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IN SEARCH OF CERVANTES

I was in Madrid that summer, writing a movie that had nothing to do with Madrid when my eye caught an item in the newspapers which stated that my purpose in Spain was research for a stage version of "Don Quixote." That was chuckling matter, for like most people who know "Don Quixote" I had not even read it. The time and place seemed appropriate for repair of that omission, however, so I set forth on the two volume journey and arrived at its end with two firm conclusions; the first was that this archtypal work could not and should not be adapted for the stage. The second had to deal not with the novel but with its author.

I was aware, of course, that "Don Quixote" had been attempted for the theatre scores of times. Having seen some dozen of those attempts-ballet, motion picture, play and opera-I was aware, too, that the attempts invariably failed. The reason was plain; trying to capture this work in dramatic form was much like attempting to force the sea into a bucket; ambitious but impractical. But what continued to haunt my thoughts was not the novel but the shadowy figure behind it.

Miguel de Cervantes y Saavedra...who was he? What manner of man could pour into a magnum opus so incredible a wealth of wit and wisdom, could range so widely over the spectrum of human behaviour that nearly all living literature is still in his debt? With interest that was to become very nearly obsessive I set out in search of Cervantes.

I learned that his life was scarcely less mysterious than that of his contemporary, William Shakespeare. A few documents attest to his existence...a baptismal certificate of October 9, 1547; a record of army service,

DALE WASSERMAN

disablement, enslavery for five years in Algiers, embroilments with the law which netted him at least three prison terms, an excommunication by the church, a failed marriage, an illegitimate daughter—but the list of misfortunes begins to overwhelm.

Misfortune, in fact, was the pattern of his life. He was dealt blow after blow by the blind malice of fate. Failure and disaster; this is the record—until in his fifties, shamefully poor, infirm of body and with dimming eyesight, he undertook the writing of a book which he hoped might bring him case in his remaining years.

Here I discovered the design for a play I wanted to write. Not an adaptation of "Don Quixote," but a tribute to the spirit of his creator. To blend and merge their identities—for what I had learned was that in all essential ways Miguel de Cervantes was Don Quixote. The upsets of existence never dimmed the brightness of his vision, never soured his compassion nor his humor, never stripped him of his faith.

The motif of the attempt I found in a quotation by another brilliant writer, Miguel Unamuno, who said: "Only he who attempts the ridiculous may achieve the impossible." In that Quixotic spirit the play was written, a deliberate denial of the prevailing spirit of our own time which might be expressed as aesthetic masochism and which finds its theatrical mood in black comedy and the deification of despair.

But those are subjective reasons. Most simply, MAN OF LA MANCHA is my way of paying tribute to the indomitable soul of Miguel de Cervantes, the man who was Don Quixete.



MUSIC HATH CHASMS.....

MITCH LEIGH



The score of MAN OF LA MANCHA was the most challenging project I have ever undertaken. Aside from coping with a world classic, making a contemporary musical point on an early historical period seemed an awesome task. I studied the era in which Cervantes wrote his masterpiece; it was musically barren. Stylistically, the courtly music of the early 17th century was dull and lifeless; basically, it was a poor imitation of what was being composed in the rest of Europe.

I then looked into the origins of flamenco music of the Spanish gypsies. Although the music seems older, it originated only 150 years ago. However, its vitality and sensuousness so moved me, and seemed so right for the book and the lyrics, that I risked the anachronism and decided to use it as a base. Knowing practically nothing of flamenco music, save as an admirer, I studied the style and forms with David Serva, the accomplished flamenco guitarist, and Jose Rubio, a maker of fine Spanish guitars. Both, in addition to being excellent craftsmen, were knowledgeable—indeed, most erudite—in the innumerable flamenco styles and forms.

The next problem was the construction of the musical style in relation to the play itself. It became evident that a single continuing sound was required, on which variations would have to be "leaned"; deviations from the basic line were to be avoided. That is, the humorous songs and the wilder numbers could not stray too far from the emotional content of the piece. This became more obvious—sometimes painfully so—during the rewriting of the score after rehearsals began. When I strayed the slightest bit from the main line, the song appeared to belong to another work rather than MAN OF LA MANCHA. This required more rewriting and additional revisions of the orchestration.

