

Key Scene/Aria in Gounod's *Roméo et Juliette*

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KEY SCENE/ARIA: Act II: Scene 1, No. 7: "Ah! lève-toi, soleil!" (Excerpt)

[Met Opera on Demand](#): Track #19. ACT II: L'amour! L'amour! ... Ah! lève-toi soleil!
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After their meeting in Act I, Romeo stands in Juliet's garden beneath her balcony, proclaiming his love for her.

Libretto Excerpt

ROMÉO	ROMEO
L'amour, l'amour!	Love! Love!
Oui, son ardeur a troublé tout mon être! <i>(La fenêtre de Juliette s'éclaire.)</i>	Ay, its intensity has disturbed my very being!
Mais quelle soudaine clarté	<i>(A light comes on in Juliet's window.)</i>
Resplendit à cette fenêtre?	But what sudden light
C'est là que dans la nuit rayonne sa beauté!	through yonder window breaks?
Ah! lève-toi, soleil! fais pâlir les étoiles	'Tis there that by night her beauty shines!
Qui, dans l'azur sans voiles,	Ah, arise, o sun! Turn pale the stars
Brillent au firmament,	that, unveiled in the azure,
Ah! lève-toi! parais! parais!	do sparkle in the firmament.
Astre pur et charmant!	Ah, arise! Ah, arise! Appear! Appear,
Elle rêve! elle dénoue	thou pure and enchanting star!
Une boucle de cheveux	She is dreaming, she loosens
Qui vient caresser sa joue.	a lock of hair
Amour! Amour! porte-lui mes vœux!	which falls to caress her cheek.
	Love! Love, carry my vows to her!

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