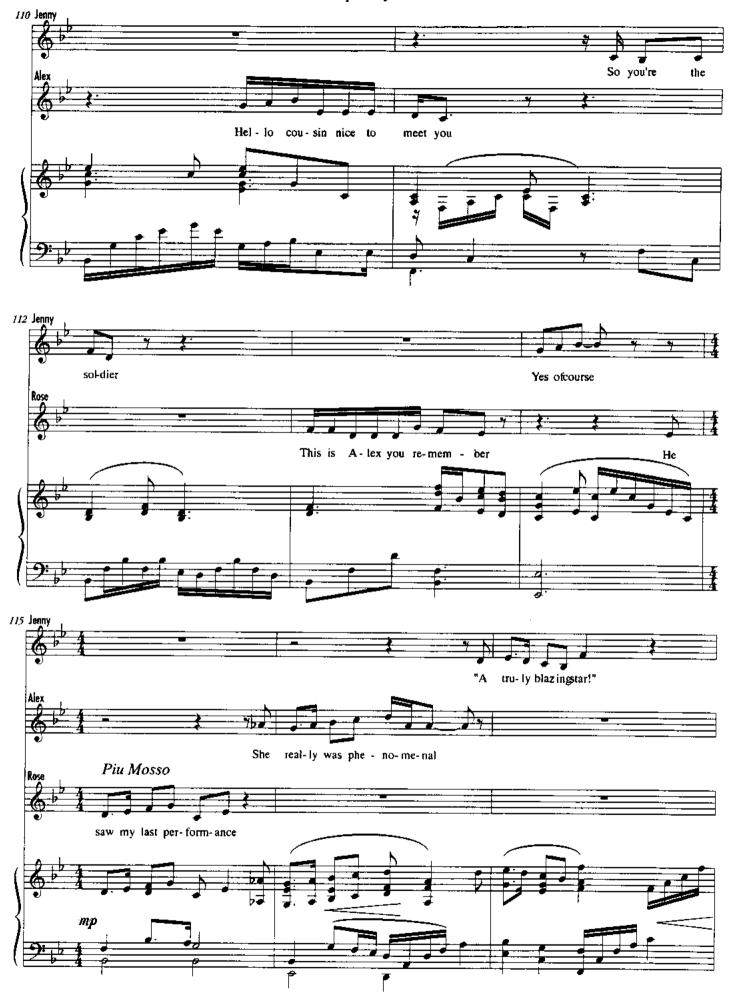
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Act Two Page -29- (Scene Three)





THERE IS MORE TO LOVE

Scene 4

(A cafe in Venice, GIULIETTA is alone at a table, writing a letter.)





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(The terrace at Pau. A few days later. ROSE, GEORGE, JENNY and ALEX are at the tail end of lunch.)











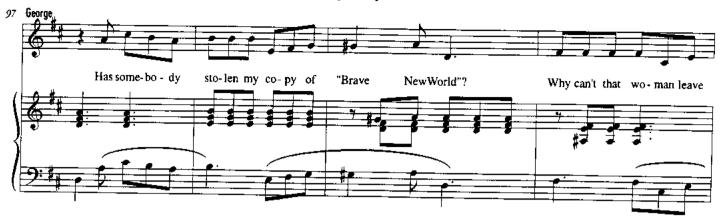














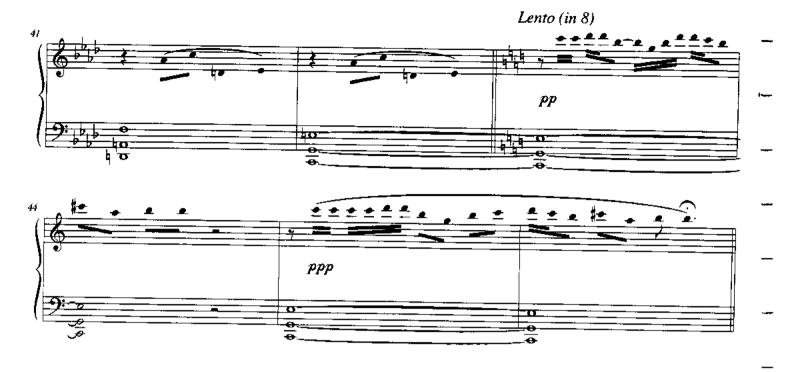
The Countryside around the House at Pau. The estate, farms, vineyards, countryside and village. Various locations unfolding cinematically.

A sequence of idyllic summer days, focusing on JENNY and ALEX. They are evidently spending a lot of time together anbecoming friends. He is evidently embracing the pastoral life and becoming increasingly rustic in dress.

During the course of the scene, we are aware of the passing of time. ALEX has become a frequent visitor to the House at _



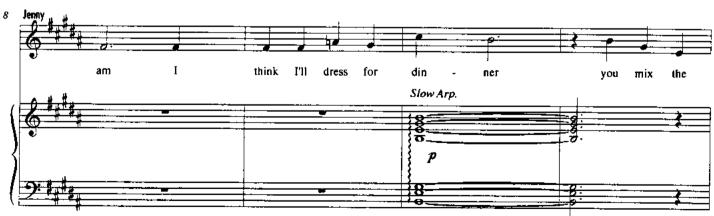


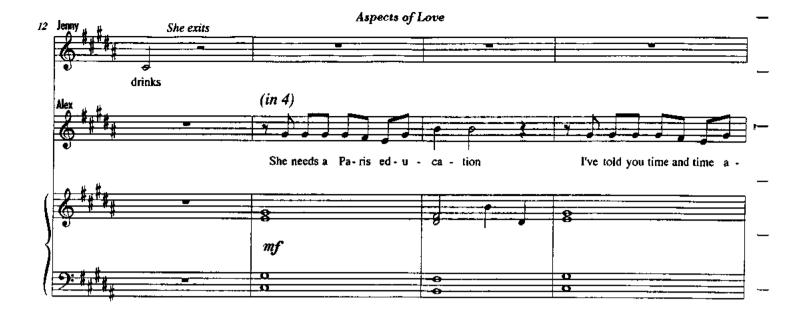


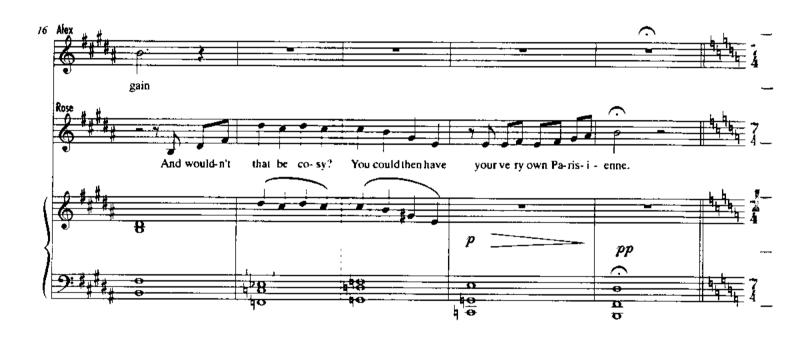
The scene culminates at the end of a period of almost three years. JENNY has suddenly blossomed at fourteen into an obviously attractive young woman.

