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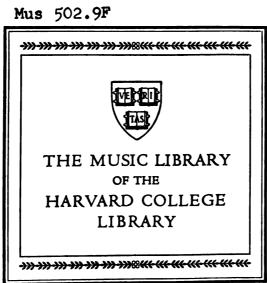
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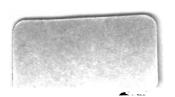
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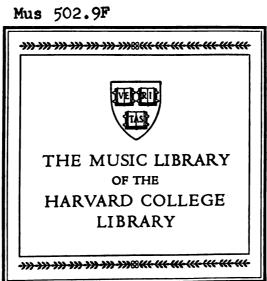




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#### **PREFACE**

M UCH concerning the scope and plan of this collection of operatic airs (including the volumes with which it is associated) can be gathered from a glance over the table of contents and an intelligent perusal of the titles. Nevertheless the editor thinks it advisable to give some specific information about his purposes as realized here and the means adopted for their attainment.

I. The arrangement is chronological and the period covered is that from the invention of the Italian opera down to the closing decades of the nineteenth century. So far as was practicable all schools really significant from an historical or artistic point of view have been considered; also, so far as possible, examples of all the various kinds of airs are given, from the earliest exfoliations of Florentine monody, through the artificial forms which mark the golden age of bel canto, down to the freer and more dramatic utterances of the present day.

II. In order that the airs shall present themselves to the student and the singer as they did to the hearer and singer at the period of their creation, they are all given, (a) in the voice for which they were conceived; (b) in the original keys; (c) in the original texts, with as faithful a translation into the vernacular as the exigencies of the music would allow; (d) in the manner in which they were sung when they were written. The last point calls for an explanation. All students of singing ought to know that the intentions of composers up to, let us say for convenience, the middle of the nineteenth century, were not explicitly and comprehensively expressed in the manner in which they wrote down their songs; that in order to reproduce their music as they wished to hear it and as the singers for whom they wrote sang it, it is necessary

to translate certain arbitrary signs (appoggiaturas, mordents, and the like), the meanings of which are in danger of being forgotten, into the modern notes which represent the original manner. Tradition was long relied upon to do this, but tradition is always a weak and uncertain reed, and teachers as well as singers have grown careless of it and too often have ignorantly and arrogantly ignored it. It was therefore thought to be a wise course, instead of baldly presenting the original text as it has come down to us in the printed page, or leaving the suggested reading to an ossia or a marginal note, to present the text as it was sung in the olden time, and put the original notation above the staff for the sake of the happily curious student. In doing this the editor has followed the example, and benefited greatly, from the work done by F.-A. Gevaert, the learned head of the Brussels Conservatory, a work to which he gives honor due with glad and grateful obedience.

It is also a commonplace of historical knowledge that not only in the airs of the classical period, but also in those of the early part of the nineteenth century, it was first the duty, then the privilege, of singers to introduce variants of the musical text for the sake of embellishment or simplification, as the case might be, and also to interpolate cadenzas in the manner still customary with instrumental performers. Such variants and cadenzas have been introduced here, an interest at once historical and personal being added by presenting variants and cadenzas as they were sung, or are sung, by some of the great exemplars of the art of song in the past or present. The value which such a personal note gives to an air is scarcely to be overestimated.

III. Each air is accompanied by a note designed to present it in its historical environment,

(whenever it was thought necessary), to elucidate ing the proper reading.

and also, by a reference to the story of the opera the text and thus furnish a significant hint touch-

#### NOTES TO THE SONGS

Bois épais, redouble ton ombre Lully SINCE this composer was an Italian, though his career and his significance belong to France, it is proper to call him Giovanni Battista Lulli; but he was a naturalized citizen of France and as such called himself Lully; and it is as Jean Baptiste Lully that his name looms largest in musical history. According to the late Gustave Chouquet, of the Paris Conservatoire, he was the first composer of legitimate French opera. Much mystery hangs about his origin. He was probably born about 1633, in or near Florence, and got his first instruction in the rudiments of learning, as well as music, from a shoe-making monk. When he was about ten years old his mental alertness and vivacity attracted the attention of the Chevalier de Guise, who carried him to France as a sort of gift to Mlle. de Montpensier, who had asked him to bring home with him a "pretty little Italian" from whom she could learn his language. He was probably not pretty enough to fill the bill, for when he began service for the princess it was as an under scullion. But he had learned to play the guitar from his humble teacher and had picked up a wretched violin, and his work in the kitchen over, he was wont to amuse himself by learning the popular melodies of the day and playing them on his fiddle. His skill attracted the attention of the Comte de Nocent, who recommended him to the attention of Mademoiselle, who took him from the kitchen and placed him in her band. There he remained till the lady found that his delight in mischief had gone so far as to lead him to write a particularly sprightly air to a poem which lampooned her, whereupon he was dismissed. But the king, Louis XIV, only fifteen years old at the time, had also observed the lad's unusual gifts and made him first a member of Les vingt-quatre Violons du Roi, and then leader of Les Petits Violons, which he called into existence for him.

The band of Little Fiddlers soon outclassed the Royal Twenty-Four, and in composing music for it Lully developed an original and effective style based upon careful observation of the effects which could be produced from the individual instruments. He then made studies of a serious nature in composition with Mertu, a harpsichordist, and Roberdet and Gigault, organists. His popularity with the king and that of his music with the court soon waxed so great that he was called on to compose ballets for all the courtly functions, in some of which the Grand Monarch deigned to dance with the composer. He was also called on to write ballets to be performed in the operas of Cavalli, which had been introduced into France. Witty, daring and unscrupulous he rapidly acquired honors, offices and distinction most extraordinary in number and variety which, besides, brought him such handsome emoluments that when he died he left behind him for his heirs four houses in the fashionable quarters of Paris, besides securities and appointments valued at 342,000 livres (about \$70,000). In association with Molière he wrote a large number of ballets, and a year after the Abbé Perrin had secured the privilege of establishing the Académie de Musique he succeeded, by means of an intrigue and with the help of Mme. de Montespan, in having the patent transferred to himself. In collaboration with Quinault he now wrote Les Fêtes de l'Amour et de Bacchus, which M. Chouquet calls the first legitimate French opera. It was brought out at once at the Académie, and was the beginning of a successful collaboration with the poet which endured fourteen years, or until a year from the end of his directorship. Meanwhile the king kept on granting him privileges which were monstrously unjust to all the other musicians of France, and at the end gave him letters of nobility and made him a royal secretary. He died on March 22, 1687. Besides numberless ballets Lully composed twenty operas, of which Amadis de Gaule was the fourteenth. It is in five acts,—the book by Quinault,—and had its first representation at the Opéra on January 18, 1684. The gem of the opera, and one of the finest melodic products of Lully's genius, is the air beginning, Bois épais, redouble ton ombre.

Ah! rendimi Rossi (?)

IT seems a little more than likely that the composer of this beautiful air will henceforth have to be set down as Anon., or Pseudo-Rossi. Like the famous Aria di Chiesa, attributed to Stradella, and the dainty Tre giorni son che Nina, attributed to Pergolesi, the authenticity of Ah! rendimi as a fragment from an opera entitled Mitrane and composed by Francesco Rossi has been seriously if not convincingly disputed. The evidence against its authenticity is all of a negative order, but there is practically no positive evidence in its favor. That an opera entitled Mitrane and composed by Rossi ever existed rests on the testimony of a single musical lexicographer, Fétis, and he seems to have discovered the opera between the publication of the first edition of his Biographie universelle des Musiciens (1837-1844) and the second in 1864. Walther (1732) knows nothing of such a composer as Francesco Rossi; Gerber (1792, second edition 1813) says briefly that Francesco Rossi, an abbot who lived at the beginning of the eighteenth century, was not only among the most admirable composers in the manner of his period, but also author of the words of the operas which he composed. Of these he mentions four as having been performed in Venice, namely, Il Sejano moderna della Tracia, 1686; La Corilda, 1688; La Pena degl' Occhi, 1686; and La Ninfa Apollo, 1726. Gerber knows nothing about a Mitrane; neither does Schilling (1835–1838), who also mentions four operas. Fétis reached the name of Rossi in the seventh volume of his Biographie universelle in 1841, and makes record of performances in Venice of Il Sejano, La Pena and La Corilda; but when he brought out the second edition of

his work, in 1864, he added a fourth opera in these words:

"(4) Mitrane, serious opera performed at the same opera house (San-Moisé, Venice) in 1689. I have drawn from the score of this opera a very beautiful contralto aria, which was sung with brilliant success in my historical concert of seventeenth century music in the month of March, 1823. I do not know what barbarian thought since then of orchestrating this air with flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoons, horns, trumpets and trombones. I have seen a score like this in the hands of a singer."

