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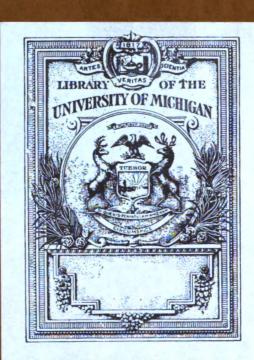
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CHARACTERS

ATHANAEL, Cenobite	•	•		•		•	Baryton.
NICIAS, young Philosopher sybarite							Tenor.
PALEMON, old Cenobite							Basse.
THE SERVITOR			•		•		Baryton.
THAÏS, Comedian and Courtesan		•					Soprano.
CROBYLE, Slave							Soprano.
MYRTALE, Slave		•					Mezzo-soprano.
ALBINE, Abbess							Mezzo-soprano.
"LA CHARMEUSE"							Soprano.
THE CENOBITES							Tenors, barytons, basses.

CHORUS

Histrions and Comedians, Philosophers, Friends of Nicias, the People, the White Nuns.



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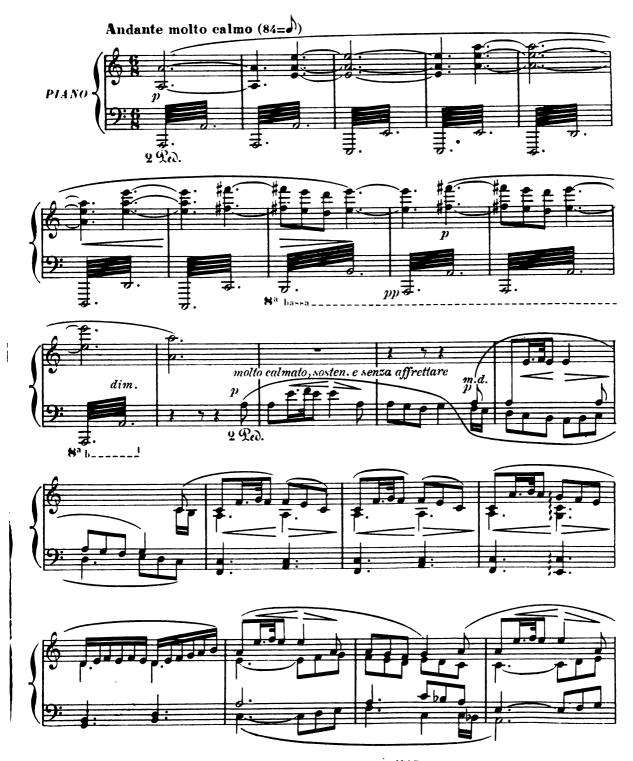
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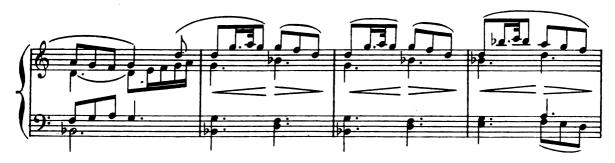
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THE THEBAID

The huts of the Cenobites on the banks of the Nile.

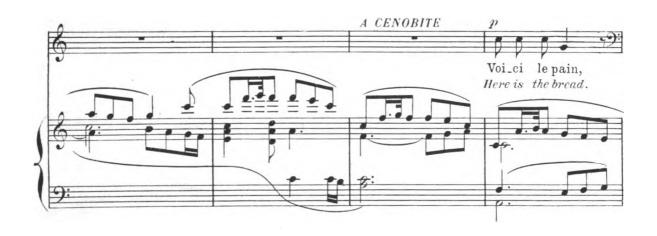


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Day is not yet ended. Twelve Cenobites and old Palemon are seated at a long rustic table. In the centre, Palemon presides over the frugal and peaceful repast. One place is racant, that of Athanaël.