You will notice that I do not use string instruments (other than the two guitars and a string bass) in the score. Strings are too slick and smooth for the style I wanted; woodwinds, brass and percussion are morecaustic and commanding. The split orchestra set on both sides of the stage closely relates to the manner of early. church music, where two separate antiphonal choirs were split in the choir loft. Today it is called "stereophonic." The effect is theatrically interesting and enhances the physical action on the stage. It requires, however, an excellent conductor to keep the orchestra together with such a space between. The result, interestingly enough, is a certain tension on the part of the musicians. It was not originally planned, but I am grateful, because that tension carries over into the style of playing, and helps make the dramatic effect more dynamic and imposing.

Rarely does a composer get an opportunity to work on a classic of the dimensions of "Don Quixote" as his first musical. It is my fervent hope that the future holds another occasion to work on so challenging a project as MAN OF LA MANCHA.

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MAN OF LA MANCHA

I am I, Don Quixote, the Lord of La Mancha, Destroyer of evil am I! I will march to the sound of the trumpets of glory Forever to conquer or die!

Hear me, heathens and wizards and serpents of sin, All your dastardly doings are past; For a holy endeavor is now to begin, And virtue shall triumph at last!

I am I, Don Quixote, the Lord of La Mancha, My destiny calls and I go, And the wild winds of fortune will carry me onward Oh whithersoever they blow!

Whithersoever they blow Onward to glory I go!



One pair of arms is like another, I don't know why or who's to blame, I'll go with you or with your brother, It's all the same, it's all the same!

This I have learned: that when the light's out No man will burn with special flame, You'll prove to me, before the night's out, You're all the same, you're all the same!

So do not talk to me of love. I'm not a fool with starry eyes, Just put your money in my hand, And you will get what money buys!

One pair of arms is like another. I don't know why or who's to blame, I'll go with you or with your brother, It's all the same, it's all the same!

Oh, I have seen too many beds, But I have known too little rest, And I have loved too many men With hatred burning in my breast.

I do not like you or your brother, I do not like the life I live, But I am me, I am Aldonza, And what I give, I choose to give!

One pair of arms is like another It's all the same, it's all the same!

IT'S ALL THE SAME



DULCINEA

I have dreamed thee too long, Never seen thee or touched thee, but known thee with all of my heart, Half a prayer, half a song, Thou hast always been with me, though we have been always apart.

Dulcinea...Dulcinea... I see heaven when I see thee, Dulcinea, And thy name is like a prayer an angel whispers.. Dulcinea...Dulcinea!

If I reach out to thee Do not tremble and shrink from the touch of

my hand on thy hair.

Let my fingers but see Thou art warm and alive, and no phantom to fade in the air.



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LA MANCHA AND THE LYRICIST



JOE DARION

hen I first heard that DON QUIXOTE was to be done as a musical, I asked, "Which chapter are they dramatizing?" The answer was, "No chapter. The whole works." I paled. To organize this monumental work into a disciplined and focused two-hour musical seemed to me a project more to be applauded than joined. Nevertheless, when asked to come and chat about it, I went. No one has ever accused me of looking for the easy ones. After all, my last musical was about a cockroach and a cat!

The first thing I learned was that the musical was not to be based on Don Quixote after all. Nothing as simple as that! It was about Cervantes and the writing of Don Quixote, and the influence his own creation had upon the man who gave it birth.

the man who gave it birth. I read Dale Wasserman's script, and I was hooked. I hadn't the least idea of how to go about musicalizing an early-seventeenth-century classic in modern musical theatre terms. I didn't see how a production of such serious and complicated intent could be successful, but I wanted in.

A series of meetings was held with the author, the director and the composer, and the difficult, demanding and painfully intimate relationship of collaboration began.

