Odin, the Opera Libretto - Act I

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Act I - Prologue - Weather Reporter

Welcome to our planet. I'm \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Here are our current conditions: Rules mean nothing, everyone wants to be different, yet we all look the same, Starbucks is packed on Friday nights, bottled water costs more than gasoline, unbridled fear, racism, and violence have become our reality, and the outrageous oil prices of the past decade have been toppled by pharmaceuticals and Epipens. The curtain rises, and we find ourselves at Yggsdrasil, also known as The Tree of Life, an immense mythical tree that connects the nine worlds of Nordic lore. As a layer of ground fog dissipates, we see Odin hanging by the neck from the tree. He has put out one of his eyes and hung himself for nine days and nights without water or food, a sacrifice necessary for him to gain knowledge, which will lead him to discover the Runes and poetry.

Our forecast calls for a bit of climate change as Odin generates great turbulence and unstable air masses as he navigates the uncharted waters as both the God of Knowledge and the God of War. There's a slight chance of slippery conditions when the Ice Giants and their leader, Loko, confront Odin for murdering one of their own. We shift to 100% spring-like conditions as male Loko, has an inversion and shape-shifts into Loki, a female who now awaits her lover Odin in the love garden. She has several surprises up her sleeve... and somewhere else as well. A high-pressure system invades when the Berserks, Odin's rowdy army arrives and intrudes upon Odin and Loki.

A seasonal change slowly develops when Odin, as the God of Knowledge, begins to impart wisdom to his army and followers. Will that change be good or bad? Remember, a warrior who thinks before he strikes may not live to strike again. And finally, we anticipate summer conditions when Odin's son, Baldar, and his Mother, Frigg, reunite. Frigg will encourage Baldar to help Odin refine his role as God of Knowledge. Baldar agrees. So off we go, round and around. Just like a repeating weather pattern. It's the same as it was when humans first walked the earth. Jesus. Will we ever learn?

(Black out – Segue to Introduction)

Act 1 Introduction - Odin and Chorus

#### chorus:

O-din, O-din, O-din

O-din - Brother of Zeus, O-din - God of Death

O-din - Father of the Slain, O-din - Son of Wisdom

O-din - Master of the Magic, O-din - Leader of all Mortals

O-din - Slayer of the Giants, O-din - The Rainmaker

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O-din - The Wanderer, O-din - The Ventor of Violence
O-din - The All Father, O-din - The Maker of the Wind
is born again.
(Segue to Act 1, Scene 1)
Act 1, Scene 1 - Odin and Chorus
O-din, O-din, O-din, O-din,
O-din, O-din, O-din, O-din.
(As God of Knowledge)
The first poem: Untitled
Thaw-gauze (enlightenment), Yee-bo (blessing/gift)
Thaw-gauze (enlightenment), Thaw-gauze (enlightenment)
Thaw gauze (enlightenment), Yee-bo (blessing/gift)
Thaw-gauze (enlightenment), Yee-bo (blessing/gift), Mawn-nawz (humanity)
Thaw-gauze (enlightenment), Yee-bo (blessing/gift), Yare-awe (fertile/harvest)
Thaw-gauze (enlightenment), Yee-bo (blessing/gift), Yare-awe (harvest), Yare-awe.
The second poem: Woon-yo (joy)
Bear-kahn-oh (new beginning)
Bear-kahn-oh (new beginning), So-we-low (perfection)
Bear-kahn-oh (new beginning), Oath-awe-law (harvest)
Bear-kahn-oh (new beginning), Oath-awe-law (harvest), Woon-yo (joy), Woon-yo
Woon-yo (joy)
Bear-kawn-oh (new beginning), So-we-lo (perfection), Woon-yo (joy), Woon-yo
Bear-kahn-oh (new beginning), Oath-awe-law (harvest), Woon-yo (joy), Woon-yo.
The third poem: Awn-sooze (message)
Ee-saw (inaction)
Ay-waz (forward movement), Ay-waz, Ay-waz,
Mawn-nawz (humanity)
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Tea-waz (victory), Tea-waz

Awn-sooze (message)
Ee-saw (inaction)
Ay-waz (forward movement), Ay-waz, Ay-waz
Tea-waz (victory), Tea-waz
Awn-sooze (message), Ay-waz (forward movement)
Awn-sooze (message), Ay-waz (forward movement)

(Segue to Act 1, Scene 2)

Act 1, Scene 2 - Odin and Chorus

(as God of War) Ha-ga-laws (chaos)

Ooo-rooze (strength), Eye-waz (defense), Perth-row (secrets), Ha-ga-laws (chaos)

Now-these (pain), Tea-waz (victory), Ha-ga-laws, I'll rip your heart out with this.
Crush you with these. I love human sacrifice. The apocalypse is near.
Kill everyone. Loot everything. The smell of gore everywhere!

