

## Donna non vidi mai

Des Grieux's aria from the opera *Manon Lescaut* (tenor)

Libretto by several authors, including *Luigi Illica* (1857–1919), *Giuseppe Giacosa* (1847–1906), *Marco Praga* (1862–1929), and *Domenico Oliva* (1860–1917), after *Storia del cavaliere Des Grieux e di Manon Lescaut* by *Antoine François Prévost* (1697–1763)

Set by *Giacomo Puccini* (1858–1924)

<b>Donna</b>	<b>non</b>	<b>vidi</b>	<b>mai,</b>	<b>simile</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>questa!</b>
['dɔn.na	non	'vi:.di	ma:i	'si:.mi.le	a	'kwe.sta]
A-woman	not	have-I-seen	ever,	such	as	this-one!

*(I have never seen a woman such as this!)*

A dirle: io t'amo,  
a nuova vita l'alma mia si desta.  
“Manon Lescaut mi chiamo!”  
Come queste parole profumate  
mi vagan nello spirto  
e ascose fibre vanno a carezzare.  
O sussurro gentil, deh! non cessar!

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