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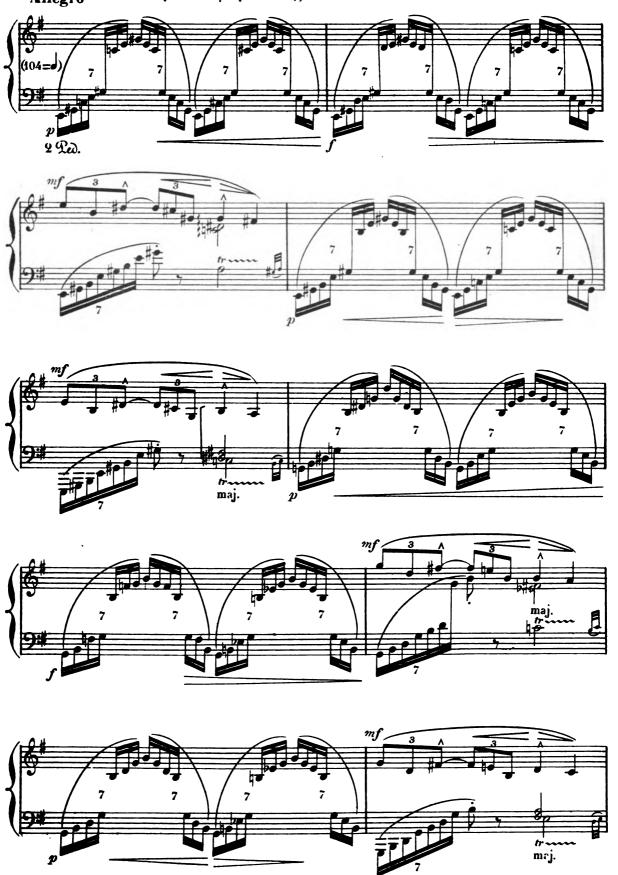




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16 =VISION= From out of a mist is seen the interior of the theatre at Alexandria. An immense crowd upon the benches. In front is the stage upon which Thais (lightly clad and with face reiled)

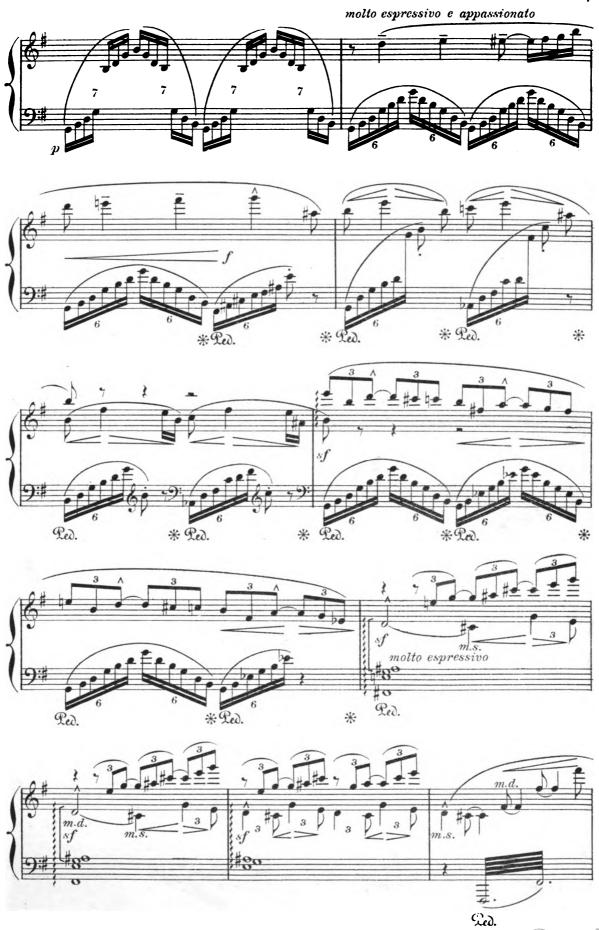
Allegro imitates the postures of Aphrodite. (1)



(1) Thais, mimant devant la foule du théâtre d'Alexandrio, n'est par conséquent vue que de dos par le public de la salle. Thais, dancing before the crowd in the theatre at Alexandria, consequently has her back turned to the real audience.