Tea-waz (victory), Ooo-rooze (strength) Now-these (pain), Eye-waz (defense), Kane-a-waz (fire), Now-these (pain), Ha-ga-laws (chaos), Ha-Da-Laws

Now-these (pain), Ha-ga-laws (chaos), Tea-waz (victory), Ha-ga-laws (chaos), Ha-ga-laws), Ha-ga-laws.

(As God of Knowledge)

You know there is another side to me, where the pen is mightier than the sword, and paper covers rocks. So I gave my eye so that I could see, the side of thought and poetry, where ideas move mountains and brains beat muscle. Where the same energy that wins a battle writes a symphony. And words are born, like peace, love and tolerance.

(As God of War)

But enough of that.
I must prepare for Ragnarok. The war to end all wars. The cock will crow, the horn will blow and the world will stop. I must gather my posse and march them to atrocity.

Ooo-rooze (strength), Eye-waz (defense), All-yeese (protection), Eye-waz (defense) Ooo-rooze (strength), All-yeese (protection), Ha-ga-laws (chaos) Ha-ga-laws, Ha-ga-laws

Now-these (pain), Eye-waz (defense), Ha-ga-laws, Ha-ga-laws Kane-a-waz (fire), Kane-a-waz, Ha-ga-laws (chaos) Tea- waz (victory), Tea-waz, Ha-ga-laws.(chaos) Ha-ga-laws.

(As God of Knowledge)

Woon-yo (joy), Eeng-waz (movement)
Fay-who (money), Rye-through (travel), Kane-a-waz (fire)
Yee-.bo (blessings), Woon-yo (joy), Woon-yo, Woon-yo, Woon-yo
So-we-low (perfection), Bear-kawn-oh (new beginnings), Eye-waz (defense),
Mawn-nawz (humanity), Law-gooze (intuition), Thaw-gauze (enlightenment)
Win without fighting!

History will repeat itself over and over, like Ragnarok, Waterloo, Normandie, and even in the streets its the same old game, but its gonna change, and some day, you will see. But until that time you will have to deal with me. (As God of War) I am satan, I am your destiny!

Ah, the cries of pain!
Oh, the sound of gushing blood!
The smell of death!
I feel your screaming! I'll
eat your liver!
Slit you ear to ear!
Chop your arms off!

Ooo-rooze (strength), Ha-ga-laws (chaos)

Act 1 Scene 3 - The Giants, Odin and Loko

Giants:

Its Odin!

I see him!

Where?

Over there.

Cut him off.

Don't let him escape.

He's a dead man.

Its been a long time coming.

Vengeance is ours.

You're a dead man, Odin.

You'll beg for mercy.

The wrath of our dead brother is upon you.

Now you die.

You did it! You did it!

You killed our brother in cold blood.

You and your soldiers

You were not strong enough to do it by yourself.

You killer!

Murderer.

Pain awaits you. You will be tortured.

Fire awaits you. You won't survive.

Ice awaits you. An eve for an eve.

Ashes await your body. You're gonna die.

# Odin

(as God of War)

It is you, who teams with demons and you, who refuses to change.

You, who build your fortress walls, and you who runs untamed.

You want to take away the sun and rob us of the seasons,

and then you take the moon leaving darkness and eternal freezing.

### Odin duets with Giants and then with Loko

Giants Odin

This is our land.

We want it back.

Keep your army out of our way.

Time is changing that.

You can never go back.

Don't you threaten me.

We will take what is ours.

You are a murderer, a liar, killer, murderer. You can never defeat me never, never.

