Das Autograph

des

Oratoriums „Jephtha“

von

G. F. Händel.

Fest-Ausgabe der deutschen Händel-Gesellschaft

zur

zweiten Säcularfeier

am 23. Februar 1885.

Photolithographie von Strumper & Co. in Hamburg.

Vorwort.

Die Veröffentlichung des Jephtha-Autographs erfolgt zum zweiten Säculartage der Geburt Händel's, hat also insofern eine festliche Bedeutung. Aber weder dieser Zweck, noch viel weniger das Bestreben, eine umfangreiche Handschrift des Meisters als Rarität vorzulegen, veranlaßte die Publikation.

Ihre eigentliche Aufgabe soll sein, den sachgemäßen Anfang zu bilden zur Lösung eines Problems musikalischer Komposition, welches bei keinem Tondichter in dem Maße vorhanden ist, wie bei Händel. Seine Werke sind nachweislich in der kürzesten Zeit entstanden, nicht etwa ausnahmsweise einmal, sondern nach einer Regel, von welcher nur durch zufällige Umstände abgewichen wurde: und diese Händelschen Kompositionsfristen sind so unglaublich klein, daß sich unwillkürlich die Frage erhebt nach der Möglichkeit eines solchen Verfahrens. Auf diese Frage die Antwort zu suchen, schien daher von dem Augenblicke an, wo ich die Thatsache hinreichend erkannt hatte, eine mir auferlegte Pflicht zu sein.

Die schnelle Herstellung der Partitur ist eine verhältnißmäßig einfache Sache, wenn angenommen werden kann, daß die Komposition bereits in fertigen Skizzen vorlag und die vorhandene Partitur wesentlich nur als deren Reinschrift anzusehen ist. Aber dieses war bei Händel nicht der Fall. Seine Entwürfe waren entweder brauchbar und wurden dann sofort dem betreffenden Werke einverleibt; oder sie waren an dieser Stelle nicht zweckmäßig aber an sich recht wohl zu verwenden und wurden dann für später zurück gelegt; oder aber sie wurden verworfen und waren damit beseitigt. Die Arbeit der Komposition ging schrittweise weiter; die Entwürfe bildeten nur das erste Stadium derselben bei jedem einzelnen Stücke, und hingen weder mit einander zusammen noch gingen sie insgesammt der Niederschrift der Partitur voraus. Wie sehr wir uns auch gegen die Thatsache sträuben mögen, es ist zweifellos gewiß, daß Händel's Werke in der Zeit, in welcher die vorhandene Partitur geschrieben ist, wirklich komponirt wurden. Die Zeitangaben des Autographs sind daher immer zugleich als die der Komposition der Musik anzusehen.

Es entsteht nun die Frage nach der Möglichkeit eines solchen Verfahrens. Händel's Kompositions-Methode ist es, welche uns hierüber allein Aufschluß geben kann. Um in dieselbe einen Einblick zu erhalten, sind zunächst seine eignen

Winke zu beachten. Mehrfach am Ende großer Werke findet sich bei Händel die ungewöhnliche Bemerkung **‚ausgefüllt den . . . . .‘** Dieses ‚Ausfüllen‘ muß durch besondere Bedeutung und großen Umfang weit über das hinaus gegangen sein, was man bei neuen Kompositionen wohl nachträglich an Aenderungen und Verbesserungen anzubringen pflegt, denn letzteres würde ein Komponist nicht leicht in seiner Partitur anmerken, am wenigsten der von aller Kleinlichkeit freie Händel. Was also wurde von ihm nachträglich noch ausgefüllt, nachdem er das Werk bereits als beendet datirt hatte?

Die hin und wieder in seinen Partituren vorhandenen Skizzen und Entwürfe gewähren in dieser Hinsicht keinen sichern Aufschluß, wenigstens nicht für sich allein. Dagegen liefert das Schlußwerk Händel's, eben dieses Oratorium Jephtha, uns dasjenige Material, welches hier nöthig ist. Als er diese letzte oratorische Komposition am 21. Januar 1751 begann, war er trotz seiner 66 Jahre im Vollbesitz der alten Kraft und Gesundheit; als er sie ungewöhnlich spät, erst nach sieben Monaten, am 30. August jenes Jahres beendete, war er krank und nahezu erblindet. Den größten Theil des Jephtha schrieb er mit gewohnter Schnelligkeit; der erste Akt war am 2. Februar, also in 13 Tagen fertig (S. 97), und nach elf weiteren Tagen arbeitete er bereits an dem Schlußchore des zweiten Aktes.

Aber hier trat eine verhängnißvolle Störung ein. Seite 182, am Schlusse des bewegten ersten Satzes: **‚How dark, o Lord, are thy decrees** — Wie dunkel, o Herr, sind deine Rathschlüsse‘, den er, wie mehreres Vorhergehende, augenscheinlich schon mit großer Mühe geschrieben hatte, lesen wir, daß er am Mittwoch den 13. Februar bis hierher kam, aber verhindert wurde weiter zu schreiben ‚wegen des gesichts‘ seines linken Auges, nämlich wegen der Schmerzen und der zunächst auf dem linken Auge eintretenden Erblindung. Es war der erste heftige Anfall eines Leidens, welches in völliger Blindheit enden sollte, sich aber vorerst soweit besserte, daß Händel nach zehn Tagen, am 23. Februar, die Arbeit wieder aufnehmen konnte, denn er bemerkt S. 183, es sei an diesem Tage, der sein Geburtstag war, ‚etwas besser worden‘. So fuhr er denn fort in der Komposition eines Textes, welcher auf ergreifende Weise zugleich seine eigne Lage und Stimmung schilderte **‚All our joys to sorrow turning, and our triumphs into mourning, as the night succeeds the day** — Unsre Lust kehrt sich in Klagen, unser Sieg sich in Verzagen, wie in Nacht der Tag zergeht‘. Diesen Schlußchor beendigte er am 27. Februar (S. 193), also in fünf Tagen, in welchen er sonst einen halben Akt anzufertigen pflegte. Und dann ruhte die Arbeit beinahe vier Monate; erst am 18. Juni begann der dritte Akt (S. 194). Als der größte Theil desselben fertig war, wird abermals eine Pause eingetreten sein, denn den Schluß des Chores S. 244 hat Händel durch ein nachträgliches Datum auf den 15. oder 17. Juli gesetzt. Die noch folgenden vier Arien und der Schlußchor beschäftigten ihn länger, als sonst wohl ein ganzes Oratorium, da er, wie die Schlußbemerkung auf der letzten Seite zeigt, erst am 30. August 1751 mit dem ganzen Werke zu Ende kam.

Seit der Erkrankung und vorübergehenden Erblindung verliert Händel's Handschrift die frühere Sicherheit und Klarheit in einem Grade, daß dadurch das, was er nach dem 13. Februar 1751 geschrieben hat, von dem Früheren mehr oder weniger deutlich unterschieden werden kann. Und dies gewährt uns die Handhabe zur Lösung eines Problems, welches bisher nicht zu erfassen war. Nahm Händel die Ausfüllung seiner Komposition erst vor, wenn das ganze Werk bereits im Wesentlichen fertig war, bei Jephtha also nach der Schwächung seiner Sehkraft: so muß es sich hier durch die verschiedene Handschrift kundgeben. Solches ist denn auch der Fall. Seite 97 ist der erste Akt als am 2. Februar „geendiget" angegeben, daneben aber steht, daß derselbe erst nach sechs Monaten, am 13. August, „völlig" zu Ende kam. „Völlig" bedeutet hier soviel wie „ausgefüllt". Was mit einem solchen Ausfüllen gemeint war, läßt sich nach Art und Umfang schon aus dieser Schlußseite des ersten Aktes ersehen; in dem ganzen Chorabsatze S. 88—97 sind die beiden Handschriften, die der ersten Komposition und die des späteren Ausfüllens, bis auf die einzelnen Noten deutlich zu unterscheiden.

Was lehren sie uns? Sie zeigen, daß Händel zuerst bloß den Baß und die vier Singstimmen zu Papier brachte und sich hier später auf einzelne Verbesserungen (z. B. die merkwürdige Verstärkung des Tenor-Einsatzes durch den Baß S. 91, Takt 1—2) beschränkte, von den gesammten oberen Begleitstimmen aber nur Seite 91, Takt 3—5 ein Motiv der Violinen anmerkte, alles übrige dagegen dem späteren Ausfüllen überließ. So verfuhr er überall bei Chören von ähnlicher Anlage. Etwas abweichend ist die erste Hälfte dieses großen Chores, S. 79—88. Hier wurden Singstimmen und Orchester gleich anfangs bis S. 84 nahezu vollständig eingetragen; erst von S. 85 an blieben größere Räume für die Ausfüllung frei; Seite 86 notirte er von den Singstimmen nur noch Baß und Oberstimme, bis zuletzt (S. 87, T. 6) auch der Sopran aufhörte und lediglich die Bässe den Chortheil vorläufig zu Ende führten.

Dasselbe Verfahren ist bei dem ähnlich gestalteten Chore S. 105 beobachtet und dort noch deutlicher zu ersehen. Fünf Seiten lang wurde alles beinah vollständig ausgeschrieben; von Seite 110 an blieben zuerst die oberen Begleitstimmen, sodann von Takt 5 an auch die oberen Singstimmen fort, und Händel machte wieder mit den Bässen allein den Schluß, doch so, daß er S. 111 in der ersten Violine die lebhafte Begleitung zugleich mit andeutete. Die zweite Hälfte dieses Chores (S. 112—119) ist ähnlich der zweiten Hälfte des vorigen (S. 88—97), aber in der Gestaltung noch etwas einfacher; dementsprechend hat Händel auch den Baß und die vier Singstimmen sofort vollständig ausgeschrieben, die Begleitung aber erst bei der Ausfüllung eingetragen, oder wenn man die Sache äußerlich betrachtet, so hat er die fünf unteren Linien der Partitur zuerst für sich, und die fünf oberen später ebenfalls für sich geschrieben. Im Ganzen war sein Verfahren bei den Chören dieses, daß er zu Anfang sämmtliche Motive andeutete und eine zeitlang fortführte, aber mit der einzelnen Stimme einhielt, sobald sie aus dem Voraufgegangenen zu entnehmen war. In Folge dessen wurde

seine Partitur gegen das Ende hin immer leerer, und wie er die Komposition des Chores im Vollen begann, so beschloß er sie oft mit der bloßen Baßstimme, denn gleich wesentlich war ihm, sowohl den Grundgang des Stückes anzudeuten wie auch hinsichtlich der Gestaltung des Ganzen sich volle Freiheit zu bewahren, namentlich in den auf Gesammtwirkung abzielenden Ausgängen. Besonders deutlich und lehrreich ist in dieser Hinsicht der Chor S. 134—143.

Die Einzelgesänge, Arien und sonstige Solostücke, erfuhren da, wo sie eine irgendwie volle, wenn auch nur vierstimmige Begleitung hatten, im Ganzen dieselbe Behandlung, was an den Beispielen S. 156—158, S. 164—167 und namentlich an dem durchstrichenen Theil der Arie S. 197—200 zu ersehen ist. Trotzdem läßt sich eine Verschiedenheit in dem Kompositionsverfahren bei den Arien und den Chören nicht verkennen. Die Arien sind meistens gleich anfangs vollständig ausgeschrieben, namentlich wenn durch wenige Begleitstimmen solistische oder durch besondere Akkorde harmonische Wirkungen erzielt werden sollen (z. B. S. 28. 42. 100. 120). Das Ausfüllen bestand dann hauptsächlich im Aendern und Korrigiren, was bei den Chören weit weniger der Fall war.

Von dem einfachen Recitativ schrieb Händel zuerst gewöhnlich nur die Worte in die Notenlinien (wie man es hier an der verschiedenen Handschrift und noch deutlicher S. 78 und 104 wahrnehmen kann), und fügte die Musik erst beim Ausfüllen hinzu, wo er bereits über den Umfang und die Verbindung dieses Recitativs entscheiden konnte.

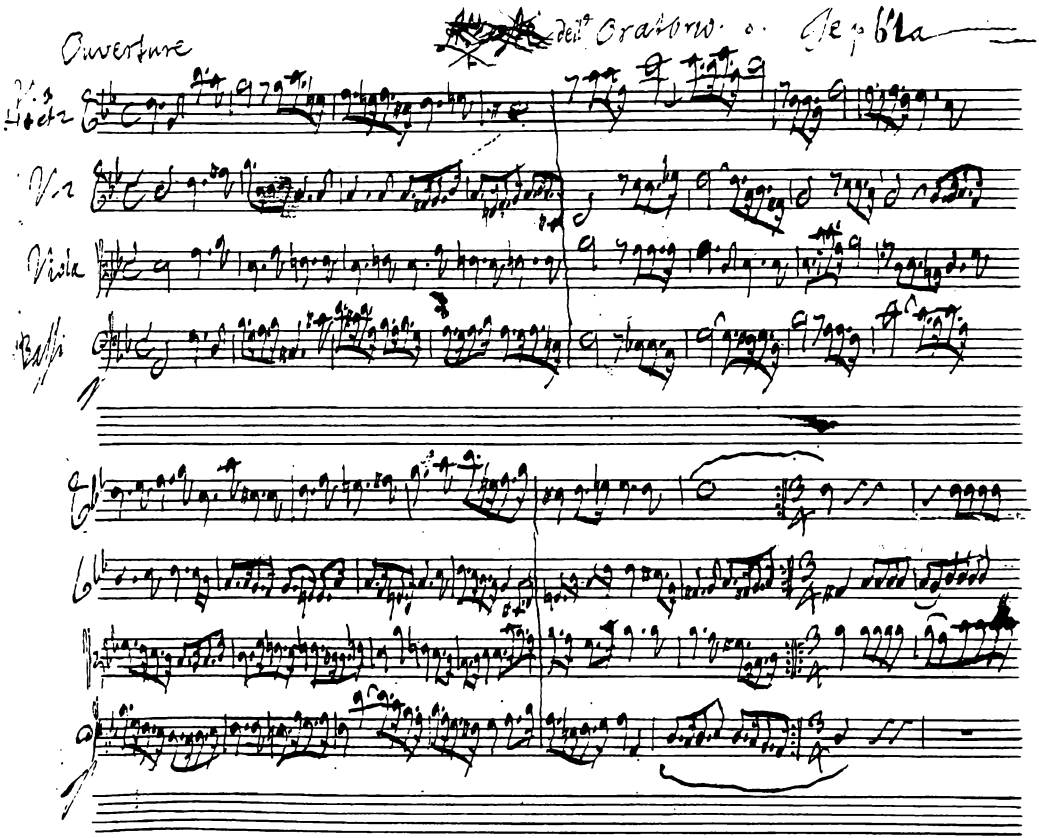
Händel's Partituren entstanden demnach durch eine Doppelarbeit, die jedesmal das ganze Werk durchlief. Die erste dieser Arbeiten ist als die grundlegende Komposition anzusehen; sie enthält bereits sämmtliche Tongedanken in derjenigen Gestalt, welche für die spätere Ausarbeitung auch formell maßgebend war. Der andern Arbeit, dem Ausfüllen, blieb dann noch ein großer Theil der Partitur im Einzelnen und die Kritik des Ganzen überlassen. Zwei Male, von verschiedenen Standpunkten aus, also mit voller Frische und der ganzen Kraft der Initiative, ging der Komponist an dasselbe Werk, und beide Male nahm er in seiner Thätigkeit diejenige Stellung ein, in welcher er die Gesammtkomposition stets im Auge behalten mußte. —

Diese Bemerkungen sollen den Gegenstand nicht erschöpfen, sondern nur vorläufig als Wegweiser dienen. Erst wenn wir die Absicht, das in den übrigen Handschriften Händel's enthaltene Material ähnlich wie sein Jephtha-Autograph zu publiciren, ausgeführt haben, wird eine eingehende Untersuchung Verständniß finden und die Ueberzeugung verbreiten, daß diese Kompositionsmethode für die Kunst von weitgreifender Bedeutung ist.

Bergedorf bei Hamburg,
am 15. Februar 1885.

Friedrich Chrysander.

Jephtha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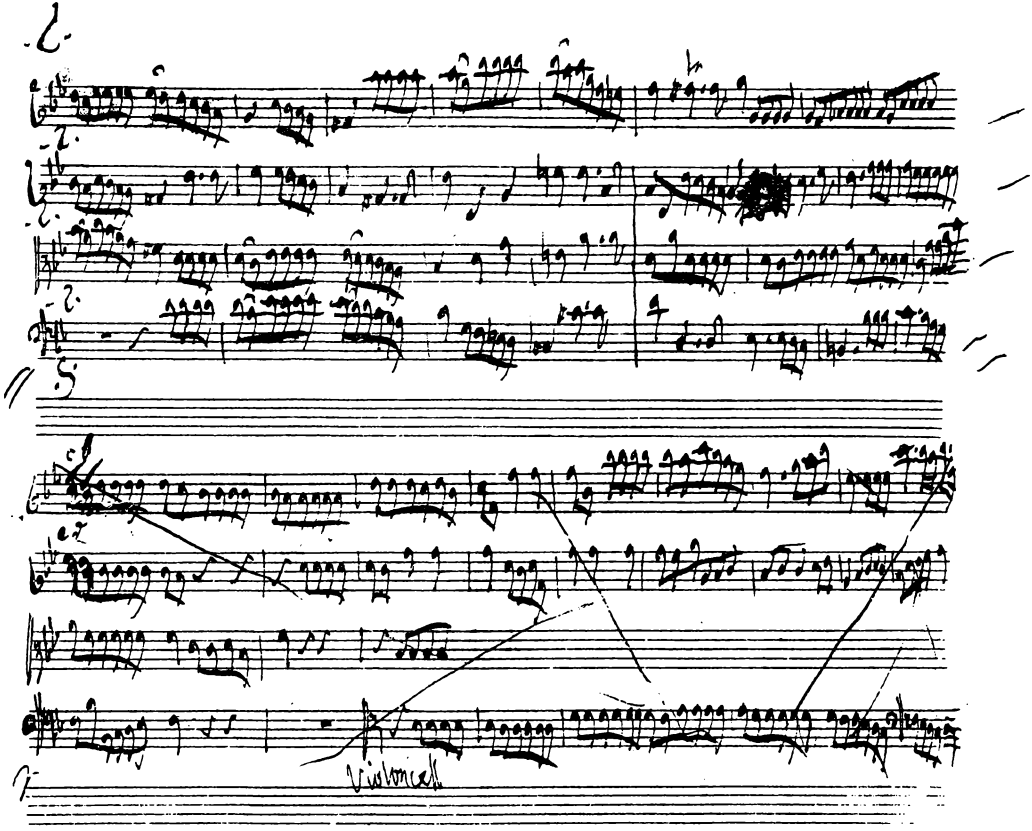
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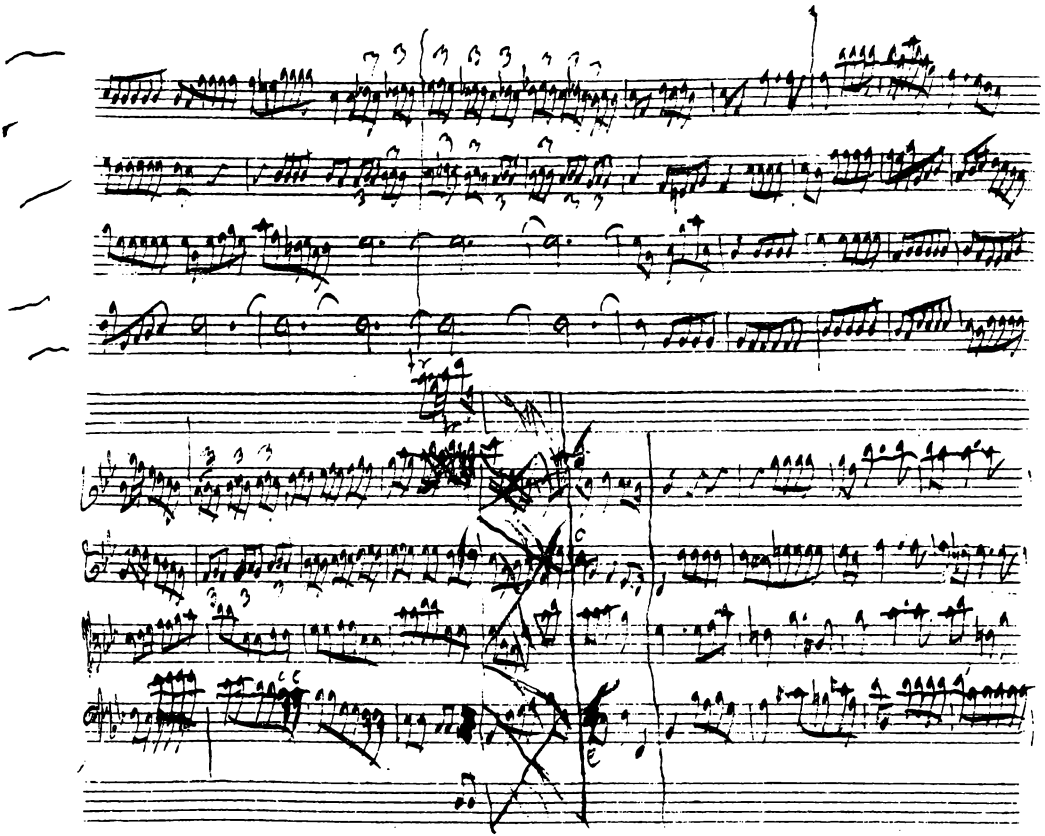

