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"Madame Butterfly"

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Madam Butterfly

from the opera "Madam Butterfly" by Puccini

adapted by Malcolm McLaren and Robby Kilgore

Pinkerton:

Back in Nagasaki I got married to Cho Cho San

that was her name

back in those days

and when I was her man

I'm going back to visit her

she got a problem

she got a little Cho Cho

Cho Cho San was her name

and this is her tale of woe

take it away Cho Cho

Cho Cho San:

Today's the day when I see clear

a tiny thread of smoke appear

where blue skies border on the ocean

and a ship is set in motion

All the while I sing this song

I see a dot on the horizon

growing bigger every second

gleaming white in my direction

Who on earth can it be

coming up the path for me

what on earth will he say

shall I run to him or run away

Freaking out he's come to get me

or my feet are stuck but just won't let me

run to him do I dare

Madam Butterfly don't blow it

chorus

Calling Butterfly, Madam Butterfly

that's the name he used to call give

he's my man till the day I die

oh sweet Butterfly, so sweet Butterfly

she's waiting

he'll be back, I have faith in this love track

Pinkerton:

Pinkerton's the name

Lieutenant Colonel Pinkerton! sir

U.S. Navy

I'm a bounder

I married a Yankee girl

but I went back to visit old Japan

where there she was, Cho Cho San

Cho Cho San:

Gotta have something to believe in
my white honkey sure do miss him
someday soon he'll come around
just to stop me nervous breakdown

Call me fool! Call me stupid!

bend my arrow kill this cupid

say it with me

he'll be back

I have faith in this love track

chorus

Little sweet sweet Butterfly

I hear him crowing faintly

thinks I'm just still sweet sixteen

I guess I'll tease him gently

Cho Cho San:

Calling Madam Butterfly

his angel lucked right from the sky

hide my baby in strange places

I feel the fear I might die

Right in his arms and embraces

softly kissing my eyelashes

got no right no right to doubt it

ain't no doubt no doubt about it

Call me fool! call me stupid!

bend this arrow kil this cupid

I have faith I'll always pray
my white honkey's here to stay

chorus

Call me Butterfly, Madam Butterfly

Butterfly, Butterfly have no fear

I'll be back to wipe your tears

of sweet Butterfly, so sweet Butterfly

she's waiting

I'll wait for him with unshakable faith

he'll be back

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