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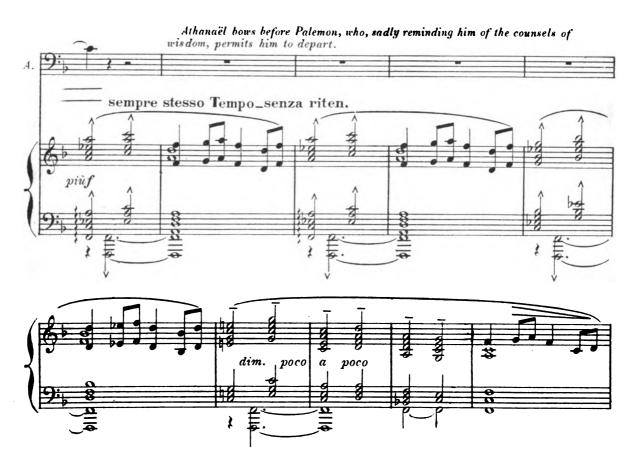




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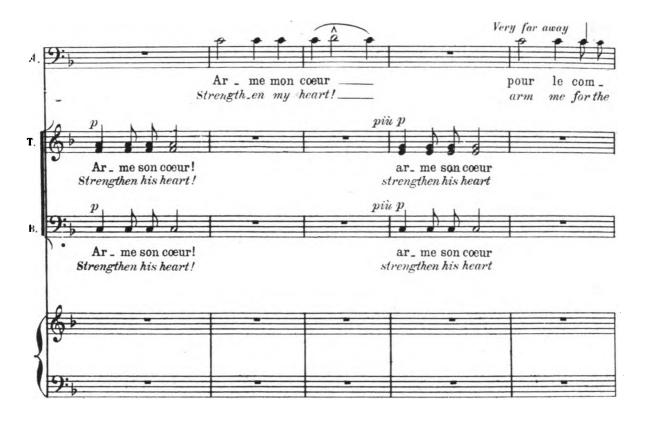
The Cenobites accompany Athanaël as far as the road; then, kneeling in groups, they respond to his utterances as his voice dies away in the solitude of the Thebaian desert.

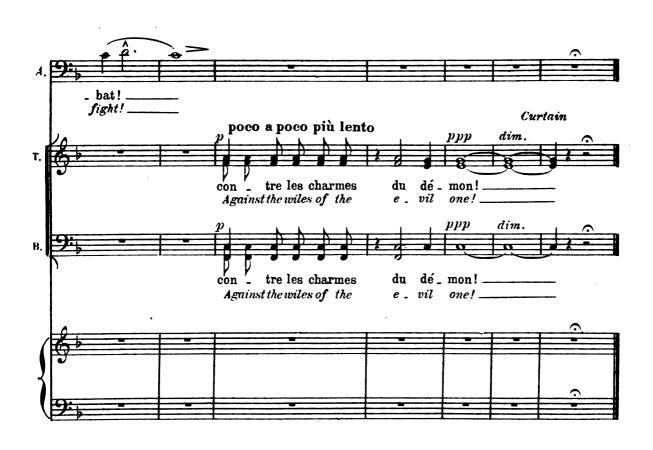


Chanter à pleine voix et se placer de plus en plus loin; très loin à la fin.

(1) To be sung with full voice from a gradually increasing distance; very far away at the end.







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ALEXANDRIA







THE TERRACE OF THE HOUSE OF NICIAS AT ALEXANDRIA.

This terrace overlooks the city and the sea; it stands in the shade of tall trees. On the right a vast awning, behind which is the chamber prepared for the banquet.



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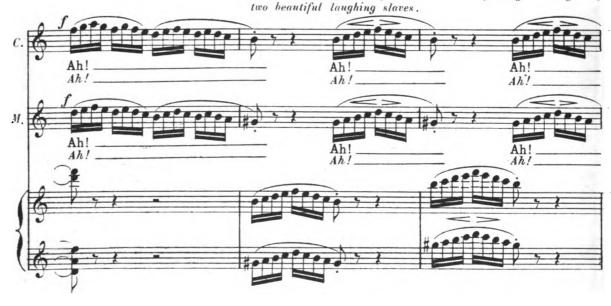


