

11. Have You Ever Wondered Why

Soprano
Voice

GEORGE: Tell me about my father.

♩ = 108

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MARA:

mf Have you e-ver won-dered why Ev' ry sto-ry Ni-gel spun Not a sol-i-tar-y

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one Had a-ny eye - wit nes-ses? Ev'-ry dra-gon's death he claimed, Some-where far a-way un-

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GEORGE: Leviathan.
Get to the point!

MARA:

named, No-thing ven-tured, no one shamed Un-til he faced... Ni-gel's leg - a - cy he

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longed to com-plete in all his in-so-lent pride was in re - a - li - ty re - plete With ma - ni - pu - la - tion and de-

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GEORGE: Then who
killed all those dragons?

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ceit. Can't you see it? Ne-ver slew a dra-gon in his life. Lev - i - a - than.

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When I met your fa - ther he was charm-ing and strong. I was young and al-lur-ing; my hair was

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ra - ven and long. I was seek-ing sta - tus so I latched on - to his; On - ly cared

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what some-thing looks like And not what it is. I stepped in - to the life of the

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dra-gon slay-er's wife, Soak-ing up the at - ten - tion till I no-ticed some strife. Just a

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hint of ten-sion, A bit of cir-cum-ven-tion When I hap-pened to ques-tion his mys - ter - i - ous quests.

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Al-ways came home with his prize. Ne-ver var-ied, no sur - prise. Some-thing hid-den in his

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eyes. Fin'-lly ti-red of his lies I said I'd leave if he did-n't tell the truth. So he told me the

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truth. Sev'-ral years be-fore I met him, Your fa-ther found Le-vi-a-than Young and frail,

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Wound-ed and dy - ing be - side a lake. He was a - bout to run him

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SOPRANO CHORUS: *pp* *p*
(from offstage)

Ah

through with his sword When the cun-ning lit-tle crea-ture said Wait! I could be of in-est-i-ma-ble

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Ah Ah Ah

val - ue to you. If we bind our - selves to - geth - er, There's much that I can give. Let me

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Ah Ah

live, And I'll pledge my - self for - ev - er, Do your bid - ding, What - e - ver you say. I'll swear an oath to

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day. Now the choice be - fore him might seem sim - ple to you But the heart the beat with - in was self - ab -

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sorbed and a - skew And he saw a path to great - ness that was pain - less and swift. Ne - ver dreamed

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the course if ta - ken Would set him a - drift. So he used his sword to spill some

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blood on the ground, Pre - cious li - quid from him - self and from the cap - tive he'd found, Mixed to -

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ge - ther now for - e - ver to this crea - ture was bound. His own coun - sel did he keep And nursed the

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GEORGE (top lyrics):

MARA (bottom lyrics): This is no-thing like the stor-y that I've known since I was young!

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dra-gon to health with sto-len sheep. But it's the

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No! He would go ev'-ry month or so deep in - to the cav - erns...

truth! And he would meet up with Lev-i - a-than and bid him to slay one

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Then come back with a gun-ny sack...

more... So that he could bask in all the glor-y with the stor-y of the troph-y he

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It was the dead blood-y sev-ered head...

bore! Of yet a-noth-er drag-on that Lev-i - a-than had slaugh-tered by his

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And my fath-er e - ver - more was known As the great - est drag - on slay - er in the land!

hand. And your fath-er e - ver - more was known As the great - est drag - on slay - er in the land!

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MARA:

And when Lev-i - a - than was - n't kil - ling his own kind At your fath - er's be - hest, He built a name of his own,

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Fly - ing through - out the land, Mur - der - ing peo - ple and Burn - ing down their vil - lag - es and homes. —

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— And as time marched on-ward Ni-gel had some re-morse For the thing he had cre-at-ed was a

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ter - ri - ble force But he kept mov-ing for - ward for the sake of the oath Which had bound

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— the two to - geth - er En - slav - ing them both And when the

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dra-gons were gone, Cir-cum - stan-ces col - lid - ed, For the oath would on - ly break when one par -

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ti - ci-pant died And when each had gained an in - de - struc-ti - ble name, Le -

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vi - a-than de-destroyed him in smoke and in flame. Can you see it now?

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GEORGE: MARA:



Don't you see it now? I can see it now... Mon-sters make her - oes And

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some - times Her - oes make mon-sters.