

# Opera Buffa

Opera Buffa is funny opera. For a composer writing a funny song is not easy. The audience will only think it is funny if they catch the words and understand what is being sung. Sung words are more difficult to understand than spoken words. Comedy depends on timing and on voice inflections, singing the funny words in a given rhythm may kill the joke. Finally, comedy is fast. This means that the composer cannot write slow, beautiful melodies.

Try out the following lyrics and think of a melody that you could put to it.

Orpheus: My dog has no nose.

Eurydice: How does it smell?

Orpheus: Terrible!

Next, make up your own words for an opera buffa and then add a melody.