

MASSENET

CINDERELLA

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ACT I The household prepares for a royal ball. Madame de la Haltière refuses to let Cinderella attend, and the girl falls asleep dreaming of the ball. Her Fairy Godmother appears and conjures a coach, gown, and glass slippers. She tells Cinderella that she can go to the ball but must leave before midnight.

ACT II The King orders Prince Charming to find a wife at the ball. An unknown beauty arrives; it is Cinderella in all her finery. The Prince immediately falls in love, but at the first stroke of midnight, she hurries away.

ACT III Cinderella recalls her frightening journey home. Her family returns, and Madame de la Haltière describes the stranger at the ball, telling Cinderella that the Prince spoke contemptuously of the girl. Cinderella is crushed, and Pandolfe comforts her.

ACT IV Madame de la Haltière and her daughters are excited to learn that the King is trying to find the unknown beauty and is summoning maidens from around the land. Each woman who appears at court must try on the glass slipper left behind by the young woman. Cinderella resolves to go to the palace. The Prince is in despair without his beloved. Cinderella arrives, and he instantly recognizes her. They declare their love, and everyone rejoices.

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