

Key Scene/Aria in Rossini's *Il barbiere di Siviglia*

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KEY SCENE/ARIA: "Ecco ridente in cielo (Lo, in the smiling sky)"

Met Opera on Demand: Track # 5. ACT I: Ecco, ridente in Cielo
00:58 – 4:32

OR

Act I, Scene 1: Ecco ridente in cielo (Lo, in the smiling sky)
10:55 – 14:48

Count Almaviva stands beneath Rosina's window on the street, desperately in love and eager to catch a glimpse of her. He serenades her passionately and receives no response.

Libretto Excerpt

CONTE

Ecco ridente in cielo
spunta la bella aurora,
e tu non sorgi ancora
e puoi dormir così?
Sorgi, mia dolce speme,
vieni bell'idol mio,
rendi men crudo, oh Dio,
lo stral che mi feri.
Oh sorte! già veggo
quel caro sembiante,
quest'anima amante
ottenne pietà!
Oh, istante d'amore!
Felice momento!
Oh, dolce contento
che egual non ha!

COUNT

Lo, in the smiling sky,
the lovely dawn is breaking,
and you are not awake,
and you are still asleep?
Arise, my sweetest love,
oh, come, my treasured one,
soften the pain, O God,
of the dart which pierces me.
Oh, joy! I now see
that dearest vision,
has taken pity
on this soul in love?
Oh, moment of love!
Oh, moment divine!
Oh, sweet content
which is unequalled!

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