

The Woman Driven

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For soprano, mezzo-soprano, baritone, mixed chorus, violin I, violin II, and basso continuo

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The Woman Driven

1. Overture

Allegro (♩ = ca. 126)

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Score for Soprano, Mezzo Soprano, Baritone, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, Violin I, Violin II, and Basso Continuo.

Key: B-flat major (two flats). Time: 4/4.

Violin I and II parts include triplets and dynamics (e.g., *f*).

Basso Continuo part includes figured bass notation: B♭, F, B♭/D, E♭, F 7, B♭/F, F/A, F/A.

5

Vln. 1

Vln. II

BC

D gm C/E F B $\flat$ /D F/A

10

Vln. 1

Vln. II

BC

solo

mf

5. solo

gm gm cm gm/B $\flat$ E $\flat$ gm

16

Vln. 1

Vln. II

BC

tutti

tutti

D7 gm D7 G C D G G D

21

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

G em D/A G C D em B

26 *ff*

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

em em em em B/D# em

30

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

em/G B em em

34

Vln. 1

Vln. II

BC

am B/F# am B

36

Vln. 1

Vln. II

BC

am B/F# em D7 G

2. Chorus: Hanging Out in Europe

Enter Chorus

Allegro (♩ = ca. 120)

Soprano
 Alto
 Tenor
 Bass
 Violin I
 Violin II
 Basso Continuo

The score is for a piece titled "Is-n't it swell?". It is in 4/4 time and the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) all sing the same lyrics: "Is-n't it swell? Is-n't it chic to be". The instrumental parts include Violin I, Violin II, and Basso Continuo. The Violin parts feature a melodic line with triplets and a strong dynamic marking of *f* (forte). The Basso Continuo part provides a harmonic foundation with a sequence of chords: G, D, G, D, G/B, C, and D7.

5

S hang - ing out in Eu - rope? There's not a care to be found where bread is

A hang - ing out in Eu - rope? There's not a care to be found where bread is

T hang - ing out in Eu - rope? There's not a care to be found where bread is

B hang - ing out in Eu - rope? There's not a care to be found where bread is

5

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

G/D D/F# D/F# B em

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a vocal quartet (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and an instrumental ensemble (Violin I, Violin II, Bassoon/Clarinet). The score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The vocal parts have lyrics: 'hang - ing out in Eu - rope? There's not a care to be found where bread is'. The instrumental parts provide harmonic support. The Bassoon/Clarinet part includes chord markings: G/D, D/F#, D/F#, B, and em. The score is divided into four measures. The vocal parts have a melodic line with some grace notes and slurs. The instrumental parts have a more rhythmic, harmonic accompaniment.

9

S
long and cheese is round! — where bread is long and cheese is — round! There's

A
long and cheese is round! — where bread is long and cheese is — round! There's

T
8
long and cheese is round! — where bread is long and cheese is round!

B
long and cheese is round! — where bread is long and cheese is round!

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

A/C# D G/B D/A G

13

S
noth - ing quite so fine as hav - ing brie in gay Pa-ris

A
noth - ing quite so fine as hav - ing brie in gay Pa-ris

T
8
or a per - fect stein of beer in re - u -

B
or a per - fect stein of beer in re - u -

BC
G G C D D

16

S

A

T

B

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

nit - ed Ger - ma - ny. The kind - ly folks in Rome will make you feel at home and the

D G C D

19

S
caf-és in old Am-ster-dam will help you to get yes, A - NY - WAY! Is-n't it

A
caf-és in old Am-ster-dam will help you to get um, um, Is-n't it

T
8
caf-és in old Am-ster-dam will help you to get well, um, *cough*, Is-n't it

B
caf-és in old Am-ster-dam will help you to get yes, *cough*, Is-n't it

19

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC
G G D/F# G C/E C D G

23

S
swell? Is-n't it chic to be hang - ing out in Eur - ope and it's

A
swell? Is-n't it chic to be hang - ing out in Eur - ope and it's

T
8 swell? Is-n't it chic to be hang - ing out in Eur - ope and it's

B
swell? Is-n't it chic to be hang - ing out in Eur - ope and it's

Vln. I
23

Vln. II
3 3

BC
D G/B C D7 G/D D/F# D/F#

27

S
great just to know that there's no X in 'es - press - o.' that there's no

A
great just to know that there's no X in 'es - press - o.' that there's no

T
8 great just to know that there's no X in 'es - press - o.' E S

B
great just to know that there's no X in 'es - press - o.' E S

Vln. I
27

Vln. II

BC
B em A/C# D G/B

31

S

X in 'es - press - o.'

