**Lancelot and Guinevere realize they are in love with each other – Act 1, Scene 9**

**Speakers:**

GUINEVERE (largest part)

LANCELOT

ARTHUR

*You need to know….*

*After Lancelot wins the tournament, Guinevere and Lancelot realize they are in love with each other. This is incredibly hard for both of them because they both respect Arthur, and neither of them wants to hurt him. This is also hard for Lancelot, because this betrayal also means that he is not the perfect knight he thought he was.*

**GUINEVERE:** (.Desperately) Oh, Lance, go away. Go away and don't come back. (She sings)

Before I gaze at you again

I have so much

Forgetting to do

Before I try to gaze again at you.

Stay away until you cross my mind

Barely once a day.

Stay far away!

My love, far awayl

Till I forget I gazed at you today . . . today.

**LANCELOT:** Forgive me, Milady. I didn't mean to disturb you, but I was told that Arthur wanted to see me.

**GUINEVERE:** (As casually as possible) I believe he does. And you're not disturbing me at all. You are to be knighted.

**LANCELOT:** (Troubled') When, Milady?

**GUINEVERE:** This evening.

**LANCELOT:** I wish he would not.

**GUINEVERE:** Why?

**LANCELOT:** I'm not worthy of it, Milady. I don't deserve it.

**GUINEVERE:** Not deserve it, Lancelot! What greater wonder could you ever perform? Oh, no, I'm sure Arthur will insist. Now, if you'll excuse me.

**LANCELOT:** Jenny, don't go. Jenny, I love you. God forgive me, but I do.

**GUINEVERE:** God forgive us both, Lance.

**LANCELOT:** I have known it since the first afternoon. Not when we

met; but when I walked away. When . . .

(GUINEVERE turns to him. ARTHUR enters. She turns away')

**ARTHUR:** Lance! What a stunning achievement, my boy! And the Court! You could almost hear everyone's heart break open to you. (Good-humoredly') Surely I may arrange for your knighthood now.

**LANCELOT:** I shall be honored, Arthur.