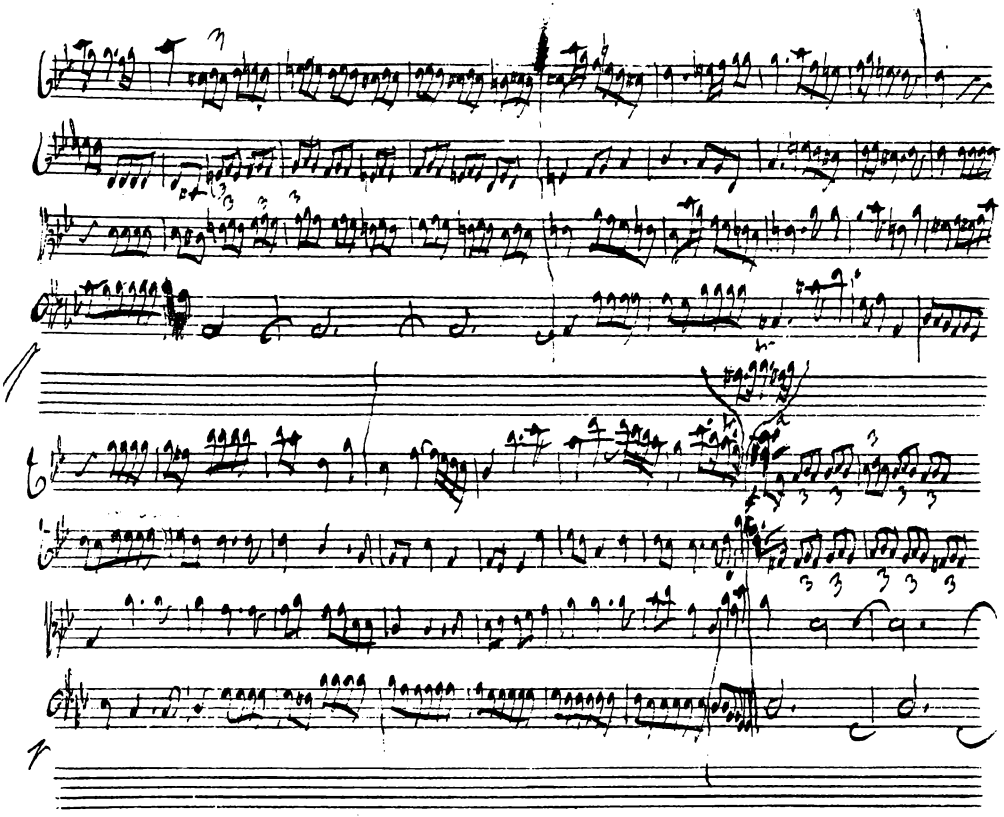

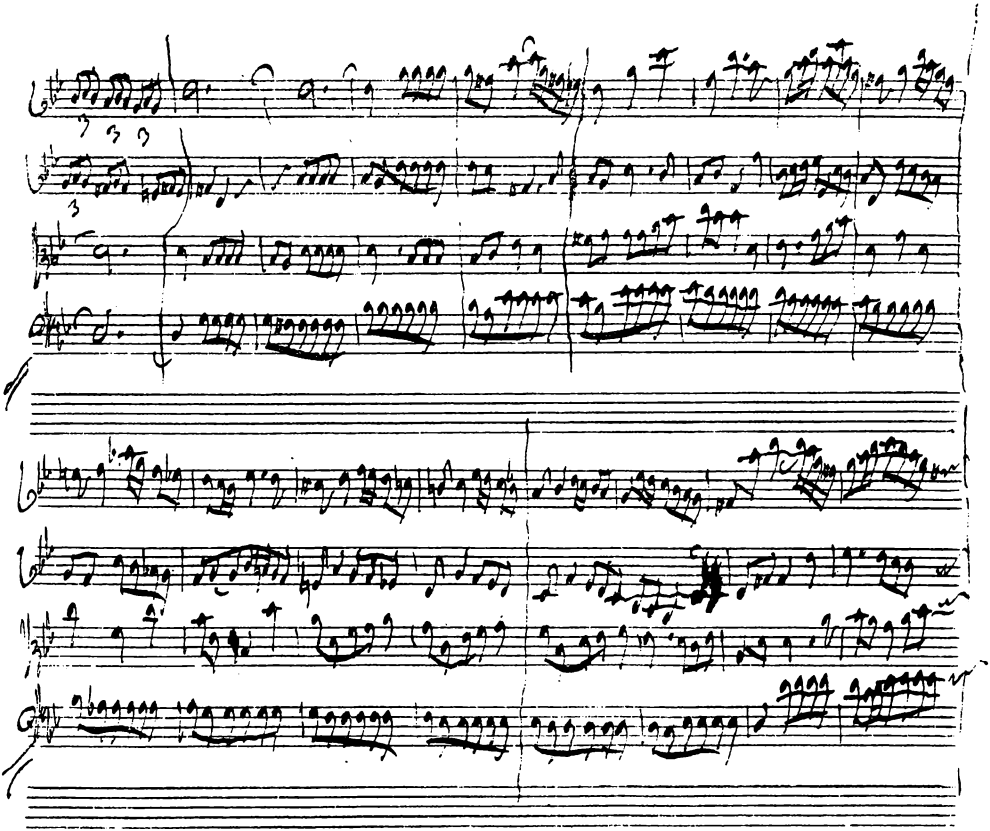

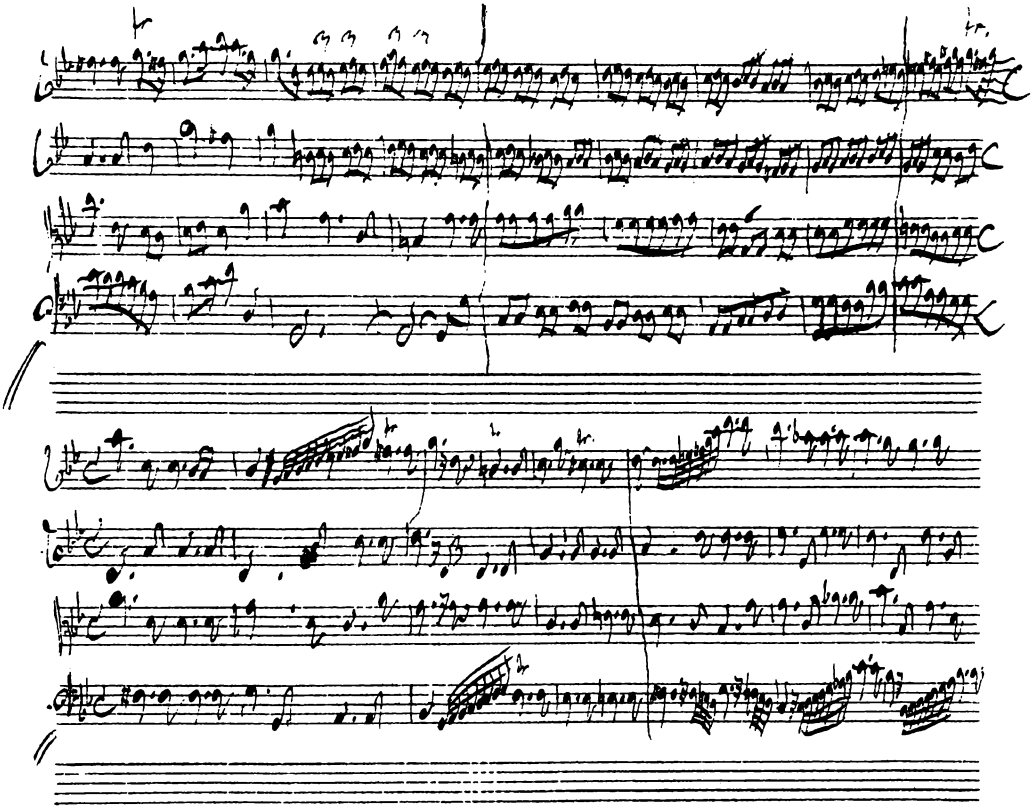

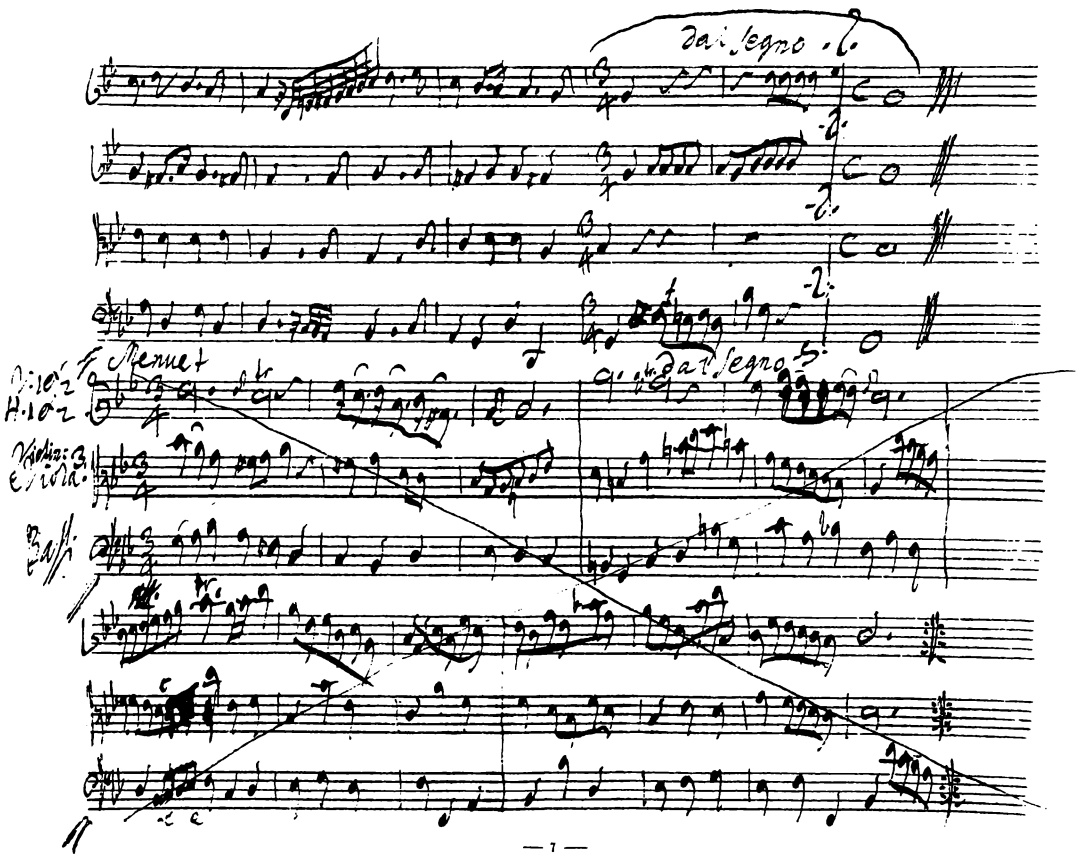
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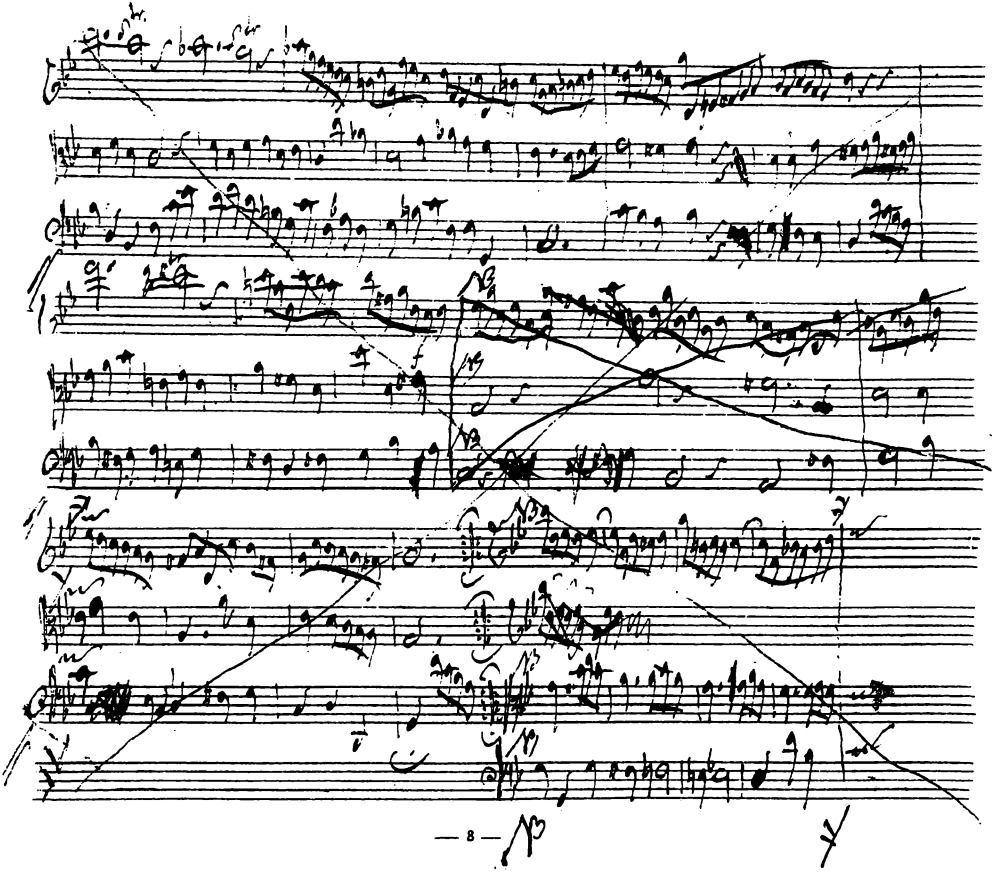

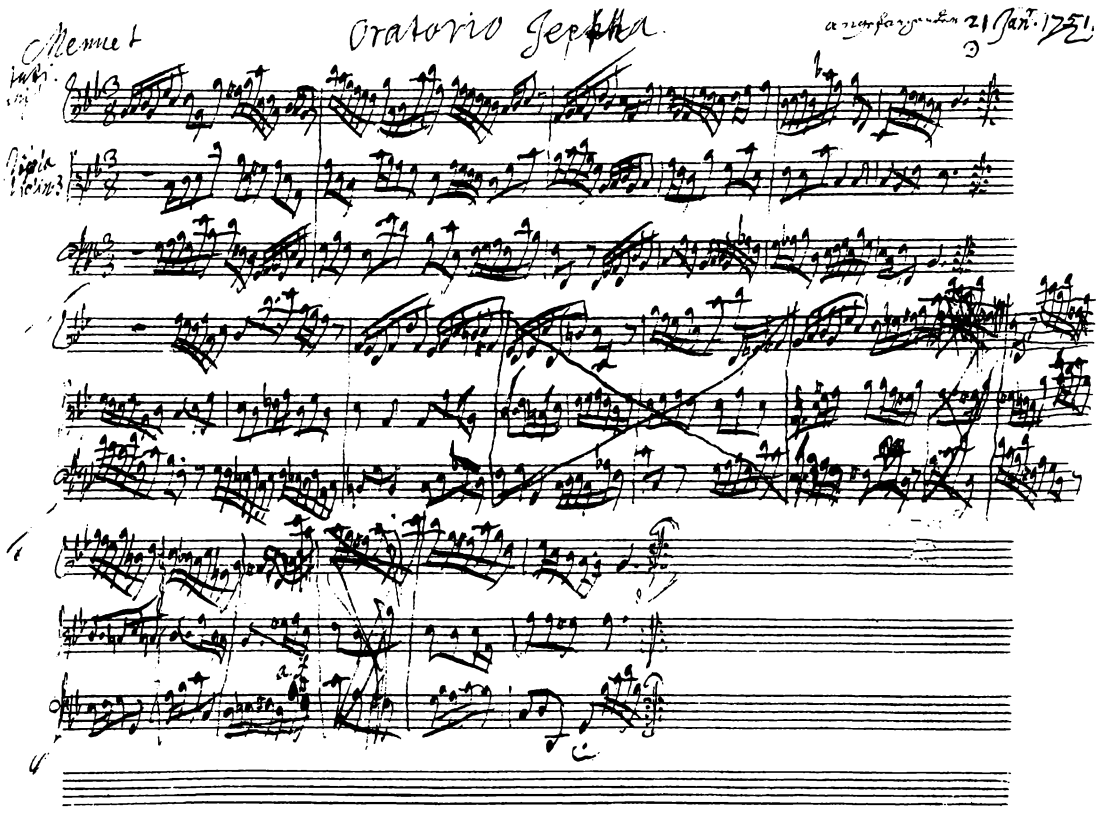
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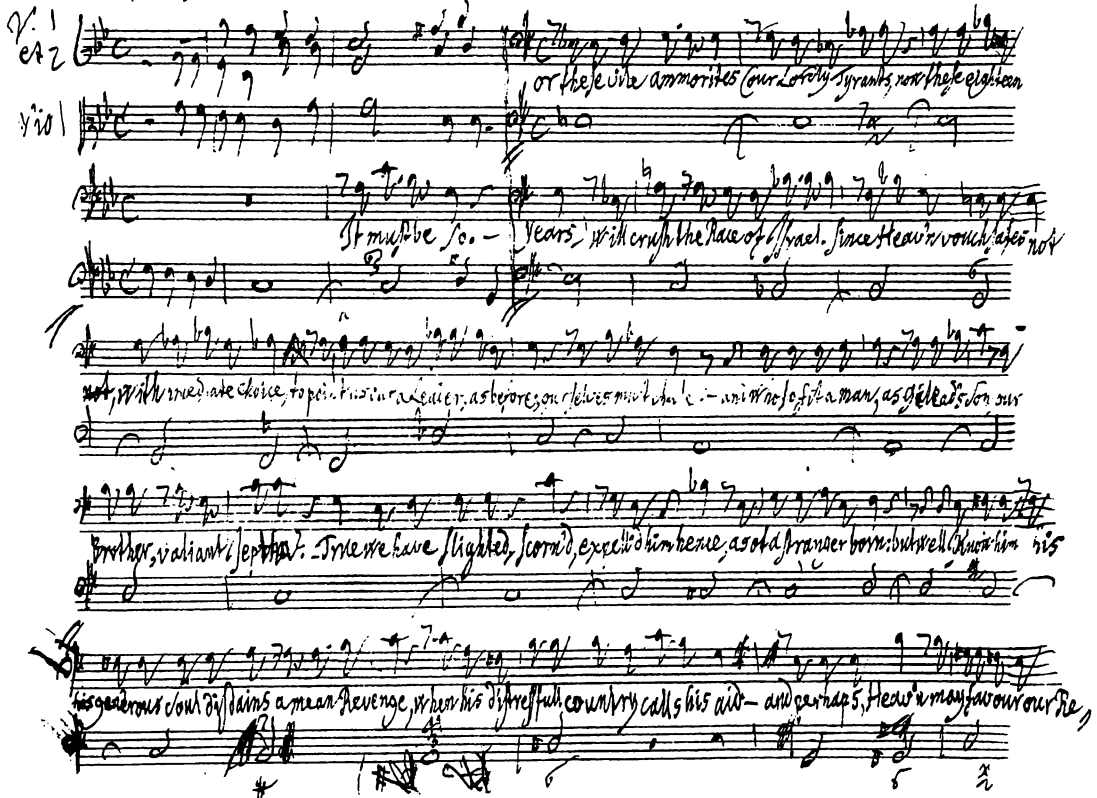
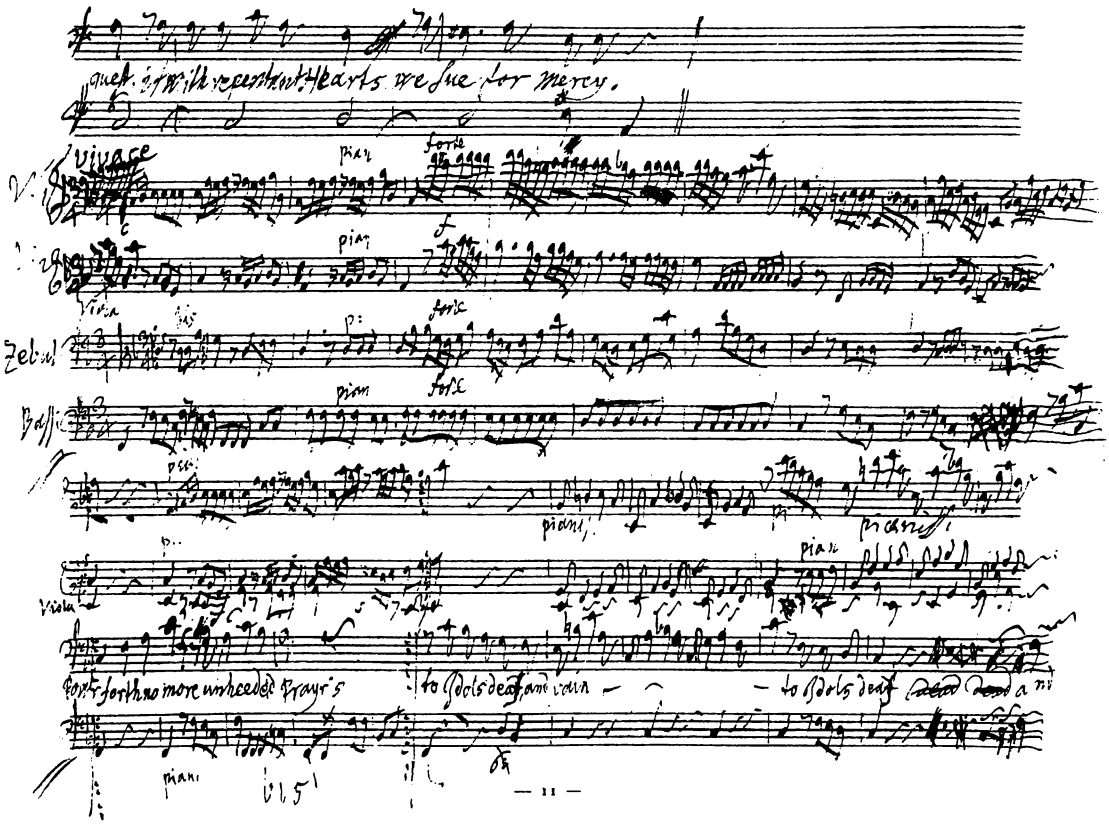