A

X in 'es - press - o.'

T

8 P R E S S O

B

P R E S S O

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

D/A G

3. Dance: Piazza Waltz

Allegro (♩ = ca. 130)

Violin I

Violin II

Basso Continuo

f *tr* *tr*

D7 G G D7 D7 em am C

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

tr *tr* *tr*

G/D D7 G D7 G G D7 D7 em

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

tr *tr* *mf* *f* *mf* *f*

mp *mf* *f*

am C G/D D7 G em B am D

mp *mf* *f*

21

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

G/D em C D G G G D

28

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

D em am C G/D D7 G

Detailed description of the musical score: The score is for three parts: Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), and Bass/Contrabass (BC). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system (measures 21-27) shows Vln. I and Vln. II playing melodic lines with accents and trills, while the BC part provides a harmonic foundation with chords and single notes. The second system (measures 28-33) continues the melodic development in the violins and features a long, sustained note in the BC part across measures 28 and 29, followed by a series of chords and single notes. The score ends with a double bar line at measure 33.

4. Aria: My Darling Brother

Andante ♩ = 100

Giselle

Mezzo Soprano

Violin I

Violin II

Basso Continuo

mf O my dar - ling

G C D G/D D G G/B G

6

MS
broth - er, you're the jew - el of my heart! You are - n't ver - y hand - some, so it's

BC
C/E D/F# G em bm C G/D G

11

MS
luck - y that you're smart. Your love life's a dis - as - ter, so of course you are dist -

BC
C/E A D D/F# G C/E D/F# G em

16

MS

ressed, but lis - ten to your sis - ter and we will sort out all your mess!

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

mp

mp

bm C D em C/G G D G G/B

21

MS

mf The way to true con -

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

f

f

f

mf

C D em C G/D D G G

26

MS

tent - ment is-n't sci - ence, dear, but art! Un - til you find the love you seek you've just

BC

C/E D/F# G em bm C G/D

31

MS

got to act the part! Stand up tall and smile! Find some joy in ev - ry

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

mp

mp

C/E A D D/F# G C/E D/F# G em

f

36

MS

day! Love your-self as I love you and you're sure to find your way! O

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

f

f

bm C D em C/G G D G G/B

41

MS

Fake it 'til ya make it, Bro', and love will come one day.

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

C D em C/G G D G G/B C D

ff

ff

ff

46

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

em C G/D D G

Detailed description: The musical score is for measures 41 through 48. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is 4/4. The vocal line (MS) starts at measure 41 with the lyrics 'Fake it 'til ya make it, Bro', and love will come one day.' The instrumental lines (Vln. I, Vln. II, and BC) provide harmonic support. Measures 41-45 show a build-up with a crescendo leading to a fortissimo (ff) dynamic. Measures 46-48 conclude the section with a final chord.

5. Recitative: Who Is That Woman?

Enter Ramona

Giselle

Mezzo Soprano

Baritone

Basso Continuo

The musical score is written for three parts: Mezzo Soprano, Baritone, and Basso Continuo. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The Mezzo Soprano part begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics "Look! Who is that wo-man?". The Baritone part begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics "She looks as if she might have been". The Basso Continuo part begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics "am" and "bm".

Mezzo Soprano: Look! Who is that wo-man?

