

**PROMPT:**

**“I haven’t understood a bar of music in my life, but I have felt it.” – Igor Stravinsky**

**Two huskies, with dreams of becoming opera singers, take off for the big city**

We begin with a faded opera singer, once in their prime, and now getting closer and closer to retirement. They are grouchy and very bitter.

They’re outside, (porch, deck, etc.) and they have a cup of tea nearby. They take a little sip.

They set the cup down and get ready to rehearse.

They inhale and start to sing a vocal warm up when a howl joins in.

The singer stops and looks around. Seeing nothing they shrug it off before beginning again.

The howl joins in a second time. They turn to find a dog trying to sing along.

The two make eye contact and the dog wags its tail. The two have a moment before the singer huffs and goes inside, shutting the dog out.

The dog is surprised, but trots to a window where the singer is seen again trying to warm up.

The dog gets excited, and joins in.

The singer gets angry and tries to ignore the dog, who just gets more and more enthusiastic.

The singer stops, and storms over to the window. They open it and glare at the dog who gives them a lick.

They consider it a moment, and sing a note at the dog, who awoo’s an approximation of the note back.

The singer tries again with two notes this time. The dog awoo’s in kind.

This continues to escalate, with 3 notes, a short melody, and a little harmony, until the two of them are singing together. They both end on the same note. The singer pauses and disappears for a moment. They come back outside with their tea and a cookie for the dog. The two of them sit in comfortable silence for a moment, the dog gnawing on their treat. The singer seems more peaceful and relaxed. They sip their tea. End.

NOTES: The howling is intended to be somewhat harmonic, like a dog trying to sing. A good, familiar opera song that would work with a back and forth is the Figaro section from [Largo al factotum \(Figaro's Aria\)](#) but that’s your call! I was also listening a lot to [The Flower Duet](#) when I was trying to write this.