## **Every Story Is a Love Story**

## **Aida**

Every story, tale or memoir Every saga or romance Whether true or fabricated Whether planned or happenstanceWhether sweeping through the ages Casting centuries aside Or a hurried brief recital Just a thirty-minute rideWhether bright or melancholy Rough and ready, finely spun Whether with a thousand players Or a lonely cast of oneEvery story, new or ancient Bagatelle or work of art All are tales of human failing All are tales of love at heartThis is the story Of a love that flourished In a time of hateOf lovers no tyranny could separate Love set into motion on the Nile's shore Destiny ignited by an act of warEgypt saw the mighty river as it's very heart and soul Source of life for all her people That only Egypt could controlDestruction of her southern neighbor, justified

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Nubia exploited, left with little more than pride, oh