## Loko

Giants, back off. Giants stop. Giants, hold the line. Giants, stay. As your leader I order you stay. You will get your chance, I promise.

Loko to Odin

And as for you, there was a time,

no sunshine, ice everywhere.

We lived in harmony then you brought fire to melt our ice.

You brought killing and violence to our life.

We don't need your forward change,

we want our walls, we want our ice. Odin

The cold times. You're in the presence of a God.

You have no strength of your own. A God who sees the future. A God who makes

the future.

You can't out-wrestle any Giant by yourself. You are nothing without your army. You will cause no more pain. You will not take our land.

The world is growing warmer. The ice is melting. Your land is thawing. You're growing older. It will be brains, not muscle that will melt your dreams.

Giants, back off!
Giants, go home!
Silence!
I don't want to hear your voice.
You will pay, not today.
You will pay at Ragnarok.

I tell y\_\_\_\_\_

Now go back home.
You get out of here.
Wait for the cock to crow.
That will be the day you will pay.
The ice is coming and we'll be home.
And you will meet your glorious pyre.
So go, and wait for the cold. Ain't no sunshine once you're gone.

(Loko transforms into Loki. Segue to Act 4)

Act 1 Scene 4- Odin, Loki, Berserks, and Dwarf

Loki Odin

It's been a while, I'm glad to be back in your world again I've watched you from afar, your greatness has grown.

Let's go over there, I want you.

(as God of War)

But first, we must make a pact, to let me help you seal your fate.

You need my body, my mind, and my evil plan. My Odin, God of Knowledge, let me share my thoughts with you.

You give me control of all the aimless souls, the Strays, who do what they're told, and I will train them to be bold with blind devotion to Odin.

At Ragnarok the Strays will flank The Giants on both sides, so when you meet The Giants on the plain the Strays will close off The Giants on the right, front and rear, and we will have The

Let's go. There's so much I want to do with you.

What kind of pact? I need you as my woman, not my warrior.

Okay, let me hear your plan.

Giants in a box, the box of death my dear.

So plant a kiss on my lips to seal your fate. I will question authority.
War is the greatest affair.
I am prepared for them.
They will feast on war for all their needs.
Yes, I wouldn't miss your greatest moment.

I have some questions for you.
What do you know of war?
How will you train the Strays?
How will you arm them, feed them?
Will you be by my side at Ragnarok?

## Act I Scene 5 - Weather Reporter

Wow, those Ancients created quite a storm, didn't they? Especially those Berserks! Whew! The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King once said, "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity." Wow, some things never change. It appears we still need a vaccine to cure the ignorance and stupidity of our leaders. Our Storm Tracker 5000 is showing us some turbulent conditions ahead: deception, mayhem, murder and more.

First, a variable front moves in, giving us the beauty and ugliness of nature all in one cloud burst as we experience the Ride of the Valkyries. Watch as these beautiful, yet terrifying, maidens comb the country-side searching for the unclaimed souls of soldiers fallen in previous battles. They take these souls to Odin's Valhalla where they are immortalised and inducted into Odin's army, to fight by his side at Ragnarok, the war to end all wars. The harsh realities of winter arrive as Odin's spy planes, The Ravens, eavesdrop on Loko telling The Giants of his and Loki's plan to deceive Odin and defeat him when they meet at Ragnarok. Ravens are extremely interesting and intelligent birds. They have insight and problem solving abilities. They collect shiny objects as well as tree branches to play with and they have the rare ability to gather and travel together to a specific event - such as a new source for food.

Now we find The Ravens flying back to Odin's Valhalla, where they interrupt a discussion between Odin and Baldar to inform Odin of Loko and Loki's evil plan. Upon hearing this deceitful news, Odin goes into a full winter blitz, and readies his armies for Ragnarok. The winter chill turns into an full-fledged ice storm when Frigg reveals the one substance that would kill her beloved son Baldar - mistletoe. Unfortunately, she also reveals it to his potential killer, who is actually Loki, disguised as an old woman. Finally, we arrive at the party at Asgard, where the festivities are out of control. In the midst of the pandemonium, we see Loki sneaking behind Baldar. She raises a blow gun and shoots a dart into his neck. He drops to the ground, dead from a dart poisoned with mistletoe.