Baritone: She looks as if she might have been

Basso Continuo: am bm

Ramona

5

S

MS

B

5

dri-ven a-cross the face of the Earth like a lep-er! like a lep-er! Ah! _____

Yes!

like a lep-er! Ah! _____

like a lep-er! Ah! _____

like a lep-er! Ah! _____

like _____

BC

b m/d b m/d D# E am

9

S

BC

Yes, _____ it's _____ true.

am/e E am

6. Aria: A Woman Driven

Allegro (♩ = ca. 130)

Violin I *mf*

Violin II *mf*

Basso Continuo

am am/c dm E F/C E am

mf 5 Ramona

S I am a wo-man dri - ven a-cross the face — of the Earth like a le-per. I am un- *f*

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

am am/c dm E am/c E

9 *mf*

S loved. I am un - lov - ing. Un - loved and un - lov - ing but

Vln. I *f* *mf*

Vln. II *f* *mf*

BC am E/G# dm/f am

12 *mp* *f*

S no - ble is — my quest! I seek! Je cherce! I search! Ich

Vln. I *mp* *f*

Vln. II *mp* *f*

BC am/c E am am E

17

S

su - che! I want the ul - ti - mate chick - en sand - wich! I seek! I

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

E am E/G# am

21

S

search! I must have the ul - ti - mate chick - en sand - wich un - der

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

E e am E/G# am

mf

f

mf

ff

mf

ff

mf

25

S

three hun - dred cal - or - ies.

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

am E am/c am E am

Detailed description of the musical score: The score is for measures 25 through 28. The Soprano (S) part begins in measure 25 with a half note 'three', a quarter note 'hun -', a quarter note 'dred', and a dotted half note 'cal - or - ies.' in measure 26, followed by whole rests in measures 27 and 28. Violin I (Vln. I) starts in measure 25 with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. In measure 26, it plays a whole note E5. In measure 27, it plays a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, and a quarter note C6, marked with a forte (f) dynamic. In measure 28, it plays a whole note E5. Violin II (Vln. II) starts in measure 25 with a quarter note F#4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. In measure 26, it plays a whole note E4. In measure 27, it plays a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5, marked with a forte (f) dynamic. In measure 28, it plays a whole note E4. The Bassoon/Contrabass (BC) part starts in measure 25 with a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, and a quarter note C3. In measure 26, it plays a quarter note E2, a quarter note F#2, a quarter note G2, and a quarter note A2. In measure 27, it plays a quarter note B2, a quarter note C3, a quarter note D3, and a quarter note E3. In measure 28, it plays a whole note G2. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

6. Chorus: Driven Like a Leper

Bass

f

Driv - en driv - en driv - en driv - en

Violin I

f

Violin II

f

Basso Continuo

am am am

The musical score is for a chorus in 4/4 time. It features four staves: Bass, Violin I, Violin II, and Basso Continuo. The Bass staff begins with two measures of rests, followed by a melody starting on the third measure with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The Violin I and Violin II staves play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, also starting on the third measure with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The Basso Continuo staff plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment throughout the piece. The lyrics 'Driv - en driv - en driv - en driv - en' are placed under the Bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The piece is divided into three measures, each containing a chord labeled 'am' (A minor) under the Basso Continuo staff.

f

4

S

A

T

B

8

Driv-en driv-en driv-en driv-en driv - en driv - en driv - en driv - en driv-en like a le - per! She's

driv - en driv - en driv - en driv - en driv - en driv - en driv - en driv - en driv-en like a le - per! She's

driv - en driv - en driv - en driv - en driv - en driv - en driv - en driv - en driv-en like a le - per! She's

4

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

am am am E/G# am

7

Ramona *ff*

S Yes! _____ *mf*

S — been driv-en a-cross the Earth like a lep-er! Are you un-

A — been driv-en a-cross the Earth like a lep-er! Are you un-

T — been driv-en a-cross the Earth like a lep-er! Are you un-loved?

B — been driv-en a-cross the Earth like a lep-er! Are you un-loved?

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

BC *mf*

am/c E E/G# am

11

S Yes *f* Oh, — I'm a wretch - ed wo - man!

S lov - ing? Poor dear wretch - ed wo - man!

A lov - ing? *f* Poor dear wretch - ed wo - man!

T 8 *f* Poor dear wretch - ed wo - man!