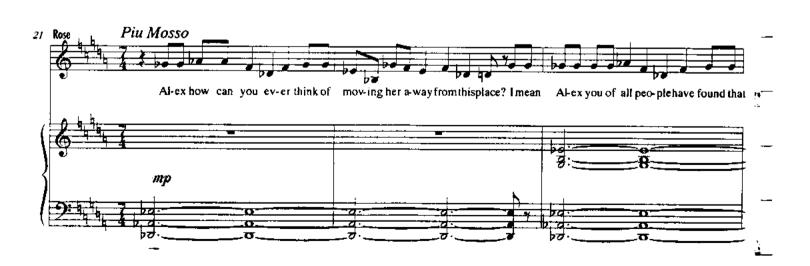
The terrace at Pau. Late afternoon. ALEX and JENNY are relaxing after a long day of walking and talking. Bored with her reading, she sneaks up on him mischievously and pins him down in a wrestling hold, escape from which is clearly no easy matter.





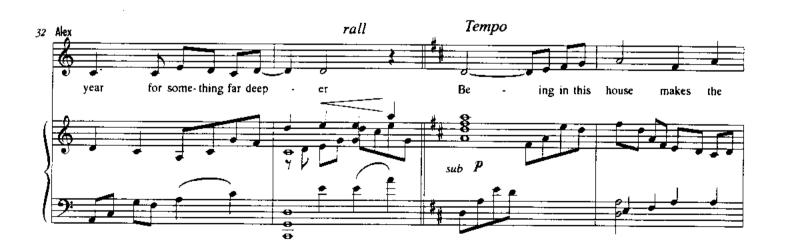
















Act Two Page -53- (Scene Seven)







The terrace at Pau. It is early evening. GEORGE, alone is enjoying the evening air and drinking a glass of champagne.



Act Two Page -55- (Scene Eight)







JENNY now makes her grand entrance, radiant in Delia's ball gown which we saw in Act One. She takes a sip of champagne from one of the glasses on the table.





ROSE and ALEX panic, remembering GEORGE's shock at seeing ROSE in the same dress. They fear that this time the shock may prove too much for him. But it is too late. He turns and stares blankly at JENNY. There is a long dramatic pause. Finally, he smiles, expressing his delight at this vision.

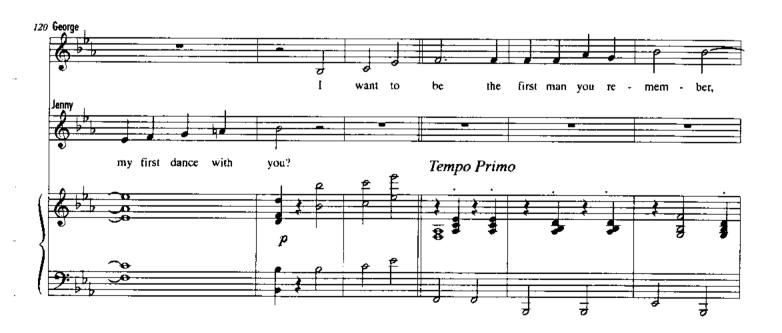


Act Two Page -59- (Scene Eight)











Act Two Page -62- (Scene Eight)





Act Two Page -64- (Scene Eight)

The Terrace at Pau. Two hours later. JENNY and ALEX are alone. She is puzzled by the earlier panic which greeted her entrance.







Act Two Page -67- (Scene Nine)





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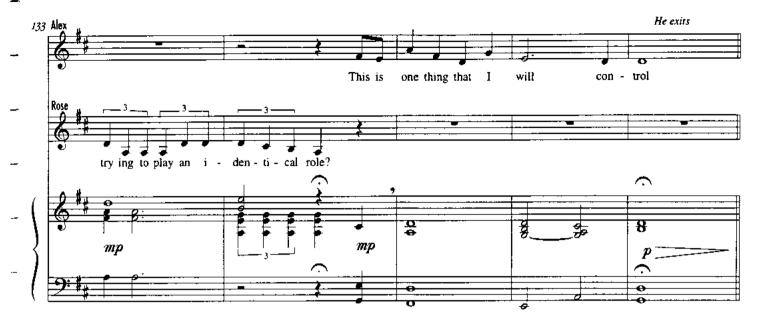








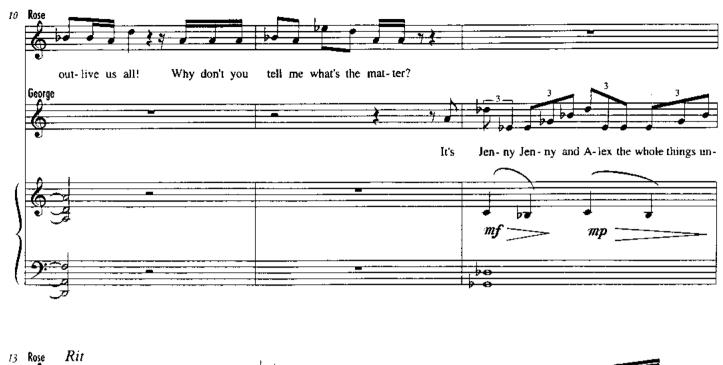


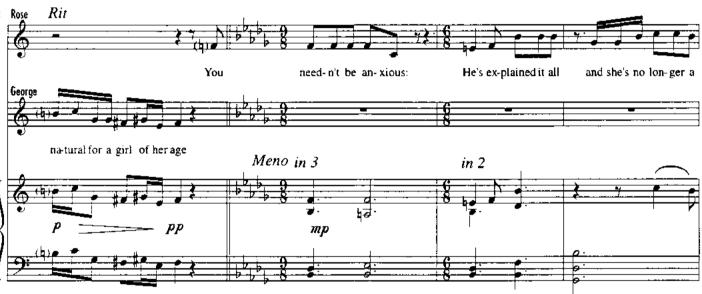


(A room inside the house. GEORGE is discovered typing, pausing occasionally for thought.)



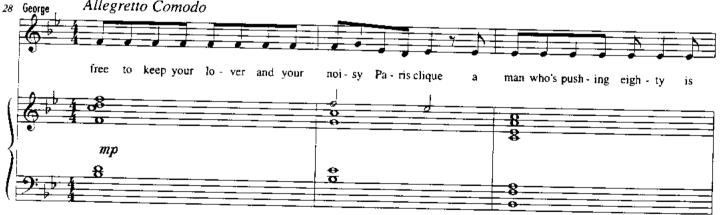
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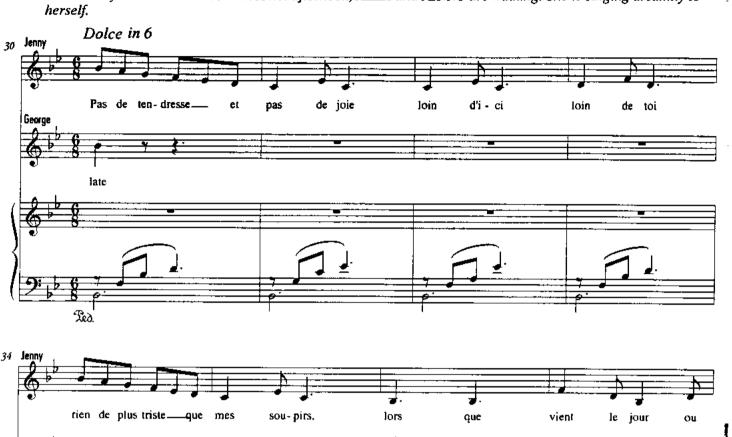








The countryside around the House. A hot afternoon, ALEX and JENNY are walking. She is singing dreamily to herself.









Act Two Page -81- (Scene Eleven)

Aspects of Love



She kisses him. GEORGE, entering, sees them and freezes. JENNY runs off in horror. GEORGE and ALEX look at one another. There is a long tense pause.

Dissolve to.....