Accomp. Largo e Staccato
Vio 1
Vio 2
or these five Ammorites (our Lordly Tyrants, nor these eighteen
It must be so. — years, will crush the Race of Israel. Since Heav'n vouchsafes not
not, with ready choice, to point him out, as before, our Leader, and Head of the Man, as of Old he did for our
Brother, valiant Jephtah. These have slighted, scorn'd, expell'd him hence, as of a Stranger born: but well (Knowing him his
tis ours: our Soul disdains a mean Revenge, when his distressful Country calls his Aid — and perhaps, Heav'n may favour our Re,


quick, & with repentant Hearts we sue for mercy.
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to Gods deaf
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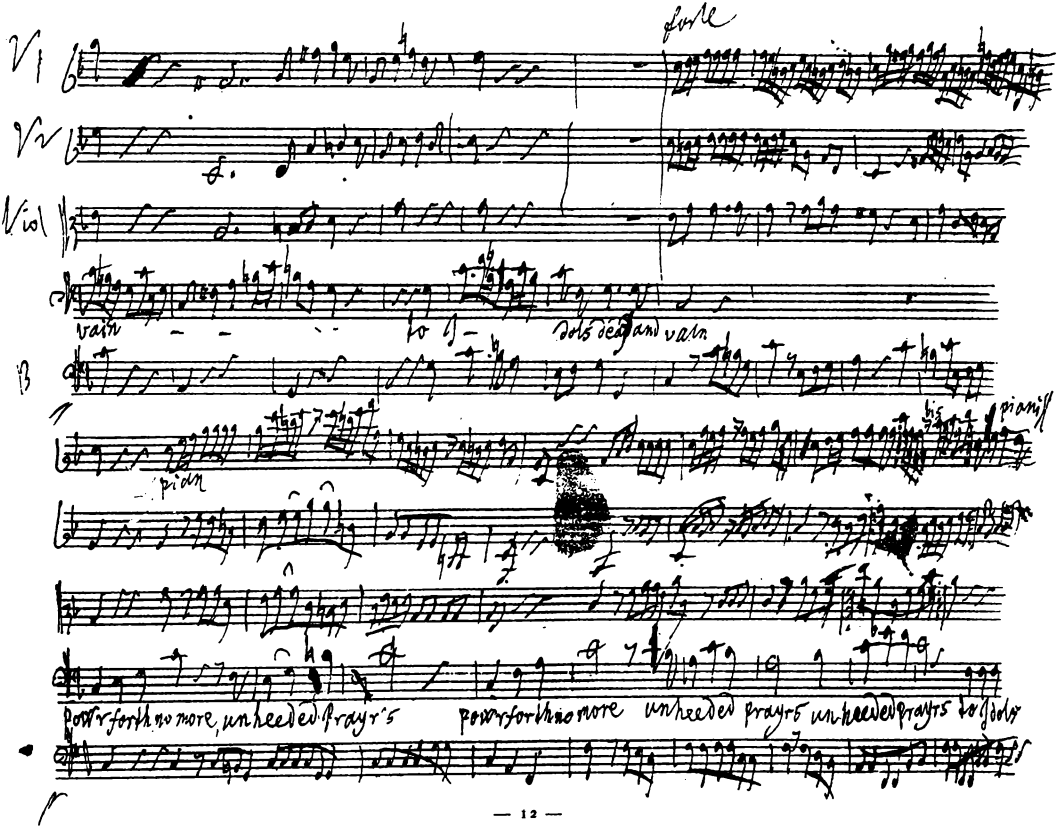
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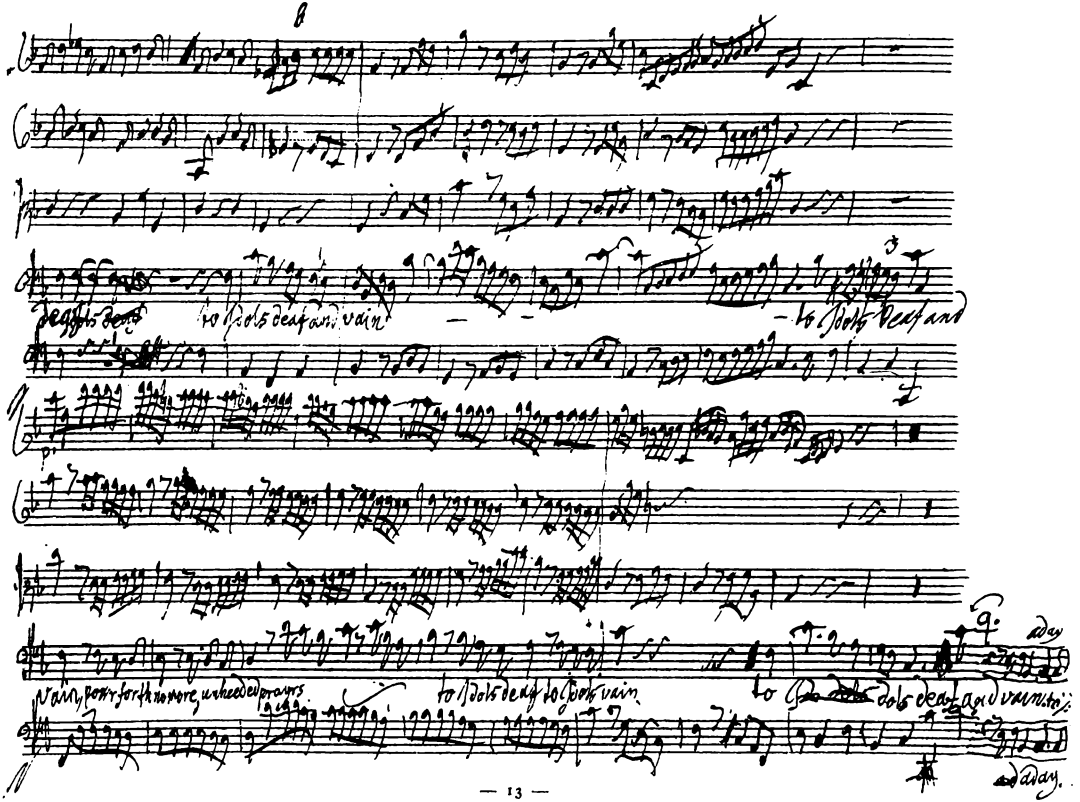
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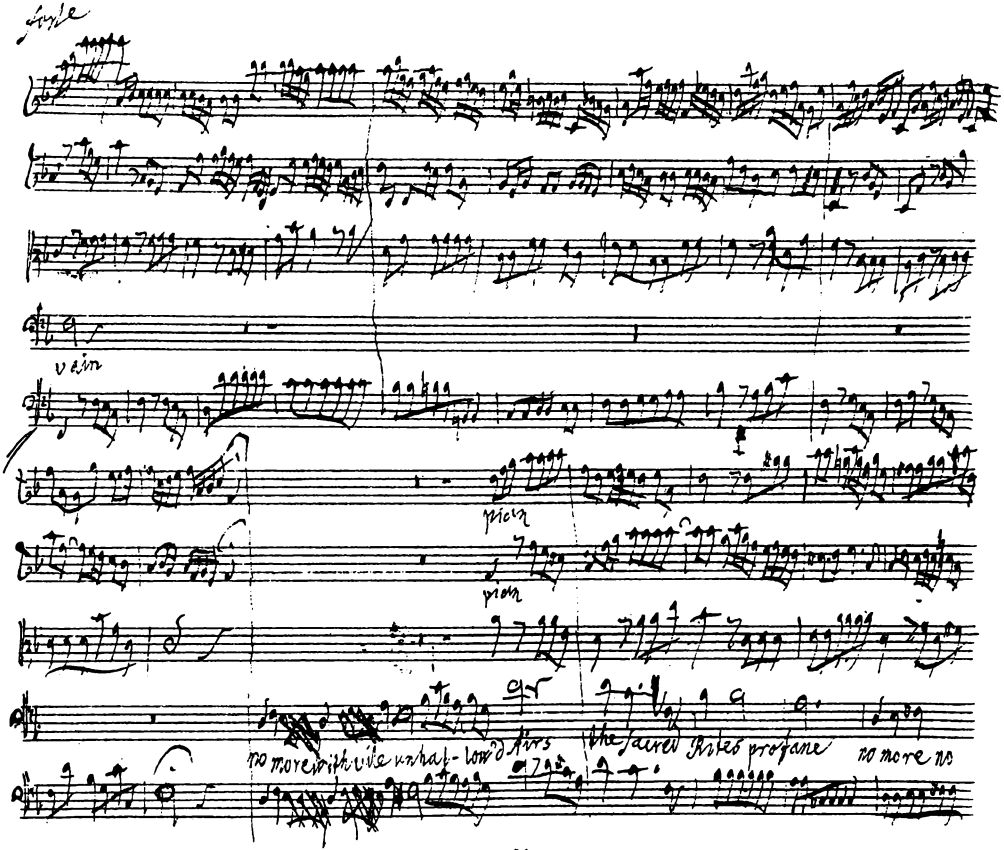
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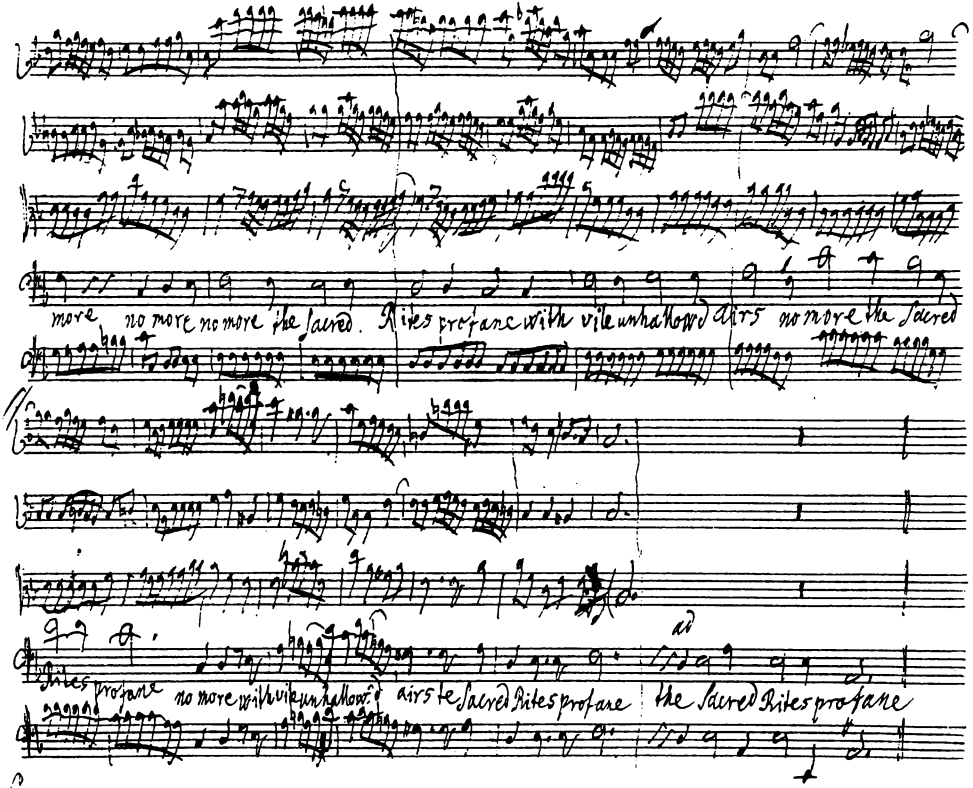
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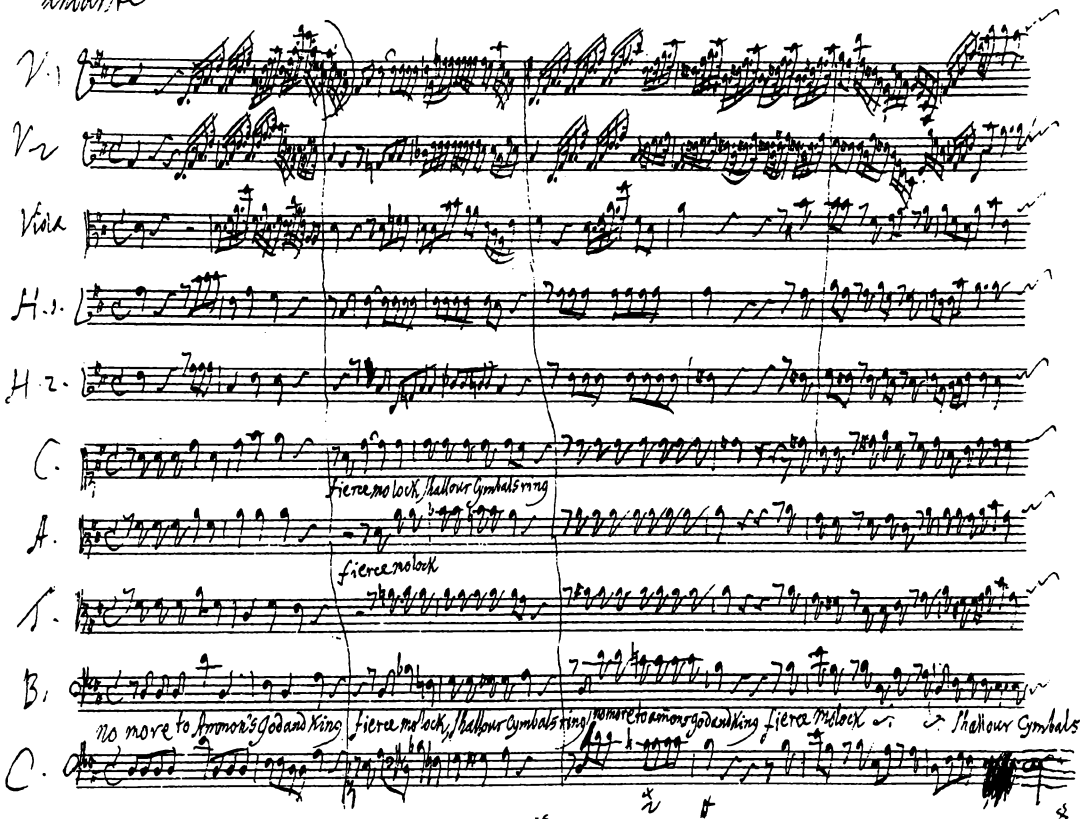
andante
V. 1
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H. 1.
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C.
fierce molock, shallow cymbals ring
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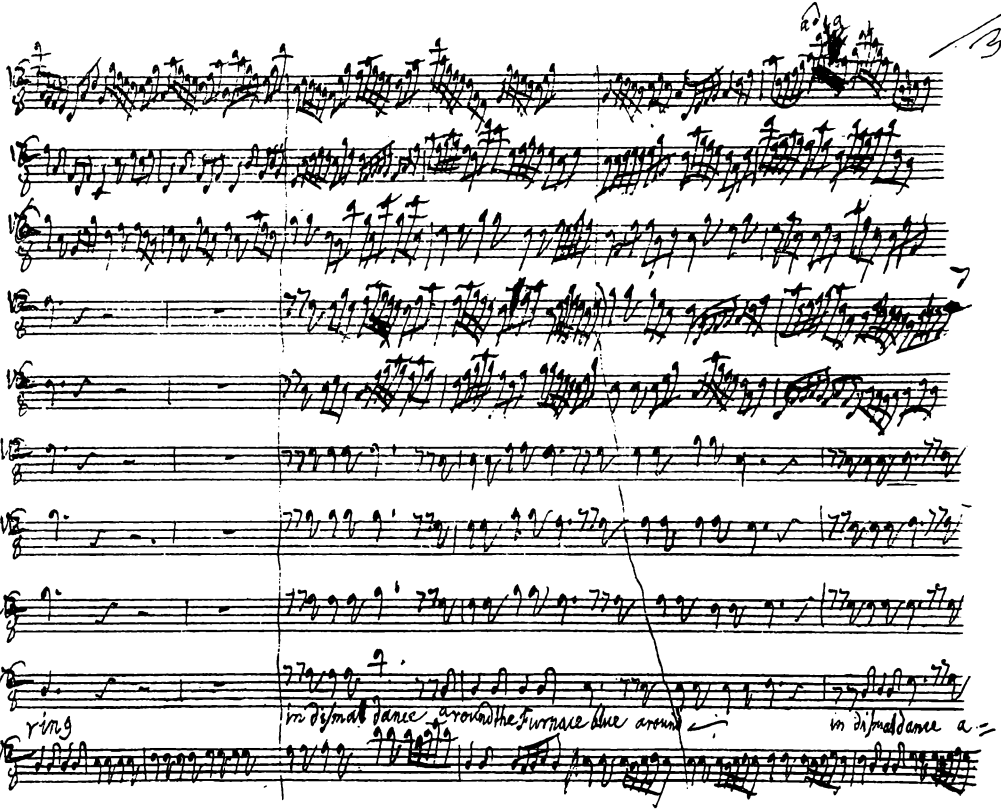
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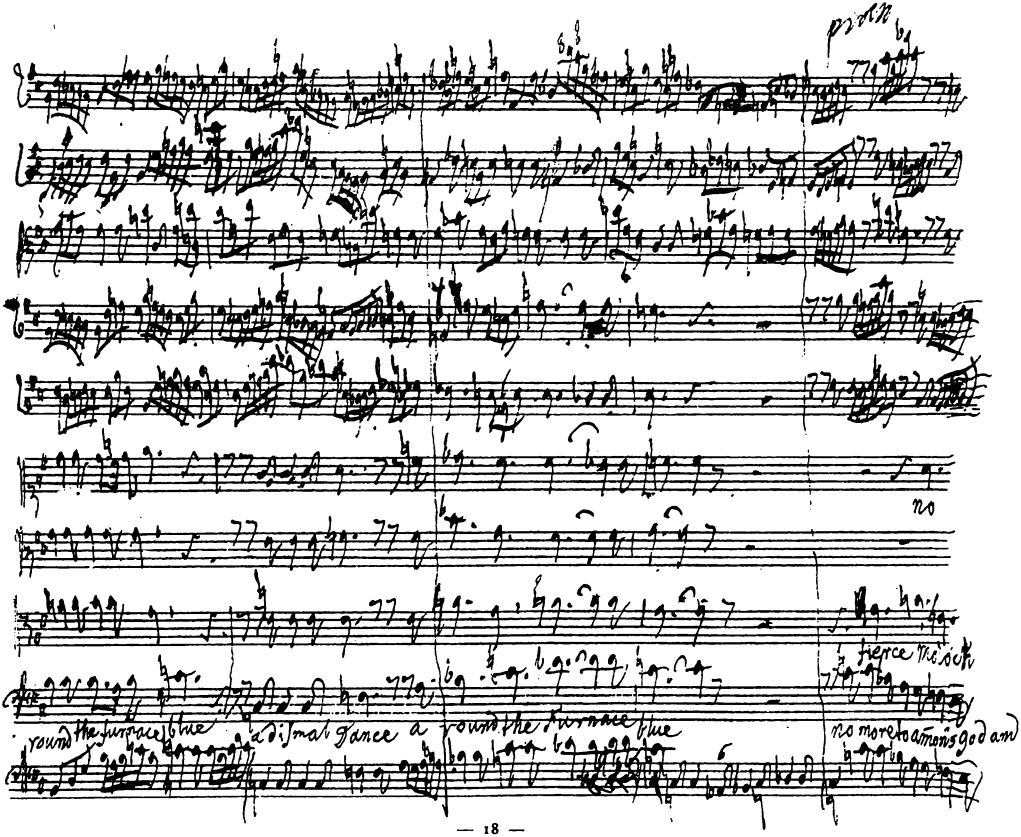