Baldar

(Black out - Segue Scene 6)

Act 1 Scene 6 - Baldar & Frigg (Frigg with mistletoe in her hair)

Frigg
Welcome home, come to your Mother,
give me a great big hug. Watch your hand,

give me a great big hug. Watch your hand, do not forget, you cannot touch my mistletoe.

I bet you wowed all the girls. Did you protect

Its good to see you Mom, I have been away for so many days.

vourself?

Mother, Mother, stop talking foolishly I'm an adult you know.

You've grown up to be such a handsome lad; yes you have.

Baldar you are my life, and I must protect you.

Mother, a new day is dawning. I have a gift to give.

I have made a deal with the evils, so that almost nothing can hurt you.

They have all agreed not to hurt you,

for eternity.

And you are free to be what you want to be.

I've been blessed with the gift of seeing the future.

And I clearly see you as a God of goodness.

A God who's invincible and can never die.

A God who is good and can always bring peace and joy.

You have a special gift, and it will help you change the world.

Mother, I know what you mean. A new day is dawning.

I can see the ways of the old have grown weary. I can see that violence is not the only way to do things. There is a new way to be, and it requires mind over matter. People everywhere will resist, but you can't stop change. Even Odin must learn. He must adapt and change. The whole world must change. This is my calling. I know it in my heart. I do have a gift of seeing things differently.

I will help you my Baldar, help you to make a change. But you must promise to be wary of evil. Even though we have a pact, there's still the mistletoe. Trust no one.

I am the only one you can trust. Not even your Father,

who gave birth to your gift. What do you mean, Father gave birth to my gift?

Your Father knows that the pen is mightier than the sword.

So you must free him to think what's in his heart. Baldar,

you're the first to think, to reason, to feel, to have honour.

Odin knows in his heart. He knows because you come from him.

He's the God of Knowledge, it comes from him. He is also the

God of War who needs to be free. Free to seek calm ways to

solve problems. And to do this, he must completely change his ways.

And as our God and leader, he needs to take the lead. So the key

to a better world is Odin, your Father. So go show him the way

my beautiful Baldar. I will, I will help him my dear Mother

Teach us all how to reason, and the meaning of honour. I will. I will help my dear Father.

But always be aware of those who don't

I will make a difference

understand you.

I will be a tall beacon.

Baldar, be careful, remember that I love you.

My calling has made me strong, I am not afraid.

# Act 1 Scene 7 - Dance of the Valkyries

Go to Valhalla. Live on forever. Find your reward tired soldier.

Ho Yo To Ho, Ho Yo To Ho Ho Yo To Ho, Ho Yo To Ho Ho

Ho Yo To, Ho Yo To Ho Yo To, Ho Yo To Ho Yo Ho Yo Ho Yo Ho Yo Ho Yo Ho Yo To Ho.

You have been chosen to serve our God Odin. Tend to his needs forever.

Ho You To Ho, Ho You To Ho
Ho You To Ho, Ho You To Ho
Ah-e, Ho You To Ho, Ah-e, Ho You To Ho
Ah-e, Ho You Ho, Ah-e, Ho You Ho
Ah-e, Ho You Ho, Ah-e, Ho You Ho
Ah-e, Ho You Ho, Ah-e, Ho You Ho
Ah-e, Ho You Ho
Ah-e, Ho You To Ho, Ho
Yo

You're immortal. Soldier servants In Valhalla for Odin

Ho Yo To Ho, Ho Yo To Ho Ho Yo To Ho, Ho Yo To Ho

# Act 1 Scene 8 - Loko, The Giants & the Ravens

## Loko

My supreme Giants, gather near.
As you know, the old days, the cold days are returning to us.

Once we defeat and kill Odin at Ragnarok, the chill will begin.

I have made sure of our victory.

Every detail is in place.

You see, I have personally befriended Odin,

and he doesn't even know it.

Yes, he thinks that I am his lover.

I change my body and personality to become Loki, a female.

Odin has the hots for Loki.

Odin has agreed to turn over

all his weakened souls, the Strays,

to Loki. She will train them for battle.

He thinks they will be trained to fight for him.

But its all a plot, for you see, at the Battle of Ragnarok,

Loki will have trained all the Strays to attack Odin's army,

and together, with our Giant might, we will crush Odin

and his army. And they'll be gone, forever. And the

cold, dark days will be ours, forever.

