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LA TRAVIATA

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ACT I Violetta Valéry knows that she will die soon, exhausted by her restless life as a courtesan. When she meets the young Alfredo Germont, she is touched by his honesty. He declares his love, but she replies that there is no place for such feelings in her life. Alone, Violetta is torn by conflicting emotions—she doesn't want to give up her way of life, but she feels that Alfredo has awakened her desire to be truly loved.

INTERMISSION

ACT II Alfredo and Violetta are happily living together in the country. Alfredo's father pays an unexpected visit to Violetta, demanding that she end her affair with his son: the scandal of it has threatened Germont's daughter's engagement. Violetta refuses at first but eventually gives in. She writes a farewell note to Alfredo and leaves. Alfredo, who thinks Violetta has left him for another lover, follows her to Paris. At a masked ball, Alfredo insults Violetta in front of the guests, hurling money at her as payment for her favors. Germont, who has witnessed the scene, rebukes his son for his behavior.

ACT III Violetta is dying. Alfredo, who has learned the truth from his father, arrives, and their reunion brings back Violetta's exuberant joy of life. All sorrow and suffering seem to have left her—a final illusion, before death claims her.

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