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## **Acts In Scene** "Medea"

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Oh, unfortunate one! Oh cruel! Where will you turn? Who will help you? What house or land to preserve you From ill can you find? Medea, a god has thrown suffering Upon you in waves of despair "I have many ways of death Which I might suit to them Even though death is certain. I will take the sword myself And kill and steadfastly advance to crime" "I know indeed what evil I intend to do, But stronger than all my afterthoughts is my fury, Fury that brings upon mortals the greatest evils"

## **CHORUS:**

"Ah wretch! Ah, lost in my sufferings I wish, I wish I might die!"

Oh, your heart must have been made of rock or steel, You who can kill with your own hand The fruit of your womb Banished one! Shattered one! I see your wounds In stained hands - all the blood's shed It is your raw destiny Leaving hateful existence behind you There's no woman who would dare such deeds

Go, worker in evil, Stained with your children's blood In a chariot drawn by dragons I see you Not agreeing you're really a "worker in evil" All of your love was anyhow unfold

(And yet they say we live secure at home, While they do the fight in war How wrong they are! For I would gladly take my stand in battle Array three times over, Than bear one child.)

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