How do you go about building the musical structure of a play? Differently, I am happy to say, than it used to be done. Not too long ago dances and songs were used to bring-on-the-girls, to raise the pezazz level of a show, to enchant the eye and ear with lovely sound and movement, and all too often to make enough noise so the audience would not notice the idiocy of the story line. Now don't get mad and start throwing all the classic musicals of the past at my head. I'm not talking about how good music and lyrics used to be, but about how they were used. Today the music must be woven into the warp and woof of the play to add a dimension, to put up another wall for the weight of the play to rest upon.

So we began with exhaustive conferences concerning the specific areas of musicalization. We also had to agree on who each character was. Songs look into people's hearts, and if my idea as to what was in a particular heart was different from Dale's, we were in trouble. The play couldn't call a character one thing while the lyrics, even ever so subtly, called him something else. Aldonza, for instance, gave us fits. We agreed as to what she seemed to be, and what she was to become, but could she be what she seemed to be and yet become what she had to become? As a result of differences of opinion on this, her opening song, "It's All The Same," was revised more than all the other lyrics combined. If confused memory serves me, the song as now played wasn't even conceived when previews began.

With Don Quixote, there were other lyric problems. His statements had to be fanciful, embroidered with seventeenth-century romanticism, yet they couldn't be archaic. They had to *sound* seventeenth century, yet be acceptable to twentieth-century ears. Sancho was something else again. A simple peasant, looking like a potato just dug out of the ground, he was yet a man of dignity and integrity. But proof of this had to come from a man almost as inarticulate as the potato he resembled. In "I Really Like Him," his groping statement of love for Don Quixote, the lyric has 137 words, and 119 of them are words of one syllable!

But words are only one aspect of the lyricist's problems. He must serve the play with words and he must serve the music with sound. Write a lyric with beautiful words but with open vowels in the wrong places, and you won't live to hear the applause, because if the composer doesn't kill you, the singer will. Of course, this is technical. The main thing is that the lyricist, as well as the composer and the playwright and the director, must serve the *spirit* and the *idea* and the *texture* of the play.

The creative team of LA MANCHA worked as honestly as we knew how. We never took the easy road or tried for a cheap effect. If any or all of us failed in any aspect of the task, it was a failure of execution and not of intent. For myself, I've never written a line in my life that I didn't feel in my heart I could better if only I tried a little more. Nevertheless, I'm proud to be part of MAN OF LA MANCHA. Tear out my fingernails one by one, I like it!



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I'M ONLY THINKING OF HIM

I'm only thinking of him, I'm only thinking of him, I'm only thinking of him, Whatever I may do or say, I'm only thinking of him! In my body, it's well known, There is not one selfish bone I'm only thinking and worrying about him!

I've been told he's chasing dragons, and I fear it may be true. If my groom should hear about it, heaven knows what he will do.

Oh I dearly love my uncle, but for what he's done to me

I would like to take and lock him up and throw away the key!

They're only thinking of him, They're only thinking of him, How saintly is their plaintive pleahey're only thinking of him! What a comfort, to be sure, That their motives are so pur As they go thinking and worrying about him.

Oh they say he seeks a lady who his own true love shall be, God forbid that in his madness . he should ever think it's me! If he should try, I'll surely die, And I will grimly guard my honor as I cry...

I'm only thinking of him, I'm only thinking of him, I'm only thinking and worrying about him.

I REALLY LIKE HIM

I like him.

I really like him. Tear out my fingernails one by one, I like him!

I don't have a very good reason. Since I've been with him cuckoonuts have been in season-

But there's nothing I can do, Chop me up for onion stew, Still I'll yell to the sky, Though I can't tell you why, That I like him!

I like him. I really like him. Pluck me naked as a scalded chicken, I like him! Don't ask me for why or wherefore, 'Cause I don't have a single good "because" or "therefore."

You can barbecue my nose, Make a giblet of my toes, Make me freeze, make me fry, Make me sigh, make me rry, Still I'll yell to the sky Though I can't tell you why, That I ... like ... him!



WHAT DOES HE WANT OF ME?

