

# Death Is A Woman

## One Little Wish

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The world is in a tricky spot after an old curmudgeon (Señor Gruñón) prevents Death from making his rounds by trapping the deadly messenger in a pear tree. The end result is that no one on Earth can die. La Señora Maravilla – a mysterious widow – strikes a bargain to let Death down from the pear tree. The problem is that a newly released Death may try to double-cross Señor Gruñón and kill him once he is released from the tree. La Señora Maravilla seeks to prevent this possibility by removing the deadly messenger's mask – revealing that Death is, in fact, a woman.

LA SEÑORA MARAVILLA

(Singing.)

DEATH, SAYS ANY SAGE, IS  
A CRUEL AND FRIGHT'NING MYSTERY.  
LIFE RUNS OUT OF PAGES  
AND THEN – VOILA – YOU'RE HISTORY.

STILL, THERE'S NO NEED TO FRET  
AT HOW MOROSE IT IS  
FOR WHEN YOU LOOK AT DEATH  
EXTREMELY CLOSE, IT IS...

(Pause.)

A WOMAN.

LARRÁZABAL, BURIOS, FONTES

(Singing.)

A WOMAN.

LA SEÑORA MARAVILLA

(Singing.)

SO FEW MEN UNDERSTAND  
IN THIS OR ANY LAND

LA SEÑORA MARAVILLA (CONT)

THAT DEATH IS A WOMAN.

IT ACTUALLY MAKES SENSE  
REFLECTING ON EVENTS  
THAT DEATH IS A WOMAN.

SHE WEARS A STYLISH DRESS OF BLACK.  
SHE'S GORGEOUSLY FINESSE OF BLACK.  
A MAN WOULD BE A MESS OF BLACK.

SO FEW MEN COMPREHEND  
FROM EARTHLY END TO END  
THAT DEATH IS A WOMAN.

THEIR BRAINS SO DULL AND CLOSED  
THEY'VE NEVER ONCE SUPPOSED  
THAT DEATH IS A WOMAN.

SHE'LL COME WHEN GOD DOTH DEED YOU UP.  
SHE'LL SMILE AT YOU AND LEAD YOU UP.  
A MAN WOULD JUST STAMPEDE YOU UP.

I'D RATHER WE NOT SHARE  
NOR MAKE PEOPLE AWARE  
THAT DEATH IS MUCH MORE SEXY THAN SHE'S GLOOMY  
FOR THEN NO MAN ALIVE  
WOULD HASTEN TO SURVIVE  
AND ALL WOULD CRY "PLEASE LET DEATH HAPPEN TO ME!"

SO WHEN YOU THINK A BIT  
YOU REALLY MUST ADMIT  
THAT DEATH IS A WOMAN.

DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH BECAUSE  
YES, DEATH  
IS A WOMAN.

Horried, DEATH can barely enunciate a protest. LA SEÑORA MARAVILLA approaches DEATH and taunts HER all the more:

LA SEÑORA MARAVILLA

Yes, Señorita, no one will fear you with a pretty face like that and thus people will no longer fear death. There will be no second thoughts put into suicide. Criminals everywhere will beg for their execution. Oh, yes, you will have a flood of people banging at your door. Dear, oh dear, just think of all of that paperwork...

By now, LARRÁZABAL, FONTES, and BURIOS have joined the bandwagon and begin to taunt DEATH:

LARRÁZABAL

(Singing.)  
IMAGINE ALL THE CROWDS  
PARADING THROUGH THE CLOUDS  
WHEN IT'S ACKNOWLEDGED DEATH IS BUT A FEMALE.

FONTES

(Singing.)  
ALL MEN WITH GREAT ACCORD...

BURIOS

(Singing.)  
WOULD HOLLER "PRAISE THE LORD"...

LARRÁZABAL, FONTES, BURIOS

(Singing.)  
AND SHOUT OUT THAT IT'S WONDERFUL TO BE MALE.

LA SEÑORA MARAVILLA, LARRÁZABAL,  
FONTES, BURIOS

(Singing.)  
IT'S TIME NOW TO REGROUP  
AND, YES, INDEED, RECOUP  
SINCE DEATH IS A WOMAN.

NO MORE WILL MANKIND FEAR  
WHEN DEATH OPTS TO APPEAR  
SINCE, YES, SHE'S A WOMAN.

LARRÁZABAL

(Singing.)  
SHE'S SULTRY AND SHE'S SENS-SHU-WILL.

FONTES, BURIOS

(Singing.)  
ACCEPT THAT DEATH'S EVENTS-SHU-WILL.

LA SEÑORA MARAVILLA

(Singing.)  
MOST DEFINITELY, HENCE, YOU WILL.

LA SEÑORA MARAVILLA, LARRÁZABAL,  
FONTES, BURIOS

(Singing.)  
SO WHEN ALL'S SAID AND DONE  
DEATH MIGHT BE RATHER FUN  
BECAUSE SHE'S A WOMAN.

LA SEÑORA MARAVILLA

(Singing.)  
DON'T SIGH OR GASP,  
JUST CLASP THE ASP,  
CAUSE DEATH...

LARRÁZABAL, FONTES, BURIOS

(Singing.)  
YES, DEATH...

LA SEÑORA MARAVILLA, LARRÁZABAL,  
FONTES, BURIOS

(Singing.)  
YES, DEATH...  
IS A WOMAN!