







The Magicflute





Fleeing a serpent vast in Egypt's ancient lands, Prince Tamino  falls fainting.
Wielding silver darts three dark ladies  slay the creature.




Bird catcher Papageno , boasts of the kill, but the ladies reveal the lie.
Tamino is entranced by a portrait of Pamina the Night Queen's daughter, 
Captive of the evil Sarastro- the Queen declares Pamina is his if he can free her!



For protection, Tamino receives the magic flute; Papageno magic bells.  







Monostatos lusts for sweet Pamina  but Papageno saves her.
He announces Tamino shall soon rescue her- they sing of divine love. 





Three youths guide Tamino who learns Sarastro is no villain, he is revered and wise.

All converge upon the sacred grove

Seeing each other Pamina and Tamino are instantly in love   

Sarastro  declares all must be purified by trials.

Papageno is reluctant, but swayed by the promise of pretty Papagena.

They conquer the trial of silence  But Pamina is heartbroken  when Tamino ignores her.



Papagena appears as an old woman; Papageno will love her (until someone younger comes)






Priests declare him unworthy and take her away; revealing her youth and beauty

The Queen declares Pamina must slay Sarastro-

Heartbroken and conflicted  Pamina seeks to slay herself.

The three boys stop her and reveal Tamino's true love. 

United at last the lovers conquer trials of fire  and water 

Protected by the Magic Flute  they triumph - and are worthy of each other and the temple

Lonely Papageno tries to hang himself- "Ring the magic bells" call the three boys

Papagena appears and they are lovingly reunited

Earth swallows the dark powers and Day defeats the night 