Mendel's Musikalisches Conversations-Lexikon (vol. viii, 1877) omits La Ninfa Apollo, which is in Gerber's list, but includes Mitrane, plainly following Fétis's second edition as indicated by its reference to the air sung at the historical concert. Mr. J. Fuller Maitland also accepts Fétis as authority for an opera Mitrane, which, he adds, "contains the beautiful air Ah! rendimi quel core, by which alone Rossi's name is known in the present day" (Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians, second edition, 1908). Félix Clément and Pierre Larousse, in their Dictionnaire des Opéras, know nothing of Mitrane, but record a performance of La Ninfa Apollo (the words by Francesco de Lemene, the music by Francesco di Rossi), which was performed by a company of dilettanti at a monastery in Murano in 1726,—the year set down for an opera of that name by Gerber. It was this lexicographer who lauded in Rossi that he wrote the words of his own operas; Lemene's book seems to have been set by Padia in 1692, Gasparini in 1710, Galuppi and also Bernasconi in 1734. Mitrane is described as an opera by Francesco Rossi (the Christian name is important, for there are twenty-eight musical Rossis in the books) by Dr. Hugo Riemann in his Opern-Handbuch (first edition 1887).

Thus the story told by the lexicographers. Now comes some modern evidence which was presented by the ingenious Mr. Philip Hale in a Programme Book of the Boston Symphony Orchestra March 28 and 30, 1907. It will be re-

called that Fétis states specifically that Mitrane was produced at the Teatro San-Moisé in Venice in 1689. Mr. Hale searched the history of the opera-houses of Venice written by Galvani, and though that author gives a list of all the operas performed at each of the theatres which flourished in Venice in the seventeenth century, Mr. Hale could find no record of a Mitrane at the San-Moisé or any other theatre. Discussing the matter later in the Musical Review he summed up his conclusions thus:

"We believe that Fétis wrote the air Ah! rendimi, or that if he did not write it he persuaded some one to compose it for his concert which was given on April 2, 1833, and not 'in March,' as Fétis says. Furthermore we believe from the musical contents, the melodic contour, etc., that the composer of 'Stradella's' Church Air was also the composer of Ah! rendimi."

But the wonder still remains that any musician capable of writing works as fine as the two mentioned should have been unwilling to receive credit for his talents.

When I am laid in earth Purcell

HENRY PURCELL, the composer of this air, is commonly held to have been the greatest genius ever produced by England in the domain of dramatic music. His father was a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal at the Restoration and that "Master of Musick" who is mentioned by Pepys in his diary under date of February 21, 1659. It was in that year, or the one immediately preceding it, that Henry Purcell was born. His father died when he was six years old, whereupon he was admitted to the Chapel Royal as a chorister under Captain Cooke, Master of the Children. When Pelham Humphreys, who had studied under Lully in Paris, became Master he introduced the French style of composition into England. Purcell describes the state of the art in his dedication of The Prophetess to the Duke of Somerset in these words: "Music is but yet in its nonage, a forward child, which gives hope of what may be hereafter in England, when the masters of it shall have found more encouragement. 'T is now

learning Italian, which is its best master, and studying a little of the French air to give it somewhat more of gaiety and fashion."

The song When I am laid in earth is from Dido and Æneas, the plot of which is based on the familiar story which occupies the first four books of Virgil's *Æneid*. The opera was written when Purcell was nineteen years old at the request of Josiah Priest, a popular teacher of dancing who had arranged court ballets and thus got interested in the stage. He had Nahum Tate write the book, and persuaded Purcell to write the music. It was performed at first in private by some of Mr. Priest's young lady pupils, and made so great and immediate an effect that it led to Purcell's permanent connection with the stage. The song is Queen Dido's farewell at the end of the opera. Hogarth, in his Memoirs of the Opera, says of it: "The last words of the queen are formed into a little air, When I am laid in earth, which sounds like the dying murmurs of a broken heart. The melody is constructed on a ground bass,—a form of composition now obsolete, as imposing needless restrictions upon the musician. Yet sometimes, as in the present instance, it is a source of beauty. The recurrence over and over again of the same few melancholy notes in the bass strikes sadly on the ear and deepens the impression of the song."

In speaking of Purcell as an English composer Dr. Burney wrote: "There is a latent power and force in his expression of English words, whatever be the subject, that will make an unprejudiced native of this island feel more than all the elegance, grace and refinement of modern music, less happily applied, can do; and this pleasure is communicated to us, not by the symmetry or rhythm of modern melody, but by his having tuned to the true accents of our mother tongue those notes of passion which an inhabitant of this island would breathe in such situations as the words describe. And these indigenous expressions of passion Purcell had the power to enforce by the energy of modulation, which, on some occasions was bold, affecting and sublime." And then Burney goes on to say that while Handel, flourishing in a less barbarous age for his art than Purcell, had been acknowledged his superior in some things, "yet in the accent, passion, and expression of *English words*" Purcell's vocal music was sometimes to his feelings "as superior to Handel's as an original poem to a translation."

All'acquisto di gloria A. Scarlatti IT is the opinion of Mr. E. J. Dent, who has written an authoritative biography of Alessandro Scarlatti after devoting exhaustive study to the music of the period which that composer ornamented, that he is one of the most significant figures in the entire history of music. He is, to quote Mr. Dent, "the most important of that group of composers who succeeded the pioneers of the monodic style, based upon the modern tonal system, and who moulded and developed a musical idiom which served as the language of musical expression down to the days of Beethoven." Scarlatti was born in Sicily in 1658 or 1659, and died October 24, 1725. Nothing is known of his parentage or of his musical training, the tradition that he was a pupil of Carissimi being only tradition without support or proof. If he was a pupil of that master it must have been when he was a mere boy, for Carissimi died when Scarlatti was about fifteen years old. He brought out his first opera when he was about twenty years old, in Rome, and his last in 1721, four years before his death. In all he wrote one hundred and fourteen operas besides a vast deal of church music. Tigrane, the opera from which this song is taken, was composed in 1715, when he was in the full plenitude of his powers. All'acquisto is a Da Capo air, that is, there is a repetition of the first section of the air after the second. It was long thought that Scarlatti was the inventor of this device which was universally cultivated by the composers of the end of the seventeenth and first half of the eighteenth centuries, but later research has shown that it was used before Scarlatti came upon the field with it.

Pena tiranna Verdi prati, selve amene Handel Handel

IT is assumed by the editor that the general story of the life of George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) is known to practically everybody interested in music. Throughout the Englishspeaking world he is recognized as the master composer of oratorios. His operas, however, of which he wrote no less than forty-seven, and which were the prop upon which his reputation rested during the greater part of his career, have been voted antiquated and have been laid upon the shelf. The last performance of one of them took place in London in 1787, when Giulio Cesare was revived in the hope of attracting George III to the theatre, the demented king having always been extravagantly fond of Handel's music. Since then it and all its companions have been put aside and are known in their integrity, when known at all, only to musical antiquaries and scholars, many of whom have deplored the fact that the musical public should be willing to let the great composer's fame rest wholly upon his English oratorios. Many airs from the operas have kept their places in our concert rooms, however, and with the return of appreciation of the bel canto, which is inevitable, they will find more and more admiration. Of these airs three which have maintained themselves in popular approval from the beginning, despite the changes which have taken place, are Pena tiranna from Amadigi, Verdi prati from Alcina, and Lascia ch'io pianga from Rinaldo.

Se mai senti

Leo

LEONARDO LEO, equally famous as composer of operas and sacred music, was born on August 5, 1694, and died from a stroke of apoplexy while seated at his harpsichord on October 31, 1744. He was educated at the Conservatorio della Pietà dei Turchini at Naples, where the pupils performed his first work written for the stage (a sacred drama entitled L'Infidelità abbattuta) in the carnival season of 1712. This was repeated on February 14 of the same year at the royal

palace at the command of the viceroy. His first secular opera followed two years later. In 1725, on the death of Scarlatti, Leo became first organist in the royal chapel, and about the same time master of the Conservatorio di S. Onofrio. The air in this collection is also in a manuscript collection made by the poet Gray, now in the possession of the editor. It is from the opera La Clemenza di Tito, the words of which were written by Metastasio and used by practically all of the opera composers of the eighteenth century, including Mozart.

