

# Gotterdammerung



The Norns weave the cord of fate on a fir tree at the Valkyrie rock.  
The cord breaks signaling an end to their power








Siegfried  and Brunnhilde  vow eternal love.




She gives him her wisdom and her sacred horse, Grane. To her he gives the all powerful Ring-  
He journeys down the  Rhine seeking adventure.

Gunther , Hagen  and Gutrune , Gibichung siblings, plot a web of deception!  
A drink  of forgetfulness makes Siegfried forget Brunnhilde.  
Gunther  will marry her instead and Gutrune will marry Siegfried.



Valkyrie Waltraute  begs Brunnhilde  to return the Ring  to the Rhine  
To break the deadly  curse. Love for Siegfried makes her refuse:  
Siegfried  betrays her and she becomes victim to the Gibichung plot.

 Alberich reminds his son Hagen to achieve the Ring for him.

The knot of betrayal leads to a plot of vengeance:  
Brunnhilde tells Hagen how fearless Siegfried may be killed...



The Rhinemaidens beg Siegfried for the Ring  he refuses and the curse  claims him.  
Killed  by Hagen, he remembers  Brunnhilde as he dies.

With divine clarity Brunnhilde sees what is required to purify the world of the Ring's curse:

 A funeral pyre consumes  Siegfried,  Brunnhilde & Grane. 

The murderous curse  claim  Gunther and Hagen. From the ashes the  
   Rhinemaidens reclaim the Rheingold to end the curse.



 Wotan and Valhalla  are consumed in flames  
Love's  sacrifice allows a new world to be born.