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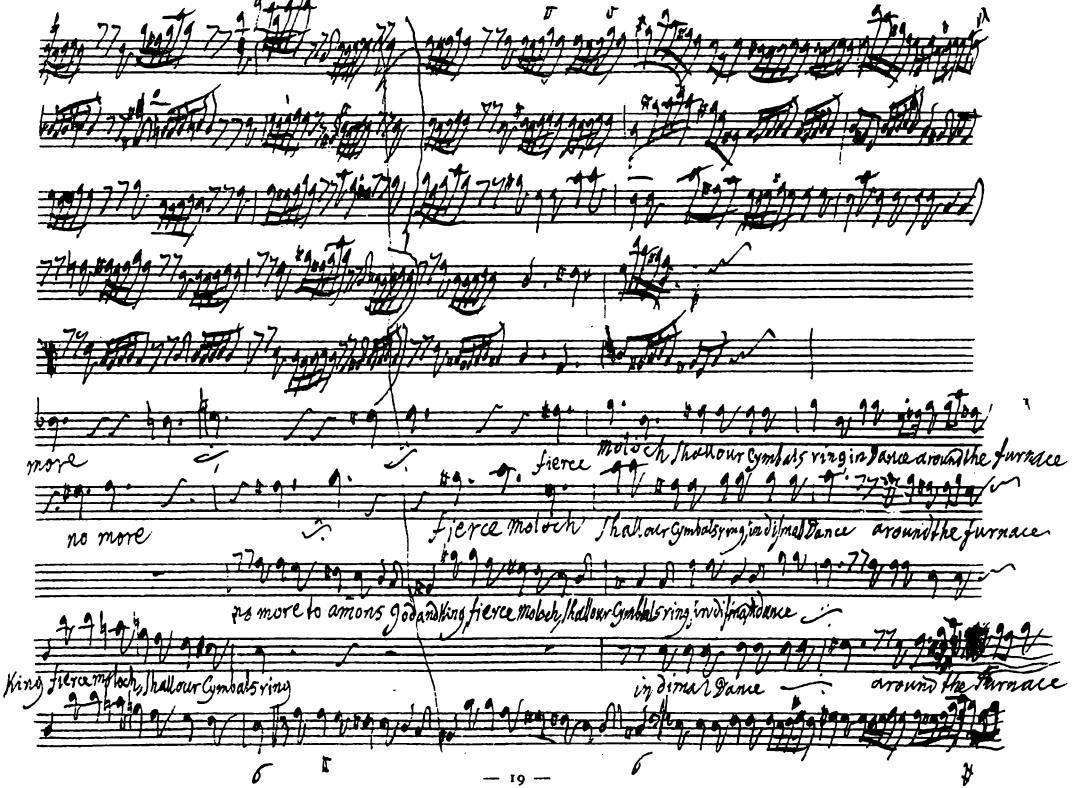
a dismal dance a round the furnace flue
no more to among god am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Molech shall our Cymbals ring in dismal Dance around the furnace
no more
fierce Molech shall our Cymbals ring in dismal Dance around the furnace
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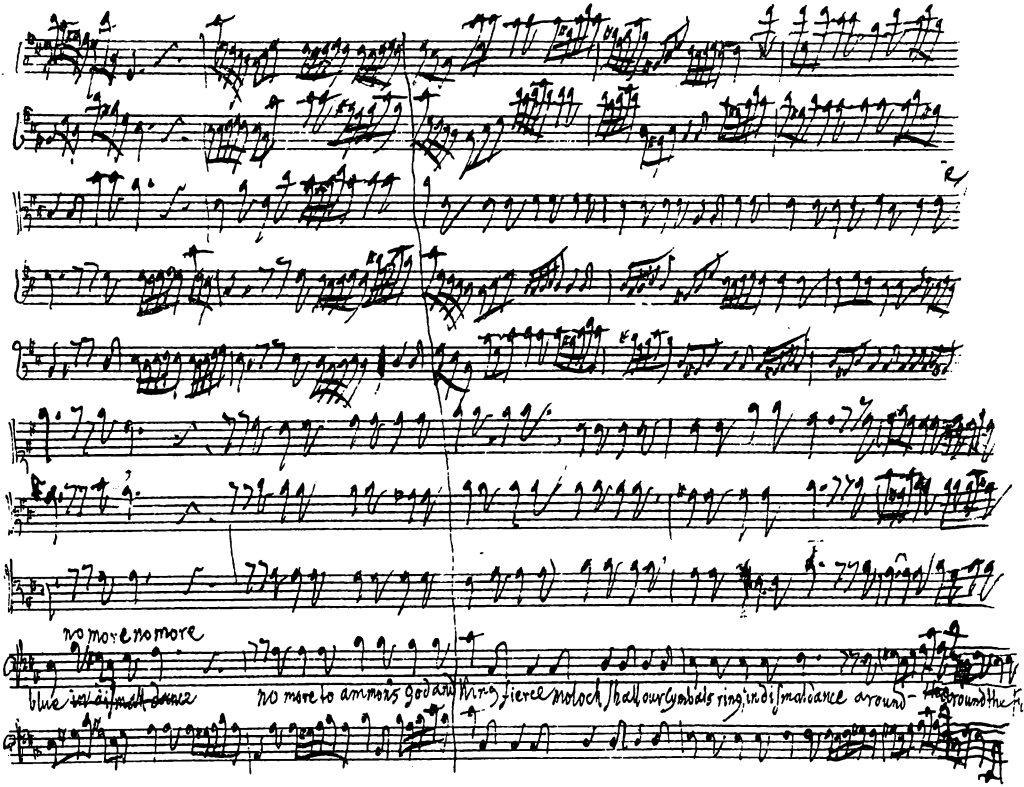
King fierce Molech, shall our Cymbals ring
in dismal Dance
around the furnace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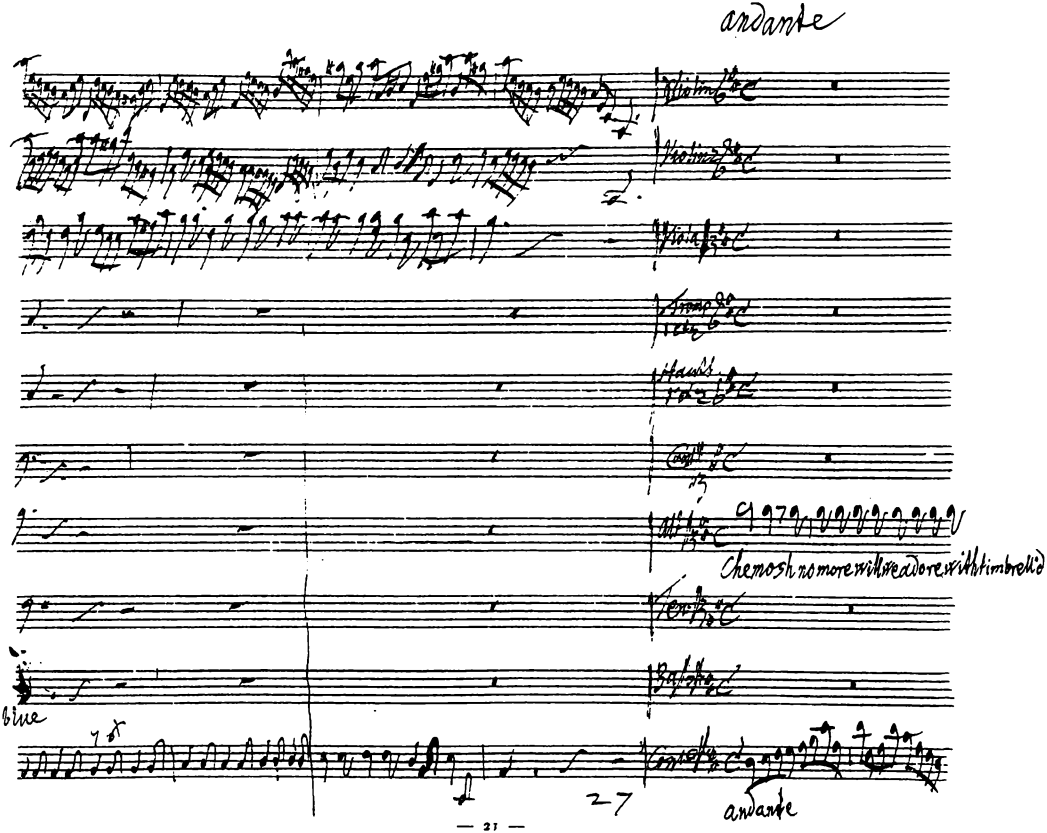
andante
Violino I
Violino II
Viola
Violoncello
Contrabasso
Flauto I
Clarinetto in C
Che mosh no more with re adore with timbrelli
Corno in C
Fagotto
Basso
Oboe
7
27
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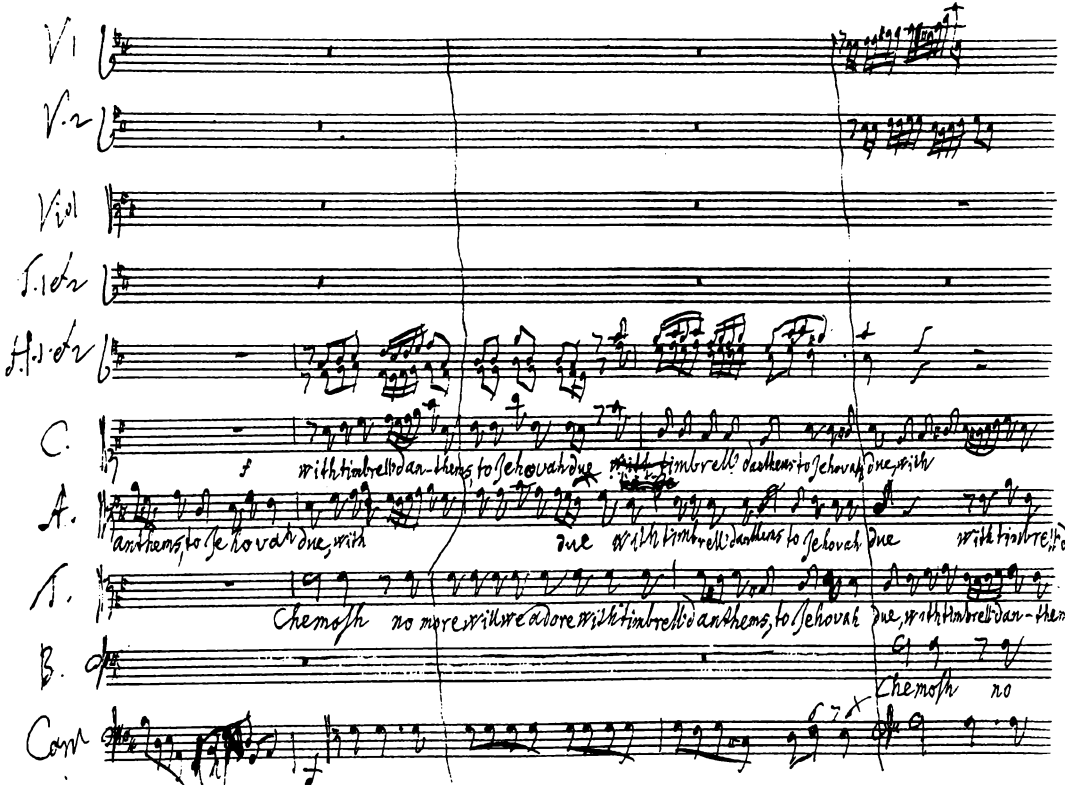
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due with timbrell'd anthems to Jehovah due
with tinbrell'd
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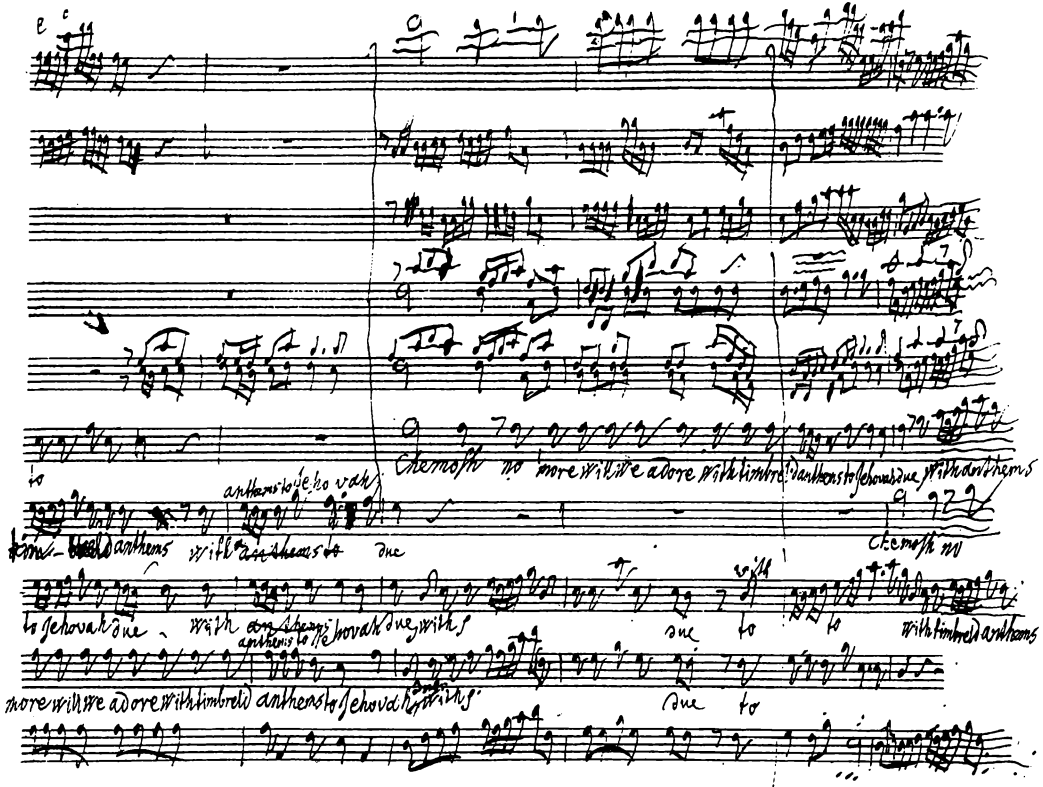
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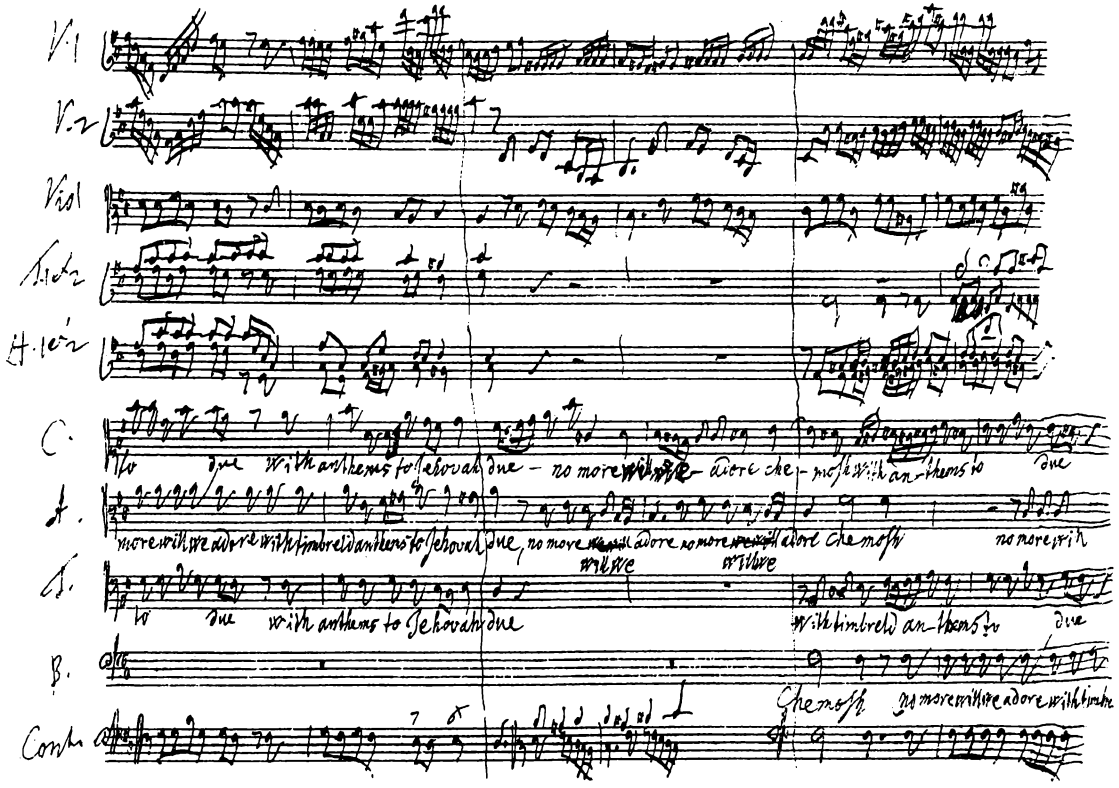
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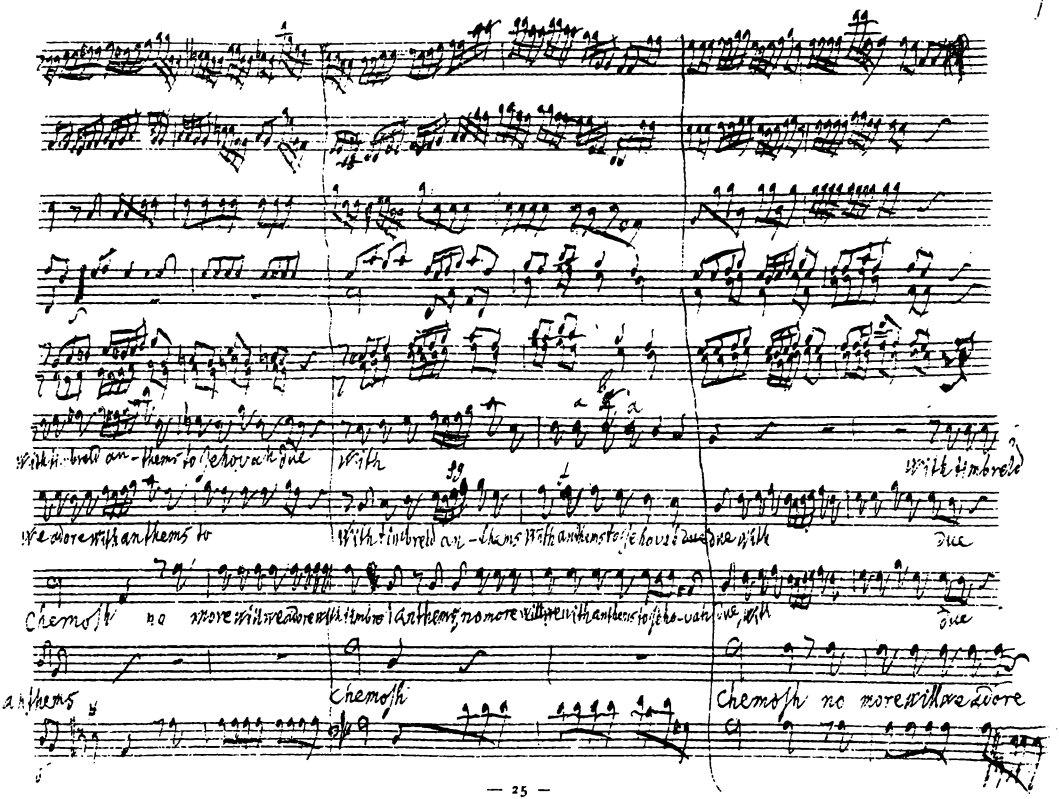
With timbrel an-thems to Jehovah sing
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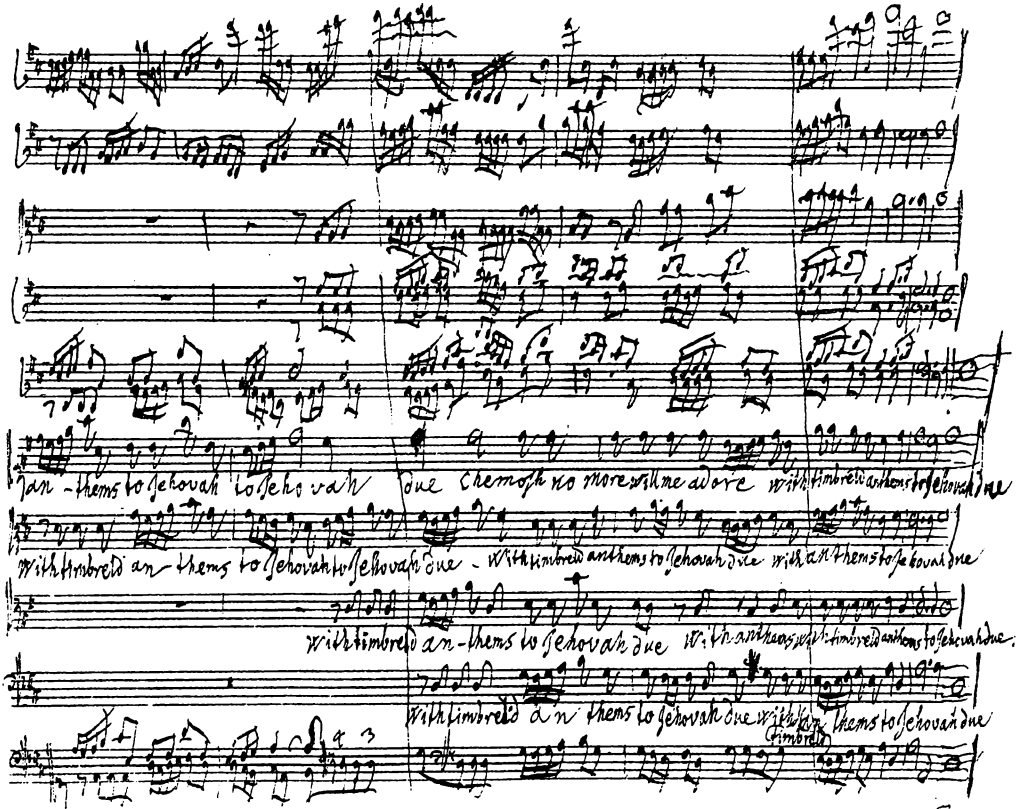
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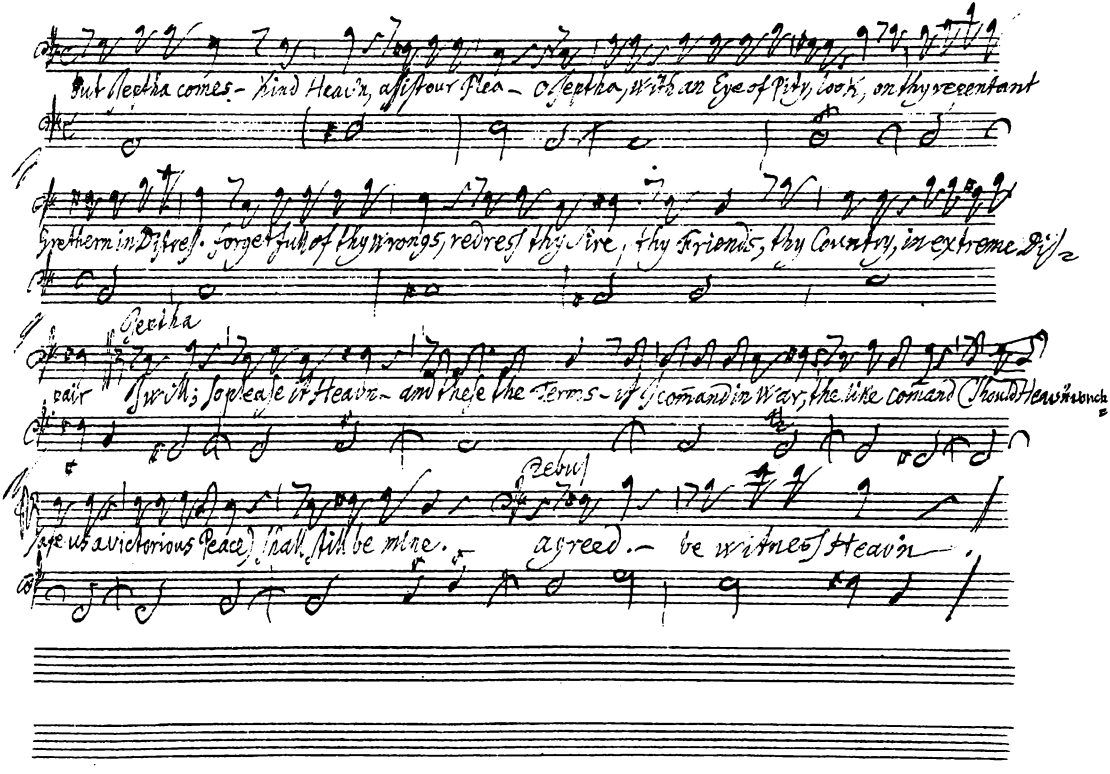
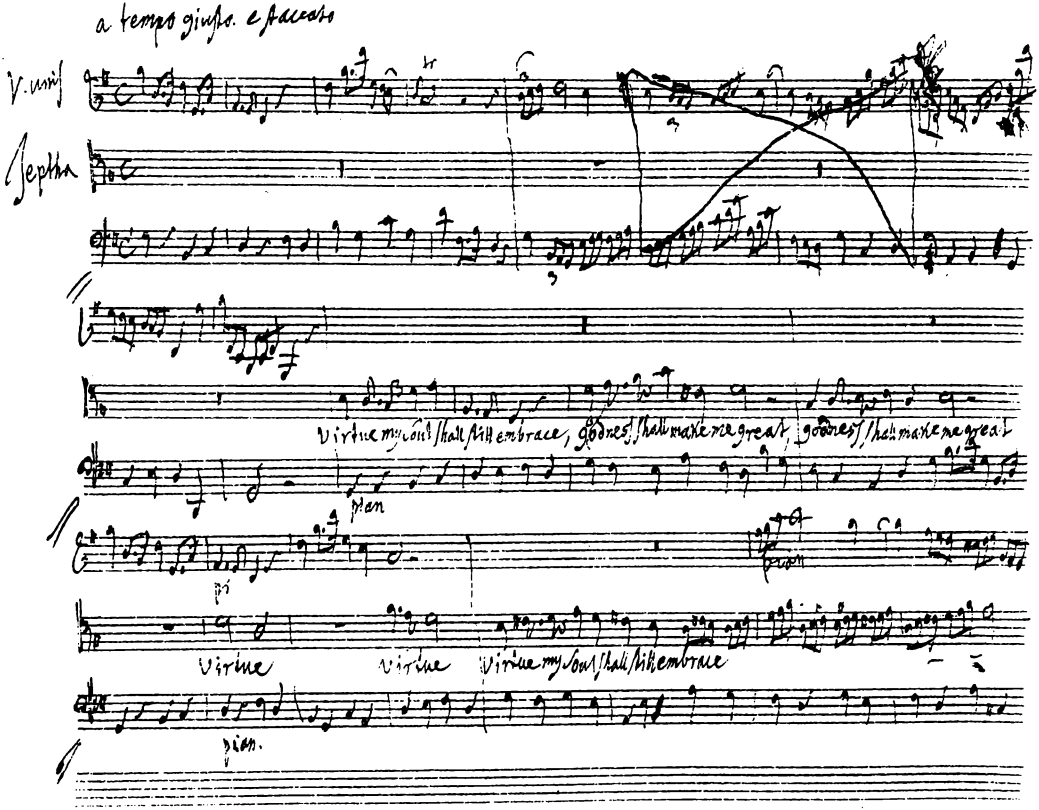