#### Padre perdona

Hasse

THE composer of this song, Johann Adolph Hasse (1699-1783), was one of the most prolific and popular opera writers of the eighteenth century. Though a German he was much admired in Italy, where he was called *Il caro Sassone*, -"The dear Saxon." He was not a Saxon, however, being a native of Bergedorf, near Hamburg. The name was given to him by the Italians because of his long service (over thirty years) as director of the opera at Dresden, where his wife, the famous Faustina Bordoni, was engaged as prima donna. The last two decades of his life were spent in Vienna and Venice. Hasse composed over one hundred operas. Two airs from his Artaserse were sung by Farinelli every evening for ten years to Philip V of Spain to cure him of his melancholy.

Hasse's last opera, Ruggiero, was produced in Milan in 1771, and on the same occasion a serenade called Ascanio in Alba, written by a boy thirteen years old, named Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, was performed. Hasse heard the music and, it is said, remarked: "This boy will throw us all into the shade." The air, Padre perdona, is from Demofoonte, another drama by Metastasio, which appealed to eighteenth century composers with peculiar persuasiveness. A French dictionary of operas makes record of thirty-three Demofoontes. Hasse's setting was brought out in Dresden in 1748, and the story was long current that out of jealousy of Mingotti, Hasse put into the part which she was to sing an air written in what

he considered to be the weakest part of her voice with an embarrassing pizzicato accompaniment. Instead of failing, however, so the tale ran, Mingotti made a great hit with it. Luckily for the reputation of Hasse the story was too circumstantial, and when Moritz Fürstenau wrote the history of the Dresden opera (Zur Geschichte der Musik und des Theaters am Hofe der Kurfürsten von Sachsen und Könige von Polen) he demolished it. The air in question was sung by Faustina, and there is no pizzicato accompaniment. Thus musical history used frequently to be made.

"I cannot quit Hasse and Gluck," says Burney in the first volume of his Present State of Music, "without saying that it is very necessary to use discrimination in comparing them together. Hasse may be regarded as the Raphael, and I have already called Gluck the Michael Angelo, of living composers. If the affected French expression le grand simple can ever mean anything, it must be applied to the productions of such a composer as Hasse, who succeeds better perhaps in expressing, with clearness and propriety, whatever is graceful, elegant and tender, than what is boisterous and violent; whereas Gluck's genius seems more calculated for exciting terror in painting difficult situations, occasioned by complicated misery, and the tempestuous fury of unbridled passions."And again: "When the voice was more respected than the servile herd of imitative instruments, and at a time when a different degree and better judged kind of study was perhaps more worthy of attention than at present, the airs of Signor Hasse, particularly those of the pathetic kind, were such as charmed every hearer and fixed the reputation of the first singers in Europe."

Che farò senza Euridice O del mio dolce ardor Gluck Gluck

THE first song is from the opera Orfeo; the second from Paride ed Elena. It is safe to assume that the reader is acquainted with the legends on which both operas are founded. Christoph Wilibald Gluck, who after he had received the order of the Golden Spur in Rome in 1756 called him-

self Ritter (that is, Chevalier) von Gluck, was born at Weidenwang, in the Upper Palatinate, on July 2, 1714, and died at Vienna on November 15, 1787. In operatic history he occupies a position as a reformer which can now be said to be second only to that of Wagner, who, if we confine ourselves to the consideration of principles, was only his continuator, as Gluck was only the continuator of the original inventors of the lyric drama. Gluck began his career as a composer of Italian operas, and had already placed nine works of the conventional type to his credit when he went to London in 1745 to write for the Italian Opera at the Haymarket, and was met by the withering criticism of Handel, who said that he knew less about counterpoint than his (Handel's) cook. After his London experience he went to Paris, and there, it is safe to assume, he felt the beneficial influence of Rameau, and had laid in him the foundations of that appreciation of truthful dramatic expression which actuated him years later when he began the reformation of the evils which had taken possession of Italian opera, an art-form then dominant in all the countries of Europe except France. He took these decisive steps ten years later however. In 1755 he had taken up his residence in Vienna, and there five years afterward he fell in with a poet, Raneiro de' Calzabigi, and with him discussed the decay into which the opera had fallen as a dramatic form through the egotism of the singers and the inanity of the opera-books, now become mere stalking-horses on which the composers hung their tunes. Between them Gluck and Calzabigi wrote Orfeo ed Euridice, which was produced at the Burg Theatre on October 5, 1762, and in which the new principles were first exemplified. Four years later poet and musician cooperated again in Alceste, which was brought forward at the same theatre on December 26, 1766. This opera Gluck prefaced with a printed declaration of principles in the form of a dedication of the score to the Grand Duke of Tuscany. In this famous writing he said that he had striven to correct the abuses from which opera was suffering from the

vanity of singers and the complacency of composers. He had aimed to reduce music to its true function, which he conceived to be to aid poetry in expressing the emotions and situations of the drama. The chilling clog of useless ornament must be stripped from it; it must be to the drama what color is to drawing in a painting; singers were not to be interrupted in the heat of an air to permit of the introduction of an orchestral ritornello, nor made to dwell on a favorable vowel sound in the middle of a word to display their skill in *fiorituri*. The second part of an air, which haply might be the more important part from a dramatic and poetical point of view, was not to be hurried over in order that the singer might have an opportunity to show his ingenuity in the introduction of variants in the first part on its repetition; nor was there to be a Da Capo which left the poetic sentiment suspended in mid-air. Moreover, the sharp contrast between recitative and air was to be abolished, the orchestra was to be used in accompaniments according to the interest and passion of the moment, the overture was to become a sort of index, an "argument" of the play, and in all things simplicity and directness were to be cultivated. Paride ed Elena was composed in 1770.

Caro mio ben Giordani

HERE is another extremely beautiful and popular song of which, like Ah! rendimi, the origin and authorship cannot positively be given. It is likely, however, that it was composed by Giuseppe, the youngest member of a family of eighteenth century musicians named Giordani, who was born about 1744 in Naples, studied at the Conservatorio di Loreto in that city, produced his first opera in 1771 at Pisa, and went to London, whither his father and an elder brother, Tomasso, had preceded him, in 1772. Thence he went to Dublin, where his brother had established an Italian opera company in 1761, and was composer and director of music in the Irish capital until 1782, when he went back to his native Italy, where he died on January 4, 1798. As youngest of the family he was familiarly known as "Giordanello."

O des amants le plus sidèle Méhul ÉTIENNE-NICOLAS (or Étienne-Henri) Méhul was born June 22, 1763, at Givet in France. A precocious boy, he became organist of a monastery in his native town when he was ten years old, having been taught to play the organ by a blind man who directed the musical worship of the monks. The latter's accomplishments were very modest and the boy soon knew all that he could teach. About this time an organist of unusual ability, named Wilhelm Hauser, came to Lavaldieu to take charge of the music at a monastery there, and the boy Méhul repeatedly walked the several leagues which separated Lavaldieu from Givet in order to hear the famous man play—just as Bach made his journeys to hear Buxtehude. Next the boy became the pupil of Hauser, and at fourteen was deputy organist at the monastery. When he was a year older an amateur, who was struck with his skill, took him to Paris to study. There Edelmann became his teacher in pianoforte playing and composition, he giving lessons, meanwhile, for a livelihood. In 1779 he heard the first performance of Gluck's Iphigénie en Tauride, and was so greatly impressed that he presented himself to the great German master whose friendly advice made him resolve to devote himself to dramatic composition. He wrote considerable ballet and opera music for practice, and got a public hearing in 1790 with an opéra comique. Success soon followed, and within the next seventeen years he composed twenty-four operas, of which the eighth, Ariodant (from which this air is taken), appeared on October 11, 1799. Méhul wrote many patriotic songs, cantatas and ballets. At a later date he also essayed symphonies, which were performed at the Conservatoire in Paris, at the foundation of which he was appointed Inspector of Instruction. In 1810 he wrote a ballet on the subject of Perseus and Andromeda, for which he revamped considerable music from Ariodant. He died October 18, 1817, of consumption.

