

# HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA

Caucasian, 55-65 (by appearance).

When we meet Victoria, she's dressed in widow's black and in a very foul mood. Twelve years after her beloved husband's death, she's still bitterly inconsolable. But when Ella sings a deeply moving spiritual for her, Victoria's heart melts. A very strong cameo role.

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

The Victoria we encounter this stormy night isn't primarily a monarch, an aristocrat, or a prim strait-laced figure. She's a shattered soul, a forlorn lover whose every breath and heartbeat only prolong her torture.

Yet she would never allow us to read *depression* in her countenance; that would be too intimate a disclosure. Rather, her profound devastation and loneliness are cloaked by a stoic veneer, and the *appearance* of anger.

Until Ella sings for her...