Why does he do the things he does? Why does he do these things? Why does he march through that dream that he's in

Covered with glory and rusty old tin? Why does he live in a world that can't be, And what does he want of me? What does he want of me?

Why does he say the things he says? Why does he say these things? "Sweet Dulcinea" and "missive" and such, "Nethermost hem of thy garment I touch," No one can be what he wants me to be, Oh what does he want of me... What does he want of me?





Doesn't he know he'll be laughed at wherever he'll go? And why I'm not laughing myself ... I don't know ...

Why does he want the things he wants? Why does he want these things? Why does he batter at walls that won't break? Why does he give when it's natural to take? Where does he see all the good he can see, And what does he want of me? What does he want of me?



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THE NAIROBI CITY PLAYERS

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MAN OF LA MANCHA

A Musical Play by DALE WASSERMAN

Music byLyrics byMITCH LEIGHJOE DARION

By arrangement with ELIZABETH MARTON, New York

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Musical Director & Chorus Master:

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ABOUT THE DIRECTOR



LARRY OAKS the director and choreographer for "Man of La Mancha" is by now well known to Nairobi theatre audiences, and needs little introduction. His previous productions for Nairobi City Players include "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" and "KISMET" in 1971 and "HELLO DOLLY" last Christmas. His main work is of course in Britain where he has followed a varied and active career. Since his last visit to Kenya he has produced "CINDEREL-LA" at the Wyvern Theatre, Swindon and the Northern Ireland Premiere of Thomas Murphy's "FAMINE" at the Lyric Theatre. Belfast. Moving south of the Irish border, he produced "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" at the Cork Opera House and "WHITE HORSE INN" in Birr, Co. Offaly. Larry Oaks is no newcomer to "MAN OF LA MANCHA". He was ballet master for the original London production.

Mr. Oaks has also has a great deal of experience in films and television. He worked on the film of "OLIVER" in which, incidentally, our leading lady Christina Artemis, had a singing part. During most of last year he worked on the film "THE GREAT WALTZ". which was recently seen in Nairobi, and cinemagoers will have seen Larry Oaks dancing and singing (in a surprisingly deep voice) in a number of scenes.

The Nairobi City Players are very pleased again to welcome back Larry Oaks to whom they refer as their "semi-resident guest director" and to continue their collaboration with him which has proved so successful with the previous musical productions for which he has been responsible. It is interesting to note that Mr. Oaks was also involved in the selection and casting of Christina Artemis, the professional actress and singer who plays the leading role of "Aldonza".

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ABOUT THE PLAY

The locale is Spain at the end of the 16th Century and the action of the play takes place in a prison in the city of Seville and in various places in the imagination of Miguel de Cervantes.

Miguel de Cervantes, an actor and playwright, and his *Manservant* having been arrested for offences against the Catholic Church are brought to prison to await trial by the dreaded Holy Office of the Inquisition. It is a custom in the prison that each new arrival be given a mock trial by his fellow prisoners and if found guilty fined all his possessions. Cervantes is charged with being an idealist, a bad poet and an honest man. He asks that he may be allowed to defend himself in the way that he knows best, by acting out his story in the form of a charade and he asks the other prisoners to help him by playing the other parts.

Cervantes impersonates a country squire called Alonzo Quijana. Quijana, being retired, spends much time reading. The more he reads the more disillusioned and sickened he is at man's murderous ways toward man till finally he loses his sanity and imagines that he is a daunt-less knight known as DON QUIXOTE de LA MANCHA. His servant becomes SANCHO PANZA, who try as he might can never quite see what his master sees, and together they ride out into the world to right all wrongs. Quixote refuses to see life as it is, but only as it ought to be and with him we enter into his imagination as he sees Windmills as Giants; a rough Country Inn as a Castle; a Barber's shaving basin as The Golden Helmet of Mambrino and Aldonza, the Whore, as his Lady Dulcinea. Aldonza who has never been treated as anything other than she is — a kitchen slut — becomes fascinated by this madman who calls her his Lady and who doesn't want from her what other men usually want. We see a great change come over her as she tries to become the Lady Dulcinea.