Méhul was something of an innovator in orchestration. The device of using violas instead of violins, which Mozart applied with great ef-

fectiveness in one of the bass airs of The Magic Flute, Méhul employed throughout the opera of Uthal, which led Grétry to cry out: "Six francs for an E string!" In the introduction to Ariodant he has a striking passage for three violoncellos and a trombone. An overture, La Chasse de jeune Henri, with a climax reached by a pistol shot, is heard at long intervals in modern concert rooms where some of his other orchestral music also survives.

Non, non, non, vous n'avez jamais Meyerbeer Ah! mon fils Meyerbeer THE first of these songs is one of the two charming airs which Meyerbeer has allotted to the page Urbain in his opera Les Huguenots. The cavatina Nobles seigneurs (see Songs from the Operas for Mezzo Soprano) was composed for the soprano voice, but was transposed for Madame Alboni when Meyerbeer made the Italian version of his opera for London. At the same time he composed and interpolated the rondo Non, vous n'avez jamais (or as it is sung in Italian, No, caso equal giammai scommetto) to oblige the great singer.

Les Huguenots is Meyerbeer's masterpiece and has clung to life with marvellous tenacity in spite of the revolution in popular taste which has taken place during the threescore and ten years of its existence. The book was written by Scribe and Deschamps, and the opera was brought forward at the Académie Royale (popularly called the Grand Opéra) in Paris on February 29, 1836, after elaborate preparations and the expenditure of 160,000 francs for miseen-scène. It marked high water for Meyerbeer. Heine characterized it, not maliciously, however, as the opera in which Catholics and Protestants kill each other to the accompaniment of music written by a Jew. Fierce polemics have been directed against it, but all to no avail in the presence of the climacteric beauties of its score, some of which (notably the great love duet of the fourth act) must still be accounted among the finest things that the lyric stage has inspired. The romance of passion which runs through the play is

most ingeniously wrought about two momentous historical happenings,—the nuptials of Marguerite of Valois (sister of Charles IX) and Henry of Navarre (afterward Henry IV of France), which were celebrated on August 18, 1572, and the Massacre of St. Bartholomew, which took place six days later. To the first of these incidents the opera owes its brilliant opening and the charming second act culminating in the gathering of the Catholic and Protestant noblemen; to the second the sensationally effective benediction of poignards and the great duet,—for it is the agony of despair into which the hero and heroine are plunged when they overhear the plotting of the massacre which rings the confession of love from their lips.

The second song is from Le Prophète, an opera in five acts, words by Scribe, produced at the Opéra in Paris on April 16, 1849. To this opera too, there is a religious background. The "prophet" is John Boccold, known in history as John of Leyden, one of the leaders of the fanatical sect of Anabaptists in Germany in the sixteenth century. In Scribe's drama, which throws the verities of history to the winds, John is an innkeeper at Leyden, in love with Bertha, a village maiden. Count Oberthal, her liege lord, has cast glances upon her charms and refuses his consent to her marriage to John. She escapes from his clutches and seeks protection with her lover. Oberthal seizes John's mother, Fides, and by threatening to kill her, compels him to give up the maiden into his hands. (It is to console him at this moment that Fides sings the air, Ah! mon fils.) John is inflamed with rage against the nobles and joins the ranks of the fanatical revolutionaries, who recognize his abilities as a leader and hail him as a prophet and king. For a space the Anabaptists are successful. Münster falls into their hands, the kingdom of David is established, and John is proclaimed the son of God. Then the fortunes of the rebels turn, and finding escape impossible, John blows up the palace while seated at a banquet, and perishes in the ruins.

Meyerbeer's real name was Jacob Liebmann Beer. He was born in Berlin on September 5,

1791, and died in Paris on May 2, 1864. The family from which he sprang was Jewish and very wealthy, and one of its members made him his heir on condition that he should prefix Meyer to his name. Out of Beer thus grew Meyerbeer, and he turned the German Jacob into the Italian Giacomo. Hence the name by which he is known. He started out as a German musician, and at the outset of his career as a composer adopted the manner of Weber, who was his fellow pupil for a time with Abbé Vogler. Later he studied singing in Italy, and there fell completely under the spell of Rossini. After he had composed half a dozen Italian operas he went to Paris, and in that city he seems to have made a serious study of French opera as founded by Lully and developed by his successors. After a silence of five years he burst upon the Parisian world with Robert le Diable, which achieved a dazzling success, and was followed by Les Huguenots (1836), Le Prophète (1849), L'Étoile du Nord (1854), Le Pardon de Ploërmel (1859), and L'Africaine (begun in 1838, but not performed till a year after his death). For Berlin, whither he was called by Frederick William IV of Prussia, as Music Director General in 1842, he composed Das Feldlager in Schlesien, much of the music of which went into the later score of L'Etoile du Nord.

Di tanti palpiti Rossini
Non più mesta accanto al fuoco Rossini
Ah! quel giorno Rossini

Rossini's operas, over thirty in number, were all written within nineteen years. He produced his first opera when he was eighteen years old, in 1810; his last when he was thirty-seven, in 1829. Thereafter he lived nearly forty years without taking up another operatic score. The first of the three airs in this collection is from the opera Tancredi, which, in 1813, put Rossini in the front rank of the composers of Italian opera seria. The opera is based on an adventure of the famous crusader, Tancred, the friend of Godfrey of Bouillon and one of the deliverers of Jerusalem cele-

brated in Tasso's epic. It was on the wings of Di tanti palpiti that Rossini's fame was carried to all parts of Europe. It had an incredible vogue for decades. Paganini wrote variations on it for the violin, and Wagner parodied its opening measures in the chorus of tailors in the last scene of his Die Meistersinger. Paganini also made a show-piece which still occupies the attention of violin virtuosi out of the second air, Non più mesta from La Cenerentola, an opera produced in Rome in 1817, based on the familiar fairy-tale about Cinderella. Semiramide, from which the third air is taken, was the last of Rossini's operas written for Italy, and had its first performance in Venice, in 1823. Its principal part was written for Madame Colbran, who was Rossini's wife, and with it many of the greatest singers in history have achieved some of their finest successes,—tragic singers like Pasta, Grisi, and Viardot-Garcia, as well as singers of the light, floridorder, like Sontag, Bosio, and Adelina Patti. The story of the opera, derived from a drama by Voltaire, deals with the wife of the legendary founder of Assyria. Semiramide, or Semiramis, the Queen, has murdered King Ninus, and is plotting to put her lover Assur upon the throne in his stead. She falls in love with her own son, whom she had put away as a child, and who as a young man, known as Arsaces, has won distinction in her army. She heaps honors upon him on his return from a victorious campaign, and begs him to marry her. He refuses, his love having already been given to a royal princess. Semiramide proclaims Assur king, but in the midst of the ceremonial the doors of Ninus's tomb fly open, his ghost appears, announces that Arsaces shall be his successor, and commands him to avenge his death. The secret of his birth is now revealed to Arsaces, and by him to Semiramide, who determines that he, not Assur, shall indeed be king. Assur plans to murder Arsaces, who has entered the tomb of his father. Semiramide follows Assur to save her son. Arsaces, in obedience to the behest of his father's ghost, is lying in wait; he mistakes his mother for the would-be assassin

and kills her.

Tancredi, La Cenerentola, and Semiramide were all in the repertory of Garcia's season at the Park Theatre, New York, in 1825,—the first season of Italian opera ever heard in America.

Gioachino Antonio Rossini was born on February 29, 1792, at Pesaro (wherefore he is spoken of as "the swan of Pesaro"), and died near Paris on November 13, 1868. He was born to the theatre, his father being a horn-player in the orchestra of an opera troupe in which his mother was a singer. As a lad he sang in the same troupe and played accompaniments. At fifteen years of age he entered the Liceo at Bologna to study composition and the violoncello, and inside of three years, i. e. in 1810, he brought forward his first opera. Between then and 1829, when he retired on his laurels, he wrote over thirty operas, of which Guillaume Tell was the last. It is his masterpiece in the serious as Il Barbiere di Siviglia is in the comic genre.

