










# Aida











Along the ancient Nile,  brave Radames  prays  
To lead the Egyptians in battle and win the love of heavenly Aida. 



Ethiopian Princess Aida,  in slavery, her heart  full of fear-  
Battle brings danger to her beloved Radames or destruction to her father and homeland.

Amneris,  Princess of Egypt, sees much that is unsaid.  
 Jealous, she loves Radames, but knows he loves Aida.

Egypt vanquishes Ethiopia- Radames, in victory brings  spoils of war to his King.  
His plans are  shattered as he is granted in marriage,  
Amneris and all Egypt's glory and power.   
In her sadness, Aida finds joy - her father,  King Amonasro lives! 

Along the ancient Nile, beneath the  moon and stars,  
 Amneris prays for blessing upon her wedding.  
Aida waits in sorrow to meet her lost Radames and  
Weeps  for the loss of her homeland of blue skies and green valleys. 

She is torn  between duty and love because Radames  
Can reveal secrets needed by Amonasro.  
Radames reveals his love for Aida is  true! In joy, they will flee to be together!  
Planning their escape, Radames innocently reveals the Egyptian army's  weakness.  
Overheard by Amneris and Amonasro, he knows he is a  traitor.

Amneris offers to save Radames' life IF he renounces Aida:  
But his love for Aida is pure  and he is condemned to die sealed in a tomb.  
Foreseeing this, Aida hides herself there.  
Torn apart in life they are united in death.  
In regret and grief, Amneris prays for heaven to be opened for them. 

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