Enter Jeptha. & Storgè.
But Jeptha comes – kind Heav'n, assist our plea – O Jeptha, with an Eye of Pity, look, on thy repentant
Brethern in Distress. forget full of thy wrongs, redress thy sire, thy friends, thy Country, in extreme Dis
Jeptha
pair
with; so plead at Heav'n – and these the Terms – of Command in War, the like Comand Should Heav'n vouch
Zebul
safe us a victorious Peace, shall still be mine.
agreed. – be witness Heav'n –


a tempo giusto. e placato
V. unis
Jeptha
Virtue my soul shall strike embrace, goodness shall make me great, goodness shall make me great
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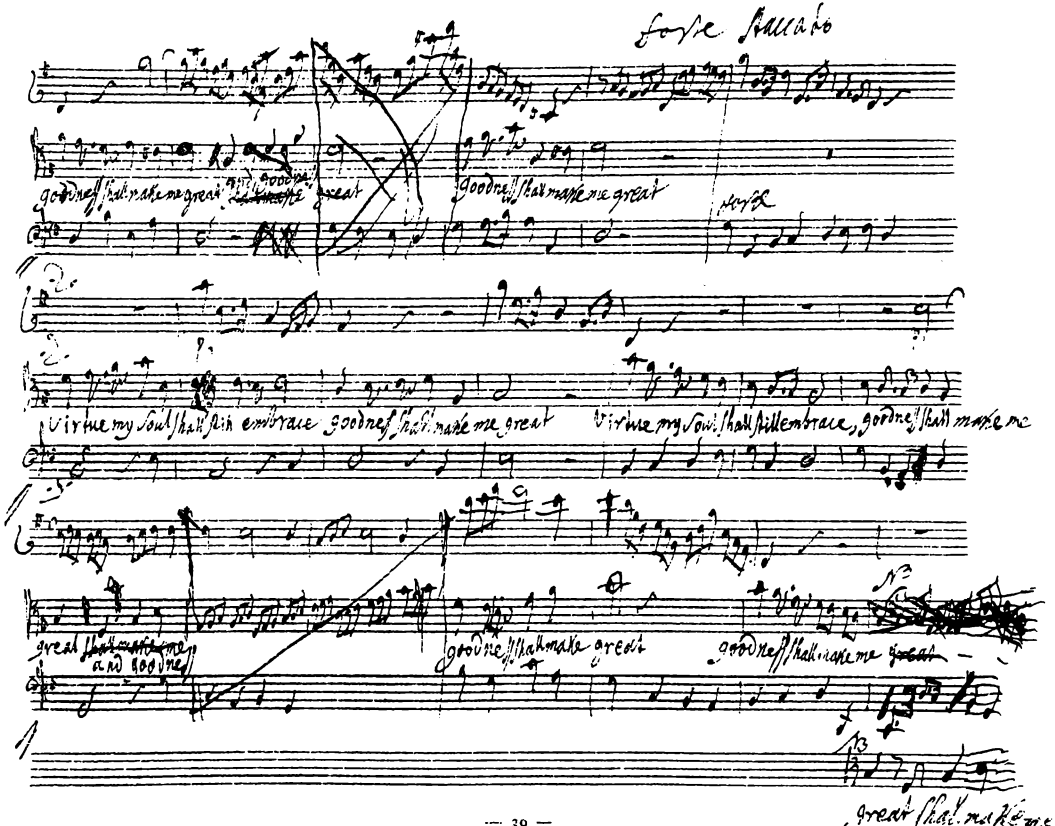
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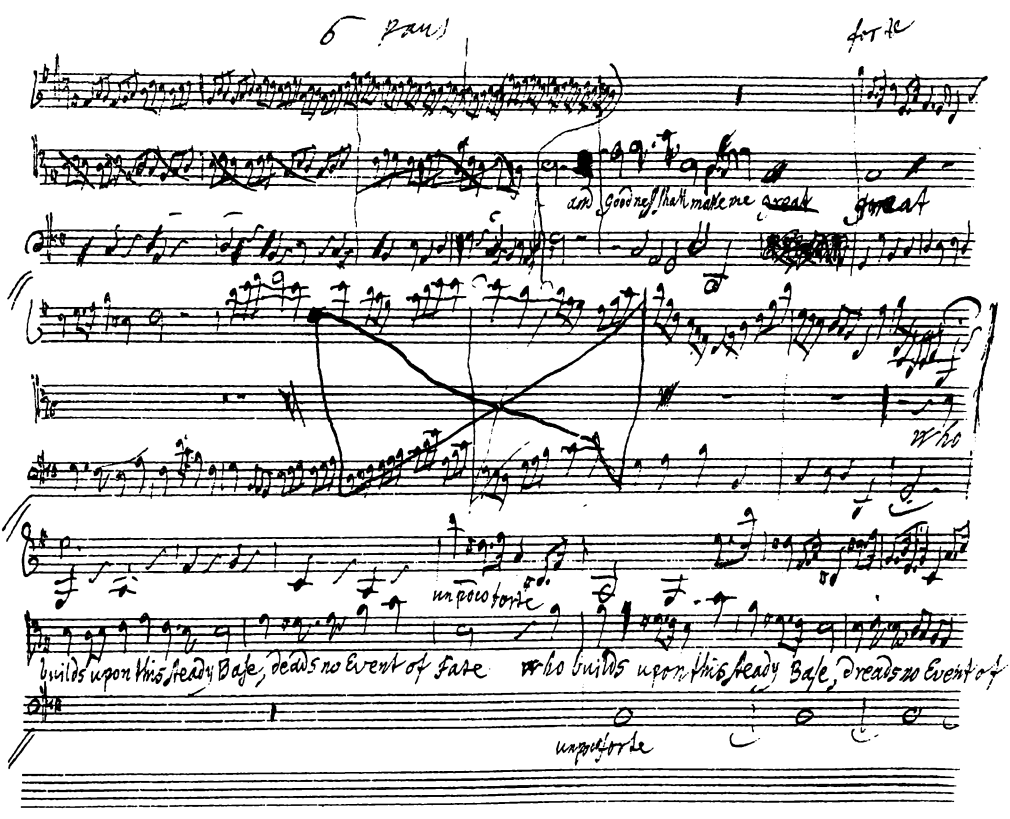
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forte
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builds upon this steady Base, dreads no Event of Fate
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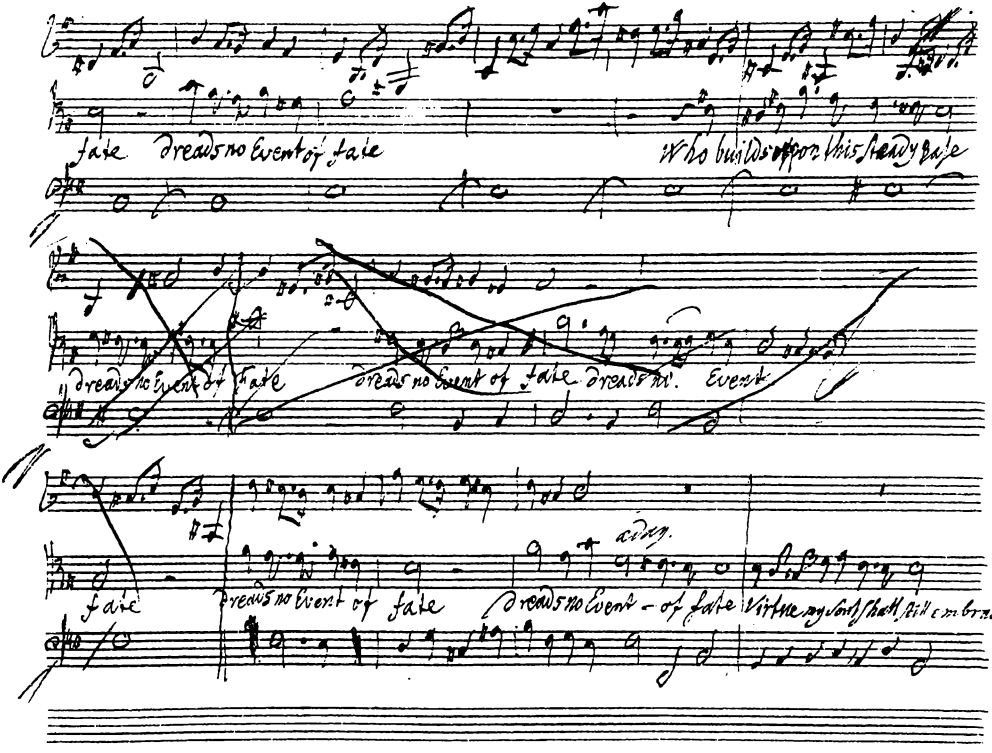
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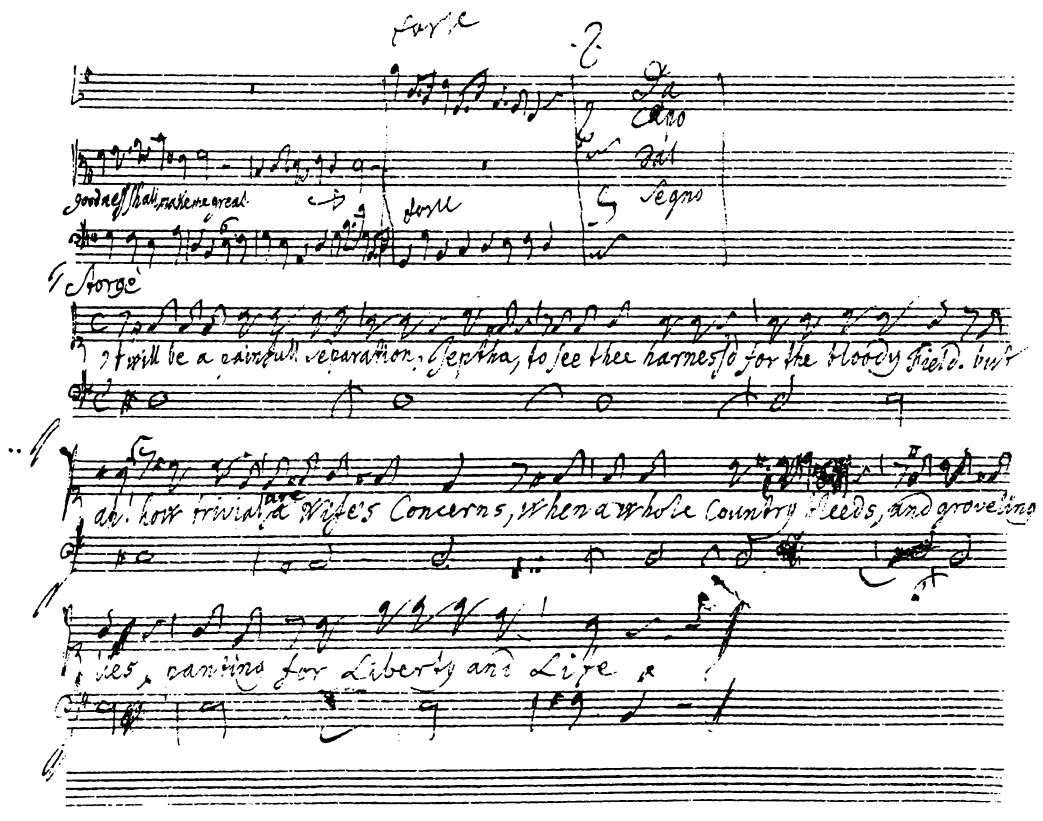
Virtue my Soul shall still embrace


farse
Da Capo
dal segno
goodness shall endeavour to
Storge
will be a painfull separation, Cynthia, to see thee harnessd for the bloody field. but
ah, how trivial a Wife's Concerns, when a whole Country bleeds, and groveling
dies, cannins for Liberty and Life

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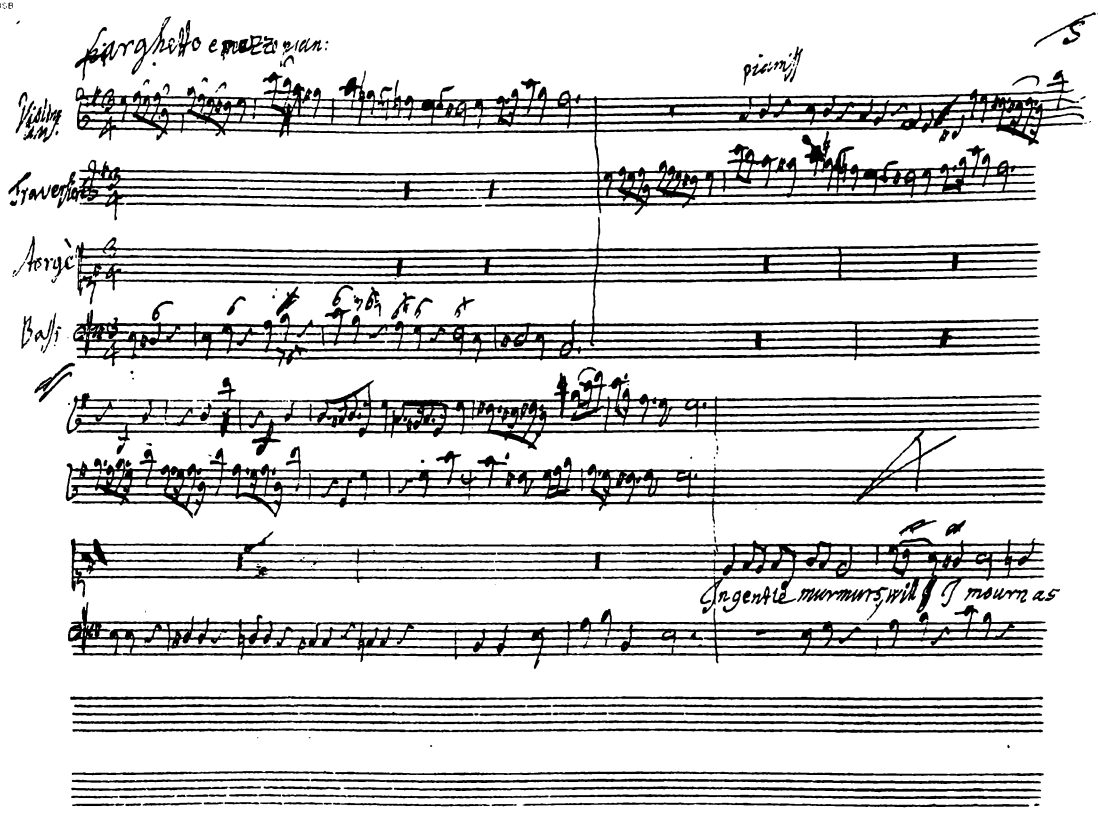
Larghetto e mezza voce
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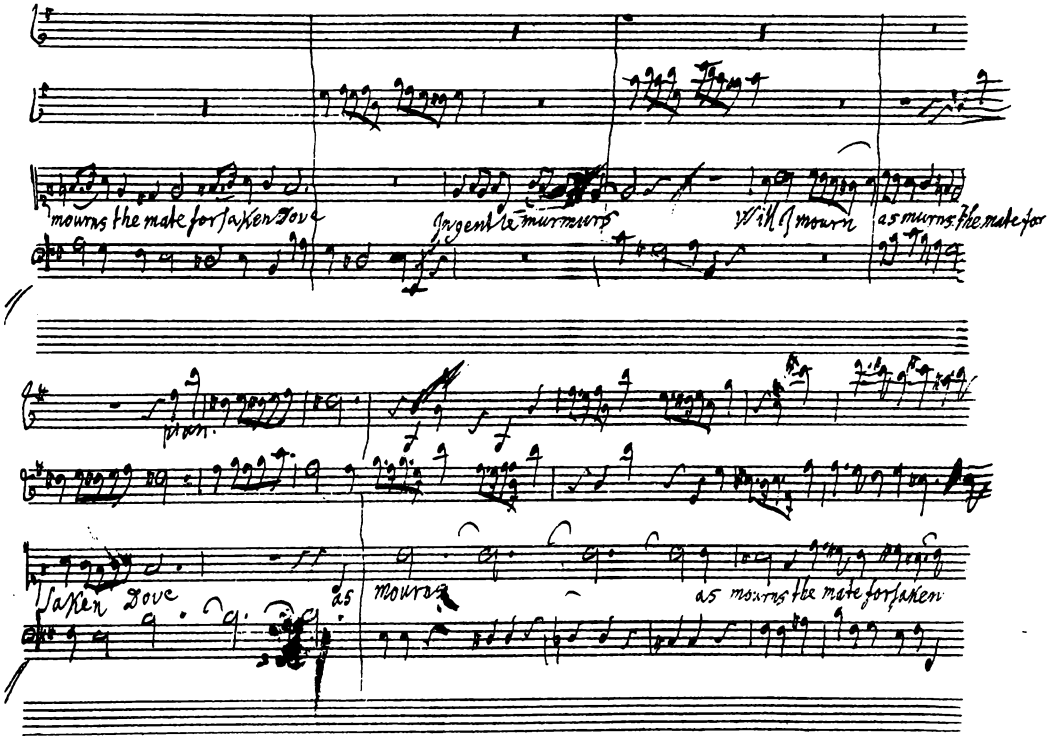
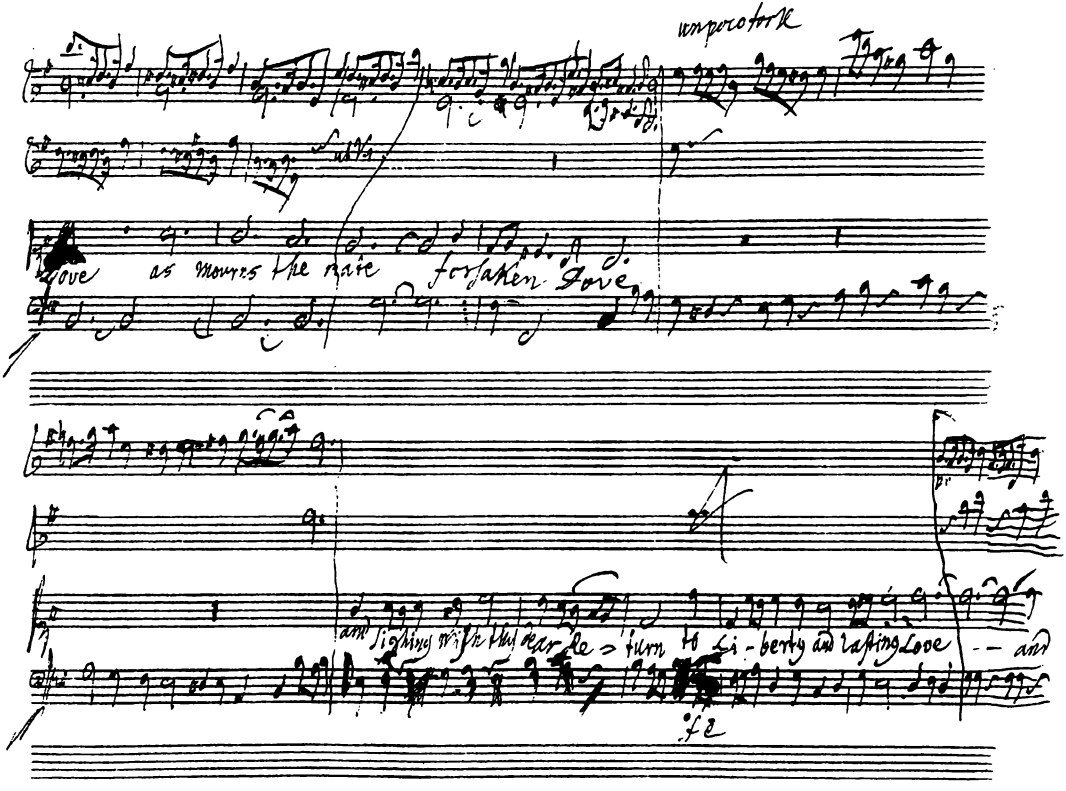
Ingentle murmurs will I mourn as