Ah! s'estinto ancor mi vuoi Mercadante Many years have passed since the name of Mercadante (Giuseppe Saverio Raffaelle) appeared in the lists of American opera-houses, but it was known to the patrons of the second season given in New York in 1832, when his Elisa e Claudio was the most popular opera in the repertory, and also of the first season at the Astor Place Opera House in 1847, when Il Giuramento, his most effective work, had several performances. Donna Caritea, from which this air is taken, has never, to my knowledge, graced an American list. The composer was born at Altamura, near Bari, in September, 1795, and died on December 17, 1870, in Naples at the head of whose Conservatorio he had been for many years after 1840. His musical studies were made at the Collegio di San Sebastiano in Naples, then presided over by Zingarelli. He entered as a lad of twelve, studied flute and violin as well as composition, and had become leader of the orchestra, when he was unceremoniously expelled from the school for reasons that have not yet been satisfactorily explained. Thrown upon his own resources he essayed composition, trying his hand at first in 1818 with a pair of cantatas which met with approval, then with an opera buffa in 1820. He followed up this attempt with several serious works, of which Elisa e Claudio, in 1821, was completely successful. Having established his reputation he carried on his career for a decade in Madrid and Cadiz, and then returned to Naples in 1831. After holding several positions in cathedrals he became director of the Conservatorio in 1840. He lost his eyesight in 1862. He composed sixty operas in all and tried his hand also at instrumental music.

Deh! non voler costringere Donizetti Il segreto per esser felici Donizetti THE first of these airs is from the opera Anna Bolena, which deals with incidents in the life of one of Henry VIII's unfortunate wives; the second is from Lucrezia Borgia, an opera based on the practice of the Borgias of Italy of poisoning their enemies. In this case Lucrezia, wife of the Duke of Ferrara, accidentally includes her own son by a previous marriage among her victims, and dies herself of remorse. Whether or not the former opera has ever been performed in America I am unable to say; the second has had a fitful existence on the New York stage ever since 1844, when it was brought forward at Palmo's Opera House, the first theatre built for opera in the United States. Il segreto is the so-called brindisi, or drinking-song, in the opera.

The life and artistic career of Gaetano Donizetti were thus hurriedly summed up by the English critic, Henry F. Chorley, in his Thirty Years' Musical Recollections: "He was born in Bergamo in 1797; he was trained by Simon Mayer at Bologna; he was drawn for a soldier in 1816, and extricated himself by the small gains from his first opera, Enrico di Borgogna, produced at Venice. Then came some score of operas,—all forgotten except, perhaps, Il Borgomaestro di Saardam, for the sake of a poor but tunable duet. His twenty-first was L'Eusile di Roma, his thirty-second was Anna Bolena. Thirty-three more were to come ere the brain of the busy

man perished, under the influence of an unbridled life of indulged appetite. Gradually— Signor Rossini remaining silent, Bellini dead, and Signor Verdi as yet partially owned - Donizetti became the man to whom Europe looked for Italian opera." This appreciation is scarcely sympathetic, but it is significant of the attitude of a critic who wrote under the influence of the waning love for Rossini and the growing appreciation for Verdi. The reference to the perishing brain of the composer is due to the fact that Donizetti was stricken with paralysis in 1845, and was not relieved by death until April 8, 1848. None of the operas which preceded Il Borgomaestro di Saardam is deeper in oblivion than it; but of the thirty-three that came after, Anna Bolena, L'Elisir d'Amore, Lucrezia Borgia, La Fille du Régiment, La Favorita, and Don Pasquale are still living on the operatic stage.

Die Gluth des heissen Tages Glinka Mikhail Ivanovitch Glinka (1804–1857) stands in history as the founder of the Russian national school of music. The performance of his opera A Life for the Czar is a patriotic duty in his native land, but it has never gained an enduring foothold in foreign lands. Its popularity, however, is greater than that of his second opera, Russlan and Ludmilla, from which this air is taken. It was brought forward in 1842 and had thirty performances the first season. Its story is a fantastic one which was derived by Pouschkin from the folk-tales of Russia, turning on the separation by a wicked magician of a noble couple (whose names give the opera its title) on the eve of their marriage, and the eventual rescue of his bride by the hero through his own gallantry, aided by a rival magician. The score of Russlan and Ludmilla was not published until after the composer's death, and was then dedicated by Glinka's sister to Liszt.

Me voici dans son boudoir

A. Thomas
This is a rondo in gavotte style which the composer interpolated in the second act of Mignon for Madame Trebelli, when the work was given

in London. The opera is a setting by Ambroise Thomas of the story of Wilhelm Meister and the Italian waif Mignon, from Goethe's novel entitled Wilhelm Meister's Lehrjahre. This has been done into admirable English by Carlyle, and ought to be familiar to all cultured people. Mignon was first performed at the Théâtre Impérial de l'Opéra Comique, in Paris, on November 17, 1866. M. Thomas (Charles-Louis-Ambroise) was born at Metz on August 5, 1811, and died in Paris on February 12, 1896. He was a pupil at the Conservatoire, carried off the Grand Prix in 1832, and in 1871 succeeded Auber as director. Of his many operas Mignon has won the greatest and widest success.

Esser mesto

Flotow

THE air is from the opera of Martha which Americans and Englishmen have known so long and exclusively in its English and Italian garbs that it is difficult to think of it as being originally a German opera. Yet it was composed for the court opera in Vienna and brought out there for the first time on November 25, 1847. Its story, however, though English in subject and having to do with one of the court ladies of Queen Anne, was originally French, and its first stage form, as we now have it, was as a ballet of which Flotow composed one act, the others having been written by Friedrich B. Burgmüller and Edouard Deldevez. This ballet was called Lady Harriette, ou la Servante de Greenwich, and its book was prepared by the Marquis de Saint Georges, who had written librettos for Donizetti, Auber, Adam and other famous composers. It was a success, and Flotow was so pleased with the story that he got a friend, named F. W. Riese, to make an opera-book out of it when the Vienna opportunity came. The fundamental conceit of the play had done service before in a French vaudeville entitled La Comtesse d'Egmont and the Ballet des Chambrières à louer, a popular piece in Paris toward the close of the seventeenth century.

The opera Martha concerns itself with the adventures of a noble lady (Harriette or Henri-

etta), who wearies of court life, and merely for diversion dons the dress of a menial, and at the annual Richmond Fair takes service with a farmer known as Lionel, who falls in love with her. The joke has been carried a little farther than the lady intended, but she manages to get back to her proper surroundings. Afterward, while in the hunting train of Queen Anne, she is met by her quondam master. He lays claim to her services, but she turns him away as a madman, upsetting his mind. Through a ring which his foster brother sends to the Queen, Lionel is recognized as the Earl of Derby, son of the old earl, who had been banished from the kingdom, though guiltless of the offence which had been brought against him. Despite her apparent harshness Lady Harriette loves Lionel even before the discovery of his high rank. Now she seeks to throw herself into his arms, but he repulses her. In this dilemma a remedy is sought in the device of bringing back to his mind the scene of the first meeting. An imitation of the Richmond Fair scene is arranged, and amidst its merriment reason returns to the lover, and with it happiness. Esser mesto is a song sung by Nancy, Lady Harriette's maid. The composer, Friedrich Freiherr (that is, Baron) von Flotow (1812–1883), was a son of a member of the minor nobility of Mecklenburg, and was studying music under Reicha in Paris when he collaborated in the composition of the ballet.

Re dell' abisso

Verdi

Born on October 10, 1813, and dying on January 27, 1901, Verdi embodied in his music every phase of development which Italian opera went through from the time that Rossini changed the taste which had been formed on Piccinni, Cimarosa, and Paisiello till the arrival on the scene of the younger school of to-day headed by Mascagni, Leoncavallo, and Puccini. His ideals in 1839, when he brought out his first opera, Oberto, Conte di San Bonifacio, differed in nothing from those of Bellini and Donizetti, though his characteristic expression was always of a ruder, possibly a more truthful, sort. From Oberto to

Falstaff the step is as wide, and in its way as significant, as the stride from Wagner's Rienzi to his Parsifal. Halfway between lies the operatic trefoil—Trovatore, Traviata, Rigoletto—which may be said still to mark the culmination of his spontaneous creative powers.