Scene 12. A Circus in Paris

ROSE, GEORGE, ALEX and JENNY are watching a circus performance. They are standing stage left. The performance is a mass of colour and movement, with clowns, jugglers and trapeze artists.











Act Two Page -88- (Scene Twelve)

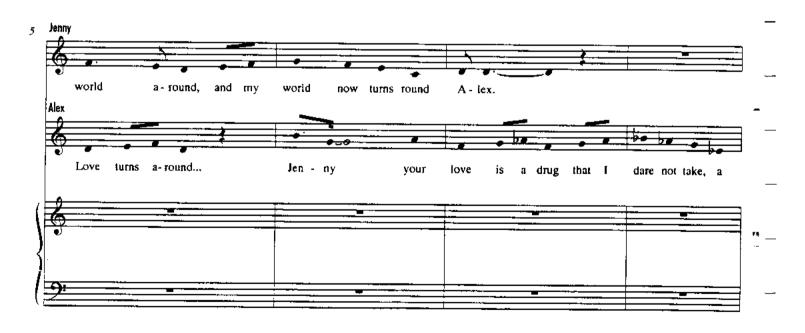


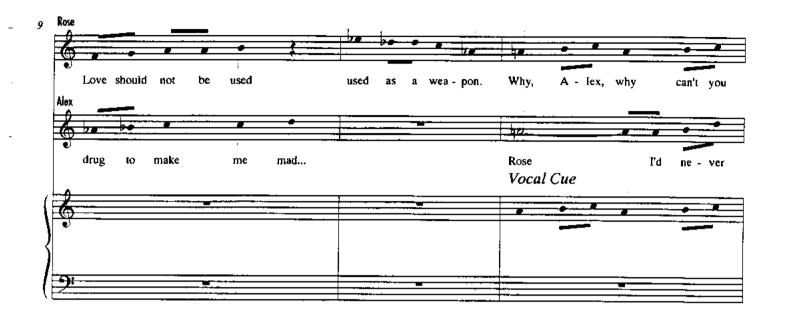




(Outside the Circus. A bare stage. ALEX, JENNY, ROSE and GEORGE are singled out in the darkness. Sometimes during the quartet they sing together, and sometimes separately. Throughout, however, they do not acknowledge each other's presence)

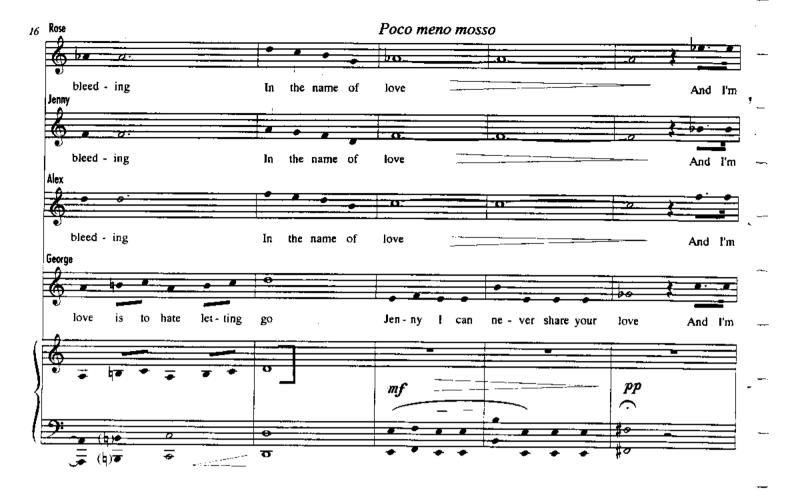


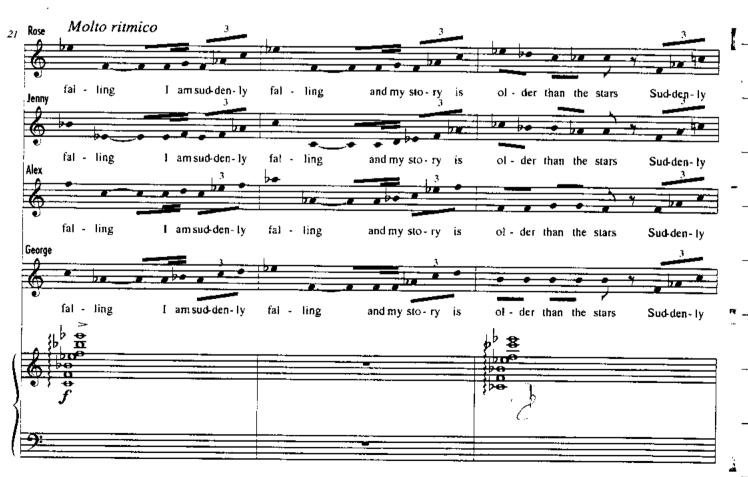


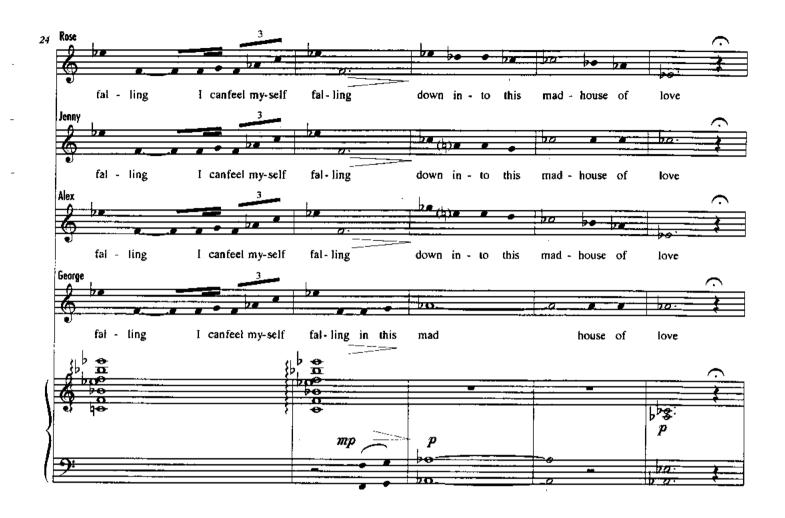


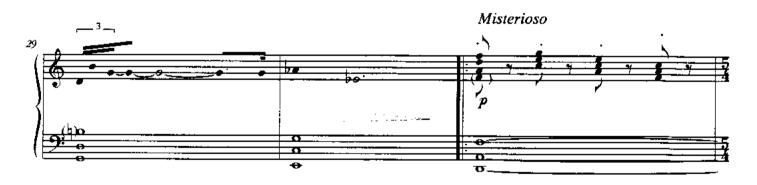


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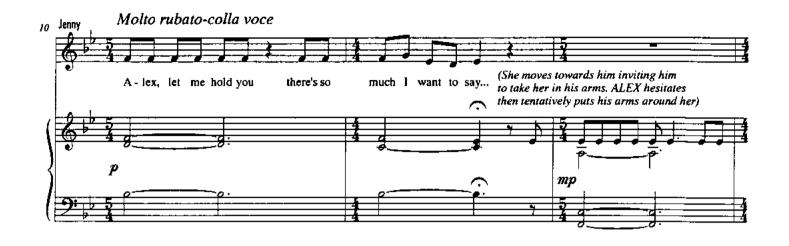
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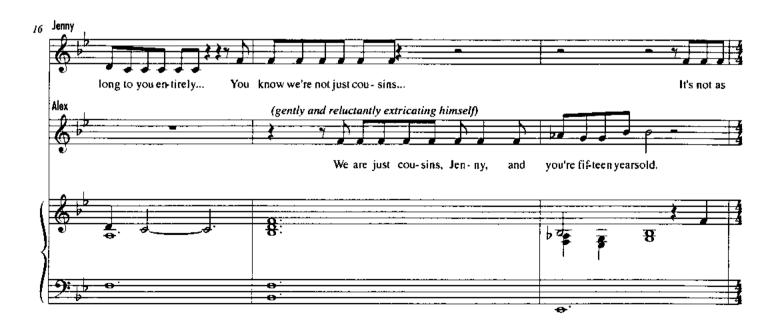
(JENNY's bedroom in GEORGE's Paris flat. Later the same night. ALEX is lying on the bed reading a bedtime story to JENNY who is beside him)





