

ITALIAN MALE (several roles)

VERSATILE MALE, ANY AGE

GONDOLIER (welcoming the group of four aboard his gondola) Bon giorgno! Come aboard. The Gran' Canal...the quiet canals, the Bridge of Sighs..

Ladies..lovely ladies. Welcome aboard.
Gentlemen, too.

That's a OK. I take just the ladies..Ladies, you lie back I serenade you. Where you from?

Australia! For you, special price!!

Is 100 Euro.

I sing! Verdi. Puccini! O Sole Mio!

Gran' canal..little bit. Then the back canals..
I take you where vaporetto don't go.

Santa Lucia... This is back of Doges Palace.. just here..Casanova..he was in prison here.

BURSTS INTO A COUPLE OF BARS OF *Oh Sole Mio*.

COUNT: You have much to cry about. I know something of all this. I know of your daughter.The couple here with you told my wife. They meant it kindly. They came to see her a couple of days ago. I think they want tomorrow night, your last night, to be very special for you.
My wife and I are to serve a farewell dinner.
We do this very occasionally and, I have to say, we charge many Euros. Which they want to pay for.