

"The McRib: An Opera in Three Acts"

Libretto and Music in the Style of Mozart

Characters:

- **Count McRib:** A charismatic, but mysterious figure, obsessed with his secret recipe.
 - **Sophie:** A young, idealistic woman who longs for a better world, but becomes entranced by the McRib's allure.
 - **Dr. Tartar:** The brilliant yet eccentric chef who created the McRib, constantly torn between his scientific endeavors and his desire for fame.
 - **The Chorus of Fast-Food Workers:** A group of enthusiastic, albeit weary, employees who sing in harmony with the ideals of convenience, comfort, and consumption.
 - **Sir Burger:** A noble, but outmoded rival of Count McRib, desperately trying to maintain his own fast-food empire.
 - **Madame Mustard:** A cunning, spicy confidante who seeks to profit from the McRib's fame.
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Act I: The Quest for Flavor

Scene 1: A Fast-Food Palace

Count McRib stands before a grand, glowing poster of the McRib sandwich. He sings a grand aria about his obsession with the perfect taste, "Oh, Savory Majesty!"

Count McRib (*arias in tenor*):

*"Oh, Savory Majesty,
Thy flavors fill my soul,
In the smoke and the sauce,
I find my heart's control!
The world shall know my name,
When the McRib shall reign,
Oh, mighty McRib,
My kingdom of flame!"*

The chorus of workers enters, singing their praises for the wondrous McRib.

Chorus (*bright and lively*):

*"From the grill, to the bun,
It's a delight for everyone!
Savory, smoky, tangy and sweet,
The McRib is our noble treat!"*

Scene 2: Sophie's Dilemma

Sophie, a young woman in her early twenties, stands at the counter of the McRib palace, torn between the allure of the McRib and her desire for a more meaningful life.

Sophie (*a sweet, delicate aria*):

"Must I give in to this feast?
My heart yearns for more than this,
A world of change, a life of art,
But the McRib calls to my heart!"

Dr. Tartar enters, overhearing her doubts. He tries to convince Sophie of the transcendence of the McRib, singing a comical, yet passionate aria.

Dr. Tartar (*quick and lively*):

"Ah, Sophie, don't you see?
The McRib is pure chemistry!
A perfect balance of taste and spice,
To savor it once, and you'll think twice!"

Sophie is torn, but Dr. Tartar's infectious enthusiasm begins to sway her.

Sophie (*half to herself*):

"Could this be my destiny?
To partake in this flavor, so bold?"

Act II: The Rivalry of Burgers

Scene 1: The Duel

In a lavish fast-food hall, Sir Burger and Count McRib come face to face, each claiming to have the true answer to culinary excellence. Their rivalry turns into a humorous, competitive duet.

Sir Burger (*tenor, proudly*):

"Oh McRib, you are no match!
Your flavors lack the taste to catch!
A simple patty, cooked with care,
My burgers are beyond compare!"

Count McRib (*baritone, smugly*):

"You're just a relic of the past,
Your time is over, and won't last!
The McRib will rule the land,
With tender meat and sauce so grand!"

They continue their verbal sparring, each insisting the other's creation is inferior. The chorus joins in with playful harmonies, highlighting their absurd competition.

Chorus (*mocking and lively*):

"The Burger man, he talks too loud,
The McRib's the future, that's allowed!
But who shall reign in the end?
The saga's long, it shall depend!"

Act III: The McRib's Rise

Scene 1: The Temptation

Sophie, now fully enchanted by the McRib, sings a soaring aria in praise of the sandwich, surrendering her former ideals to its pull.

Sophie (*passionate, ecstatic*):

*"Oh, McRib, sweet McRib,
Thy taste is a joy I must imbibe!
No longer I dream of a world so wide,
For in thy sauce, I shall abide!"*

The chorus joins in, celebrating Sophie's full embrace of the McRib. Dr. Tartar watches with satisfaction.

Dr. Tartar (*softly, with pride*):

*"The McRib has conquered her heart,
From art to sauce, she'll never part!"*

Scene 2: The Reckoning

In the final act, Sir Burger, feeling defeated, admits his failure. He sings a poignant, somewhat regretful aria.

Sir Burger (*tenor, low and resigned*):

*"I was once king, so proud and high,
But now my reign must surely die.
The McRib has come, and taken all,
I watch, defeated, as I fall."*

Count McRib enters, triumphant, holding a McRib sandwich aloft. The chorus erupts in joy.

Count McRib (*grandly, as the finale builds*):

*"Let the McRib reign, so rich and bold,
Its story will be told, and told!
The world shall savor, and adore,
The McRib forever more!"*

The grand finale swells as the chorus joins in a jubilant, overwhelming refrain, celebrating the McRib's victory and the new world order of fast food.

Chorus (*in harmony, triumphant*):

*"From the grill, to the bun,
It's the McRib for everyone!
No rival can hold back its reign,
The McRib's triumph shall remain!"*

The curtain falls on a glorious, joyous scene of McRib sandwiches being passed around as the crowd revels in their shared delight.

End of Opera.