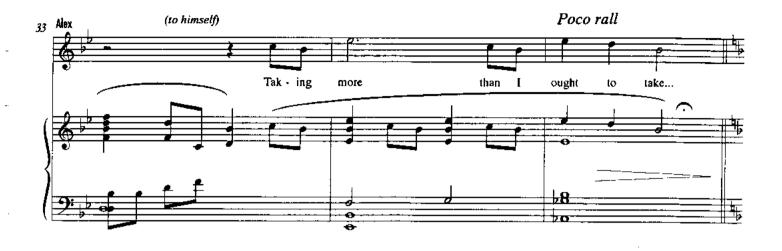






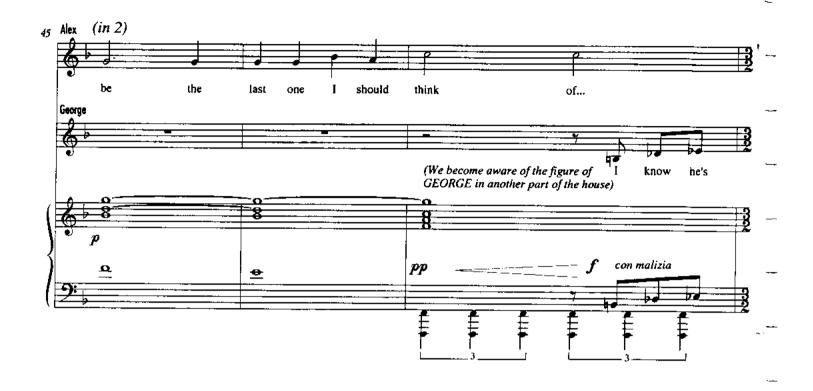


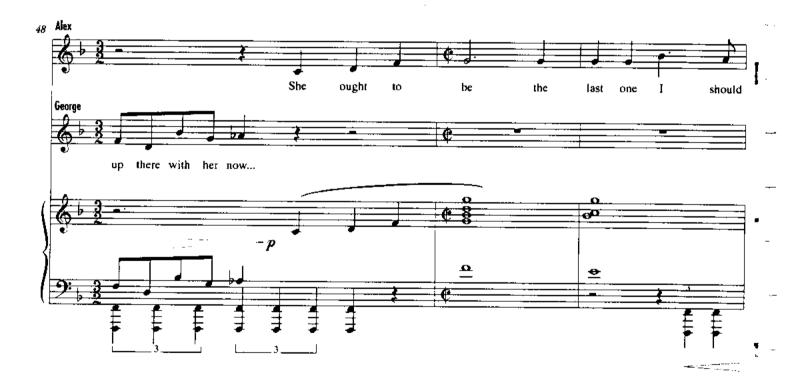
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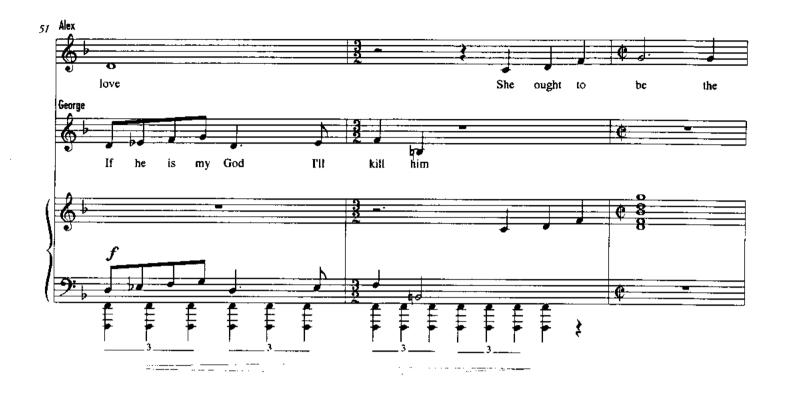


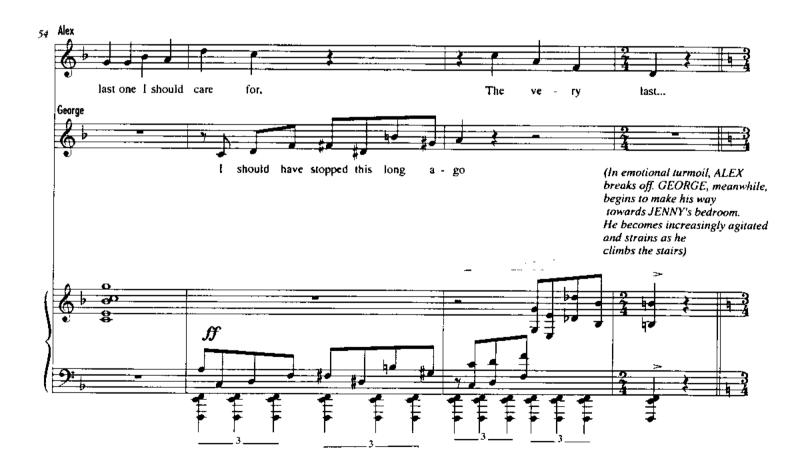


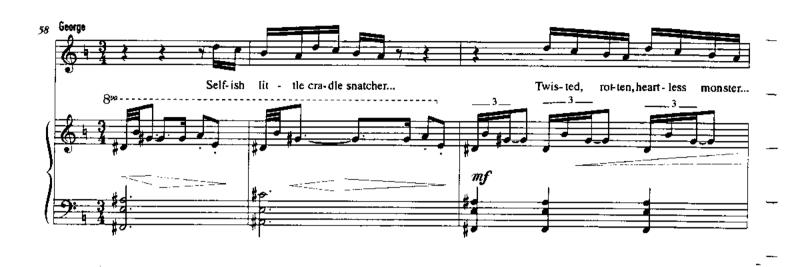


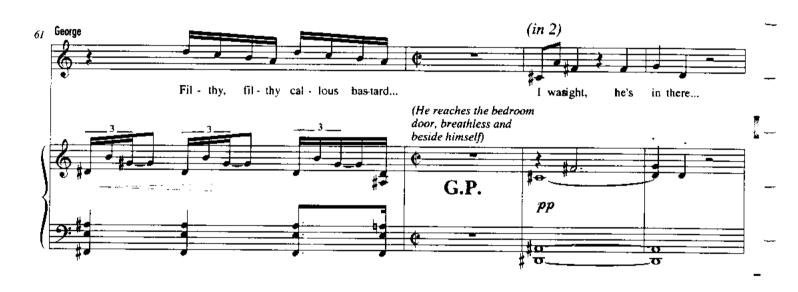














(Surprised by his weakness, he staggers, attempts to regain his balance, then suddenly collapses on the floor.)

(ALEX is startled by the noise and opens the bedroom door. He sees GEORGE's body and drops to his knees and attempts to revive him. In vain.)





