

# Tristan and Isolde



On a ship in the Celtic Sea, Knight Tristan escorts Irish princess Isolde

To Cornwall, to be wife to King Mark. Isolde bears a grudge against Tristan-  
He has killed her fiancé in battle. He offers his sword to her to revenge herself on him but, she refuses.



She instructs handmaid, Brangane to bring a drink of peace that they will share.

Secretly, she has ordered a poisoned drink that will kill them both.



Distraught, Brangane instead laces the drink with a love potion.

Upon swallowing, they experience powerful longing for each other

As they come in sight of Tintagel's towers.



The pair lives in anguish with Isolde married to Mark.



The knight Melot, is suspicious of their attraction to each other. One night, Mark goes hunting.

Isolde extinguishes her torch as a signal for Tristan to come to her.

The pair celebrate a night of rapture.



As dawn nears Brangane calls a warning to them. They are oblivious;

Melot and Mark discover them. Mark is crushed, surrounded by betrayals...



Tristan invites Isolde to join him in the land of night where their love can be free.



Fighting with Melot, Tristan allows himself to be gravely injured.



Faithful servant Kurwenal brings Tristan home to Brittany, but nothing cures the fatal wound.  
Delirious, Tristan longs for death. Kurwenal tells him he has sent for Isolde which cheers Tristan.



A shepherd boy's song turns from sad to cheerful-a sign that Isolde's ship is near!  
Tristan exhausts himself in his joy to see Isolde and dies in her arms as she arrives....

Mark, Melot and Brangane follow. Melot and Kurwenal are slain fighting.



Mark is consumed with grief, having heard the tale of the love potion from Brangane,

He has come to unite the lovers, not to part them.



Isolde hallucinates, seeing a resurrected Tristan...

She dies of her grief to be united with Tristan in death...

