

Lucia Di Lammermoor

Long has blood been shed between the Ashtons of Lammermoor and the Ravenswoods

In need of allies, Enrico Ashton wishes his sister, Lucia
To wed Lord Arturo. She refuses!

It is suspected she loves another, an unknown man who saved her from a charging bull.

Hunters confirm he is Edgardo of Ravenswood!

Enrico flies into a black fury at the betrayal. Only blood can restore his honor.

At a fountain, Lucia and Alisa await Edgardo. As they wait,
Lucia tells how she once saw a ghost here, her ancestor who was killed in jealousy.

Edgardo arrives with the news he must go to France. The lovers exchange rings,

Calling heaven to witness their secret love vows,
Imagining tears of their separation will be carried over the sea.

Normanno intercepts Edgardo's letters to Lucia, replacing them
With forgeries that make her believe Edgardo is untrue.

Chaplain Raimondo advises her to help her brother.

With icy foreboding she signs the marriage contract-

As Edgardo returns proclaiming his love for her.

Edgardo demands his ring back-Lucia prays for death-

Edgardo and Enrico draw their swords

But Raimondo demands there be no bloodshed.

In the stormy night, Enrico and Edgardo agree to duel at dawn.

Arriving home Enrico finds Lucia has slain Arturo-

In madness she hallucinates that she is marrying Edgardo.

Enrico is filled with remorse

Edgardo awaits Enrico's blade wishing to die, now that he has lost Lucia.

He receives the news that Lucia has gone mad and died.

Realizing the depth of her love, Edgardo declares they will be united in death-

No one can prevent his stabbing himself.

The people pray heaven will forgive the dark final act of his love.

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