E lucevan le stelle

Mario Cavaradossi's aria from the opera *Tosca* (tenor)
Libretto by *Luigi Illica* (1857–1919) and *Giuseppe Giacosa* (1847–1906), based on *La Tosca* by *Victorien Sardou* (1831–1908)
Set by *Giacomo Puccini* (1858–1924)

E	**lucevan**	**le**	**stelle**
[e	lu.ˈtʃeː.van	le	ˈstel.le]
And	were-shinning	the	stars,

(And the stars were shinning,)

ed	**olezzava**	**la**	**terra,**	**stridea**	**l'uscio**	**dell'orto,**
[ed	o.led.ˈdzaː.va	la	ˈtɛr.ra	stri.ˈdeːa	ˈluʃ.ʃo	del.ˈlɔr.to]
and	gave-off-a-pleasant-scent	the	earth,	creaked	the-gate	to-the-garden,

(and the earth was fragrant, the garden gate creaked,)

e un passo sfiorava la rena...
entrava ella fragrante, mi cadea fra le braccia.
Oh dolci baci, o languide carezze,
mentr'io fremente la belle forme discioglea dai veli!
Svani per sempre il sogno mio d'amore...
l'ora è fuggita, e muoio disperato!
e non ho amato mai tanto la vita!

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