

## Inanna - The Opera

### "EANNA"

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INANNA: Ninshubur, I think it's fine  
This temple that great Anu calls Eanna  
The food is great, and so's the wine  
But something's missing, Ninshubur, I wonder -  
Why things seem backward and simple  
Can you tell me what's going on?

NINSHUBUR: My dear, you're used to towns possessing  
qualities  
Which lend a higher station  
With priests and kings, a thousand things  
That make up what you call civilization

INANNA: You're telling me that there are rules  
And directions required to make this happen?

NINSHUBUR: Go, Inanna, travel to the Abzu  
And speak to your father-in-law

Ea's got the things you need  
They are called the Tablets of Destiny

INANNA: Send a message to Ea  
Let him know that I will arrive....

EA: Oh, Isimud, this is excellent  
I'd like to get that queen inside my tent  
You know I've had my eye on her forever  
What other reason would bring her here?

Let her in, treat her well  
Bathe her in the waters of the Tigris  
Give her beer from an urn of gold  
And prepare my royal bed of cypress  
Inanna and I will talk a while, and then we'll.....

ISIMUD: Oh, great Ea, may I be so bold?

I'm worried, for I hear Inanna  
Doesn't always come with pure intentions....

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