

Turandot

by Giacomo Puccini

Libretto by Giuseppe Adami and Renato Simoni

“Nessun Dorma” (No one must sleep)

This is one of the most famous arias in all of opera. Calàf is waiting for the next morning when he hopes to win Turandot's heart and marry her. Despite the possibility of death, he sings with determination, as if he has already won.

CALÀF

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!

CALÀF

No one must sleep!

No one must sleep...

You, too, oh Princess,
in your cold room
look at the stars, that tremble
with love and with hope!

But my secret is shut within me;
no one will discover my name!

Not until I press it on your lips
When the daylight shines!