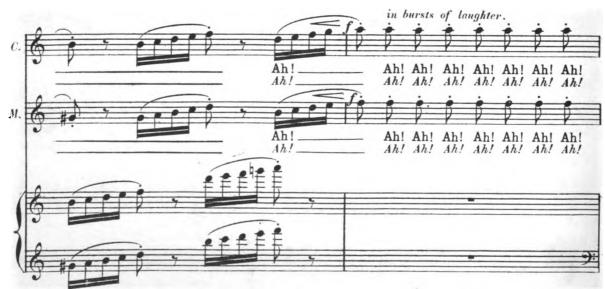






Nicias comes forth, leaning on the shoulders of Crobyle and Myrtale,





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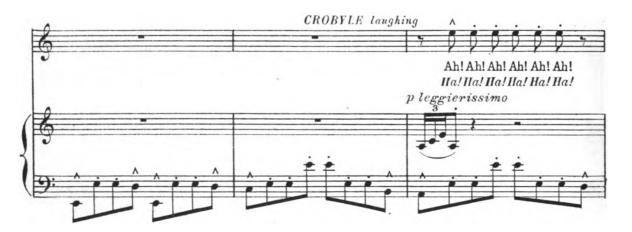


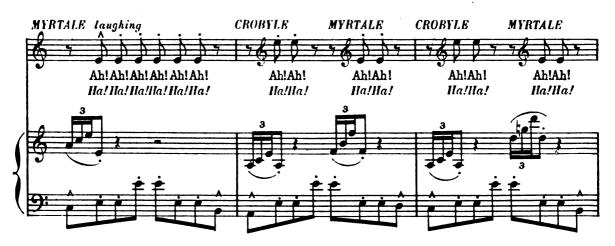




Myrtale claps her hands. The servitor enters and she gives him an order. He goes out and returns immediately with slaves bearing a box from which Crobyle and Myrtale take out the things necessary for Athanaël's dress; also a mirroz, wherein they laughingly show him his face.







Nicias and Athanaël have sat down; they chat together











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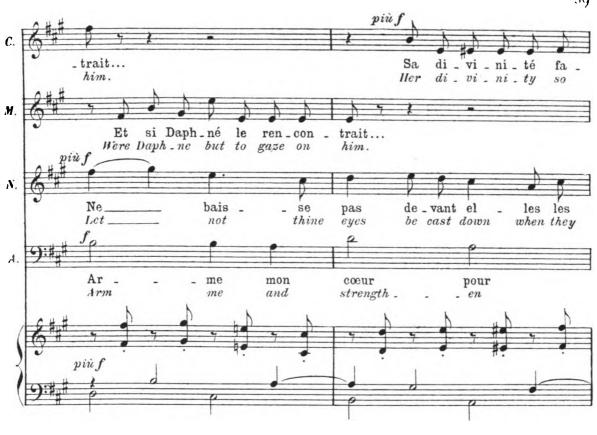


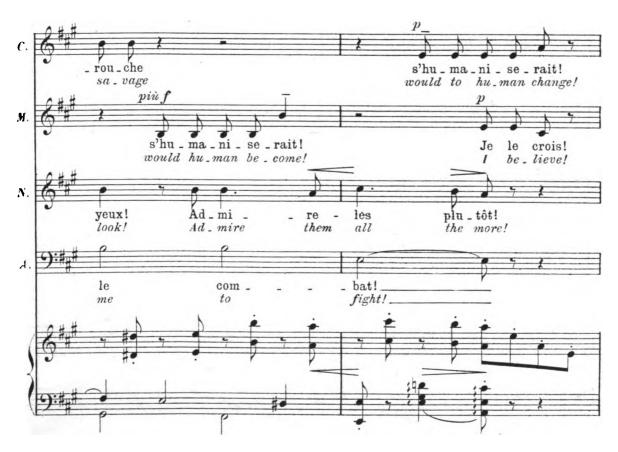




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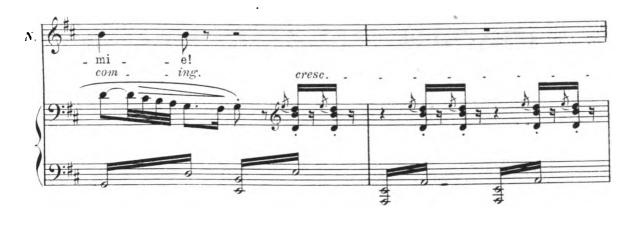














Groups of actors mingling with Philosophers, friends of Nicias, appear upon the terrace, preceding by a few moments the arrival of Thais.



