









Rigoletto





The Duke  proclaims women are the joy of life, he'll have the Countess 
Or that lovely girl  at church, or both. True love  lies only in freedom!










Hunchback jester  Rigoletto, taunts fathers and husbands of the Duke's conquests-
But the courtiers  will teach Rigoletto a lesson- by abducting his lover.




 Monterone, enraged by his daughter's dishonor *curses* 
Rigoletto for mocking a father's grief.



Rigoletto declines assassin  Sparafucile's services, musing that one of them stabs with words,
One with a dagger. Rigoletto resents the position nature and men give him: forcing laughter 
& forbidding his tears. Gilda  his daughter is his only joy and  hope.




 Giovanna, entrusted to protect Gilda, is easily bribed  by the Duke-
He proclaims his  love to Gilda, but hearing voices hastily departs.
Gilda,  thrills to the blossoming of first love... 

The courtiers enlist Rigoletto's help to capture the Countess. Blindfolded, he doesn't see they
Are abducting Gilda- Hearing her cries and finding her scarf 
Rigoletto remembers *the curse!* 

The Duke worries about Gilda's disappearance, he wishes to comfort her  tears. 
Realizing the courtiers have brought her, he rushes to mighty "Love".
Rigoletto demands his *daughter* back- Tearful, Gilda confides it is too late to save her  honor.



Rigoletto hires Sparafucile  to slay the Duke. At Sparafucile's inn,
The Duke sings merrily of the fickleness of women while seducing Maddelena 
While heartbroken  at his betrayal of her, Gilda
Still pleads for Rigoletto to spare the Duke's life- 

Charmed, Maddelena also begs Sparafucile to spare the Duke  and kill the next person to
Arrive instead. Hearing this, Gilda enters the inn as a storm rages giving
Her  life to save the Duke. Rigoletto receives the bundled body - but hearing the Duke singing-
He finds Gilda dying. She tells him she will pray for him in heaven-
Rigoletto remembers  *the Curse!* 