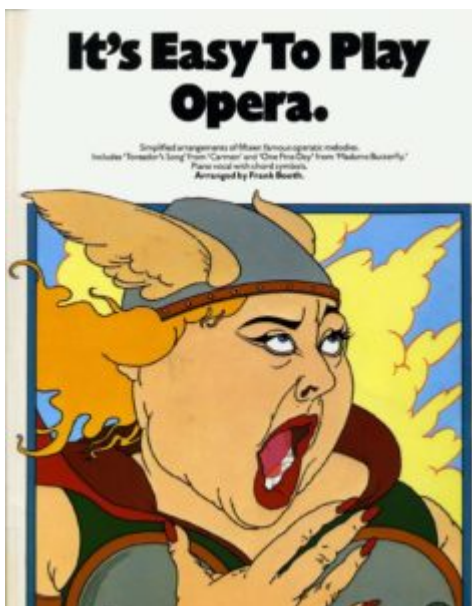


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Libretto/Lyrics/Text/Testo:

Nessun dorma, Nessun dorma!
Tu pure, o Principessa,
nella tua fredda stanza,
guardi le stelle

che tremano d'amore e di speranza.
Ma il mio mistero è chiuso in me,
il nome mio nessun saprà!
No, no, sulla tua bocca lo dirò
quando la luce splenderà!
Ed il mio bacio scioglierà il silenzio
che ti fa mia!

(Il nome suo nessun saprà !
e noi dovrem, ahime, morir!)

Dilegua, o notte!
Tramontate, stelle!
All'alba vincerò!

English Libretto or Translation:

No one sleeps! No one sleeps!
You too, O Princess!
in your chaste room
are watching the stars which
tremble with love and hope!
But my secret lies hidden within me,
no one shall discover my name!
Oh no, I will reveal it only on your lips,
when daylight shines forth
and my kiss shall break
the silence which makes you mine

(no one shall discover my name!
And we will have to die!)

Depart, oh night!
Fade away, you stars!

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'**Nessun dorma**' ('**None Shall Sleep**') is an aria from the final act of Giacomo Puccini's opera *Turandot*, and is one of the best known tenor arias.

The aria is sung by Calaf, Il principe ignoto (The unknown prince). In the preceding act, Calaf had challenged Princess Turandot to guess his name by dawn. If she did, she could execute him, but if she did not she would have to marry him. The cruel and emotionally cold princess then decreed that none of her subjects was to sleep that night until his name was discovered. If they failed, all would be killed.

'Nessun dorma' achieved pop status after Luciano Pavarotti's recording of it was used as the theme song of the BBC television coverage of the 1990 FIFA World Cup in Italy. It subsequently reached #2 on the UK Singles Chart, the highest placing ever by a classical recording.

It went on to become both Pavarotti's signature aria and a sporting anthem in its own right, especially for soccer. Pavarotti sang 'Nessun dorma' at his final performance, the finale of the Opening Ceremony of the 2006 Torino Winter Olympics. His Decca recording of the aria was played at his

funeral during the flypast by the Italian Air Force, exactly one year ago.