

1. Recitative: Messenger

Be quiet! Not a word, and listen to what happens now:
Here comes Mr Schlendrian, and his daughter Lizzie too!
He growls just like a grizzly bear!
Hear for yourselves, what she has done to him!

2. Aria: Schlendrian

Children oftentimes are headaches, hundred thousand miseries,
Day by day I plead with Lizzie, argue with her 'til I'm dizzy,
But my point she never sees!
Argue, moralize, and tease, but the point she never sees,

3. Recitative

Schlendrian:
You naughty child! You wild girl!
Ah! When will I achieve my goal?
Get rid of the coffee for my sake!

Lizzie:
Daddy dear, please don't be so harsh!
Unless I make me a nice cup of coffee morning, noon, and night,
I soon will be a perfect fright, an ugly, dried up Nanny goat!

4. Aria: Lizzie

Ah! Coffee, sweetest of all blisses, lovelier than a thousand kisses,
Smoother than muscatel wine! Ah! Ah!
Such sweet bliss, coffee, Oh! Oh! Sweetest of blisses!

Coffee, coffee! I must have coffee, and if someone wants to please me,
Ah, then bring me coffee, ah, then bring me coffee as a gift!

5. Recitative

Schlendrian:
If you don't give up coffee for me, you won't go to any wedding parties---
Or even go out for walks!

Lizzie:
Whatever. Only leave my coffee alone!

Schlendrian:

(aside) Now I've got the little monkey!

I won't buy that stylish dress you had your heart so set upon!

Lizzie:

Oh, daddy, that is no problem.

Schlendrian:

I'll cut off you access to wifi, you'll miss the latest posts in FaceBook!

Lizzie:

Whatever, but have pity on me and let me have my coffee!

Schlendrian:

You can be sure that I'll not pay for any tatoos--or or'nge or purple hair!

Lizzie:

Yeah, yeah--but leave my ONE pleasure.

Schlendrian:

You quick-tongued Lizzie, you! You'd give up ev'rything I'm asking??

6. Aria: Schlendrian

Daughters, your minds are so stubborn, you can't easily be swayed!

Yet, if we hit just the right nerve, Oh, so happ'ly we may then prevail!

Yet, if we hit just the right nerve, if we hit just the right nerve,

Oh, so happily prevail, so happily, so happily prevail.

So happ'ly we'll prevail, happily prevail,

Oh, so happily prevail!

If we hit just the right nerve, so happily we'll prevail!

7. Recitative

Schlendrian:

Now do then as your father says!

Lizzie:

In all things--except for coffee!

Schlendrian:

Well, then! Then I shall not provide a destination wedding---or agree to a husband!

Lizzie:

Oh, dear! Dear daddy...no husband?!

Schlendrian:

I swear, this is no idle threat!

Lizzie: (*aside*)

But can I coffee leave behind?

Yes! Coffee--lie there now forever!

(*to Schlendrian*):

Dear father, hear me, I drink it nevermore!

Schlendrian:

So you shall ever be in withdrawal!

8. Aria: Lizzie

Even today, dearest father, don't delay, even today, even today, even today,

Ah, ah, ah, a beau, truly that will please me so!

Even today, even today, dearest father, don't delay!

When I'm craving cappuccino, or a bottomless coffee,

Then I'll go to bed right away, with my brave and sturdy hero!

9. Recitative:

Old Schlendrian is searching far and wide

to find a man to whom to offer his little Lizzie as a bride;

But Liz announces on the sly: "No candidate need here apply, unless he makes an affidavit

And writes it in the marriage contract too, that he will always let me brew my coffee,

Whenever I crave it."

10. Chorus

As mice to cats, the coffee craze is all the rage with all who use it.

If mother loves her coffee habit, and grandma is completely addicted to it,

Then how will our girls not abuse it?