

Dowager Empress (Female 55-70; Alto; vocal range: F3-Bb4)

READING:

It's time to go, I've stayed too long here. You'll visit me with your sisters and little brother. There's a bridge there named for your grandfather, did you know that? The Pont Alexandre. He never saw it. We'll walk on it together. And we'll go to the ballet every night! Wherever I go, you'll always be with me. You're my favorite. Strong, not afraid of anything.

Gleb (Male 25-40; Baritenor; vocal range: A2-Gb4)

READING:

We hear you, comrades! The revolution hears you! Yes, our way is long, the journey hard. The chains of the Romanovs were heavy. Three long centuries they bound us. But we have broken them! Together we will forge a new Russia. A fair and compassionate Russia that will be the envy of all the world. This is the promise we have made. Fellow Russian to fellow Russian. The Tsar's St. Petersburg is now the people's Leningrad!

Dmitry (Male 18-30; Baritenor; vocal range: A2-A4)

READING:

I haven't had it so easy. My father was an anarchist. He died in a labor camp for his convictions. My mother was already gone. I don't really remember her. So, no one raised me. I raised myself. My father used to bring me here. He put me on his shoulders so I could get a better view. "Bet you can see all the way to Finland from up there, Dima!" That's what he called me. There isn't a day I don't miss him.

Countess Lily (Female 35-45; Mezzo; vocal range: G3-C5)

READING:

Only a fool would go back to Russia. My husband was very sorry he did. Ten families were living in our ballroom alone. There were chickens in the wine cellar! It's not the Russia he remembered. What was it our great poet said? It doesn't matter, they all say the same thing: past glories. Present griefs.

Ensemble/ Featured Roles for Women (Female Any Age)

READING:

I told you. She's about as much a Romanov as I am. She's a street sweeper. She was sleeping under a bridge until she took up with them. Her name is Anya. Aren't you going to arrest them! It's not gossip, it's the truth!

Ensemble/ Featured Roles for Men (Male Any Age)

READING:

Well look who's here The Prince of Petersburg. We thought you were in Paris. Must've missed his old partners in crime. Looks like he got himself a new girlfriend instead. It's Anastasia herself! I bet he's got you bowing for him like a regular little Tsarina!