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*Abstract*

The contribution transcribes and makes available an autograph letter by Donizetti recently found in the Library of the Conservatorio “Benedetto Marcello” in Venice. The document reveals Donizetti’s intention to attend the solemn funeral and burial of the tenor Adolphe Nourrit, held in Paris on 12 May 1839. The letter is addressed to the father of Nourrit’s wife. The article retraces the circumstances of the tragic death of the tenor, who committed suicide in Naples on 8 March of that year. A few hours before ending his life, Nourrit composed a short and intense poem, giving it to his friend Eugenia García. After his friend’s death, Donizetti set it to music. The lyric, its autograph preserved in the Bibliothèque nationale de France, has been transcribed by Francesco Erle and is published here for the first time.