Finally, after many adventures ALONSO QUIJANA is made to face the fact that he is not a Knight known as Don Quixote de La Mancha when he meets the Knight of the Mirrors whom he imagines to be his arch enemy The Great Enchanter and who causes his total collapse.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Nairobi City Players for once again inviting me to direct for them — I always enjoy working here. I would also like to thank all those who have helped to make this production possible. Cast and crew. A lot of people have given up all their spare time for weeks and I appreciate it. They are a marvellous group of people.

LARRY OAKS



SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

All the characters in the play are imprisoned in a dungeon in Seville at the end of the sixteenthcentury. The action takes place there, and in the imagination of Miguel de Cervantes.

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Scene	Three	а <u></u>	Windmill scene
Scene	Four	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Prison vault
Scene	Five		A country inn
Scene	Six		
	Seven		
Scene	Eight	- 1111-111-111-111-111-111-111-111-111-	Alonso Quijana's house
Scene	Nine		The kitchen of the inn
Scene	Ten	/***.** ×	The stable of the inn
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ACT TWO

Scene	One	The courtyard of the inn
Scene	<i>Two</i>	The Knighting ceremony
Scene	Three	Interior of the inn
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Scene	Five	A road in La Mancha — The gypsy scene
Scene	Six	The courtyard of the inn
Scene	Seven	Knight of the Mirrors
Scene	Eight	Prison vault
Scene	Nine	Alonso Quijana's bedroom
Scene	Ten	Prison vault — Finale

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Don Quixote (Cer)				 	RAY CHARMAN	
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Aldonza		·····				 	CHRISTINA ARTEMIS
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Guitarist		 				SILVANO BORRUSO
Maria — The Innkeepe	r's wife					JOYCE RAW
Fermina	·····	•••••		•••••	•	GAYE MOORE
Captain of the Inquisitio	on					CHARLES COPSON
Prisoners, Guards and M	en of the	Inquisi	tion			NGIGE GITAU, GRAHAM
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SHIRLEY BISHOP





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ABOUT THE MUSICAL DIRECTOR



It is only under protest that Bernard Smith has agreed to contribute this article. as he has no wish to disclose the intrigues and misadventures of his musical past. He is in fact a sort of musical Don Quixote, captive knight to Mistress Music herself. His errantries have led him into situations where he would fain have cursed his devotion to this cause, were it not that Music herself has always remained beautiful and blameless. He has in fact led a double life with periods of apparent sanity while he pursues his livelihood of teaching engineering within the peaceful walls of some University, only to be roused by yet another escapade such as the present one. Notable amongst his adventures are the battle with the large mixed choir which raged for more than three years, the crusade against 300 philistine school children which lasted seven months, the hilarious episode of the seaside brass band and the performance of 'Noyes Fludde' in which he found himself playing a piano duet with John Ogdon. The seeds of his addiction were sewn at an early age under the influence of a venerable-looking

old gentleman who described himself with perfect correctness as a "Professor of Music, B. Mus. (Durham)" and who enticed the then innocent child with the sounds of Chopin from an Erard grand piano. Bernard can remember the precise musical moments which led to his downfall — the opening bars of Chopin's Ballade in G minor, the Prelude to Carmen and the Pilgrims' Chorus from Tannhauser. The piano remains his most dangerous drug, and in fact some of his later bad habits such as playing the viola and even the trombone have originated as desperate attempts to alleviate the effects of piano playing. He has been saved from the evils of too much conducting by the fact that this is a harmless vice unless one has some object on which to practice, and so his exploits in this direction have been spasmodic. Here in Nairobi, however, it looks as if this menace has caught up with him and one would hesitate to predict his future under such circumstances.

The Nairobi City Players are delighted to welcome Bernard Smith to the distinguished ranks of those who have acted as Musical Director for their musical productions. Unfortunately the requirements of staging "MAN OF LA MANCHA" are that the orchestra is moved from the orchestra pit to the wings of the stage and this means that you will see neither Bernard Smith nor his talented orchestra on this occasion. We can however assure you that they will all be there producing the delightful music Mitch Leigh has written for this unique musical play.

