The Magic Flute (Die Zauberflöte) by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Libretto by Emanuel Schikaneder

"Der Hölle Rache"

Sung by the Queen of the Night when she orders Pamina to murder Sarastro.

QUEEN

Hell's vengeance seethes in my heart; the flames of death and despair engulf me!

If Sarastro dies not by your hand, you will be my daughter no more.

Forever repudiated, forever abandoned, forever destroyed be all the ties of nature if Sarastro's blood is not shed by your hand!

Hear, hear me, ye gods of vengeance—hear a mother's vow!