mourns the mate forsaken Dove
Urgent te murmurs
Will I mourn
as mourns the mate for
plan.
Forsaken Dove
as
mourns
as mourns the mate forsaken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and sighing wish the dear-le = lum to Li-berty and lasting Love -- and
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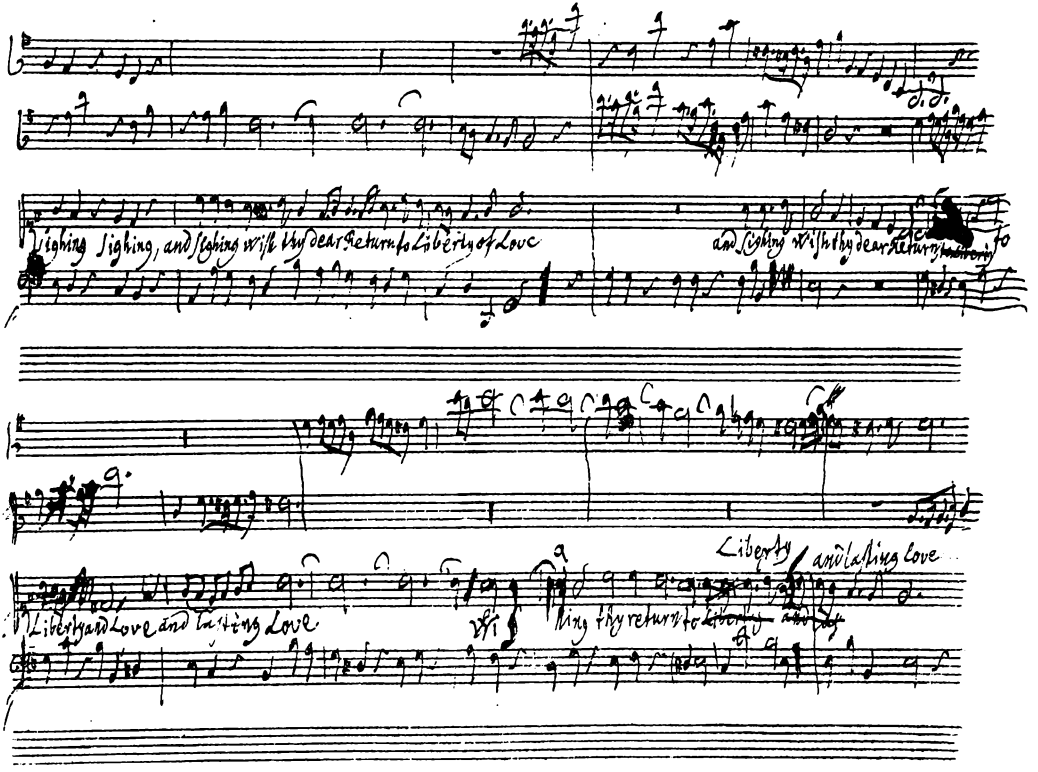
Sighing Sighing, and Sighing wish thy dear Return to Liberty of Love
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Liberty and Lasting Love
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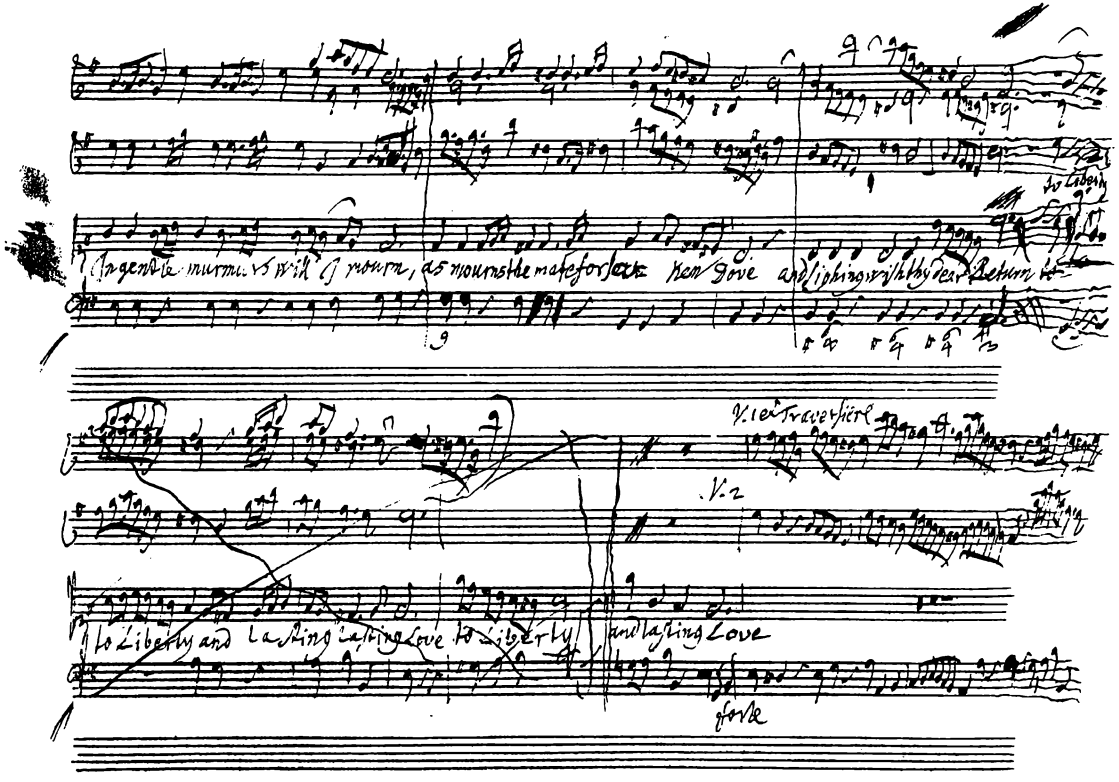
wish
Sing thy return to Liberty and


Syrgentle murmurs will I mourn, as mourns the mate for lack
her Jove and sighing wishes by
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V. 1 en travestiert
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to Liberty and lasting Love to Liberty
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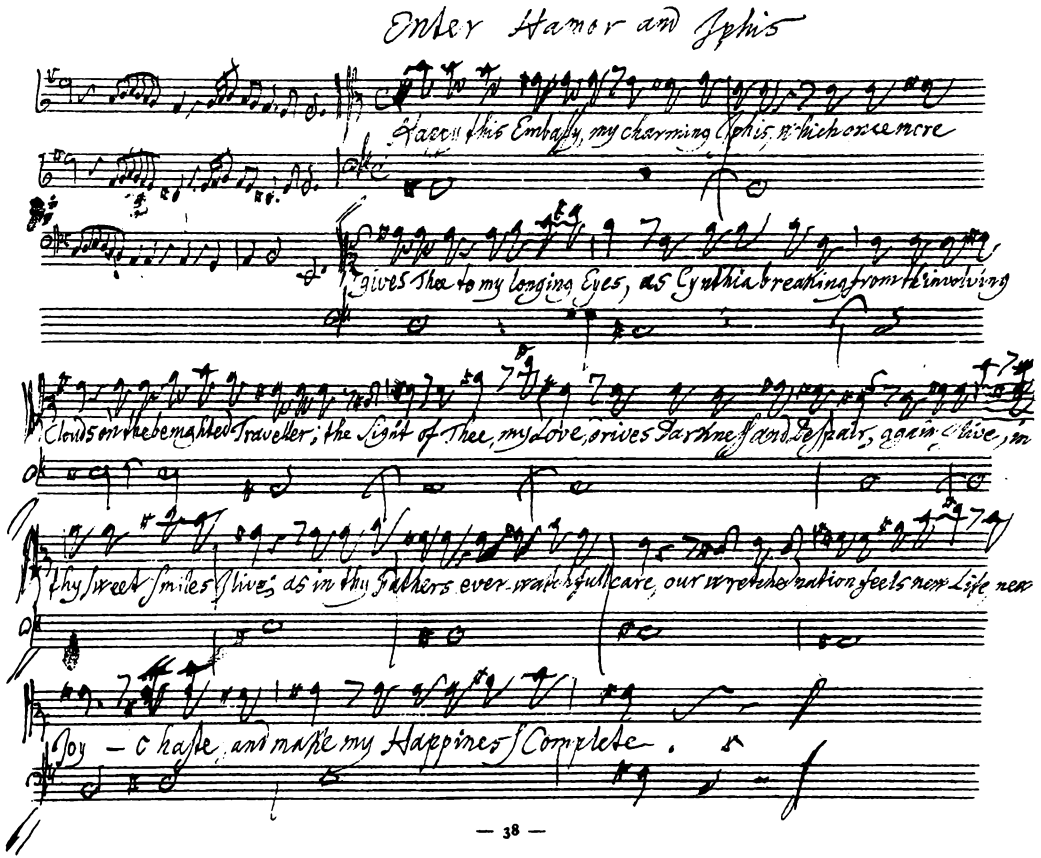
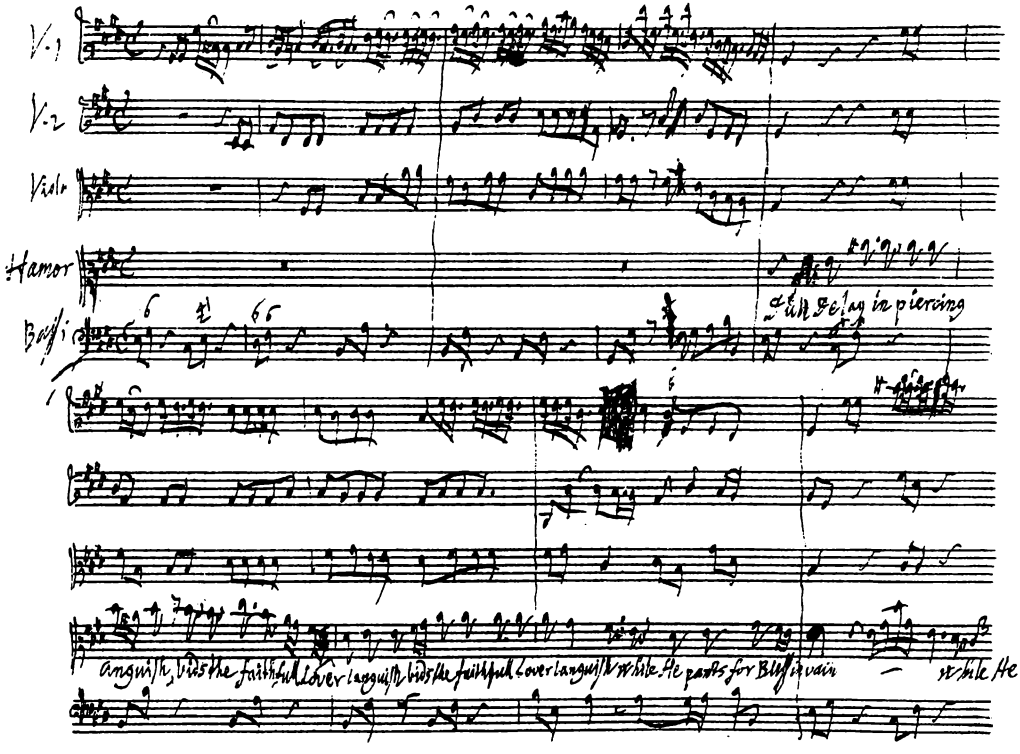
forte


Enter Hamor and Iphis
Haec, this Embassy, my charming Iphis, which once more
gives thee to my longing Eyes, as Cynthia breaking from the involving
Clouds on the benighted Traveller, the Sight of Thee, my Love, drives Darkness and Despair, again alive, in
thy sweet Smiles I live, as in thy Fathers ever-watchfull care, our wretched Nation feels new Life new
Joy — Chase, and make my Happiness Complete.


andante mezzo piano
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Still Delay in piercing
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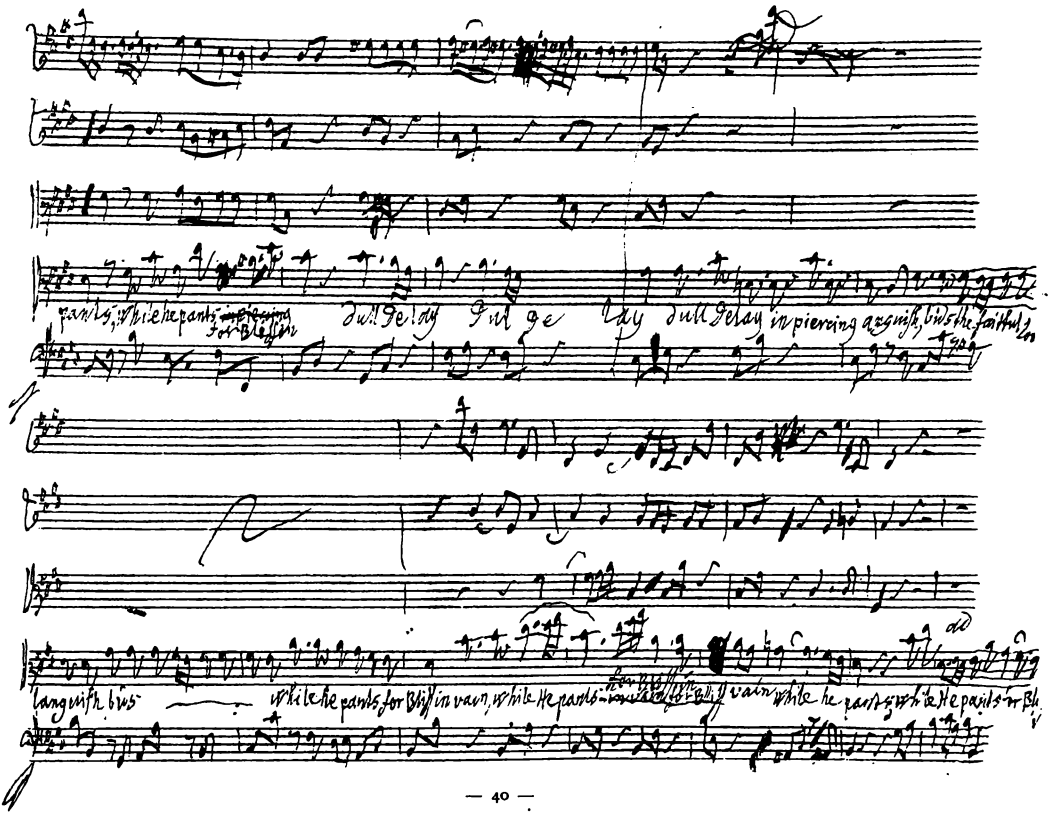
pants, while he pants for Bliss
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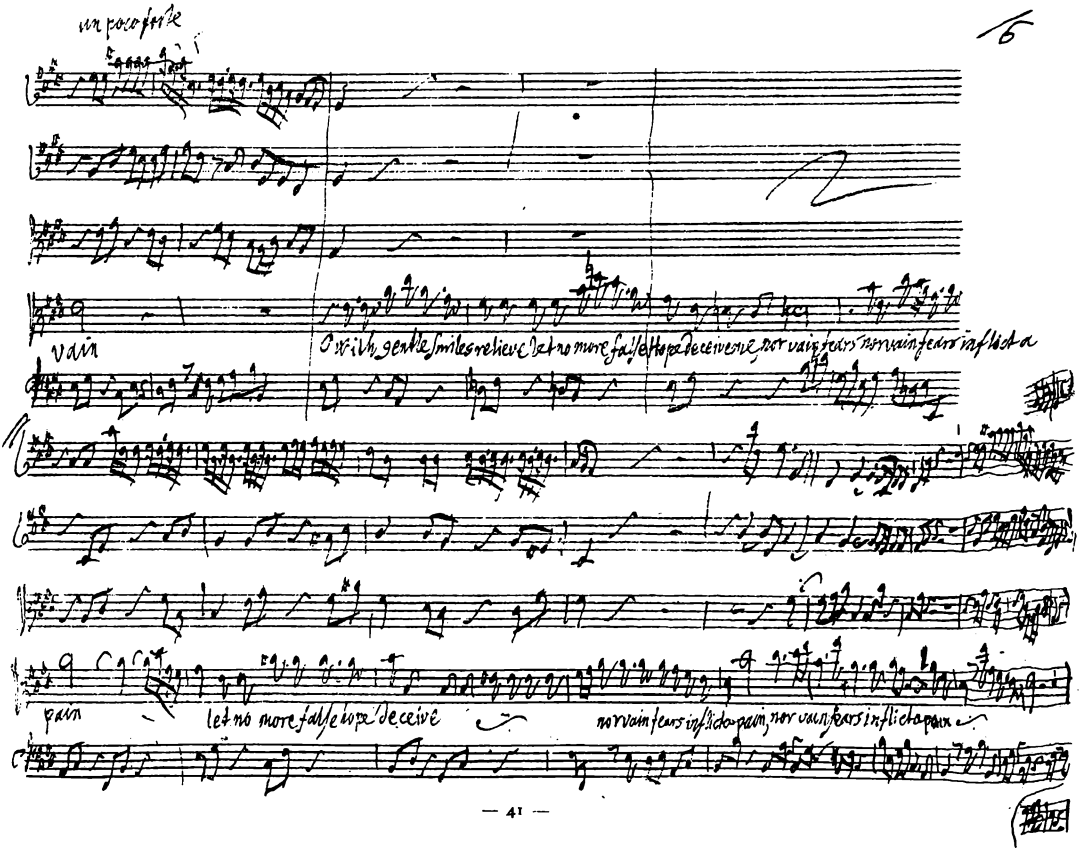
un poco forte
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vain
O with gentle smiles relieve let no more false hope deceive me nor vain fears nor vain fears inflict a
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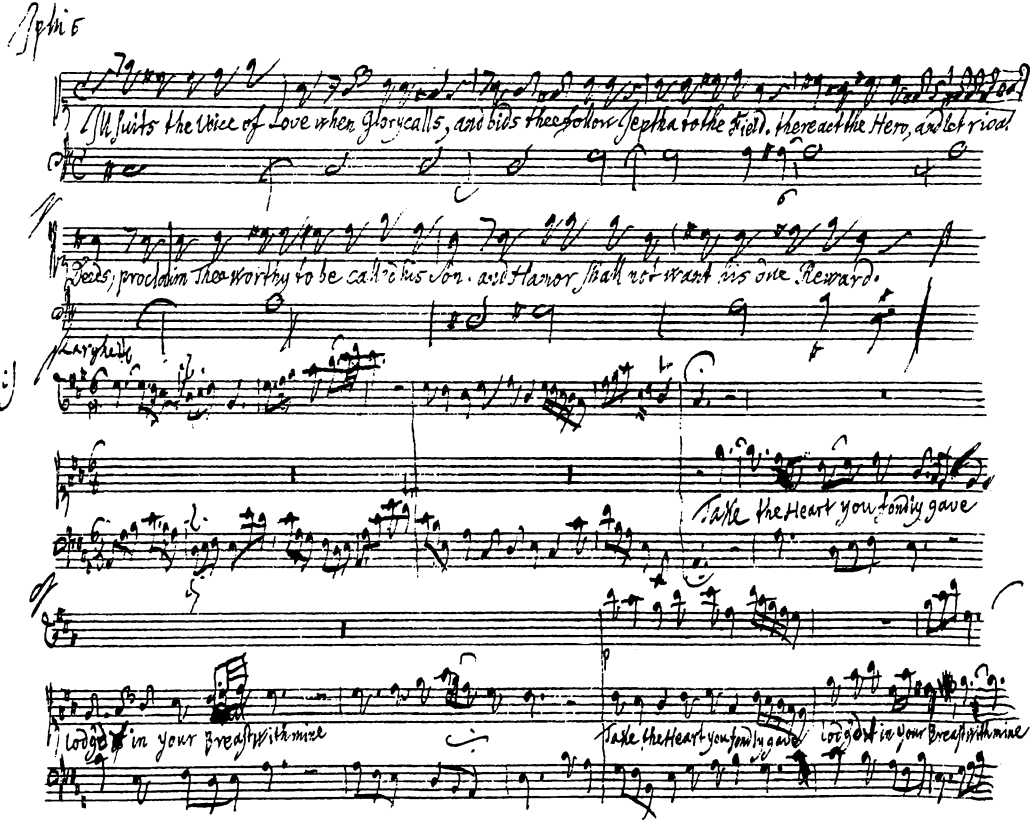
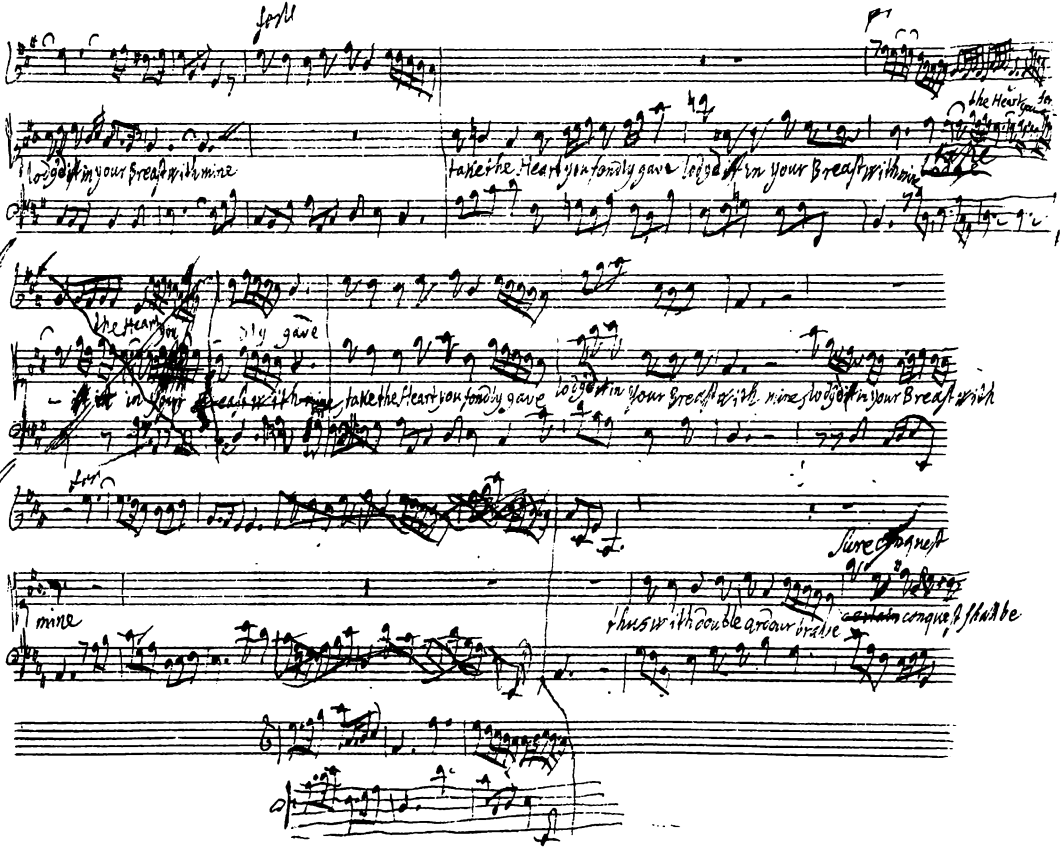