Un Ballo in Maschera was Verdi's twenty-third opera, and had its first performance at the Apollo Theatre in Rome on February 17, 1859. The vicissitudes through which it passed, and the changes to which its book was subjected, form one of the amusing chapters of operatic literature. As originally written the opera, based on a libretto written by Scribe for Auber, told the story of the assassination of the king of Sweden, Gustavus III, by Ankerström. To such a story of regicide the censorship at Naples, and afterwards at Rome, raised objections, which were overcome by the device of changing the scene of the play to America. At Boston, in the days of the Puritans, the Governor is killed at a masked ball by his Secretary, who has discovered a liaison between his master and his wife. The acquiescence of the Italian censorship was thus secured at the expense of the most absurd anachronism in all the absurd pages of opera. Re dell' abisso is a song sung by a black sorceress, who tells fortunes and deals in love charms near Boston.

Si le bonheur Gounod Nuit resplendissante Gounod

The first of these airs is from the opera Faust, the second from Cinq Mars, which was brought forward at the Théâtre de l'Opéra on April 5, 1877, and called an opéra dialogue. It is in the list of Gounod's failures. Faust, beyond cavil the composer's masterpiece, was brought forward at the Théâtre Lyrique in Paris on March 19, 1859. After it had been given for ten years in its original shape it was remodelled to suit the requirements of the Grand Opéra, at which institution it had its first performance on March 3, 1869, with Nilsson in the rôle of Marguerite. By 1887 the composer was able to celebrate its five hundredth performance, and in the course of the next eight years five hundred more re-

presentations were added in Paris alone. It has now long overpassed the fifteen hundred mark, and the patrons of the Grand Opéra still listen to it with delight between twenty and thirty times each year. It was the most pronounced of Gounod's operatic successes at the time of its production, and has remained such during all the fifty intervening years. Charles-François Gounod was born in Paris on June 17, 1818, and died in his native city on October 17, 1893. At the Conservatoire, which he entered in 1836, he carried off the second prize in 1837, and won the Grand Prix de Rome in 1839 with a cantata entitled Fernand. After enjoying the advantages given by the prize he returned to Paris and for five years afterward was little heard of, devoting himself exclusively to church music and even contemplating the taking of holy orders. In 1851 he produced his first opera, Sapho, which failed. It was followed by La Nonne Sanglante (1854) and Le Médecin malgré Lui (1858). Then came Faust, the book of which was written by Michel Carré and Jules Barbier after the first part of Goethe's great dramatic poem. Eight operas succeeded Faust, but only one of them developed vitality enough to bear comparison with it. This was Roméo et Juliette, brought forward in 1867.

Si le bonheur is a romance which occurs at the beginning of the third act of Faust, but is generally omitted at performances in America and England. Marguerite, having heard the jeering laughter of her erstwhile companions, sings at the spinning-wheel a lamentation over the absence of her lover and her sad plight. Siebel finds her weeping and seeks to comfort her in the romance, with assurances of his continued love and sympathy.

Voce di donna Ponchielli

This air, which provides a phrase of melody that is used by the composer recurrently throughout the opera, is sung by the blind mother (called La Cieca in the book) of the heroine of the opera La Gioconda by Amilcare Ponchielli. It occurs in the first act and is an expression of pious gra-

titude toward a noble lady who has befriended the unfortunate woman. The opera is based on Victor Hugo's tragedy Angelo, Tyrane de Padoue, and tells the story of the lustful pursuit of a pretty street-singer, called La Gioconda, by Barnaba, a bloody-minded spy of the Venetian Council of Ten. La Gioconda is in love with Enzo, whose affections, however, are divided between her and Laura, wife of Alvise Badiero, one of the Council. On discovering her infidelity Alvise attempts to kill her by poison, but she is saved by feigning death and makes her escape to one of the islands of the Adriatic. There Gioconda finds her. At first she is inclined to kill her rival, but seeing about her neck a cross given to her by the blind woman, her mother, she spares her and aids her to escape with Enzo. To save her mother, who has been kidnapped by Barnaba, she agrees to give herself to him, then takes her own life, dying while the villain is shrieking in her ear that he had strangled the blind woman.

The opera had its first performance at La Scala in Milan on April 8, 1876, and was given for the first time in America on December 20, 1883, at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, with Madame Scalchi as La Cieca. Amilcare Ponchielli, the composer, was born at Paderno Fasolaro, Cremona, on September 1, 1834, and died at Milan on January 16, 1886. He was connected with the Conservatorio at Milan as pupil and teacher for many years, beginning with 1843, and was both instructor and model of many of the younger Italian composers of to-day.

Tant que le jour dure Delibes From the opera Jean de Nivelle, composed for the Opéra Comique in Paris and performed there on March 8, 1880, three years before Lakmé, the composer's most successful opera. The full name of its composer was ClémentPhilibert-Léo Delibes. He was born at St. Germain-du-Val, Sarthe, February 21, 1836, and died in Paris, January 16, 1891. He obtained a first prize for solfeggio at the Conservatoire in 1850, became accompanist at the Théâtre Lyrique in 1853, accompanist at the Grand Opéra in 1863, and soon after second chorusmaster under Massé. When he died he was a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, professor of composition at the Conservatoire, and Member of the Institute. His American reputation rests chiefly on Lakmé and his delightful ballets La Source, Sylvia and Coppélia.

My heart is weary Goring Thomas THE opera of Nadeshda, from which this beautiful air is taken, was a direct product of the practical encouragement given by Carl Rosa to English music as manager of the Carl Rosa English Opera Company in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. For a number of years he commissioned one English composer after another to write a work for his company, for which he obtained publication, and then performed in London as well as the provinces. Nadeshda was the second opera written by Arthur Goring Thomas for the Rosa company under these conditions, the first having been Esmeralda, brought out at Drury Lane in 1883. Nadeshda, which has a Russian subject, followed two years later. The composer was born at Ratton, Sussex, England, in November, 1851. He did not turn his attention seriously to music until 1875, when he went to Paris and for two years studied with Emile Durand. Returning to London he entered the Royal Academy, where Arthur Sullivan and Ebenezer Prout were his teachers, and where within three years he twice took the annual prize for composition. In a fit of melancholy he committed suicide by throwing himself in front of a railway train on March 20, 1892.

H.E. Kuhbil

Blue Hill, Maine, July, 1909

## SONGS FROM THE OPERAS FOR ALTO

### GLOOMY WOODS, IN DARKNESS RECEIVE ME (BOIS ÉPAIS, REDOUBLE TON OMBRE)

From "Amadis" (1684)





(AH! RENDIMI)

Translated by Arthur Westbrook
Edited by H. E. Krehbiel

From "Mitrane" (1689)

FRANCESCO ROSSI(?)







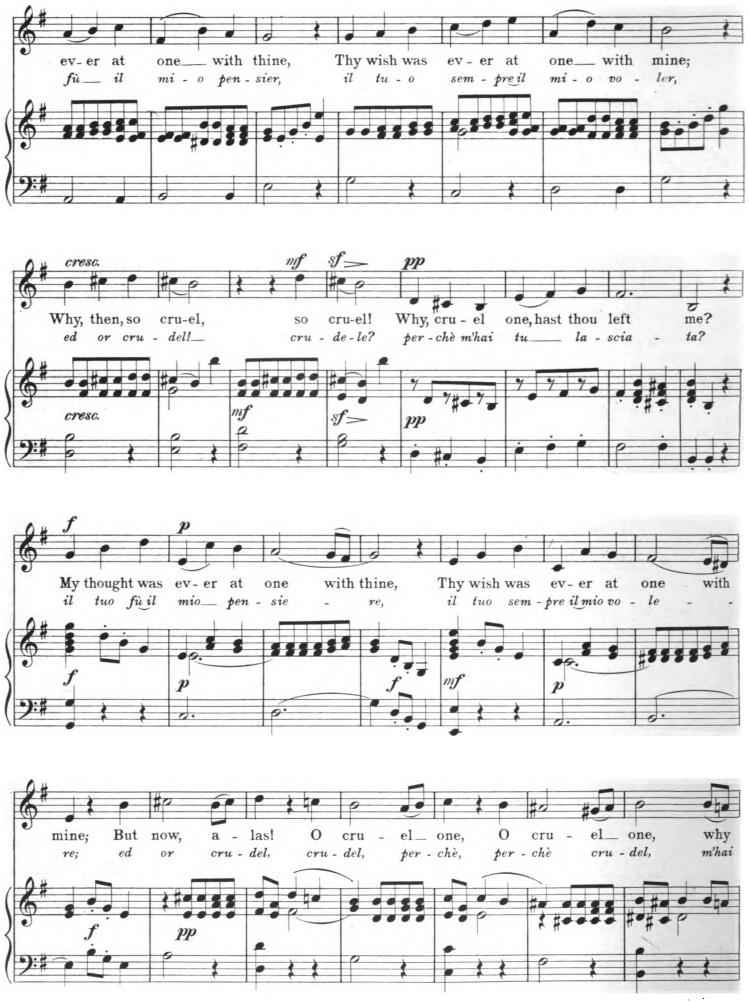
















## WHEN I AM LAID IN EARTH

From "Dido and Æneas" (1680?)

