

Tablet IV and V

Scene 1: Gilgamesh and Enkidu

Music - Forest Theme 1

Enkidu: Let us rest in preparation for the looming battle ahead. We will need every cubit of our strength.

Gilgamesh: I will make an offering to the god Shamash who I pray will visit me in sleep and then we can lie together and rest.

Gilgamesh and Enkidu lie arm in arm shivering in the cold wind. Gilgamesh wakes up in fear.

Gilgamesh: Enkidu! I fear for us. In my sleep a mountain toppled over and fell on us. [sound effects] Shamash is not with us.

Enkidu: There is no need to fear, for Humbaba will be the toppled mountain from your vision. Shamash has given us a good omen.

Gilgamesh: Let's continue our walk and rest again when the sun sets when I will make another offering to Shamash

They walk more and go to sleep again. Gilgamesh and Enkidu spoon for the 3rd time.

Gilgamesh: Enkidu! I've had another dream. The earth was shaking and thunder and lightning were everywhere as the thunderbird flew in the sky. [sound effects]

Crazy lighting

Enkidu: Gilgamesh, this is again a sign from Shamash about the destruction of Humbaba!

Stop your worrying. Do not give way to the ways of a coward. You are king of kings.

Gilgamesh: We will walk again, and when we stop I will give another offering to great Shamash.

Gilgamesh and Enkidu cuddle again in the cold wind after walking and Gilgamesh making an offering.

Enkidu: I thank Shamash to have you here with me, for loneliness is the coldest force in this world.

Gilgamesh wakes in the middle of the night.

Gilgamesh: Enkidu! A dream wakes me from your loving arms! I was attacked by a wild bull. I could hear it breathing, but could not feel the breath. [sound effects]

Enkidu: No Gilgamesh, that was just me. Shamash is still on our side.

Gilgamesh: I'm starting to believe you may be making these interpretations up....I fear for us. Who is to say you are right, and I am wrong. I will pray to Shamash.

Shamash: Do not fear my son, this is just the effect given off by Humbaba's presence. He wants to instill fear in you. Go forth to battle with the beast. Stay true, and I will guide you to victory.

Enkidu: It is time.

Music- Bass theme 2

The two walk some more. The roar of Humbaba can be heard and the sounds of clashing swords and daggers surround the terrified Enkidu and Gilgamesh. [sound effects]

Gilgamesh: Do you hear the terrible bellow of the beast? I have never heard such power.

Enkidu: Have we not prepared for this moment? Think not of death, but the life we seek. Take my hand you handsome lad, and let us continue on.

They walk a little more before reaching the gate.

Gilgamesh: Ah Enkidu, my friend, we are at the grand, majestic, mighty Gate of the Cedar Forest.

Enkidu: Look ahead, great King, I can see the path the beast Humbaba has walked. His feet clearing the woods. Let's draw our axes to fall trees and bring him out from hiding.

Gilgamesh and Enkidu start chopping down trees in order to bring Humbaba. The roar of Humbaba can be heard.

Humbaba appears from behind the Cedars

Humbaba: Only you "Great King" would stand hand in hand with such a brute. And Enkidu, you fatherless, motherless wild man why do you bring this man in such treachery? I will slit the throat of Gilgamesh and feed him to the birds.

Humbaba apparently changes his face or features sending Gilgamesh into terror.

Gilgamesh: Humbaba's face! I do not know if we can beat him.

Enkidu: This is not the time for fear, we shall stand and fight. As long as you are here by my side, any battle can be won. Seek victory, we shall overcome. Make your blow mighty!

Fighting begins- Danse Bacchanale (Start at 1:05 of recording- Slower music begins at 2:15)

Shamash enters the scene

Shamash: Humbaba! Let the winds be against you and paralyze your very being! South, North, East, and West, Blast, Counterblast, Typhoon, Hurricane, and Tempest, Devil-wind, frost-wind, gale, and Tornado.

Shamash unleashes the 13 winds against Humbaba, [sound effects] paralyzing him in battle

Gilgamesh goes in for the kill. Humbaba begins to plead.

Humbaba: Great Gilgamesh! Spare my beastly life. You are the son of Ninsun and a king of all kings. I will forever be your servant. Just let me live.

Enkidu: Gilgamesh do not be your usual, weak, half-man self. Listen to me, the strength of the wild. Kill the ugly beast Humbaba.

Humbaba: Enkidu you are wild and ugly like me. You understand our ways. I should've killed you and hung you from the entrance of this forest. Now release the lies within you and tell Gilgamesh to spare me.

Enkidu: Don't listen to the whiney child. Gut him, muscular Gilgamesh. Before the Gods see what we do.

Humbaba: Enkidu, you envious fiend. You lie with glamorous Gilgamesh and you know I will take your place in his heart and in his home.

Enkidu: That is a lie! Tell me it's not true! Gilgamesh slay this thing. I don't want a replacement.

Humbaba: May you never grow old and happy together! Besides you Gilgamesh, no one will bury the wild Enkidu. This wild beast.

Enkidu: Do not listen, Gilgamesh. Let the curse return to his mouth. End his miserable life.

[Part 4 Music Theme Starts; likely will take 1:30 to 2 minutes] Gilgamesh chops Humbaba's head off and Enkidu rips out his lungs. They take his tusks as treasure. Rain falls on the mountain. Dark music.

Gilgamesh: The rain falls blood red. I am cursed.

Gilgamesh takes his axe and he and Enkidu top down the tallest Cedar in the forest.
[sound effects]

Gilgamesh: Humbaba is dead. His forest is ours. His tallest Cedar is ours. But I pray to Shamash and Enlil that his curse is not.

Enkidu: Gilgamesh, keep your head and spirits high. We slayed the monstrous Humbaba. We are victors. For when have I as your advisor ever been wrong?

The two walk off with Humbaba's head in the rain.