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Musical Director: BERNARD SMITH



MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

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LITTLE BIRD, LITTLE BIRD

Little bird, little bird In the cinnamon tree, In the cinnamon tree, Little bird, little bird, Do you sing for me? Do you bring me word Of one I know? Little bird, little bird, I love her so. Little bird, little bird, I have to know, Little bird, little bird

Beneath this tree, this cinnamon tree. We learned to love, we learned to cry, For here we met, and here we kissed, And here one cold and moonless night we said goodbye.

Little bird, little bird, Oh have pity on me, Bring her back to me now 'Neath the cinnamon tree; I have waited too long Without a song. Little bird, little bird, please fly, please go, Little bird, little bird, and tell her so, Little bird, little bird.



GOLDEN HELMET OF MAMBRINO

DON QUIXOTE: Thou Golden Helmet of Mambrino With so illustrious a past, Too long hast thou been lost to glory, Th'art rediscovered now at last!

> Golden Helmet Of Mambrino There can be no Hat like thee . . . Thee and I, now, 'ere I die, now Will make golden History!

BARBER: I can hear the cuckoo singing in the cuckooberry tree ...

SANCHO: If he says that that's a helmet, I suggest that you agree ...

BARBER: But he'll find it is not gold, and will not make him bold and brave ...

SANCHO: Well, at least he'll find it useful if he ever needs a shave.

Don QUIXOTE: Thou Golden Helmet of Mambrino, Thy deeds the world will not forget; Now Don Quixote De La Mancha Will bring thee greater glory yet!

Golden Helmet Of Mambrino There can be no Hat like thee... Thee and I, now, 'Ere I die now Will make golden History.

All: Golden Helmet Of Mambrino There can be no Hat like thee... Thee and he, now, We can see now Will make golden History!

TO EACH HIS DULCINEA



To each his Dulcinea That he alone can name, To each a secret hiding place Where he can find the haunting face To light his secret flame

For with his Dulcinea Beside him so to stand A man can do quite anything, Outfly the bird upon the wing, Hold moonlight in his hand.

Yet if you build your life on dreams It's prudent to recall A man with moonlight in his hand Has nothing there at all.

There is no Dulcinea. There is no Duicinea, She's made of flame and air, And yet how lovely life would seem If every man could weave a dream To keep him from despair.

To each his Dulcinea, Though she's naught but flame and air...



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THE DUBBING

Hail, Knight of the Woeful Countenance, Knight of the Woeful Countenance! Wherever you go people will know Of the glorious deeds of the Knight of the Woeful Countenance!

Farewell and good cheer, oh my brave cavalier, Ride onward to glorious strife. I swear when you're gone I'll remember you well For all of the rest of my life!

Hail, Knight of the Woeful Countenance, Knight of the Woeful Countenance! Wherever you go, face to the foe, They will quail at the sight of the Knight of the Woeful Countenance!

Oh valorous Knight, go and fight for the right, And battle all villains that be, But oh, when you do, what will happen to you Thank God I won't be there to see!

ALDONZA

I was spawned in a ditch by a mother I was spawned in a ditch by a mother who left me there Naked and cold and too hungry to cry! I never blamed her, I'm sure she left hoping That I'd have the good sense to die!

Then of course there's my father— I'm told that young ladies Can point to their fathers with maidenly pride; Mine was some regiment here for an hour. I can't even tell you which side!

So of course I became, as befitted my delicate birth The most casual bride of the murdering scum of the earth!

DON QUIXOTE: And still thou art my lady!

ALDONZA: And still he torments me! How should I be a lady...

For a lady has modest and maidenly airs And a virtue I somehow suspect that I lack; It's hard to remember these maidenly airs In a stable, laid flat on your back!



Hail, Knight of the Woeful Countenance! Knight of the Woeful Countenance! Wherever you go people will know Of the glorious deeds of the Knight of the Woeful Count.....te.....nance!

