






# The Merry Widow

In Paris,  Baron Zeta hosts a party  at the Pontevedrian embassy.

His wife,  Valencienne, plans to marry off her French admirer,  Camille...

But he protests that he loves only she, writing "I love you" on her fan. 



Rich widow Hanna  arrives  -men fawn over her. The Baron charges secretary, Njegus 

To keep Parisian men away from Hanna! She must marry a Pontevedrian or else



The country will be  bankrupt! They hope Pontevedrian  Danilo will marry her...

Danilo arrives drunk and passes out. Hanna wakes him, accusing him of breaking

Her heart  years ago. Danilo vows that he will never tell her "I love you". 




Hanna grants Danilo a dance-initially he refuses. He tries to reclaim it. but Hanna angrily

Rejects  him. He dances alone, but eventually, she cannot  resist him.





Hanna hosts a garden party  and sings a traditional song 

about a wood nymph  and her lover... Camille and Valencienne share a

Final kiss  in the pavilion. The Baron who planned to trap Camille with

His lover is shocked to find him with Hanna (Who secretly took Valencienne's place).

She and Camille announce their  engagement.  Jealous, Danilo rushes off to Maxim's...




At Maxim's, grisettes dance and champagne flows!

Hanna reveals her engagement is a ruse to protect another woman...

As they dance, each realizes  how much the other loves them... 

His jealousy evaporating, Danilo proclaims love and  proposes marriage to Hanna!

Baron Zeta confronts Valencienne with the words written on her fan. 

She points to her response: "I am a respectable wife"- he embraces her and

All celebrate the joy of love! 