

# SECOND ACT

## IN THE LATIN QUARTER

A conflux of streets; where they meet, a square flanked by shops of all sorts; on one side, the Café Momus.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

A vast, motley crowd; soldiers, serving-maids; boys, girls, children, students, work girls, gendarmes etc. etc. Outside their shops vendors are bawling, inviting purchasers. Aloof from the crowd, Rudolph and Mimi walk up and down; Colline is near a rag shop. Schaunard stands outside a tinker's buying a pipe and a horn. Marcel is being hustled hither and thither. Sundry townsfolk are seated at a table outside the Café Momus. It is evening. The shops are decked with tiny lamps; a huge lantern lights up the entrance to the Café.

♩ = 112  
**Allegro fucoso**  
*in due*

**HAWKERS**

Bass I. (shouting) *ff*

(outside their shops)

Bass II. *ff*

Come, buy my o-ranges!  
 A-ran-ci, dat-te-ri!

**THE CROWD**

Soprani *ff*

(including students, workgirls, townsfolk and others)

Tenori *ff*

Ah!.....  
 Ah!.....

**THE STREET ARABS**

What.....  
 Quan -

Fine ap-ples! look at them!  
 A-ran-ci, nin-no-ii!

Hot roasted chest\_nuts. Trinkets and cros\_ses, Fine hard - bake!.....  
*Cal - di i mar - ro - ni. Nin - no - li, cro - ci. Tor - ro - ni!.....*

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Ah!.....  
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a rack - et! What up\_roar!  
 - ta fol - la! Che chias.so!

Hot roasted chest\_nuts! ex - cellent tof\_fee and hardbake!  
*Cal - di i mar - ro - ni e ca - ra - mel - le. Tor - ro - ni!*

HAWKERS

..... Cream foam - ing and froth - y!.....  
 ..... Pan - na ..... mon - ta - tal.....

..... Fine hard - bake! Fine hard - bake!.....  
 ..... Oh! la ..... cro - sta - tal.....

(Curtain rises)

**HAWKERS**

VUOTA (some)

Try our can - dy! (some)  
Ca - ra - mel - le!

Flow'rs for the  
Fio - ri alle

**THE CROWD**

What an up - roar!  
Quan - ta fôl - la!

**STREET ARABS**

Rur a - -  
Su, cor - -

VUOTA *ff*

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(others) (some)

Try our can - dy!  
La cro - sta - ta!

Fat larks and or - to - lans!  
Frin - guel - li, pas - se - ri!

(others) (some)

la - dies! Cream for the ba - bies!  
bel - le! Pan - na mon - ta - ta!

Look at them!  
Dat - te - ri!

(some) (others)

Hold fast to me, what up - roar!  
Strin - gi - ti a me, che chias - so!

- long! Hold fast to me. Haste a - long!  
- riam! Strin - gi - ti a me. Su, cor - riam!

Swiftly let us haste a - long!  
Su, cor - ria - mo, su, cor - riam!

(some) (others)

Hot roasted chest - nuts! ex - cell - ent  
*Cal - di mar - ro - ni!* *Pan - na, tor -*

(some) (others)

Look at our tof - fee! Look at our  
*Lat - te di coc - co!* *Oh! la cro -*

(all)  
 Come, let us pass, let us pass!  
*Da - te il pas - so, cor - riam!*

(all)  
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(some) (others)

Look at our ap - ples! Look at our  
*Dat - te - ri, a - ran - ci!* *Lat - te di*

hard - bake!  
*- ro - ni!*

can - dy!  
*- sta - ta!*

What a rack - et - ing, let us go!.....  
*Quan - ta fol - la! su, par - tiam!.....*

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chest - nuts!  
*coc - co!*

Hot roasted  
*Cal - di mar*

(all)

Rich cream and froth-y! Chocolate and  
Pan - na mon - ta - ta, nin - no - li, tor -

(all)

Hard - bake and can - dy! Here you have them  
A - ran - ci, fio - ri, dat - te - ri, tor -

ah!..... Ho! make  
ah!..... Da - te il

ah!.....  
ah!.....

chestnuts! Chocolate and tof - fee!  
- ro - ni! Nin - no - li, tor - ro - ni!

tof - fee!  
- ro - ni!

han - dy!  
- ro - ni!

way there!  
pas - so!

(shouting to the waiters who run to and fro)

Tenori

(gridando) (gridando)  
Come a - long! With the  
Pre - sto qua! Un bic -

Bass

Come a - long!  
Ca - me - rier!

FROM THE CAFÉ

THE CROWD

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Ah!..... What a racket!  
 ah!..... Quanta fol-la!

Hold fast to welcome a -  
 Stringi-tia me, cor -

(4 soli)

Hold fast to welcome a -  
 Stringi-tia me, cor -

(some)

Chaffinches! Or-to-lans! Chestnuts all  
 Fringuelli e pas-se-ri! Cal-di mar-

beer! Hith-er! Some beer!  
 -chier! Cor-ri! Da ber!

Wait-er!  
 Bir-ra!

Em-ma,  
 Em-ma!

quan-do ti chia-mo!  
 why,dont you hear me!

(2 sole)

long!  
 -riam!

What racket-ing  
 Che chias-so,

long!  
 -riam!

(others)

hot!  
 -ron!

Ex-cel-lent chest-nuts!  
 Vo-gli-una lan-cia!

(all)

Fine or-an-ges!  
 A-ran-ci,

Some beer!  
 Da ber!

Hal-lo!  
 O-là!

Bring me a drink!  
 Dunque?Un caf-fè!

Come a-long!  
 Ca-me-rier!

*p*

HAWKERS.  
Bass

(all)

*ffb*

Cho\_colate! jer\_seys! Who'll buy my carrots!  
Lat\_te di coc\_co! Giub\_be! Ca\_ro\_te!

(they move away)

THE CROWD

Hold fast to me!  
Strin\_gi-ti a me!

(moving away)

What a rack-et!  
Quan-ta fol-la,

(moving away)

Chestnuts all hot!  
Cal-di i mar-ron!..

Look at our or-an-ges,  
Dat-te ri! nin-no-li,

*ff*

THE CROWD

let us go!  
su,par-tiam!

ap\_ples and flowers!  
a\_ran\_cie fior!