Aldonza Audition Side

ALDONZA

Why do you do these things?

DON QUIXOTE

What things?

ALDONZA

These ridiculous... the things you do!

DON QUIXOTE

I hope to add some measure of grace to the world.

ALDONZA

The world’s a dung heap and we are the maggots that crawl on it!

DON QUIXOTE

My lady knows better in her heart.

ALDONZA

What’s in my heart will get me halfway to hell. And you, Señor Don Quixote — you’re going to take such a beating!

DON QUIXOTE

Whether I win or lose does not matter.

What does?

ALDONZA

Only that I follow the quest.

DON QUIXOTE

That for your quest.

ALDONZA

(Spits)

(She turns, marches away. Stops. Turns back and asks)

What does that mean — quest?