(ROSE and HUGO, both in bathrobes, appear from ROSE's bedroom. Stunned, they survey the scene. JENNY appears. The OTHERS turn to look at her, but no-one can find any words to say)

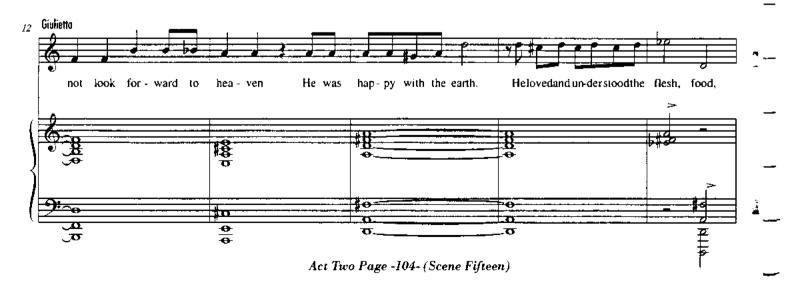


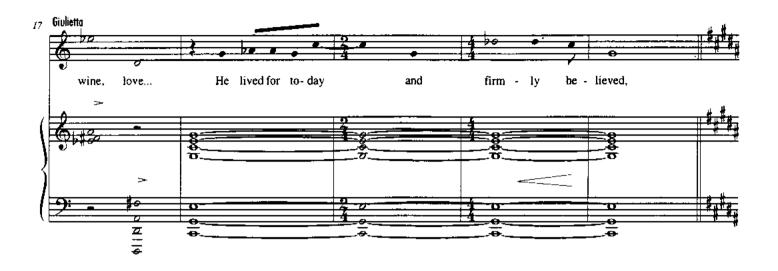


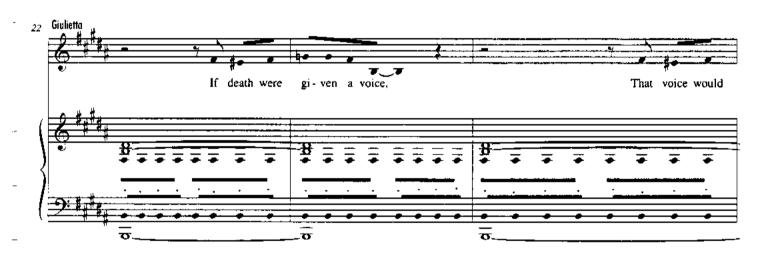
Scene 15

(The vineyards at Pau. It is early evening. A crowd is gathered for GEORGE's wake. GIULIETTA, standing on a table centre stage, addresses the assembled company which includes ALEX, JENNY, ROSE and MARCEL)

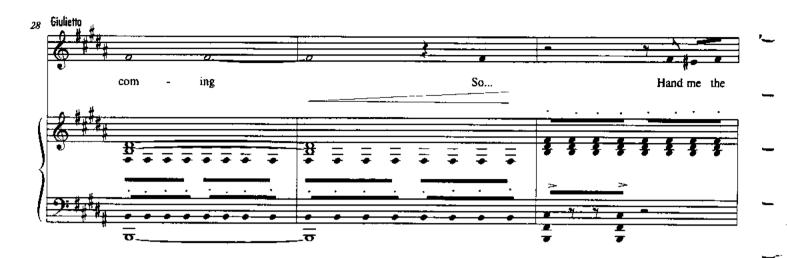




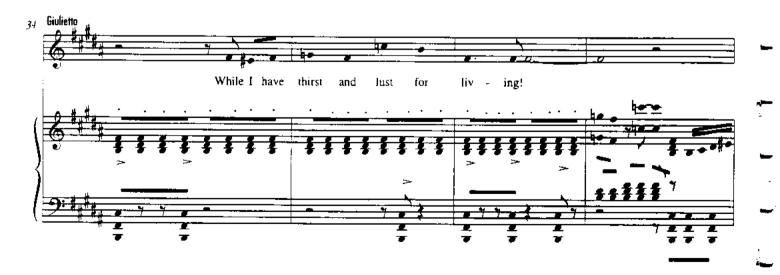






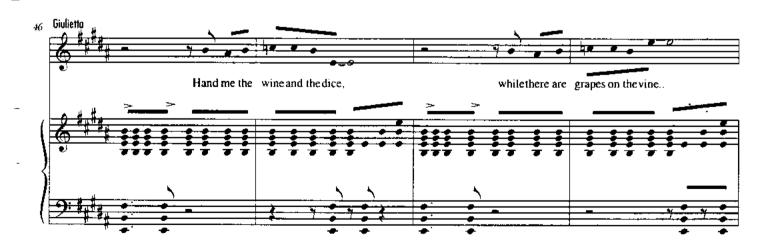


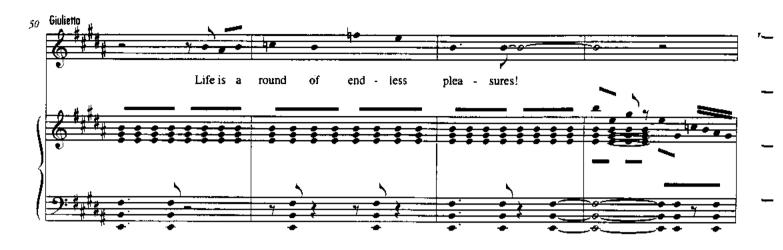








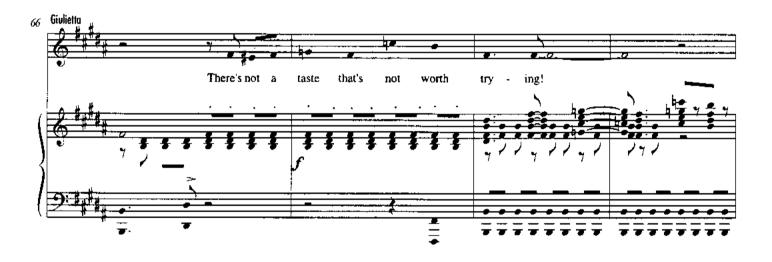






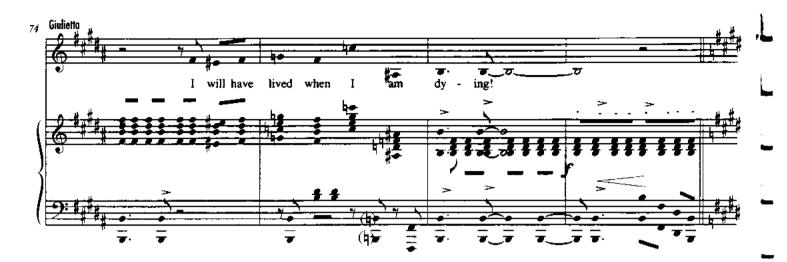








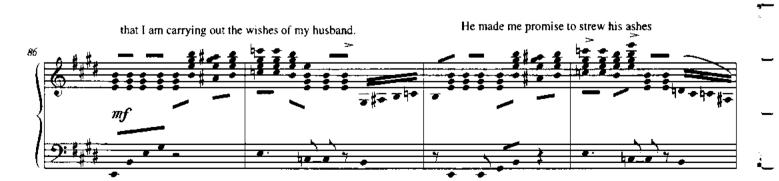
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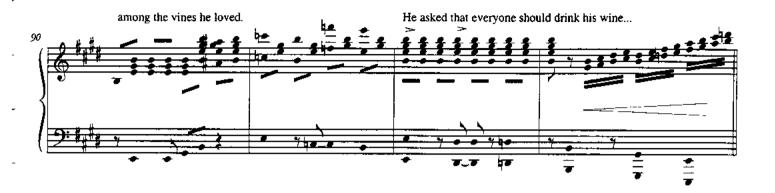


