



Gianni Schicchi (Classic Reprint)

By Giacomo Puccini

Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Gianni Schicchi Schicchi is a keen, shrewd, Tuscan peasant of the thirteenth century, who has succeeded in making his way in Florence in spite of many handicaps. Rinuccio, a young fellow in love with Lauretta, Schicchi's daughter, asks his advice over a certain will. Buoso Donati, it appears, having died without direct descendants, had left all his fortune to a monastery, much against the hopes of his relatives- Rinuccio's family - who had gathered around his deathbed. Schicchi says there is one remedy only: he can impersonate the dead man - whose demise has not yet been announced - and dictate a new will, in which each of the relatives will get just what he wants. The kinsfolk are delighted at this idea, and send for a notary. The notary comes, and Schicchi, in Donati's bed, dictates the will; but, after bequeathing a few minor pieces of property to the relatives, he leaves the bulk of Donati's fortune to himself. The relatives do not dare protest for fear of the law. The...



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