

The Elixir of Love - Arias and Duets

Act I

Adina, the owner of farmlands, reads to the villagers from her *Tristan and Isolde* book.

Nemorino, a simple villager, is hopelessly in love with Adina.

Nemorino sings:

Quanto è bello
How beautiful...

Adina is impressed by the *Tristan and Isolde* in which a love potion inspires love.

Adina sings:

Della crudele Isotta
Beautiful Isolda yearning...

Sergeant Belcore, with his soldiers, arrive at this very moment to admire Adina's beauty and boasts of his gallantry .

Sergeant Belcore sings:

Como Paride vezzoso
Just like Paris...

Nemorino is horrified that Sergeant Belfore could win Adina's love. Sergeant Belfore declares his desire to marry Adina. Adina is not interested in marriage.

Adina sings:

Chiedi all'aura lusinghiera
Ask why the wayward breeze blows...

Suddenly, Dr. Dulcamara arrives into the village to sell his useless potions that heal any infirmity!

Dr. Dulcamara sings:

Udite, udite o rustici
Attention, Attention...

Followed by:

così chiaro è come il sole

You see clearly that I do this because...

Nemorino is inspired, thinking that Dr. Dulcamara may have the love potion that will win Adina's love.

Nemorino sings:

Esulti pur la barbara

She will no longer laugh...

Nemorino is so sure of the effect that the love potion will have on Adina he tells her he is free of his anxiety about her indifference toward him. Adina warns Nemorino that he will never be free of the lure of her charms!

Just then, Sergeant Belcore arrives and Adina impulsively agrees to marry him in three days, just to annoy poor Nemorino.

The village girls hand a letter to Sergeant Belcore from his captain. He and his soldiers must leave at dawn the next morning. The marriage must proceed immediately!

Nemorino is desperate!

Nemorino sings:

Adina, credimi

Adina, believe me...

Everyone immediately begins wedding preparations. Nemorino is devastated!

Act II

The wedding feast is in full swing! Adina is agitated because Nemorino is not present. Dulcamara offers a toast to Adina.

Dulcamara sings:

Io son ricco e tu sei bella

I am rich and you are pretty...

Nemorino pleads with Dr. Dulcamara to help him with more love potion.
Nemorino will need more money!

Nemorino encounters Belcore who offers him money to sign the enlistment papers and joins the army. Nemorino gets the money.

Nemorino and Belcore sing:

Ai perigli della guerra
I'll be risking mortal danger...

The village girls are whispering and Dr. Dulcamara overhears them and announces that Nemorino's uncle has died and has left him great wealth! Nemorino enters and is surrounded by the adoring village girls. Nemorino dances with all the village girls! Adina enters and is confused by Nemorino's behavior. Dr. Dulcamara informs Adina that his love potion is working! He offers to sell the love potion to Adina so that Nemorino will fall in love with her. Adina refuses.

Adina sings:

Una tenera occhiatina
With a few kisses, glances, a smile...

Adina becomes sad and tearful.

Nemorino enters and sees her tears.

He sings:

Una furtiva lagrima
A furtive teardrop fell...

Adina hands the enlistment papers to Nemorino that she purchased back from the army. Nemorino can remain in the village...with her!

Adina sings:

Prendi, prendi, per me sei libero
Take it, take it, I give you liberty...

Sergeant Belcore enters and Adina tells him she will marry Nemorino. Belcore says that is fine; there are plenty more pretty girls!

Dr. Dulcamara enters declaring that not only does his elixir bring love into your life but great wealth as well! All the villagers hand their money to Dr. Dulcamara for the magic elixir!!

Click on the YouTube video links below and listen to *The Elixir of Love* operatic music to further enhance the in-school performance experience:

1. **DUET - Rolando Villazon as Nemorino & Anna Netrebko as Adina**
6:06 minutes

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2. **ARIA -- Rolando Villazon as Nemorino singing *A Furtive Tear - Una Furtiva Lagrima***
2:31 minutes

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3. **DUET - Rolando Villazon as Nemorino & Aaron Wajnberg as Dr. Dulcamara singing *Ecco il magico liquore! – Here's the Magic Elixir!***
7:13 minutes

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