



An aria from
Edgar

Music
Giacomo Puccini

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This performance was recorded on the unceded and occupied territories of the xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səl̓ílwətał (Tseil-Waututh) First Nations. We share it with you in digital spaces headquartered on the ancestral lands of the Ohlone peoples.

Questo amor, vergogna mia

Questo amor, vergogna mia,
io spezzar, scordar vorrei;
ma d'un'orrida malìa
sono schiavi i sensi miei.
Mille volte al ciel
giurai di fuggirla,
e a lei tornai,
giurai di fuggirla,
e a lei tornai!

Ella ride del mio pianto,
ed io, vil, col cuore infranto,
ai suoi piedi mi prosterno...
ai suoi piedi mi prosterno.
Ella ride del mio pianto;
del mio sdegno si fa scherno.
Ed io, vil, col cuore infranto,
ai suoi piedi mi prosterno.
E lei sola io sogno,
bramo!
Ah sventura!
Io l'amo! Io l'amo!
Ah sventura!
Io l'amo! Io l'amo!

This love, my shame

This love, my shame,
I should want to break off, to forget;
but under a dreadful spell
my feelings are ensnared.
A thousand times I swore to the
heavens to flee from her,
and I returned to her.
I swore to flee from her,
and I returned to her!

She laughs at my weeping,
and I, wretched, broken-hearted,
prostrate myself at her feet...
I prostrate myself at her feet.
She laughs at my tears,
Mocks my indignation.
And I, wretched, broken-hearted,
prostrate myself at her feet.
And she alone I dream of,
I desire!
Ah, misfortune!
I love her! I love her!
Ah, misfortune,
I love her! I love her.