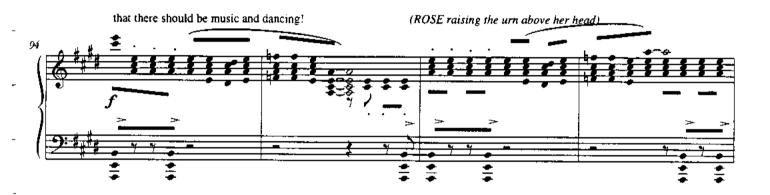
(ROSE now addresses the assembled company, clasping in her hands the urn containing GEORGE's ashes)

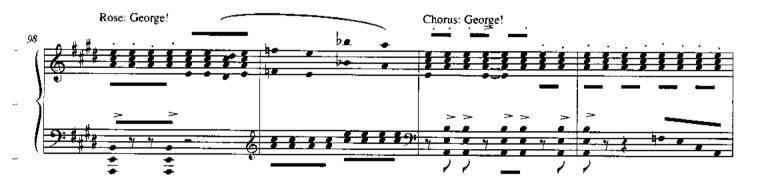






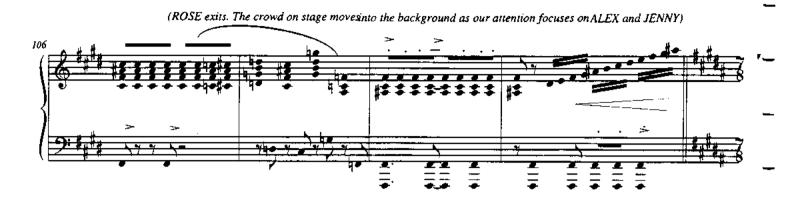






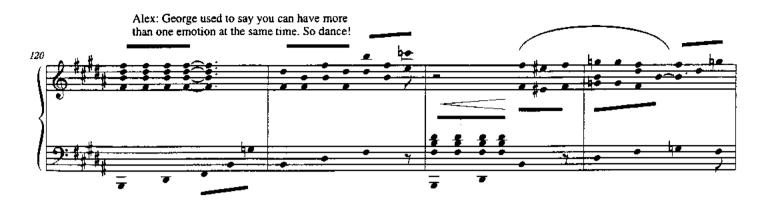


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(ALEX and JENNY move together and dance for a brief moment.

She, with reluctance. They become lost in the crowd which moves downstage)





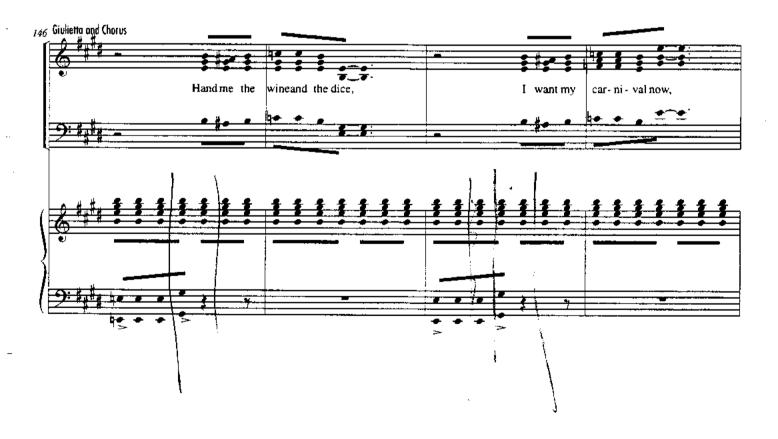


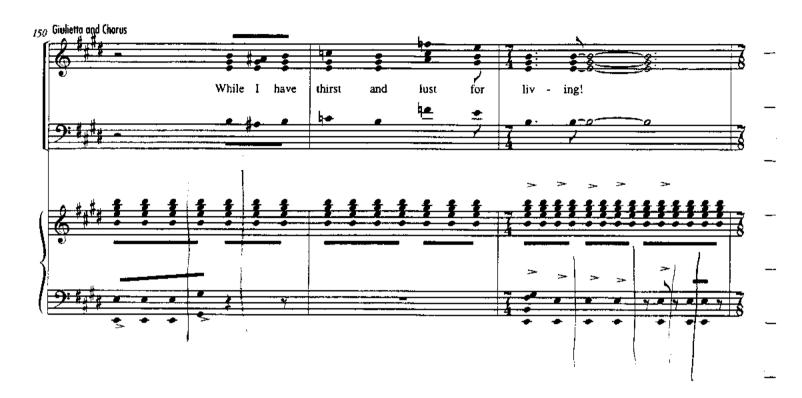
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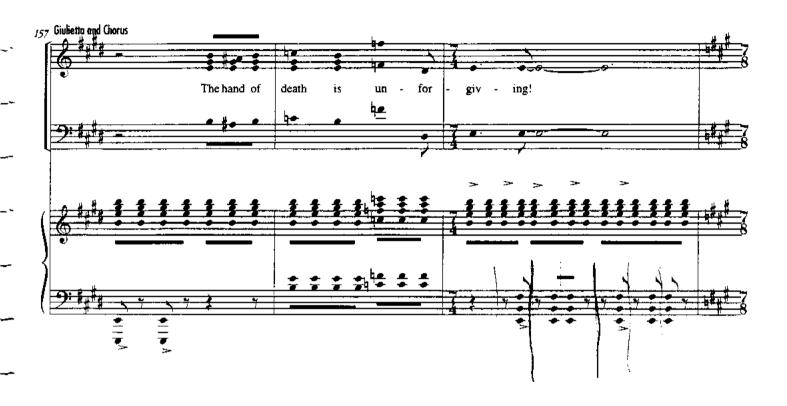




