SIDE 2
WOMAN 1,2,3,4, & 5

CHORUS OF OLD WOMEN *(parts designated as for the Old Men)*

WOMAN I: Come on, girls, I smell fire and smoke.
There's a conflagration here. Whack those rumps and lift those knees!

WOMAN II: Fly, fly, Nikodike,
Before they scorch poor Calonike.

WOMAN III: Watch out, lady, they'll burn your drawers. These damned old men with their stupid laws.

WOMAN IV: But maybe, maybe, I've come too late—
The well this morning was in such a state.
Women everywhere drawing water.

WOMAN I: We'll put out the fire and stop the slaughter.
We heard a rumor down by the well
That some old graybeards (on their way to Hell)
Had carried some wood and started a fire.
You know what that is? It's their funeral pyre.

WOMAN V: They threatened to burn these glorious ladies,
But we'll smash them first right down to Hades.

ALL: We've come to aid the goddess,
We'll save her come what may,
The men must never get inside,
We'll keep them from their pay.