NAHUM TATE Edited by H.E.Krehbiel HENRY PURCELL (1659?-1695)







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## TO ACHIEVE ALL THE GLAMOR OF GLORY (ALL'ACQUISTO DI GLORIA)

From "Tigrane"(1715)

Translated by Nathan Haskell Dole Edited by H.E. Krehbiel

ALESSANDRO SCARLATTI (1659? - 1725)





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### TORMENT UNENDING

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From "Amadigi" (1715)

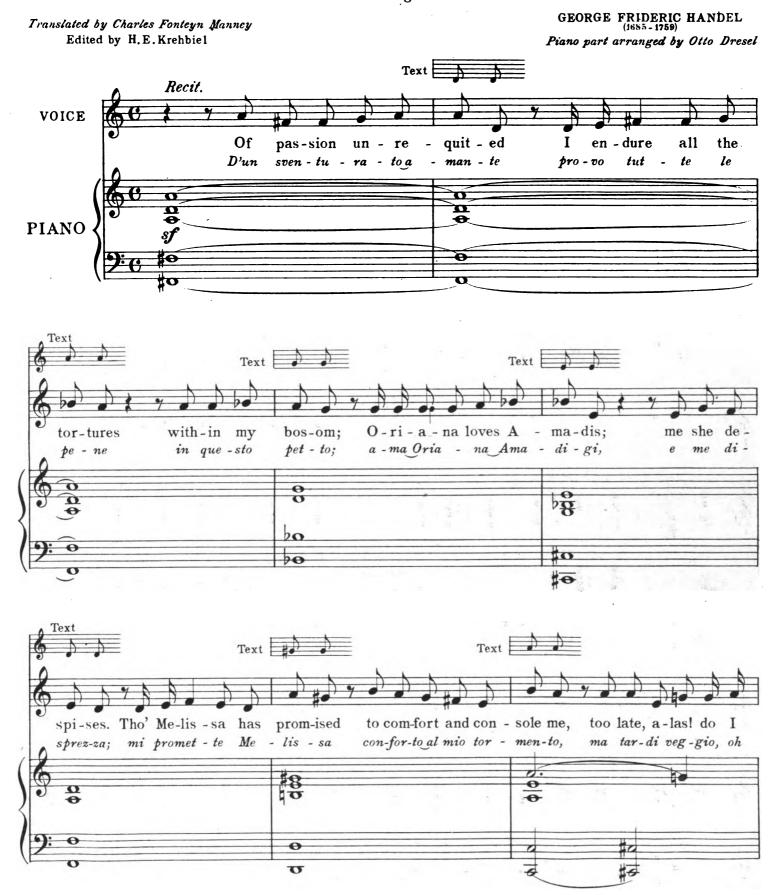




### TORMENT UNENDING

#### (PENA TIRANNA)

From "Amadigi" (1715)



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# VERDANT MEADOWS, GROVES ENCHANTING (VERDI PRATI, SELVE AMENE)

From "Alcina" (1735)

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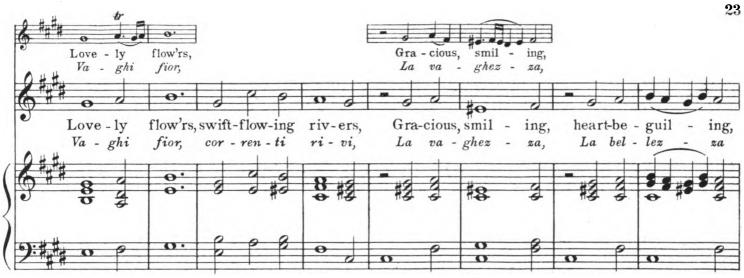




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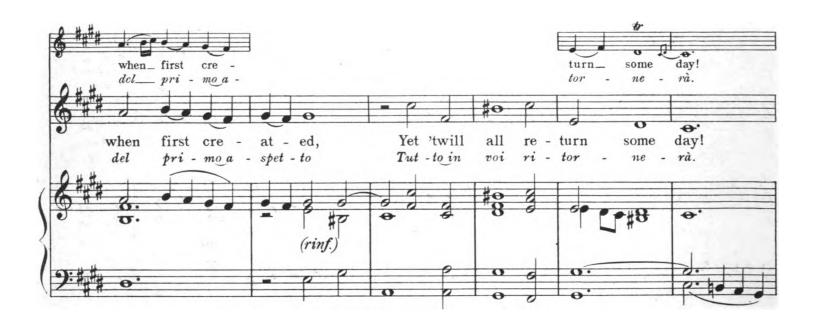




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## WHEN AROUND THY DEAR FACE

(SE MAI SENTI)

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LEONARDO LEO (1694-1744)





Variants by Gevaert.

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### FATHER, HAVE MERCY

(PADRE, PERDONA)

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Variants by Gevaert.

From "Demofoonte" (1748)

JOHANN ADOLPH HASSE



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### I HAVE LOST MY EURIDICE

#### (CHE FARÒ SENZA EURIDICE)

From "Orfeo ed Euridice" (1762)



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# OH, FROM MY TENDER LOVE (O DEL MIO DOLCE ARDOR)

From "Paride ed Elena" (1770)

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CHRISTOPH WILIBALD GLUCK (1714 - 1787)







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## CANST THOU BELIEVE (CARO MIO BEN)



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(O DES AMANTS LE PLUS FIDÈLE)

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From "Ariodant" (1799)

ÉTIENNE-NICOLAS-MÉHUL







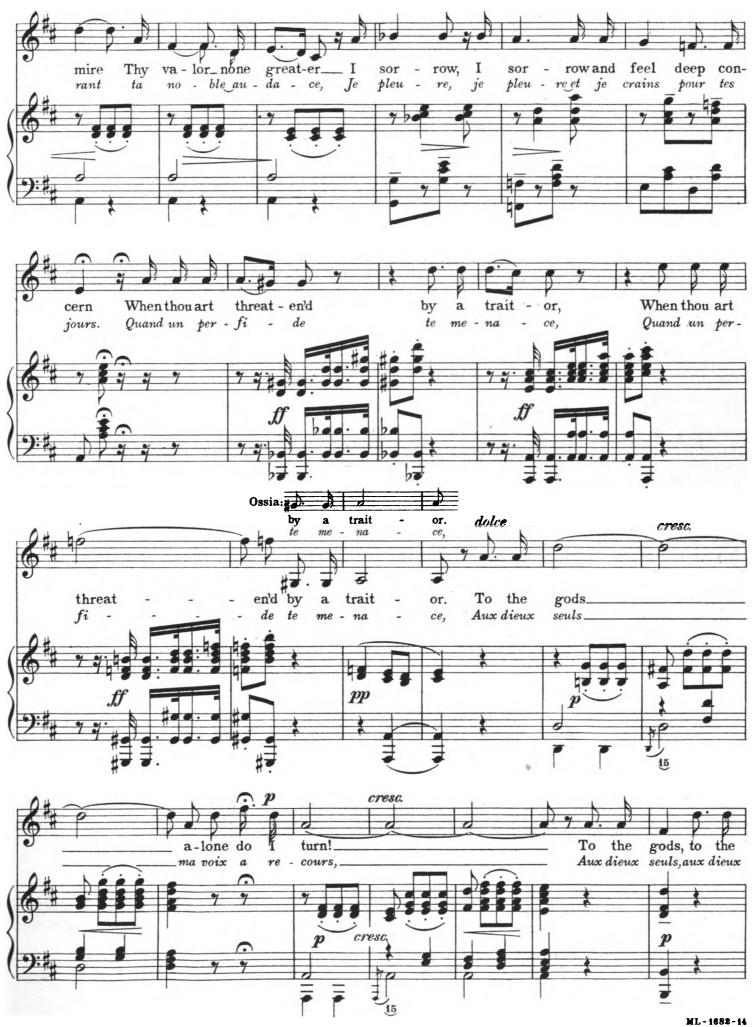


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### NO, I'LL ENGAGE THAT YOU HAVE NEVER