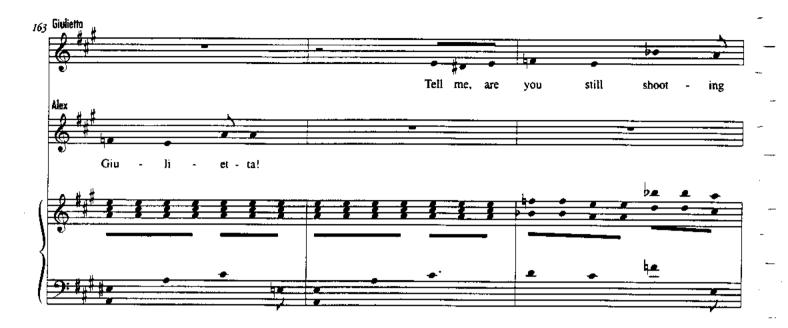


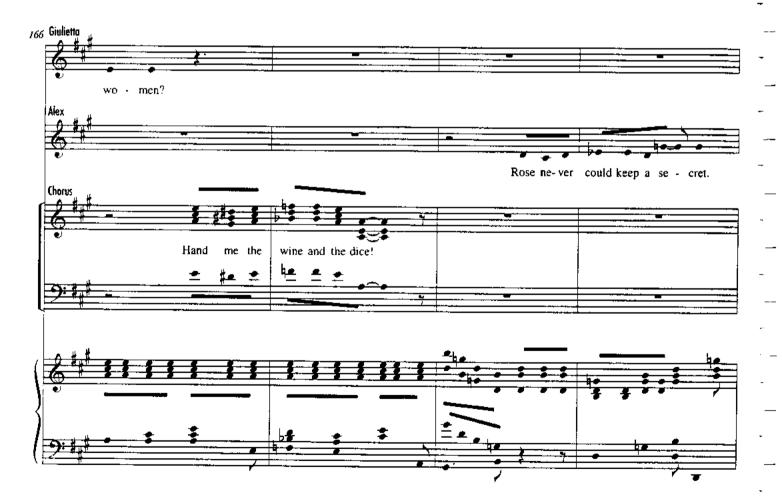




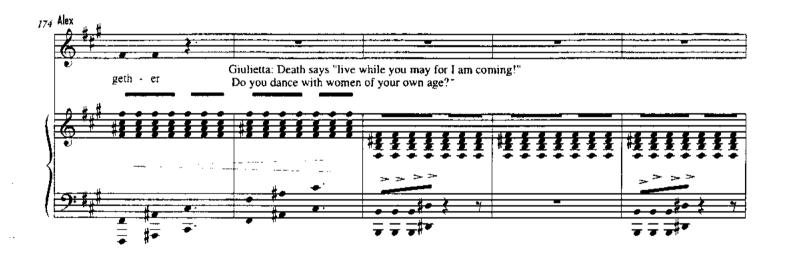






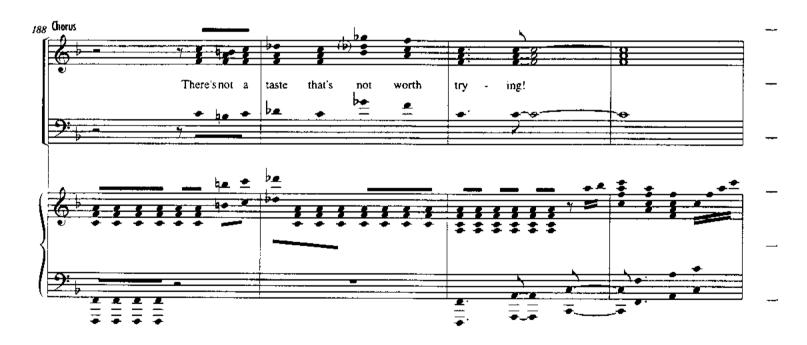




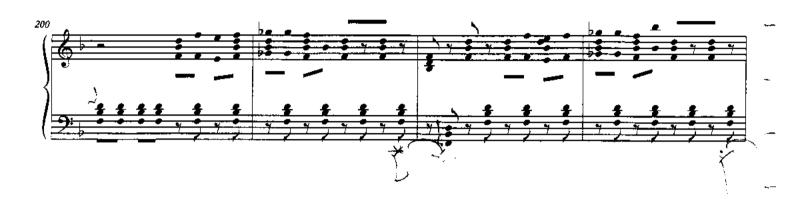




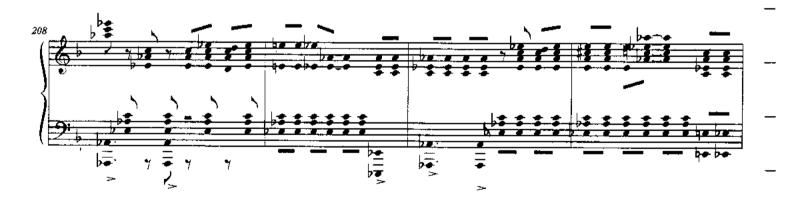




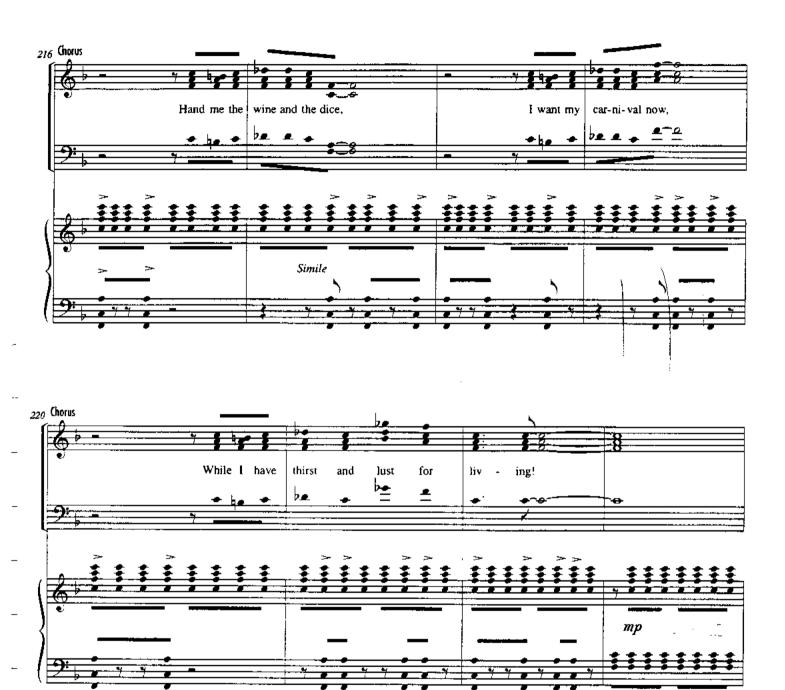






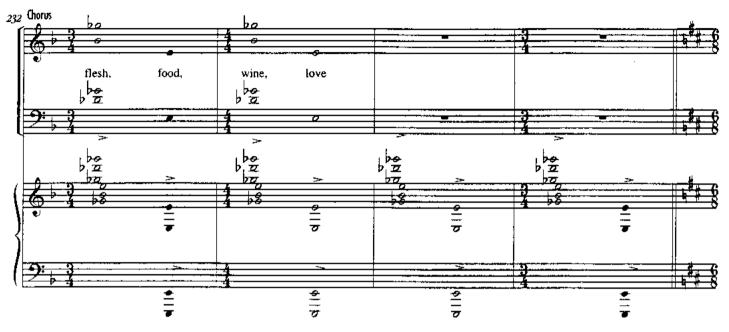






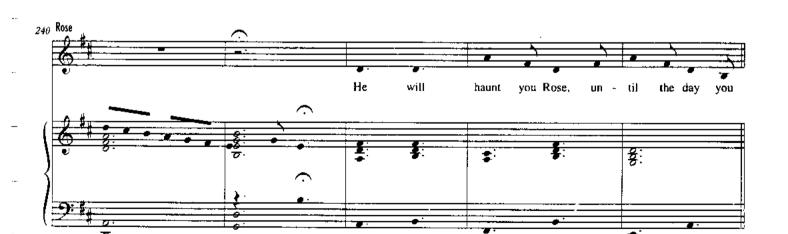




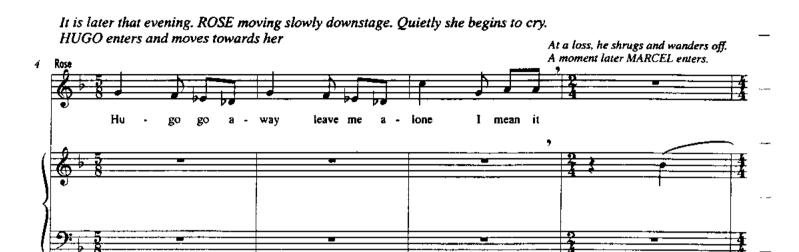


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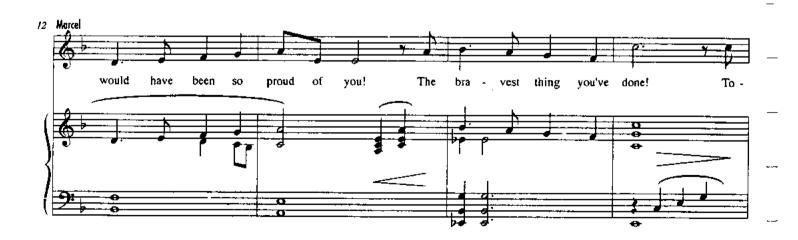