B *f* Poor dear wretch - ed wo - man!

Vln. I 11 *f*

Vln. II *f*

BC E am dm am/e E am/c

15

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

BC am E am

8. Recitative: Unhappy Woman

Soprano
 Baritone
 Basso Continuo

Ramona
 I am Ra-mo-na, —

Phileep
 O, un-hap-py wom-an, what is your name?

d m A B $\flat$

S
 B
 BC

4
 but am bet-ter known as The Wo-man Driv-en!
 I am Phi-

g m/b a m d m E

MS
 B
 BC

7
 Giselle
 Wait! Wait! — Per-haps we can help you. There is a
 leep and this is my sis-ter Gi-selle.

E F C/E

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a recitative scene titled '8. Recitative: Unhappy Woman'. It features three vocal parts: Soprano, Baritone, and Basso Continuo. The music is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The Soprano part begins with a rest, followed by a melodic line for 'I am Ra-mo-na, —'. The Baritone part enters with 'O, un-hap-py wom-an, what is your name?'. The Basso Continuo provides harmonic support with chords like d m, A, and B-flat. A second system shows the Soprano continuing with 'but am bet-ter known as The Wo-man Driv-en!' and the Baritone with 'I am Phi-'. The Basso Continuo continues with g m/b, a m, d m, and E. A third system introduces a new character, Giselle, with the Soprano part starting at measure 7. She says 'Wait! Wait! — Per-haps we can help you. There is a leep and this is my sis-ter Gi-selle.' The Baritone part has triplets. The Basso Continuo provides chords E, F, and C/E.

11

MS place not far from here that makes an ex - cell - ent ____ chick - en sand - wick. ____ an ex - cell - ent

B an ex - cell - ent

S an ex - cell - ent

A an ex - cell - ent

T an ex - cell - ent

B an ex - cell - ent

BC gm gm A gm

The musical score is for a choir with seven parts: MS (Mezzo Soprano), B (Bass), S (Soprano), A (Alto), T (Tenor), B (Bass), and BC (Bass Contralto). The MS part has lyrics and a melodic line. The other parts have rests followed by a melodic line. The BC part has a bass line with lyrics 'gm', 'gm', 'A', 'gm'.

15

Exit Chorus

S

MS

B

S

A

T

B

BC

___ chick-en sand - wich. ___ Our friends will go and get you one.

A

A

E

19

S

Could it be at last? You have been so kind!

MS

B

Per - haps! You are so

BC

A dm F

23

S

B

love - ly and so brave.

BC

C gm/b A7

9. Duet: How Long I Have Waited

Moderato (♩ = c. 108)

Phileep *mf*

Baritone

Oh, how long I have wait - ed to

Violin I *mf*

Violin II *mf*

Basso Continuo

D D G A D

5

B

find a love to call my own, but if I fol - low her I must now for - sake —

5

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

D A D c#m b m

Ramona *mf*

9

S

My road I have walked in so - li-tude; my quest my on - ly

B

all I've ev - er known.

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

G A7 D b m f#m D/F#

14

S

friend. but if I stay with him I must now a - ban - don my search be - fore it's reached its

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

A/E b m/d A/C# D/F# E/G#

18

S
end! Oh, how long I have searched to find a love to call my

B
Oh, how long I have wait - ed to find a love to call my

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

A D G A D D A

22 *mp*

S
own! At that mo - ment will I give up all I've ev - er known? Yes, I

B
own! At that mo - ment will I give up _____ all I've ev - er known? Yes, I

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

D b m / f # A / E D G A D / F #

27 *dolcissimo* *p*

S
will. Yes, I will.

B
will. Yes, I will.

Vln. I
D/F#

Vln. II
D

BC
D/F# D

D/F# D

10. Recitative: How They Do Go On

Mezzo Soprano

Giselle

Oh, how they do go on! Wor-ry-in a-bout things that might nev - er

Basso Continuo

D b m E

MS

4

be. e-nough of that you two! Now, Ra-mo-na dear, tell us what com - pris-es the ul - ti-mate

BC

A/C# g m C7 F/C d m

S

8

Ramona

Well, let's see...

