I'd give my life for you

Miss Saigon

- MUSIC LYRICS: Boublil and Schönberg
- STYLE: American Musical Theatre
- > YEAR: 1989
- ➤ CHARACTER: Kim

Synopsis

Set in 1975 during the final days of the American occupation of Saigon, Miss Saigon is an epic love story about the relationship between an American GI and a young Vietnamese woman.

Kim is working in a sleazy Saigon nightclub owned by a notorious wheeler-dealer known as 'The Engineer'. John, an American GI, buys his friend Chris the services of Kim for the night. That night will change their lives forever.

Three years later, the US Army has fled Saigon. Chris has returned to America and is now married to Ellen, an American woman. He believes that Kim is dead. However Kim has left Saigon and is living in poverty with her three year old son, Tam in Bangkok. Chris finds out that Kim is alive and has bore him a son and so returns to Asia in search of Kim and Tam.

When Kim learns that Chris is in Bangkok with his new wife all her hopes to be reunited with him disappear. She is desperate for her son to have a future in America with his father and will make the ultimate sacrifice to achieve this. This is when she sings to her son 'I'd give my life for you'.