Scene 16. The Vineyards at Pau



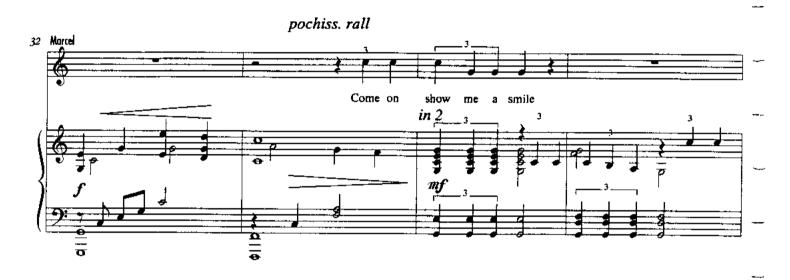






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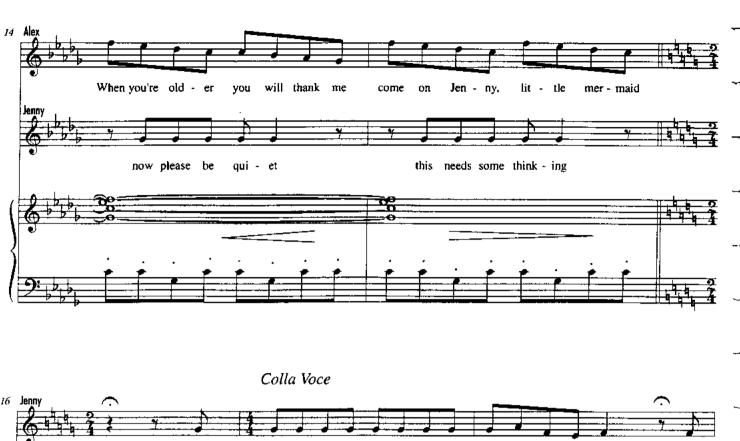




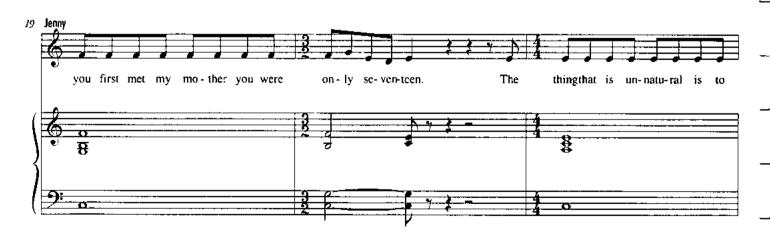
Scene 17.

(The garden at Pau. It is dawn. There is a trestle table strewn with bottles, glasses and other party debris. JENNY is alone, crying. ALEX enters.















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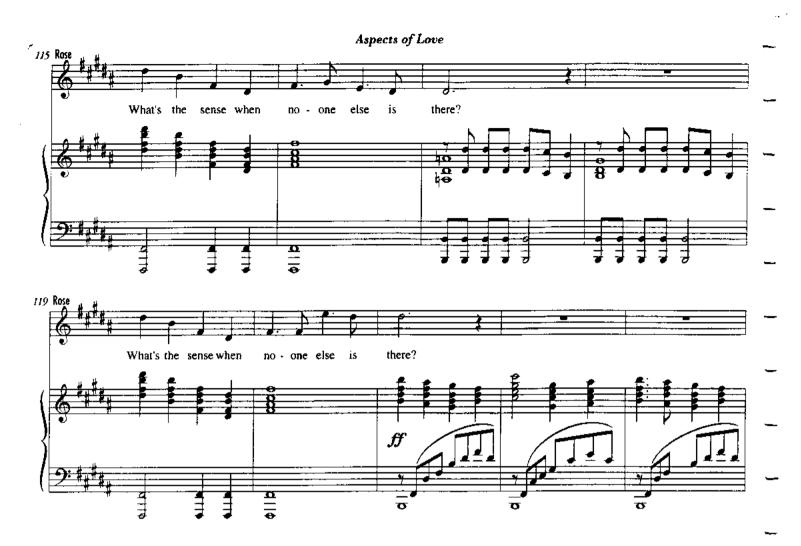




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She turns away, overcome. Then turns back and looks at ALEX with tear filled eyes.

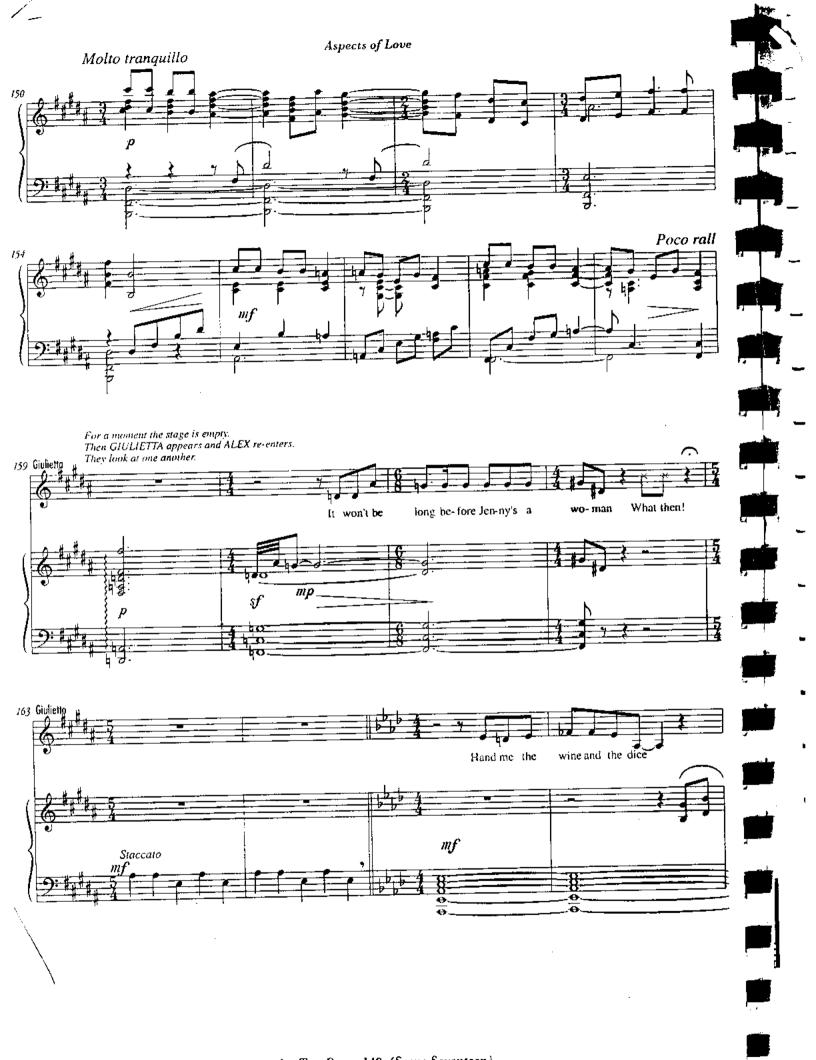


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He turns away and walks off. ROSE is momentarily alone. JENNY, in tears, rushes in. They embrace and exit together.







Bows



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