MS

chick - en sand - wich?

BC

F/C C7 F

11. Aria and Trio: Two Slices

Moderato (♩ = c. 108)

Ramona

mf

Soprano

Violin I

Violin II

Basso Continuo

Two slices of light-ly broil-ed breast of chick-en

F C F F F/A C

S

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

on a se-sa-me seed bun. The let-tuce must be cold, yes the let-tuce must be

B♭ F C/G C7 dm am B♭ C7

10

S

cold. If the to - ma-to is not firm, if the

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

f *mf* *f* *mf*

F B $\flat$ C7 F F/C dm gm/b A

15

S

ma-yo is too fat - ten-ing, then it's not, no it's not the ul - ti-mate chick-en —

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

dm C B $\flat$ am gm/b $\flat$ F/C B $\flat$ C7

20

S *f* *mf* *>*

sand - wich. Two sli - ces of light - ly broil - ed breast of chick - en on a se - sa - me seed

MS *f* *>*

Giselle Two sli - ces of light - ly broil - ed breast of chick - en on a se - sa - me seed

B *f*

Phileep Two sli - ces of light - ly broil - ed breast of chick - en on a se - sa - me seed

20

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

F F F/A B $\flat$ /D B $\flat$ F C/G

24

S

bun. The let - tuce must be cold, must be cold!

MS

bun. The let - tuce must be let - tuce must be cold,

B

bun. The let - tuce must be let - tuce must be cold,

24

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

C7 dm F/A C/E C7 F

12. Chorus and Recitative: The Chicken Sandwich

Moderato (♩ = c. 100) *Enter Chorus*

pp *p* *mf*

Soprano
Ah ——— Ah ——— We bring — the chick-en

Alto
Ah ——— Ah ——— We bring — the chick-en

Tenor
8 Ah ——— Ah ——— We bring — the chick-en

Bass
Ah ——— Ah ——— We bring — the chick-en

Violin I
pp *p* *mf*

Violin II
pp *p* *mf*

Basso Continuo
g m A g m A g m

The musical score is for a piece titled '12. Chorus and Recitative: The Chicken Sandwich'. It is in 4/4 time, marked 'Moderato' with a tempo of approximately 100 beats per minute. The score includes parts for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, Violin I, Violin II, and Basso Continuo. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) all sing the same lyrics: 'Ah ——— Ah ——— We bring — the chick-en'. The instrumental parts (Violin I, Violin II, Basso Continuo) provide harmonic support. The Basso Continuo part is specifically marked with notes: g m, A, g m, A, g m. The score is divided into five measures. The first measure is marked 'pp' (pianissimo), the second 'p' (piano), and the third 'mf' (mezzo-forte). The tempo is 'Moderato' and the time signature is 4/4. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The vocal parts are in a four-part setting, with the Soprano and Alto parts having a melodic line and the Tenor and Bass parts having a more harmonic line. The instrumental parts are in a four-part setting, with the Violin I and Violin II parts having a melodic line and the Basso Continuo part having a more harmonic line.

6 Ramona

S

6

The let-tuce is warm! The

3

f

sand - wick — an ex - cel - lent chick - en sand - wick!

A

sand - wick — an ex - cel - lent chick - en sand - wick!

T

8

sand - wick — an ex - cel - lent chick - en sand - wick!

B

sand - wick — an ex - cel - lent chick - en sand - wick!

6

Vln. I

f

Vln. II

f

BC

A gm/bb A/C# gm

11

S

let-tuce is — warm.

mp

S

Ah! ——— poor dear wretch - ed

A

mp

Ah! ——— Poor dear, poor dear wretch - ed

11

Vln. I

mf

mp

Vln. II

mf

mp

BC

A dm dm A gm

16

S
wo - man! Dear, dear, poor dear Ra - mo - na! Poor dear wretch - ed

A
wo - man! Dear, dear, poor dear Ra - mo - na! Poor dear wretch - ed

T
mf
8 Ah! _____ Dear, dear, poor dear Ra - mo - na! Poor dear wretch - ed

B
mf
Ah! _____ poor dear Ra - mo - na! Poor dear wretch - ed

Vln. I
16 *f*

Vln. II
f

BC
dm/f# A dm/a dm am am dm am/e E

22

S

wo - man!