Jephte
It suits the Voice of Love when Glory calls, and bids thee follow Jephta to the field. there act the Hero, and let rival
Heroes, proclaim thee worthy to be call'd his Son. and Honor shall not want its due Reward.
Largheto
Take the Heart you fondly gave
Lodged in your Breast with mine
Take the Heart you fondly gave
Lodged in your Breast with mine


lodge in your Breast with mine
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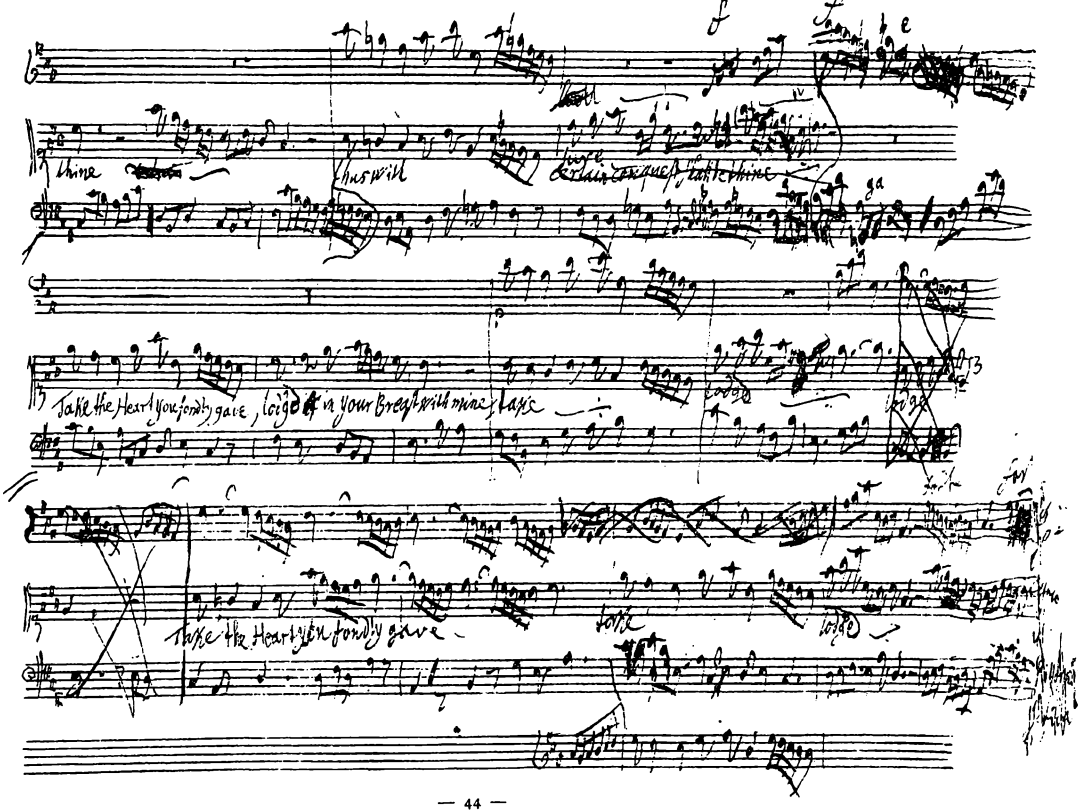
thus with double ardour I'll strive
conquer I shall be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Take the Heart you fondly gave, I'd
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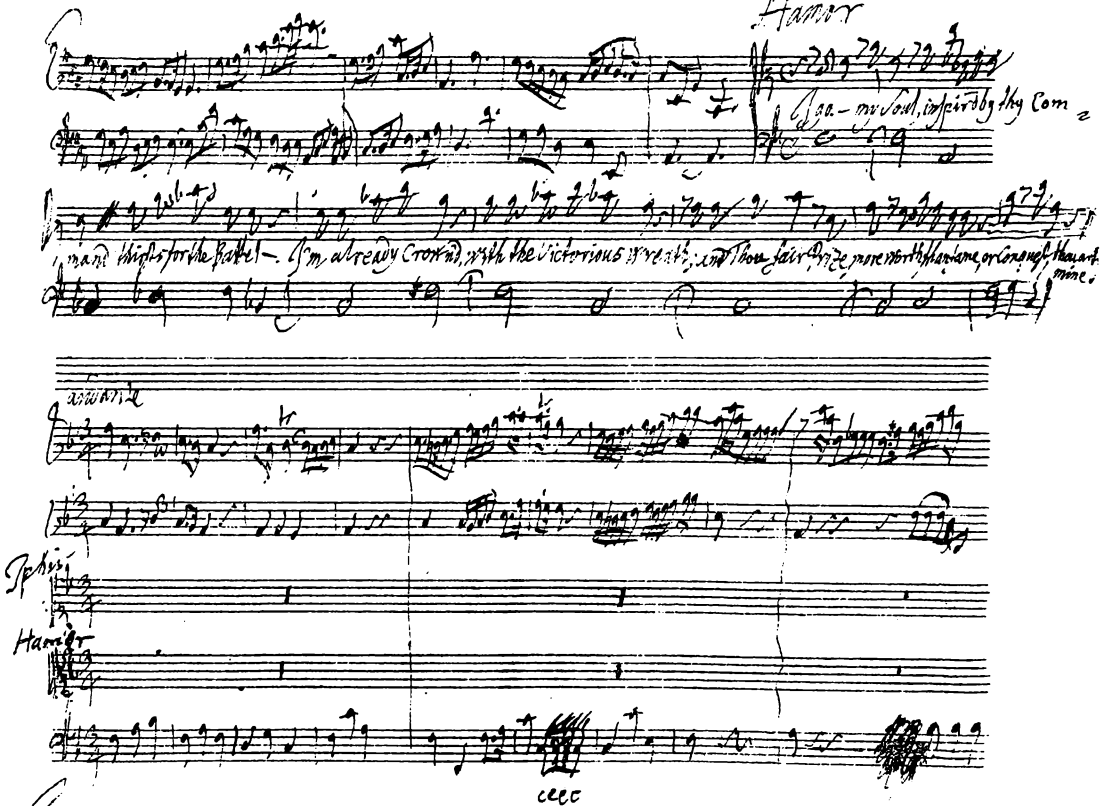
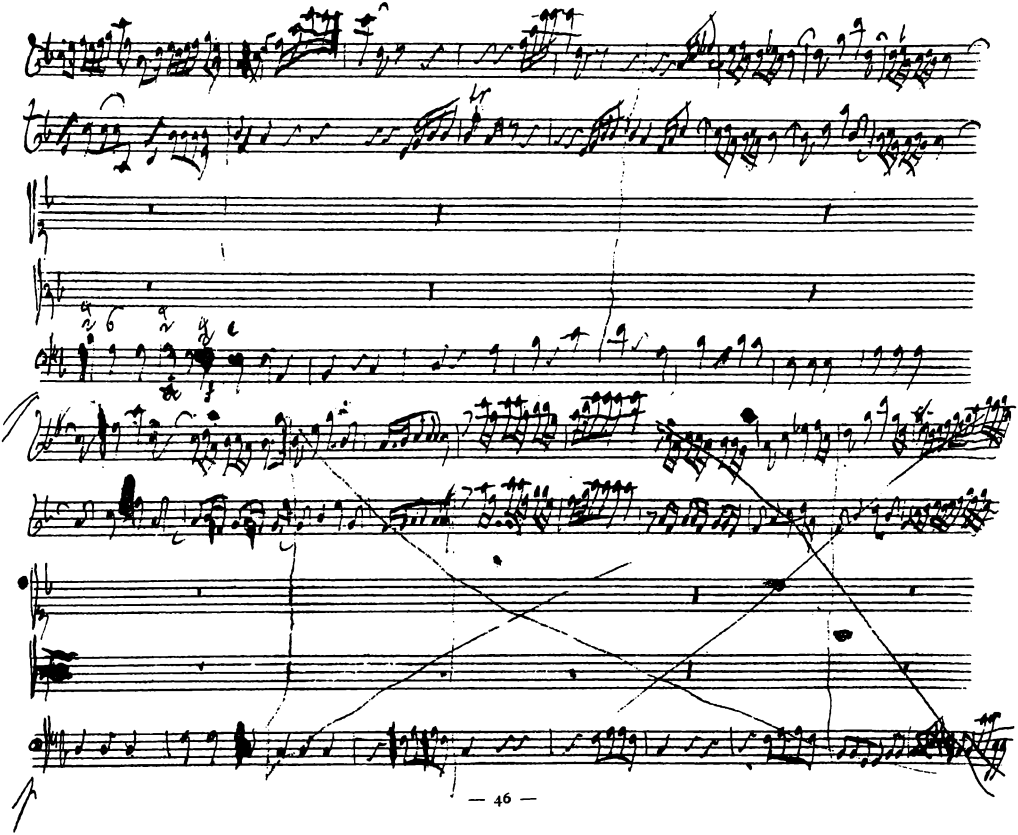
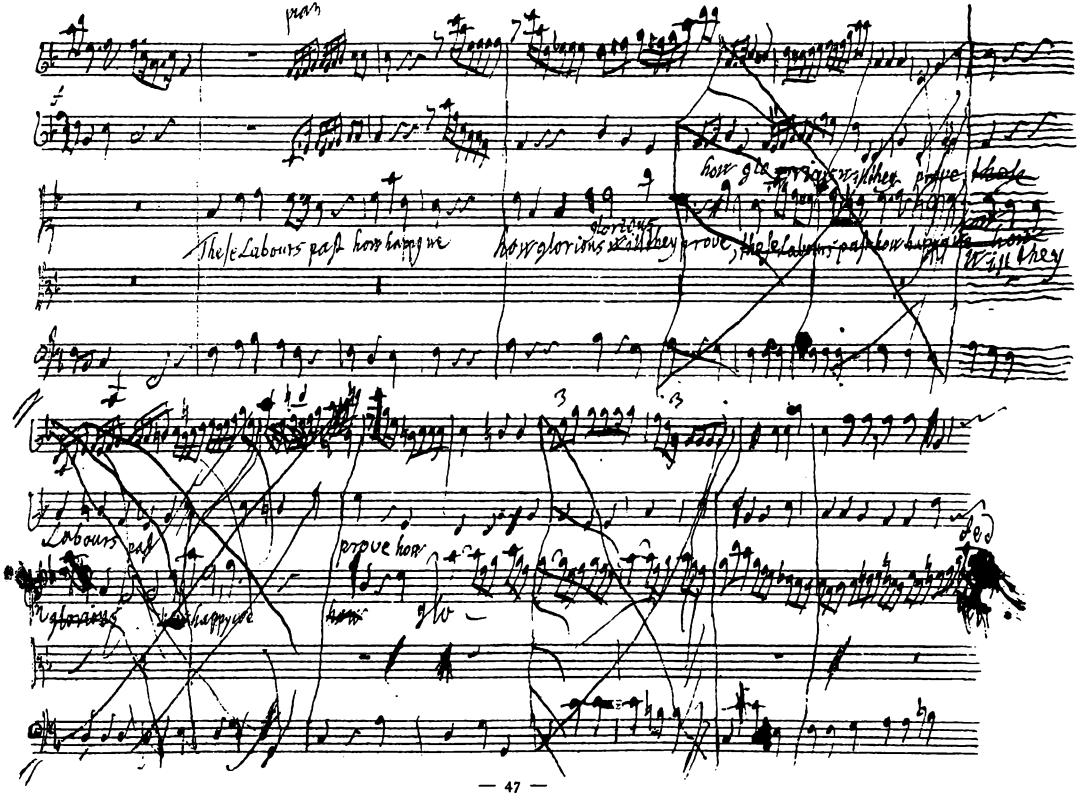

Hamor
Gen – my Soul, inspir'd by thy Com
mand! ships for the battel – I'm already Crown'd with the victorious wreath; and Thou fair Prize more worth than fame, or Conquest thou art mine.
Tempo
Hamor

