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A2 GCE MUSIC

G356/01/I/B Historical and Analytical Studies in Music

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Duration: 1 hour 45 minutes
(plus 15 minutes' preparation)

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The music is from Puccini's opera *Il Tabarro*, which is set on a barge on the River Seine near Paris. In this scene, Frugola dreams of a cottage in the country where she can rest with her husband and cat (*Corporal*). Her friend, Giorgetta, who is married to Michele, dreams of Paris. She recalls her early life in Belleville, where her lover, Luigi, was also born.

A

Frugola *Ah! quando mai potremo comprarci una bicocca?
Là ci risposeremo.*
Giorgetta *È la tua fissazione, la campagna!*

*Oh! when shall we ever be able to buy a
cottage of our own?
There we'll rest.
That's your obsession, the countryside.*

B

Frugola *Ho sognato una casetta con un piccolo orticello.
Quattro muri, stretta stretta, e due pini per ombrello.
Il mio vecchio steso al sole, ai miei piedi Caporale,
e aspettar così la morte che è rimedio d'ogni male!*

*I've been dreaming of a cottage with a tiny little garden.
Four walls, quite snug, and two pine trees for shade.
My old man stretched out in the sun,
Corporal at my feet,
and waiting like that for death which cures all ills!*

C

Giorgetta *È ben altro il mio sogno! Son nata nel sobborgo,
e solo l'aria di Parigi m'esalta,
m'esalta e mi nutrisce!
Ah! Se Michele, un giorno, abbandonasse questa logora vita vagabonda!
Non si vive là dentro, fra il letto ed il fornello!
Tu avessi visto la mia stanza, un tempo!*

*My dream is quite different! I was born in the suburbs,
and only the Paris air excites me,
it excites me and nourishes me!
If Michele would, one day, leave this weary nomadic life!
That's no life in there, between the bed and the stove.
You should have seen my room, once!*

D

Frugola *Dove abitavi?
Giorgetta Non lo sai?
Luigi Belleville!
Giorgetta Luigi lo conosce!
Luigi Anch'io ci son nato!*

*Where did you live?
Don't you know?
Belleville!
Luigi knows it!
I was born there too!*

E

Giorgetta *Come me, Come me, l'ha nel sangue!
Luigi Non ci si può staccare!
Giorgetta Bisogna aver provato!
Belleville è il nostro suolo, è il nostro mondo!
Noi non possiamo vivere sull'acqua!
Bisogna calpestare il marciapiede!
Là c'è una casa, là ci sono amici,
festosi incontri e piene confidenze.
Luigi Ci si conosce tutti! S'è tutti una famiglia!*

*He's like me, He's like me, it's in his blood!
You can't come away!
You need to have felt it
Belleville is our homeland, our world!

We can't live on the water!
You need to put your feet on the pavement!
There is a house, there are your friends,
happy meetings and great friendliness.
Everyone knows everyone! It's all one family!*

E

Giorgetta *Al mattino, il lavoro che ci aspetta.
 Alla sera, i ritorni in comitiva.
 Botteghe che s'accendono di luci e di
 lusinghe,
 vetture che s'incrociano, domeniche
 chiassose.
 Piccole gite in due al bosco di Boulogne!
 Balli all'aperto, l'intimità amorose.*

*In the morning, there's work awaiting.
 In the evening, coming home in a crowd.
 The shops are lit up with lights and
 appealing things,
 cabs are crossing paths, Sundays are noisy.
 Little trips for two in the Boulogne Wood!
 Open air dances, flirting, loving.*

F

Giorgetta *È difficile dire cosa sia
 quest'ansia, questa strana nostalgia.
 Ma chi lascia il sobborgo vuol tornare,
 e chi ritorna, chi ritorna non si può
 staccare.
 C'è là in fondo Parigi che ci grida
 con mille voci liete il suo fascino immortale!*

*It's hard to say what it is
 this longing, this strange nostalgia.
 But whoever leaves the suburbs wants to
 come back,
 and if he comes back, he won't be able to
 leave.
 Over there is Paris calling to us
 its thousand happy voices telling of its
 eternal enchantment.*

[Giuseppe Adami]

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