Act 1 Scene 9 - Odin, Baldar, & The Ravens

#### Baldar

Odin, my Father, I know you. And you know in your heart you must change your ways in order to to show us a better world. A kinder, gentler world where the pen is mightier than the sword. Where knowledge and thought will crush violent ways.

### Odin

Baldar, my son, You will someday follow in my footsteps. You are a God and you will someday rule the world. But I must toughen you to meet the cruelties in the world. And together, we must work to help your Mother and her obsessions.

#### Baldar

Father, I know you're also the God of Knowledge and you know in your heart that I am right. There will be a day when everyone can practice honour, reason, and peace - The birth of Civility!

We'll be changed forever.

Raven #1 Excuse me

Raven #2 Excuse us

Raven#1 Great Odin

Raven #2

We have some urgent news to

re-port to you.

Odin

Well all right, what is it?

Raven#2

# Loko is Loki

Odin What?

Raven#1

You are in great danger

Odin

What are you say-ing?

Raven #1 Ragnarok!

Raven #1 Uh huh, uh huh That's right your girlfriend.

Raven #1 The Strays

Raven #1

Times are strange

Raven #1 Starvation

Raven #1

Everyone feels helpless

Poverty

Raven #1 Ragnarok

Raven #1 We have never failed you. Raven #2 Ragnarok!

Loko can change his sex to become Loki, your girl-friend.

Raven #2

They are conspiring to get you to give up all the lost souls

Raven #2

to Loki, who is also Loko, who will

train them to fight you at

Ragnarok.

Raven #2

Violent storms

Raven #2 inequality

Raven #2

The end is near Ragnarok

Please listen to us

Baldar Father, let me...... Odin

Loko and the Giants are coming for vengeance. I must ready my Army and go to the meeting of the Gods at Asgard, to plan.

Baldar

Father, I beg you.

Let me help you. A new way is coming.

It's mind over matter.

Odin Oh.

Raven #1

Odin, beware. Loki is the enemy.

Raven #2 Please beware. She may make you famous for all the wrong reasons.

Baldar He's as self-absorbed As my mother.

Act I Scene 10 - Odin, his Armies, Chorus, and the Dwarf

chorus:

Darkness is upon us as the fearless Odin gathers his forces for battle.

Looking good, looking good. The Berserks are poised for war. Time to see the Valhalla warriors. Chosen ones, they will live forever. All in place, ready for action.

We are in the mood for a really big slaughter. Rip their hearts out, slash their heads. We fight to the death.

Odin

Come gather round me.
My army, gather near.
Ragnarok, the war to end all wars is upon us, and I am counting on you my trusted Berserks and the Army of Valhalla to bring me victory.

We will make our way through the valley to the plain.

The Giants will be poised on the plain. The army of Valhalla will approach the Giants From the north and you will Kick Up the Dust.

Berserks in unison: Kick up the dust!

Odin:

The Giants can't see our exact movement. Then you, my trusted Berserks will come up from the south (points) as you Kick Up The Dust.

Berserks in unison: Kick up the dust!

Odin:

The Strays will flank The Giants from the east and west. They too will Kick Up The Dust!

Berserks in unison: Kick up the dust!

Odin:

Now we have The Giants in a box. There may be changes to this plan. My trusted leader Fromin will advise you of any changes. Victory will be ours. Any questions? Your job is to kill without hesitation or thought. I said kill! Are you ready? Are you ready to kill?

Berserks in unison:

KILL! KILL! KILL! KILL! KILL! KILL! KILL!

Odin:

Let me see the war dance.

Berserks #1: We kill. Kill.

Berserks #2:

We are in the mood for really big slaughter.

Berserks #3

We will rip their guts out.

Berserks #4

We are darkness.

Chorus:

Kick up the dust!

Percussion:

We will take no prisoners!

# Act 1 Scene 11 - Old Woman (Loki) & Frigg

Old Woman, speaking to Frigg:

These kids, they're all up to no good. Too lazy to do anything. They're all that way. Oh yes they are.

Frigg:

I know one who is not that way.

Old Woman

And who might that be?

Frigg:

My son, Baldar.

