

## **AIDA**

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Aida, a beautiful Ethiopian slave girl, shares a passionate love with the young Egyptian warrior Radames, who pledges to marry Aida after he leads the Egyptians in triumphant battle against the Ethiopians. The couple's hopes are dashed when, after returning victorious with Ethiopian prisoners including Aida's father, King Amonasro-Radames is rewarded not with Aida's hand, but with that of the Egyptian princess Amneris, Aida's rival. At the urging of her father, Aida betrays Radames, only to join her beloved when he faces death for forsaking his country for the woman he loves.