A

wo - man!

T

8

wo - man!

B

wo - man!

22

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

am

E/G#

Detailed description: The image shows a page of a musical score, page 47. It contains measures 22, 23, and 24. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) all sing the phrase 'wo - man!' in measure 22. The instrumental parts (Violin I, Violin II, Bassoon/Clarinet) provide harmonic support. The Bassoon/Clarinet part has a key signature change to E major/G# minor in measure 23, indicated by a sharp sign and the text 'E/G#'. The score is written in a standard musical notation with staves and clefs.

13. Recitative: Weep Not For Me

Ramona

Soprano Weep not for me dear friends — for the sad-ness in my heart comes on-ly from the

Basso Continuo am dm

Giselle

S know-ledge that we soon must part. Yes. I — must,

MS Will you con - tin - ue on your quest?

BC E am gm A

Phileep

S — but what joy to know that I am loved and that I at last am lov - ing!

B And you al-ways

BC C F dm F G C

The musical score is written for Soprano, Basso Continuo, and three other parts (S, MS, B). The time signature is 4/4. The Soprano part has lyrics: "Weep not for me dear friends — for the sad-ness in my heart comes on-ly from the". The Basso Continuo part has figured bass notation: "am", "dm". The S part has lyrics: "know-ledge that we soon must part. Yes. I — must,". The MS part has lyrics: "Will you con - tin - ue on your quest?". The BC part has figured bass notation: "E", "am", "gm", "A". The S part has lyrics: "— but what joy to know that I am loved and that I at last am lov - ing!". The B part has lyrics: "And you al-ways". The BC part has figured bass notation: "C", "F", "dm", "F", "G", "C".

12

S

B

BC

will be! I'll go with you, Ra-mo-na, and to - geth - er we'll be the coup - le dri - ven!

My

G G/B C am dm E

16

S

love!

BC

am

14. Finale: The Couple Driven

Allegro (♩ = ca. 128)

Soprano *Ramona* *f*

Baritone *Phileep* *f*

We'll be the coup-le dri - ven a-cross the

Violin I *f*

Violin II *f*

Basso Continuo *f*

am am/c am am/c dm E

S

B

face — of the Earth like lep - ers. But we'll be loved, and we'll be

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

am/c E E am

8

S

lov - ing! We'll be loved, we'll be lov-ing and nob-le is — our quest. We'll

B

lov - ing! We'll be loved, we'll be lov-ing and nob-le is — our quest. We'll

8

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

E/G# dm am am/c E am

12 *ff*

S seek! We'll search! and some - day we'll find it; the

B seek! We'll search! and some - day we'll find it; ____ the

S They'll seek! They'll search! and some - day they'll find it! the

A They'll seek! They'll search! and some - day they'll find it! ____ the

T 8 They'll seek! They'll search! and some - day they'll find it! ____ the

B They'll seek! They'll search! and some - day they'll find it! ____ the

12 *ff*

Vln. I *ff*

Vln. II *ff*

BC am E E

16

S

ul - ti-mate chick - en sand - wick and live hap-pi - ly ev - er af - ter!

B

ul - ti-mate chick - en sand - wick and live hap-pi - ly ev - er af - ter!

S

ul - ti-mate chick - en sand - wick and live hap-pi - ly ev - er af - ter!

A

ul - ti-mate chick - en sand - wick and live hap-pi - ly ev - er — af - ter!

T

8 ul - ti-mate chick - en sand - wick and live hap-pi - ly ev - er af - ter!

B

ul - ti-mate chick - en sand - wick and live hap-pi - ly ev - er af - ter!

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

am E/G# am E7 A

54

rit.

20

Vln. I

Vln. II

BC

End of the opera

ROLES

Ramona | soprano
Phileep | baritone
Giselle | mezzo-soprano
Their friends | mixed chorus

LIBRETTO

CHORUS:

Isn't it swell? Isn't it chic to be hanging out in Europe?
There's not a care to be found where bread is long and cheese is round!