Old Woman

Baldar, what a strange name.

Frigg:

He's a wonderful boy. He's big, strong, handsome -He's a God.

Old Woman:

And you're his proud mother,

Yeah, right!

Frigg:

Baldar is special.

Old Woman:

Sure he is..

Frigg:

He is!

He is really a God. He's the son of Odin.

And he brings us thought, honour, and reasoning.

Things we don't have today.

He can change the world.... but

Old Woman:

But what?

Frigg: He keeps having nightmares, that he's going to die. But that cannot happen, because I have arranged his protection. No one can hurt himno oneexcept
Old Woman: Except who? What? Ah, now I get it. Something can hurt him.
Frigg: Yes!
Old Woman: Ah, is it arsenic?
Frigg: No!
Old Woman: Hemlock?
Frigg: No!
Frigg: Parsley?
Frigg: No!
Old Woman: Mouse droppings?
Frigg: No!
Old Woman: Oregano?
Frigg: (Sighs) No!

Old Woman: Pine Tar? Frigg: No!

Old Woman: Mistletoe?

Frigg:

Yes....! Yes!...... I have

made a pact with all objects, except mistletoe - to allow Baldar to live in peace for eternity.

Old Woman:

So your big, strong, handsome Baldar can be hurt by mistletoe?

Frigg:

It could kill him!

(Weeps and then gathers her composure)
Mistletoe, the symbol of life, can kill my boy.
And what is so odd, is that I wear mistletoe
in my hair. Always have. But nothing can hurt my boy,
Baldar. I must make a pact with mistletoe,
then nothing can harm my boy...ever.

Old Woman: Hmm?????

Act I Scene 12 - Party at Asgard - Complete Cast

Chorus:

(In background)

Oh bay Doo doo Oh bay Ay

Doo doo

le (Repeats many times)

God #1

The Giants have the same weapons that we have

God #2

A threat to our peace

God #3

We must attack now

God #4 Why?		
God #3 Because we can		
God #5 We need to set an ex-ample and we can't afford to wait.		
God #6 It won't take long. Six days is all it will take.		
God #1 Our intelligence is good		
God #2 They're a threat to our way of life		
God #3 We know exactly what we're doing		
God #4 And that's a fact!		
God #1 Let's get it over!		
God #5 What will our people say?		
God #6 Don't worry, in a month, they will have forgotten it happened		
God #2 We are justified, sanctified!		
Chorus: (Sings) Ah—————		
Ah ah ah ah (repeat several times)		
Odin (As God of War) I will be ruth-less Show no mercy I will conquer, forever!	Baldar Father, I need your ear. Please, you must avoid war. Remember your eye.	
I make the rules. I am immortal.	Know-ledge puts mind over matter.	

War is the failure of the mind, and lack of creativity.

Now go! Indulge your-self! Par-ty!
Chorus: Oh bay Ay repeats many times Doo doo
Odin: (Scene of human sacrifice) Middling, your hands are clean.
God #1 Duty calls you Odin, calls you.
God #2 Fresh blood!
God #3 Sacrifice
God #4 Red energy!
God #2 Prepare
Odin Ears, Nose Hands, Penis
Now eat, drink, enjoy his body!
Chorus: Oh bay Ay repeats many times Doo doo le
Baldar Father knows,
Chorus; Ah———- Ah ah ah (repeats)

Baldar:

but is paralysed by what he knows.

He knows that no one can de-feat him,

Un-til that day, when some-one, some-where
uses their mind as a weapon. I——————
(Baldar voice trails off as he is hit with the mistletoe dart.)

Chorus Oh bay

Ay repeats and fades

Doo doo

le

Act I Scene 13 - Weather Reporter

And so it was with Odin and the Ancients. We've seen it many times over, through the eyes of many leaders. All of them claim to possess all-knowing supremacy, all of them are totally committed to their beliefs, and all of them commit crimes against humanity. History remembers, yet most people forget, while others cling to the past so much that it effects their future. The landscape of one thousand years can be determined by a single storm.... and that storm is upon us. The cloud of Ragnarok draws ever so near - earthquakes, blizzards, glaciers melting, torrential winds and rain. It's all coming... in Act 2. And that's the latest weather. See you after the potty break!