ATTILA (ACTS II & III)

The Secret Teachings of Opera
“Will a brave veteran ever bow down to a coward, a weak slave (the current Emperor who has made a truce with the Huns and recalled his troops)? We shall see. But this is fitting for a hero whose supreme power will lift the fatherland from such troubles.

“From the beautiful, immortal peaks of past glory, may the shades of our ancestors rise just for a moment around us. From there the conquering eagle took its flight across the world. In this abject corpse, who can now recognize Rome?” —Ezio
“Let the Roman troops be ready for a sign. When they see a fire burst into flames from the mountain, let them fall, like wild beasts, on the confused crowd.”
—Foresto to Ezio
“My lot is cast, I am ready for any war. If I fall, I shall fall as a hero, and my name (השם Hashem) shall remain. I will not see my beloved land slowly die and be torn to pieces. All Italy will weep over the last of the Romans (the Initiates).” —Ezio
“The immense vault of the sky, the earth, snatched from her enemies, and the air, aflame, are Attila’s palace. Now let the joy of the drinking vessels be spread around. Let us feast on limbs and severed heads until the new day dawns.” — Barbarian Chorus
“O King, it is fatal to sit with the foreigner (Ezio).” —Chorus

“And why?” —Attila

“See in the sky clouds gathering, tinged in blood. Mixed with the ill-omened cry of sinister birds, the spirit of treachery howled from the mountains.” —Chorus

“Away, you prophets of doom!” —Attila

“May Odin protect you.” —Chorus
“Who gives light to the heart? No star’s feeble
glimmer hangs from the sky. No friendly ray from the
smiling moon shines on our troubled spirits. But the
wind whistles, the thunder rumbles. Only the note of
the trumpet sounds.” —Holy Daughters of the Huns

“The spirit of the mountains roars in our faces.”
—Chorus
The Poison of Sex

“Do not disdain the hand of a veteran warrior.” —Ezio distracting Attila

“Shall we have revenge from the hands of his people? He must not fall through their treachery.” —Odabella to Foresto

“Or do you think that the wind fills me with terror? My festivities thrive among the clouds and storms.” —Attila to Ezio

“See there the cup which will be the agent of our wrath.” —Foresto

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rode of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. —Revelation 19:15
“On the appointed day (at the height of the Second Mountain), as I have sworn to God (through the Being Partkdolg Duty), this is the sword which must strike him down.” —Odabella
Uldino brings the cup of hospitality to Attila to drink per his orders. Odabella warns him of its poison. Foresto admits to the crime, “Yes, he who once snatched the crown from your locks.”

“King, no one can take my pray from me. I saved you. I revealed the crime. Let the wretch be punished by me alone.” —Odabella to Attila

“I give him to you. But a worthier prize is reserved for you, my faithful one (ὤ Od, the faithful “witness”). Tomorrow you will be greeted by the people as the king’s wife.” —Attila

“My brave warriors, I ask of you just one day of joy and song. Then the avenging scourge will again thunder all around. Ezio, announce meanwhile in Rome that I have torn aside the veil of dreams.”

—Attila to Ezio and the Huns
“O powerful king, rouse your heart. Return to blood, return to fire! Go, fateful man, feed on sensual pleasure, delight in it.” — Chorus

“Ezio, announce meanwhile in Rome that I have torn aside the veil of dreams.”

— Attila
Foresto contemplates Odabella’s hateful marriage to Attila and is driven to fury. Uldino appears by the shore and warns Foresto that Attila is taking Odabella to his tent. Also, he tells Foresto that Ezio and his Roman troops are armed and ready beyond the forest.

Foresto calls Odabella “faithless” for not waiting to marry him.

“What would that wretched man not have offered for Odabella? Even, heaven forgive me, even your immortal garland. Why does your serenity shine in the faces of the traitors? Why do you place among the angels those with such wicked hearts?”

—Foresto
Ezio appears and his warriors are ready for the signal.

“They will all burst out, like flashes of lightning, upon the accursed monster.” —Ezio to Foresto

“Not one, not one of the barbarians shall return to his household gods.” —Foresto to Ezio
“Enter amid applause, O virgin, the tent is opened for you.” —Chorus to Odabella

“It is the prenuptial hymn.” —Foresto

“It will become a funeral dirge.” —Ezio
Odabella flees the marriage bed of Attila with her crown and sword, running to Foresto. She proclaims her faithful love to Foresto and that her heart is pure. Foresto is still enraged.

Ezio tries to calm the lovers as Attila appears and realizes the betrayal.

Odabella proclaims that Attila slew her father. Foresto lost his homeland. Ezio is indignant for everyone in Rome (Amore, the kingdom of love) against Attila’s cruelty.

“The wrath of heaven hangs over you.”

—Odabella, Foresto, and Ezio to Attila
HOW TO SLAY THE EGO

- Odabella (इडा Ida,  יוד Zayin)
- Foresto (पिङ्गल Pingala, ו Vav)
- Ezio (עץ Osz IO, the Tree of IO, the spinal medulla)
The Romans charge.

“Father, Father, I sacrifice him to you!”

—Odabella

“God, the people, and the king are fully avenged!”

—Final Chorus