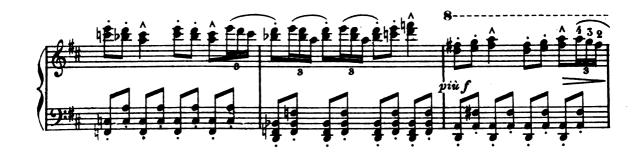




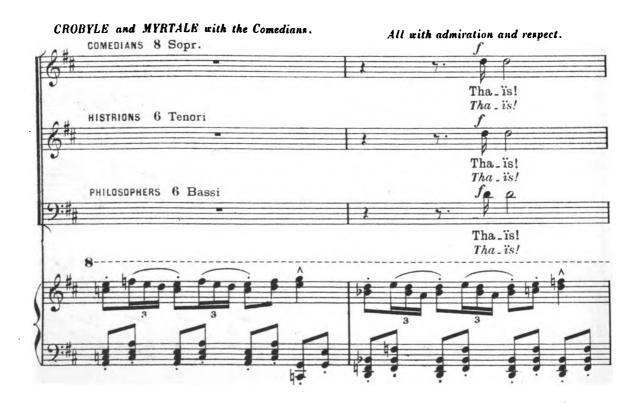
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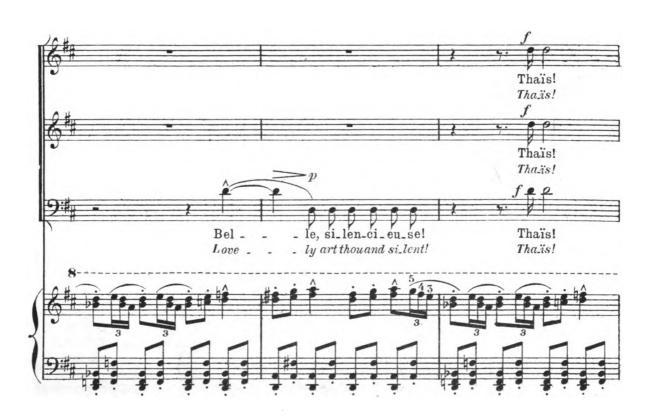


















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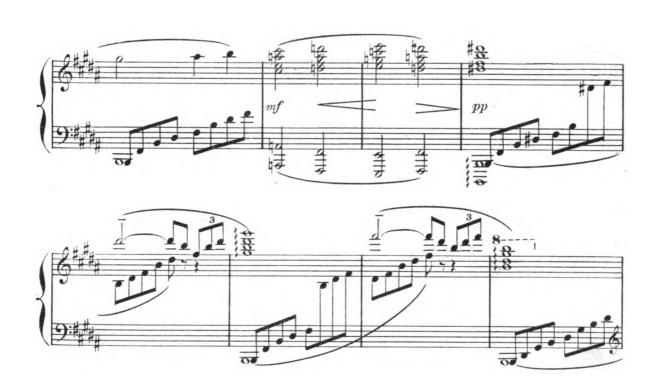
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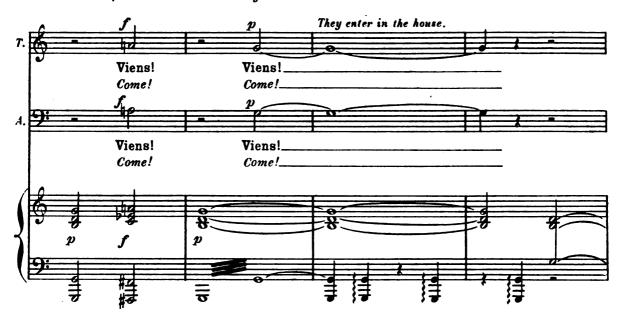














