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ACT I Isolde is being escorted by Tristan on his ship to Cornwall, whose ruler (and Tristan's foster father), Marke, she is to marry. She tells her companion, Brangäne, how she once treated Tristan's wounds after he killed her betrothed, Morold. Now humiliated by her captivity, she asks Brangäne to prepare poison for her and Tristan to drink. Brangäne gives them a love potion instead. As the ship sails into the harbor, Tristan and Isolde confess their love.

INTERMISSION

ACT II The lovers meet in secret while Marke is away. Tristan expresses his belief that love can only find fulfillment at night. Faced with the inevitability of their parting at daybreak, Tristan and Isolde resolve to die. Marke discovers them and is devastated by Tristan's disloyalty. Tristan implores Isolde to set off into the night with him. She agrees. After a struggle with Marke's men, Tristan is wounded and collapses.

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ACT III Tristan is lying in a coma with Kurwenal, his aide, watching over him. As his life slips away, he recalls traumatic events, including the death of his parents. Kurwenal has summoned Isolde, and when her ship appears, the delirious Tristan tears off his bandages and dies in her arms. Marke and Brangäne try to draw Isolde back to the realm of day and life, but she expires in a rapture of ecstatic love.

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