Won't you look at me, look at me, God! Won't you look at me! Look at the kitchen-slut, reeking of sweat!

Born on a dungheap to die on a dungheap, A strumpet men use and forget!

If you feel that you see me not quite at my virginal best, Cross my palm with a coin, and I'll willingly show you the rest?

You have shown me the sky, but what good is the sky To a creature who'll never do better than crawl? Of all the cruel bastards who've badgered and battered me You are the cruelest of all!

Can't you see what your gentle insanities do to me? Rob me of anger and give me

despair! Blows and abuse I can take and give back again, Tenderness I cannot bear!

So please torture me now with your "sweet Dulcineas" no more! I am no one! I'm nothing! I'm only Aldonza the whore!

THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM (THE QUEST)



To dream the impossible dream, To fight the unbeatable foe, To bear with unbearable sorrow, To run where the brave dare not go.

To right the unrightable wrong, To love, pure and chaste from afar

To try, when your arms are too weary, To reach the unreachable star!

This is my quest, to follow that star, No matter how hopeless, no matter how far, To fight for the right without question or pause, To be willing to march into hell for a heavenly cause!

And I know, if I'll only be true to this

glorious quest, That my heart will lie peaceful and calm when I'm laid to my rest.

And the world will be better for this, That one man, scorned and covered with scars, Still strove, with his last ounce of courage, To reach the unreachable stars!

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1958 "Romanoff and Juliet" by Peter Ustinov.
"Two Gentlemen of Soho" by A. P. Herbert. (Winning Entry Kenya Drama Festival, 1958)
"Carrington V. C." by Dorothy and Campbell Christie.
"Will Any Gentleman" by Vernon Sylvaine.

1959 "Rope" by Patrick Hamilton."You Can't Take It With You" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman."The Paragon" by Roland and Michael Pertwee.

1960 "The Diary of Anne Frank" by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett. "Six Characters In Search of An Author" by Pirandello.

"A Farrago" comprising

"The Proposal" by Chekhov. "Uneasy Lies The Head . . . " from Shakespeare. "Red Peppers" by Noel Coward.

1961 "The King and I" by Rodgers and Hammerstein.
"The Caine Mutiny Court Martial" by Herman Wouk.
"The House by the Lake" by Hugh Mills.
"The Bespoke Overcoat" by Wolf Mankowitz. (Winning Entry Kenya Drama Festival, 1961)
"The Hole" by N. F. Simpson. (Drama Festival Entry, 1961)

1962 "Caesar and Cleopatra" by George Bernard Shaw.
"The Long and The Short and The Tall" by Willis Hall.
"Men Without Shadows" by Jean Paul Sartre. (Placed Third Winning Entry Kenya Drama Festival, 1962)
"No Fixed Abode" by Clive Exton. (Drama Festival Entry, 1962)

1963 "See How They Run" by Philip King.
"Annie Get Your Gun" by Irving Berlin, Herbert and Dorothy Fields.
"Irma La Douce" by Marguerite Monnot and Alexandre Breffort.
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	"Oklahoma!" by Rodgers and Hammerstein.
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1966	"A View From the Bridge" by Arthur Miller.
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	George S. Kaufman.
1967	"Twelve Angry Men" by Reginald Rose.
	A Double Bill of —
	"Lunch Hour" by John Mortimer.
	"One Way Pendulum" by N. F. Simpson.
	"The Sound of Music" by Rodgers and Hammerstein.
1968	"A Streetcar Named Desire" by Tennessee Williams.
1000	"Guys and Dolls" by Frank Loesser, Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows.
	"My Fair Lady" by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe.
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	"After the Fall" by Arthur Miller.
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1970	"The Magistrate" by Sir Arthur Wing Pinero.
	A Double Bill of —
	"The Dock Brief" by John Mortimer.
	"The Real Inspector Hound" by Tom Stoppard.
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- (c) To take all necessary steps to encourage the drama and to improve the facilities available for theatrical productions.

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