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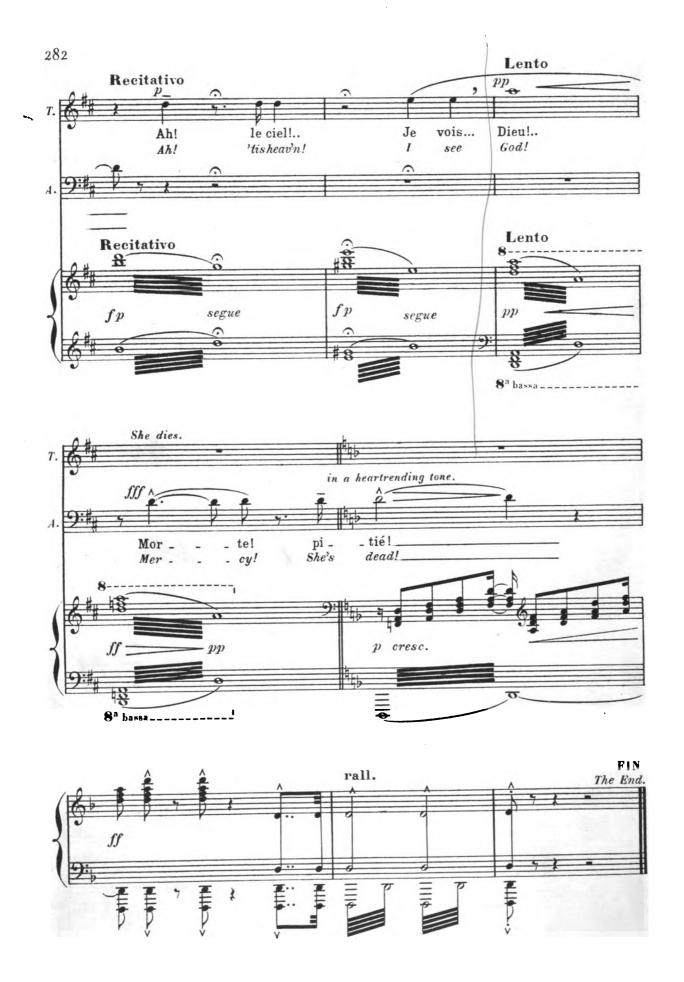


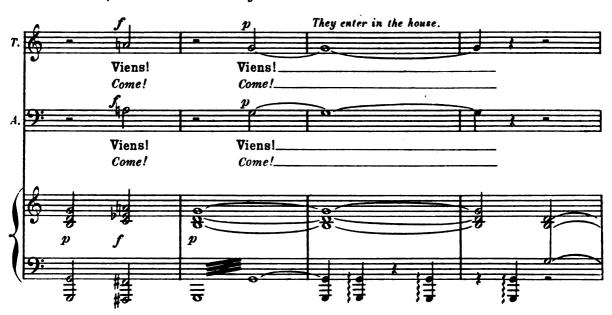














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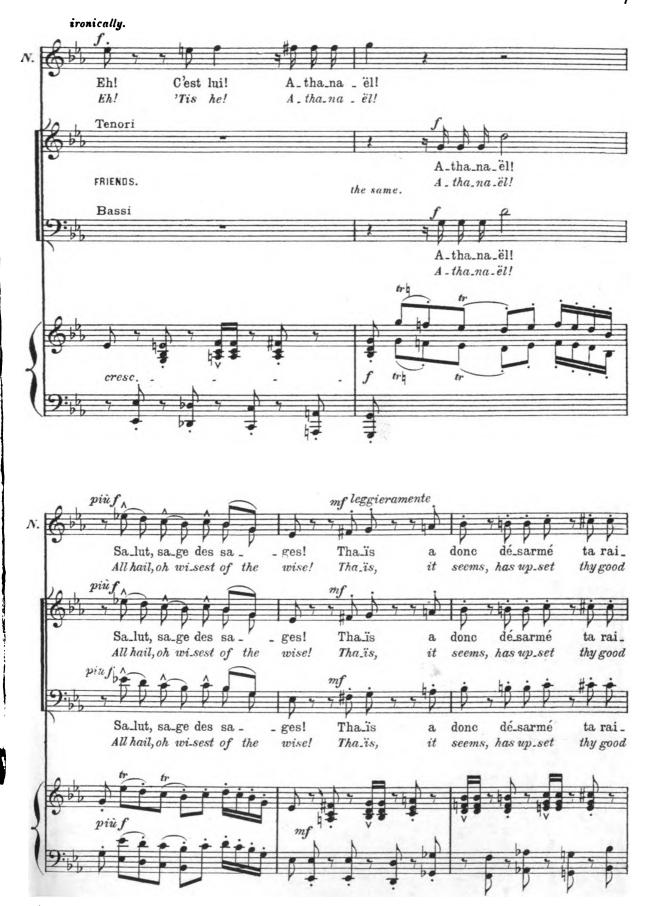














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