(NON, NON, NON, VOUS N'AVEZ JAMAIS)

From "Les Huguenots" (1836)

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GIACOMO MEYERBEER (1791 - 1864)



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## AH! MY SON (AH! MON FILS)

From "Le Prophète" (1849) GIACOMO MEYERBEER Edited by H. E. Krehbiel (1791 - 1864) Allegro molto moderato dim. Andante espressivo Ah! my son! my son! Ah! Ah! mon fils! sois bé For thy poor moth-er Did'st thou then pau - vre mè - re tefut plus pp cresc. smoth-er A11 thy sweet dreams, all thy sweet dreams of Ber - tha's chè - re que Ber - tha, que ta Ber - tha, que ton cresc. Smorz. poco cresc.

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### AH! MY SON (AH! MON FILS)



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#### FOR ALL THE PAINS I BEAR

(DI TANTI PALPITI)

From "Tancredi" (1813)



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# NO MORE LONELY, HOPELESS WAITING (NON PIÙ MESTA ACCANTO AL FUOCO)

From "Cenerentola" (1817)





# NO MORE LONELY, HOPELESS WAITING (NON PIÙ MESTA ACCANTO AL FUOCO)

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## LIVE THIS DAY IN MEMORY SHINING

(AH! QUEL GIORNO!)

From "Semiramide"(1823)

GIOACHINO ROSSINI (1792-1868) Edited by H.E.Krehbiel Text Recit. VOICE Once more I see thee, O\_\_\_Bab-y - lo-nia, And here too stands, I in\_\_\_ Ba - bi - lo - nia, Ec - co-mial fi - ne, que-sto, si, PIANO the tem-ple of Be-lus. see now, di Be - lo tem-pio. que-sto Mid the si-lence sur-rounding, e'en more im-press-ivé seems - der\_ a -Qual si - len - zio au - gu - sto ve - ne - ran - do an - cor deil\_sog-























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## AH, SINCE VAINLY I NOW IMPLORE THEE (AH! S'ESTINTO ANCOR MI VUOI)





## AH, SINCE VAINLY I NOW IMPLORE THEE (AH! S'ESTINTO ANCOR MI VUOI)

From "Donna Caritea" (1826) GIUSEPPE SAVERIO MERCADANTE Edited by H.E.Krehbiel (1795 - 1870) Allegro **PIANO** I now im-plore thee, Since to Ah, since vain - ly an-cor mi vuo - i, Ah s'e - stin - to se pie-See in an - guish I kneel be - fore \_ \_thee, Ah, then thouart a stran-ger, pit - y al-men sot - toi sguar - di\_ i, deh mi in cor non sen - ti, tuo me, ah, then let me breathe my last! ah, then let me ah, then let me, la - scia, deh\_ mi la-scia oh Dio, \_ mo - rir! deh mi la-scia, deh mi





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# WHY, SINCE THY HEART IN SADNESS WEEPS

(DEH! NON VOLER COSTRINGERE)

From "Anna Bolena" (1830)



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### IT IS BETTER TO LAUGH THAN BE SIGHING

#### (IL SEGRETO PER ESSER FELICI)

From "Lucrezia Borgia" (1833)

GAETANO DONIZETTI Edited by H. E. Krehbiel

Allegro ma non troppo

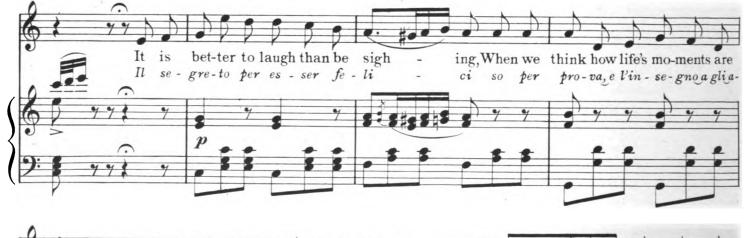
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## THE SHADES OF NIGHT

#### (DIE GLUTH DES HEISSEN TAGES)

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## I AM HERE IN HER BOTTOIR MR VOICE DANS SON BOTTOIR

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From "Michael Inda.



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## I AM HERE IN HER BOUDOIR (ME VOICI DANS SON BOUDOIR)

From "Mignon" (1866)







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#### DISMAL CARE

#### (ESSER MESTO)

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# KING OF THE SHADES (RE DELL' ABISSO)



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### WHEN ALL WAS YOUNG

(SI LE BONHEUR) From "Faust" (1859) English words by H.F. Chorley CHARLES-FRANÇOIS GOUNOD Edited by H.E. Krehbiel (1818 - 1893) Andante VOICE When all was Si le bon-PIANO young, and pleasant May\_was blooming, I thy poor friend took part with thee in play; Now that the a sou-ri-re t'in -vi - te Jo - yeux a - lors je sens un doux é - moi; Si la doucloud\_ of au-tumn dark is glooming, Now is for me, too, mournful the day!\_ Hope and deleur\_\_ t'ac-ca - ble, Mar - gue - ri - te, O Mar-gue - ri - te, O Mar-gue - ri - te, Je pleure a light have pass'd from life a - way! lors, je pleu - re com-me toi.

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### NIGHT RADIANT IN SPLENDOR

#### (NUIT RESPLENDISSANTE)

From "Cinq Mars" (1877) CHARLES-FRANÇOIS GOUNOD Translated by Arthur Westbrook Edited by H.E. Krehbiel (1818-1898) Allegretto agitato PIANO dim. Andante By what trou-bled un-rest ám I nowo-ver-ta-ken! And whose im - age con-fronts mine Par quel trou-ble pro-fond suis-je i-ci ra-me-né - e? Quelle\_i - ma-ge est de - vant mes in my soul deeply shak-en, What bold-ness in them lies: Still his words do I eyes? mots au-da-ci - eux: en mon âme é-ton-né - e CesIls re'- son-nent en - co-re yeux!

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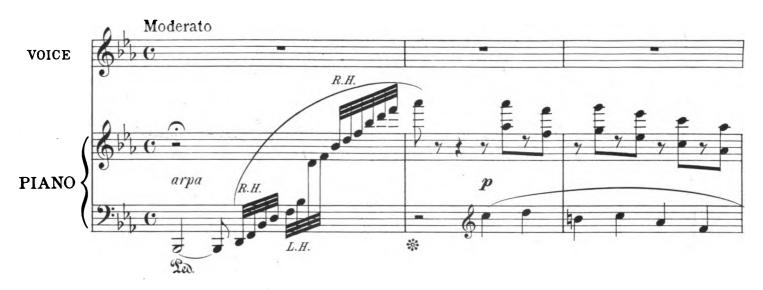


# LIGHT TO MY DARK SOUL BRINGING (VOCE DI DONNA)

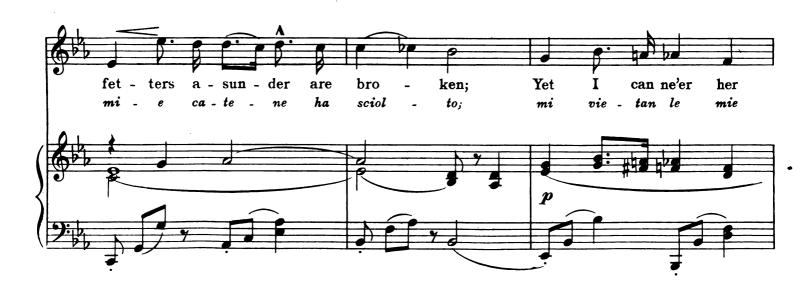
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## NOW WHILE THE DAYLIGHT STILL LINGERS

## (TANT QUE LE JOUR DURE)

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LÉO DELIBES (1886-1891)











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## MY HEART IS WEARY

## (SCHWER LIEGT AUF DEM HERZEN)



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