There's nothing quite so fine as having brie in gay Paris
or a perfect stein of beer in reunited Germany.
The kindly folks in Rome will make you feel at home
and the cafés in old Amsterdam will help you to get... anyway!

Isn't it swell? Isn't it chic to be hanging out in Europe?
And it's great just to know that there's no 'x' in 'espresso'

GISELLE:

O my darling brother, you're the jewel of my heart.
You aren't very handsome so it's lucky that you're smart.
Your love life's a disaster so of course you are distressed
but listen to your sister and we'll sort out all your mess.

The way to true contentment isn't science, Dear, but art.
Until you find the love you seek you've just got to act the part!
Stand up tall and smile. Fine some joy in every day.
Love yourself and I love you and you're sure to find your way!
Fake it 'til you make it, Bro, and love will come one day!

Look! Who is that woman?

PHILEEP:

She looks as if she might have been driven across the face of the Earth like a leper!

RAMONA:

Yes, it's true.

I am a woman driven across the face of the Earth like a leper.
I am unloved. I am unloving. Unloved and unloving but noble is my quest!

I seek! Je cherche! I search! Ich suche! I want the ultimate chicken sandwich!
I seek, I search! I must have the ultimate chicken sandwich under three hundred calories.

CHORUS:

Driven like a leper! She's been driven across the Earth like a leper!

RAMONA:

Yes!

CHORUS:

Are you unloved?

RAMONA:

Yes!

CHORUS:

Are you unloving?

RAMONA:

Yes!

CHORUS:

Poor dear wretched woman!

PHILEEP:

O, unhappy woman, what is your name?

RAMONA:

I am Ramona, but am better known as The Woman Driven!

PHILEEP:

I am Phileep, and this is my sister Giselle.

GISELLE:

Wait! Wait! Perhaps we can help you. There is a place not far from here that sells an excellent chicken sandwich. Our friends will go and get you one.

RAMONA:

Could it be at last?

PHILEEP:

Perhaps!

RAMONA:

You have been so kind!

PHILEEP:

You are so lovely and so brave!

O, how long I have waited to find a love to call my own,
but if I follow her I must now forsake all I've ever known.

RAMONA:

My road I have walked in solitude; my quest my only friend,
but if I stay with him I must now abandon my search before it's reached its end.

PHILEEP AND RAMONA:

O, how long I have waited (searched) to find a love to call my own.
At that moment, will I give up all I've ever known?
Yes, I will.

GISELLE:

O, how they do go on! Worrying about things that might never be.
Enough of that, you two!
Now, Ramona, dear; tell us what comprises
the ultimate chicken sandwich.

RAMONA:

Well, let's see...

Two slices of lightly broiled breast of chicken on a sesame seed bun.
The lettuce must be cold. If the tomato is not firm,
if the mayo is too fattening,
then it's not, no it's not the ultimate chicken sandwich.

RAMONA, GISELLE, AND PHILEEP:

Two slices of lightly broiled breast of chicken
on a sesame seed bun. The lettuce must be cold!

CHORUS:

We bring the chicken sandwich; an excellent chicken sandwich!

RAMONA:

The lettuce is warm!

CHORUS:

Poor dear wretched woman!

Poor dear Ramona!

Poor dear wretched woman!

RAMONA:

Weep not for me dear friends for the sadness in my heart
comes only from the knowledge that we soon must part.

GISELLE:

Will you continue on your quest?

RAMONA:

Yes. I must. But what joy to know that I am loved, and that I at last am loving!

PHILEEP:

And you always will be! I'll go with you, Ramona, and together we'll be The Couple Driven!

RAMONA:

My love!

RAMONA, PHILEEP, GISELLE, AND CHORUS:

We'll be The Couple Driven across the face of the Earth like lepers,

But we'll be loved, and we'll be loving.

We'll be loved; we'll be loving and noble is our quest.

We'll seek! We'll search, and someday we'll find it; the ultimate chicken sandwich
and live happily every after!