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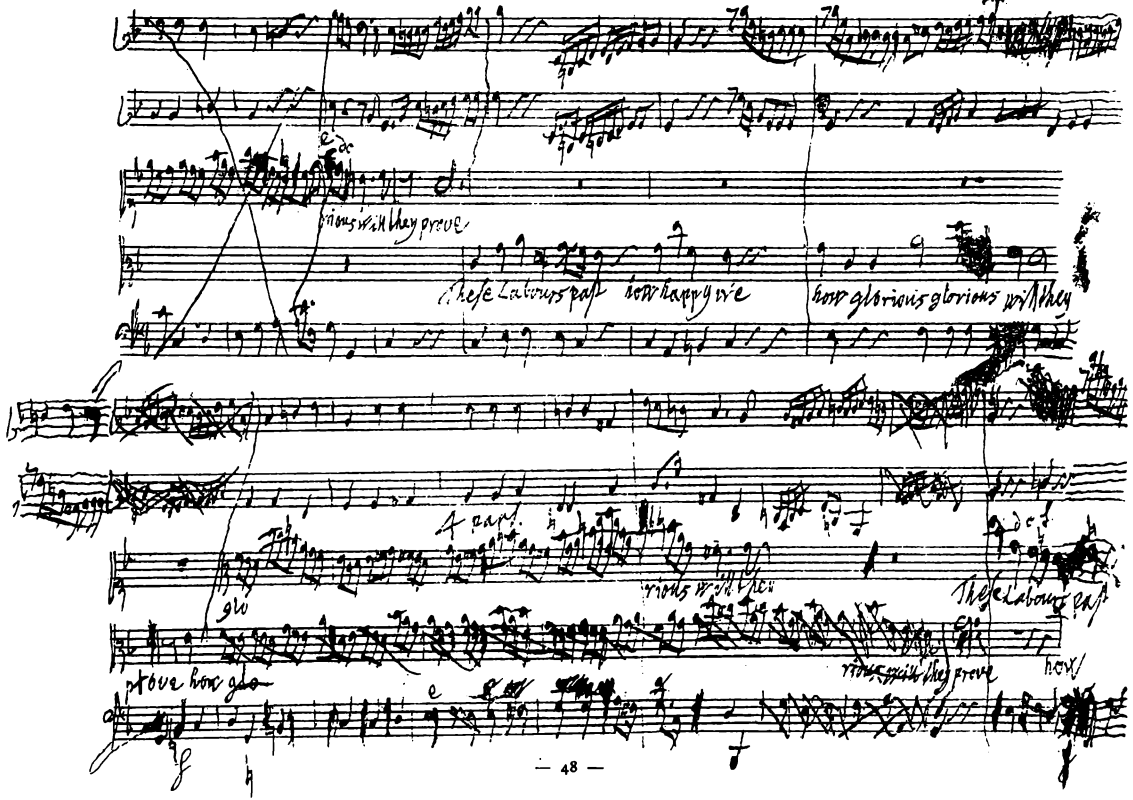
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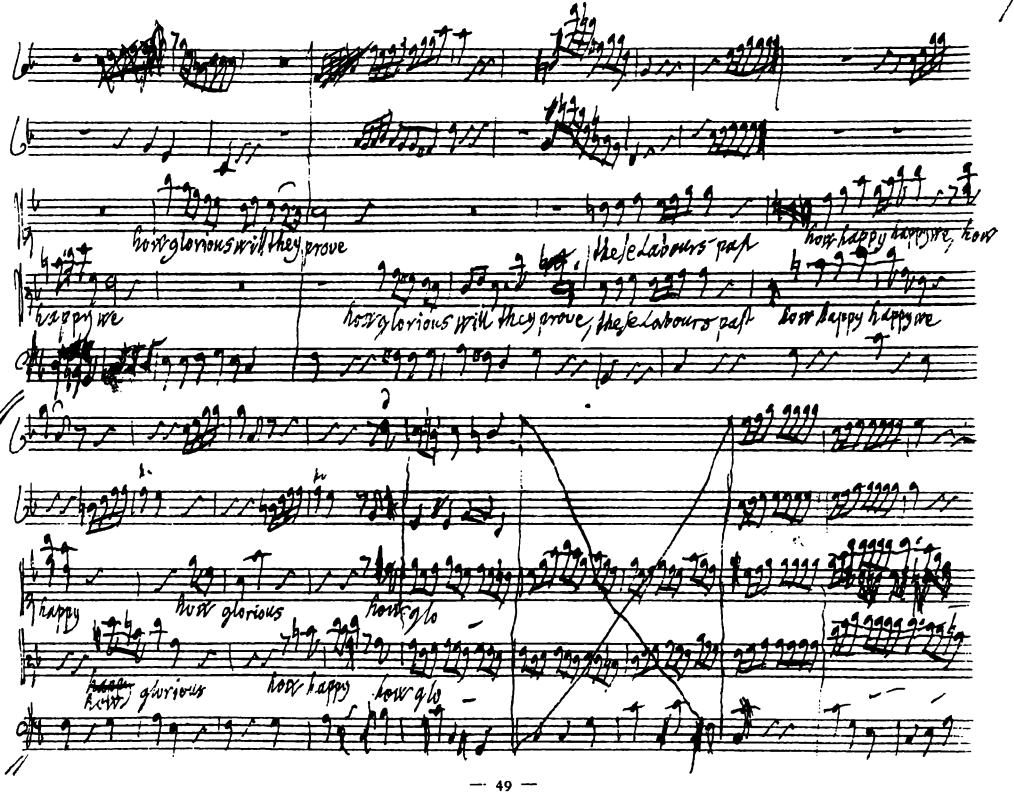
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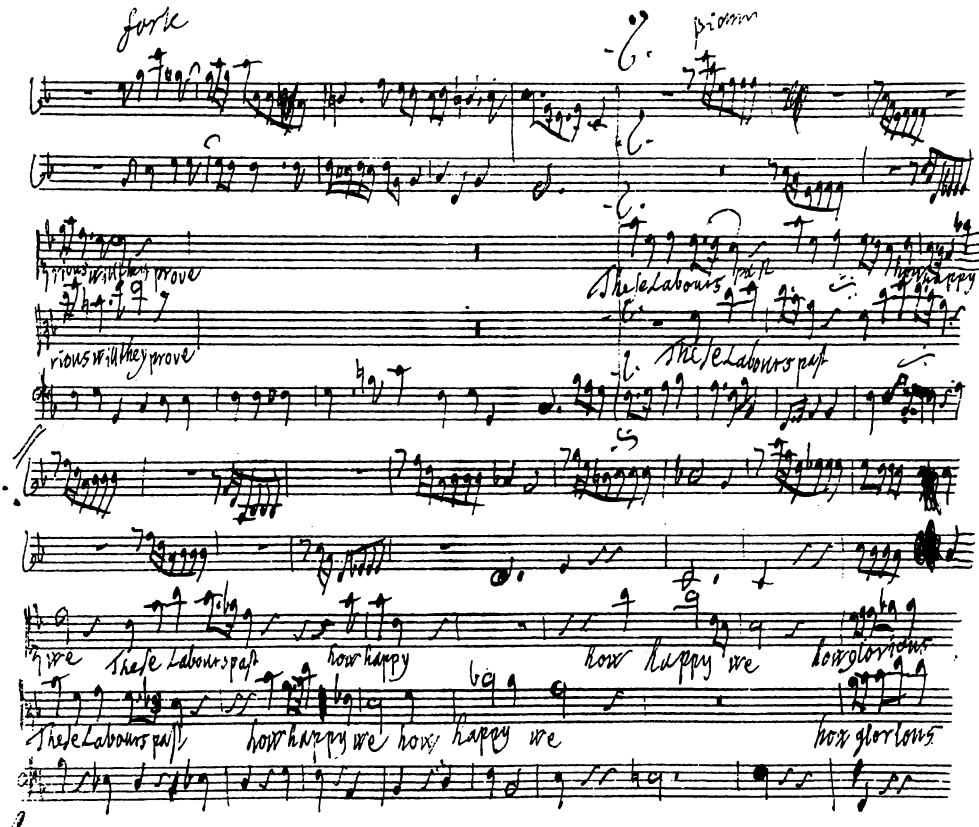
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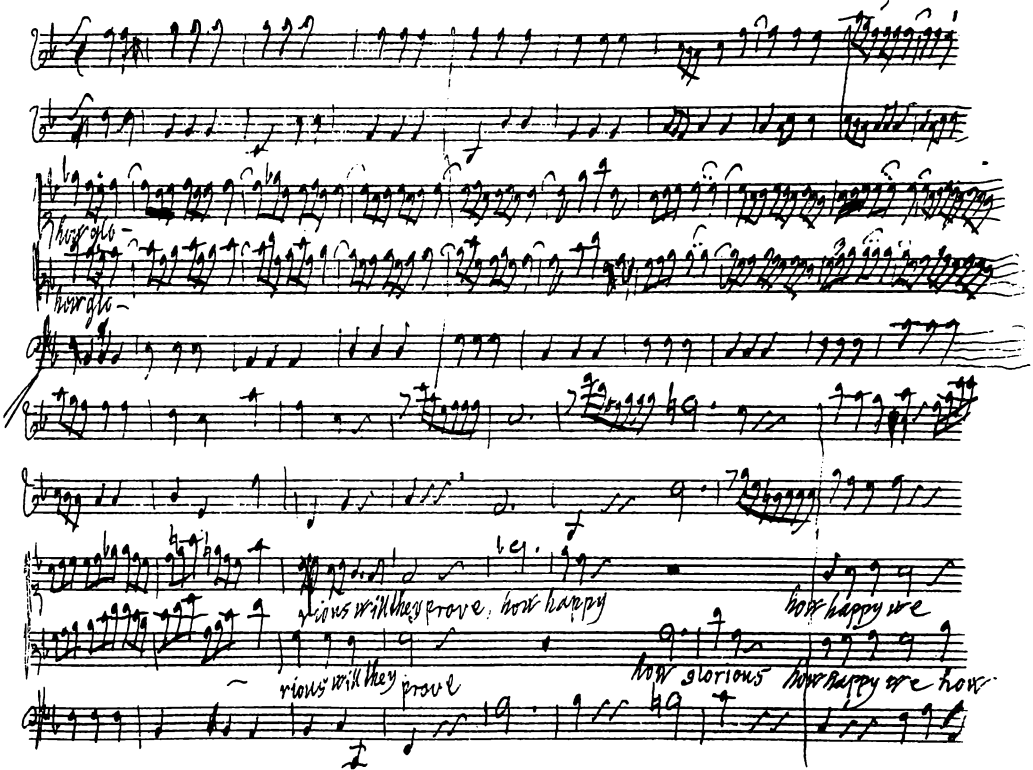
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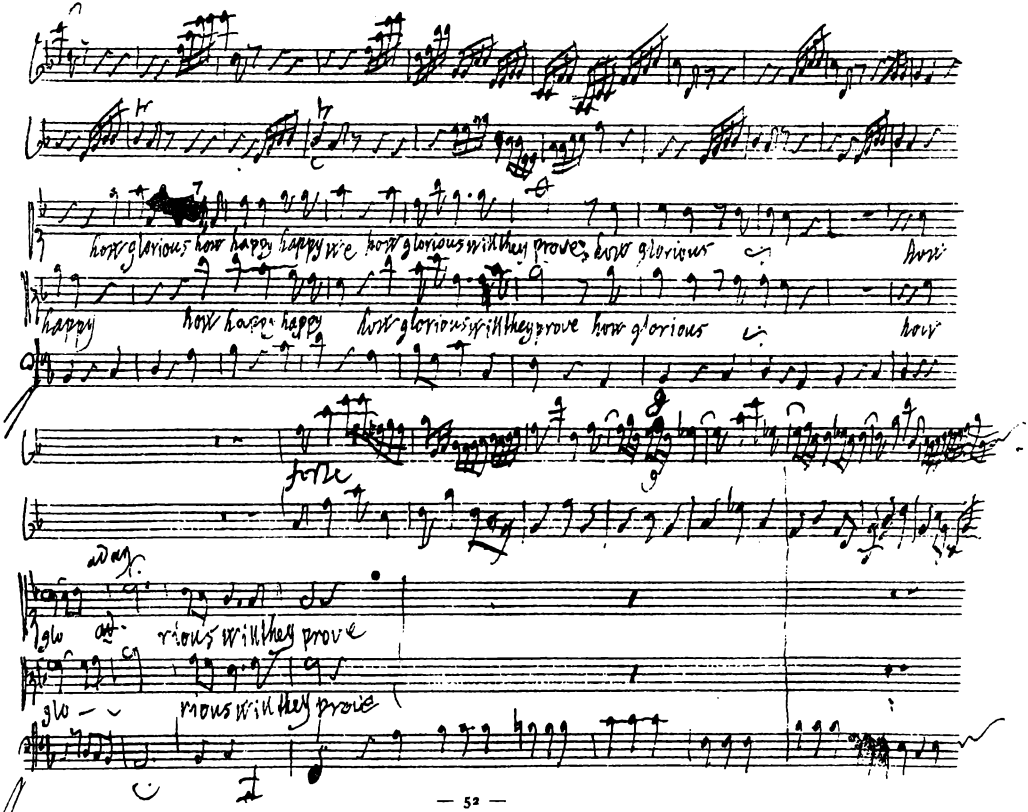
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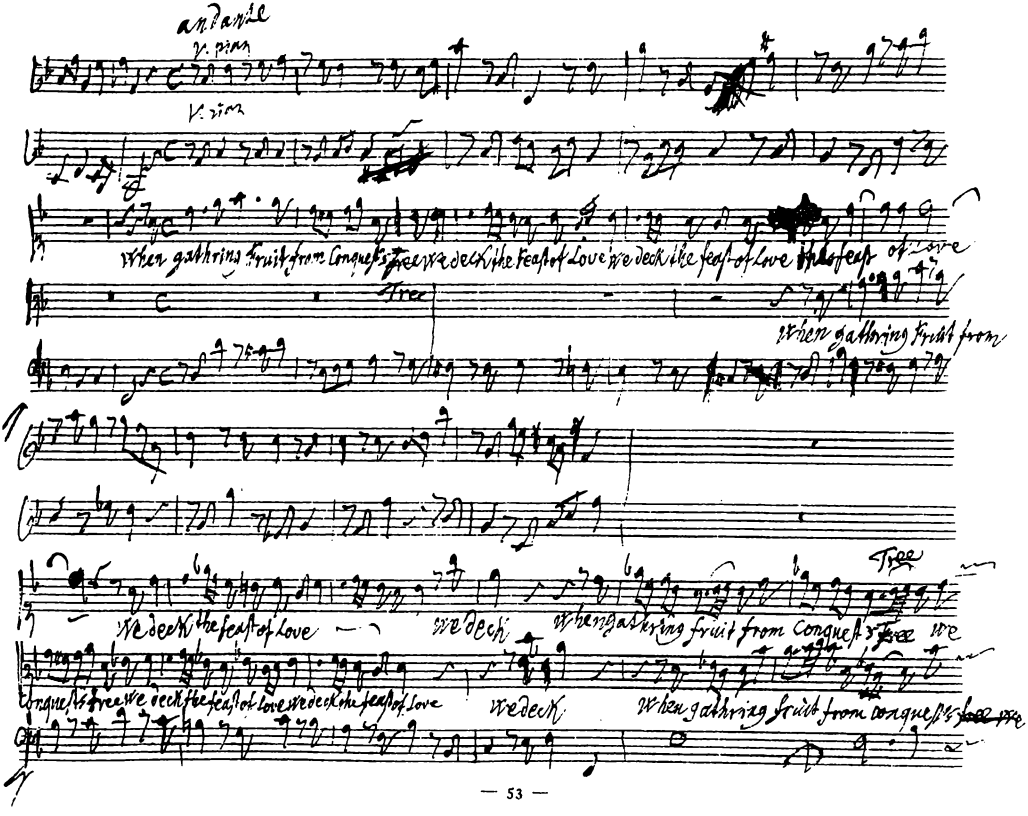
When gathring fruit from Conquest Tree we deck the feast of Love we deck the feast of Love the feast of love
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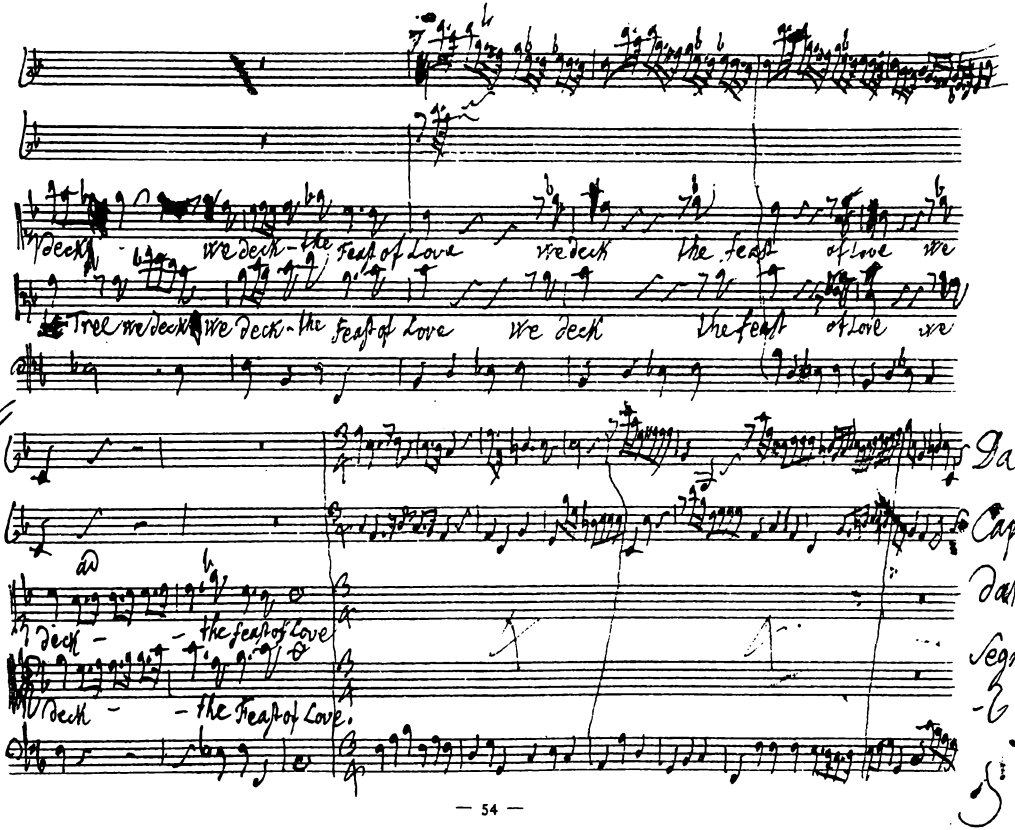
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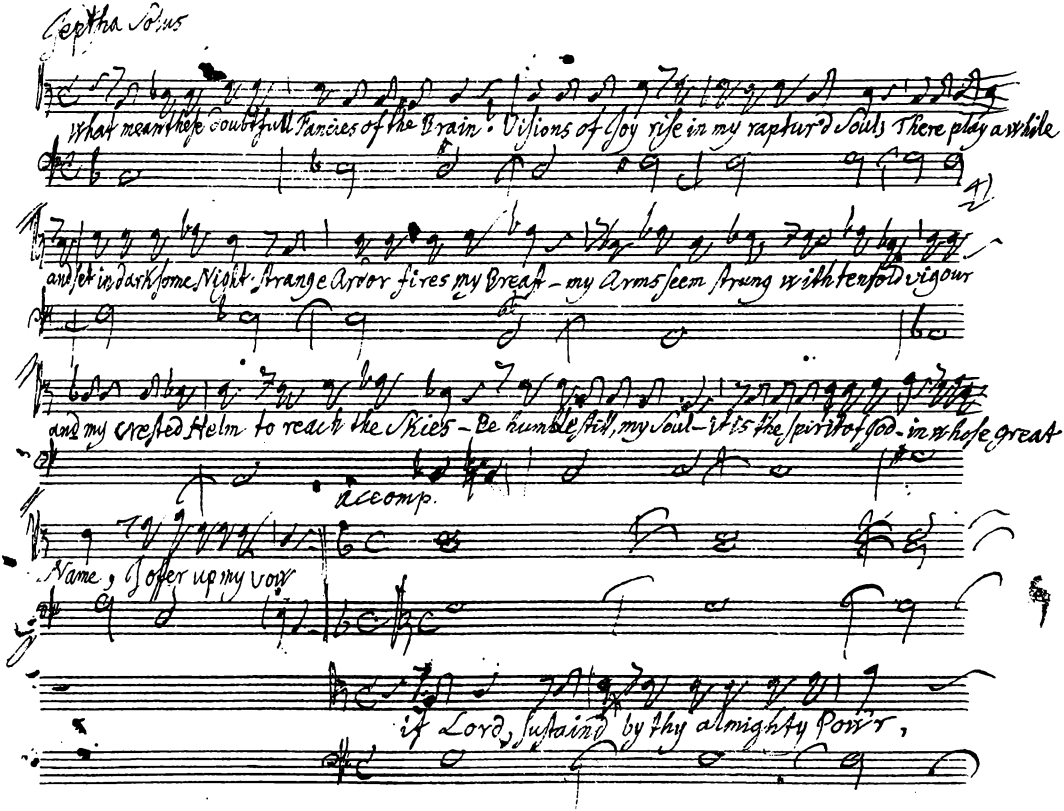
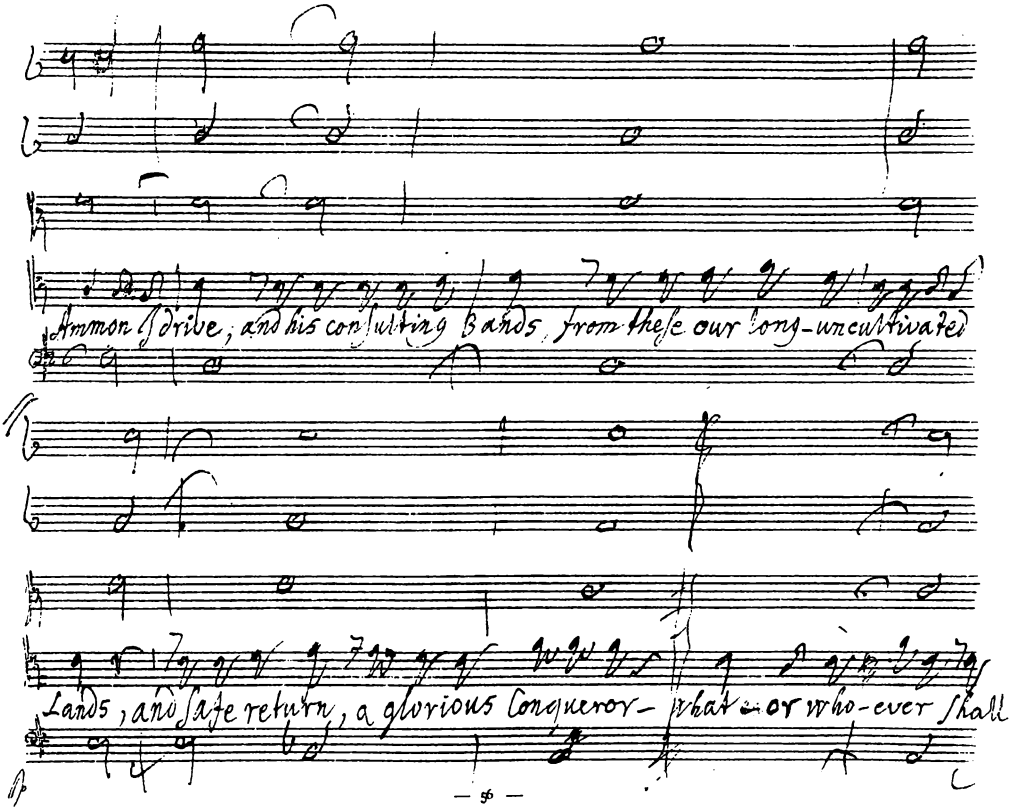
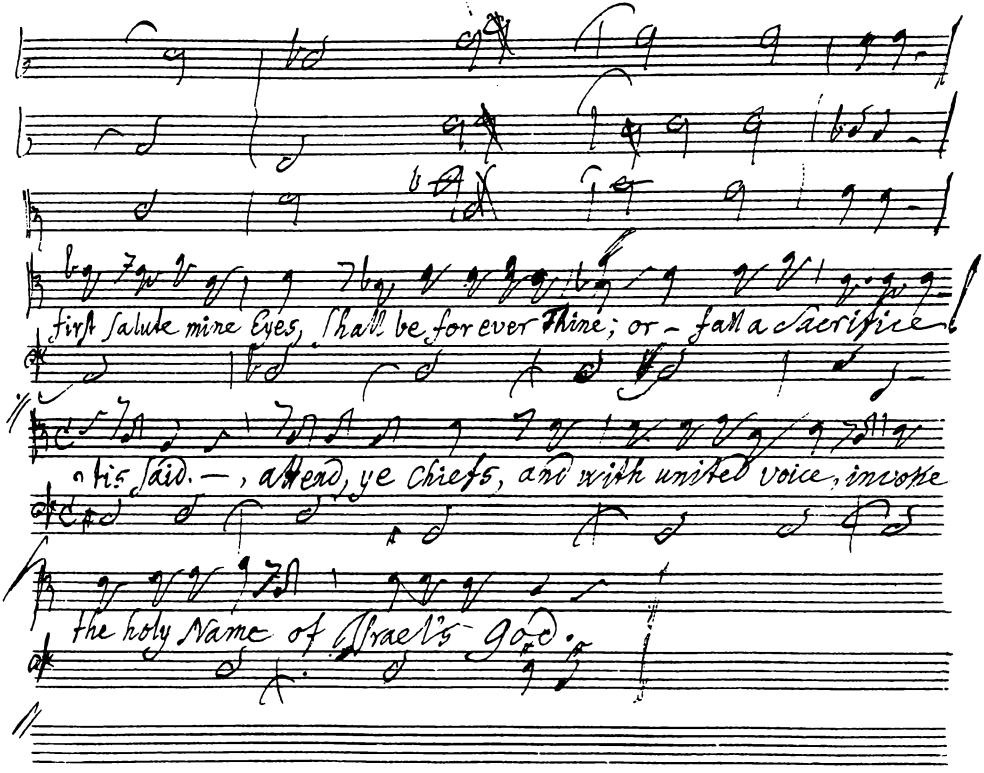
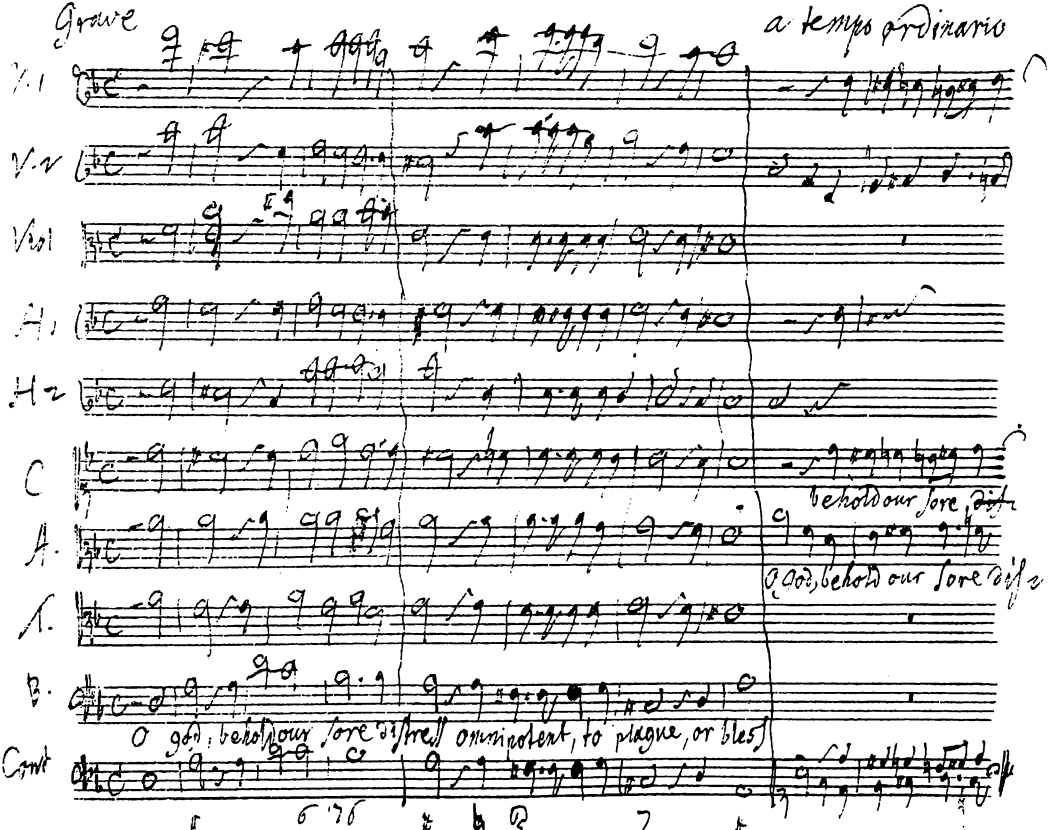

Cæptha Solus
What means these doubtfull Fancies of the Brain? Visions of Joy rise in my raptur'd Souls There play awhile
and set in dark some Night. Strange Ardor fires my Breast – my Arms seem strung with tenfold vigour
and my Crested Helm to reach the Skies – Be humble still, my Soul – 'tis the Spirit of God in whose great
accomp.
Name, I offer up my Vow
if Lord, sustain'd by thy almighty Powr,


Ammon's drive, and his confulting Bands from these our long-uncultivated
Lands, and safe return, a glorious Conqueror — what-or who-ever shall


first salute mine Eyes, shall be for ever Thine; or - fall a sacrifice!
this said. —, attend, ye chiefs, and with united voice, invoke
the holy Name of Israel's God.


Grave
a tempo ordinario
V. I
V. II
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behold our sore
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O God, behold our sore
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O god, behold our sore distress omnipotent, to plague, or bless
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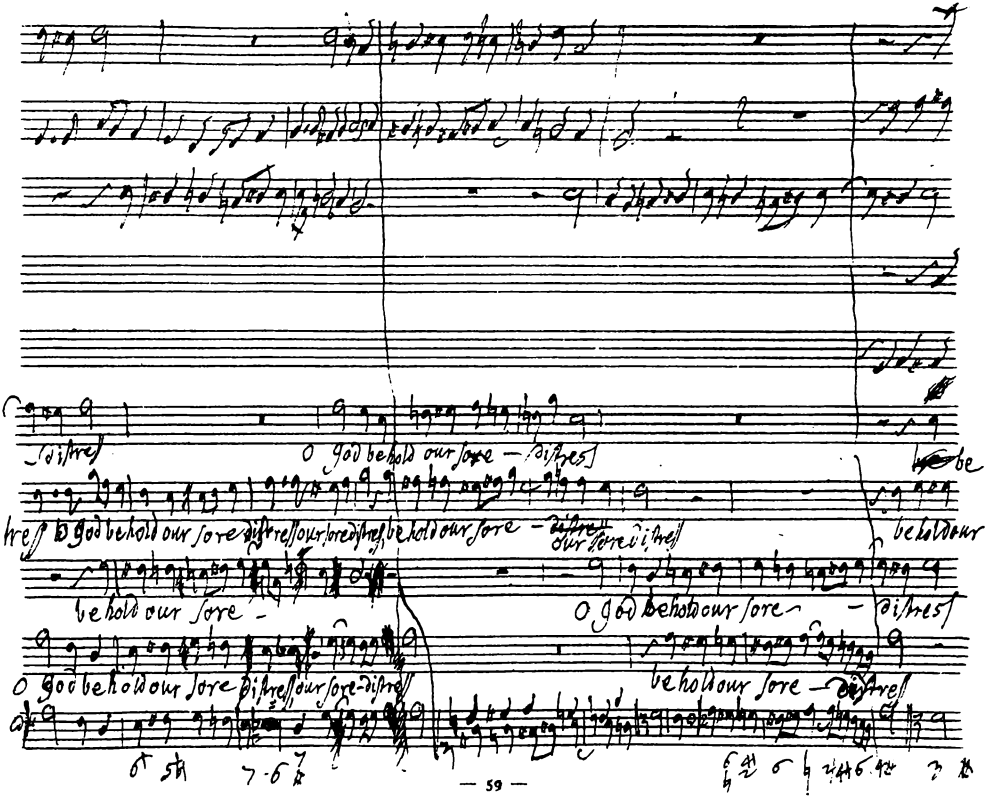
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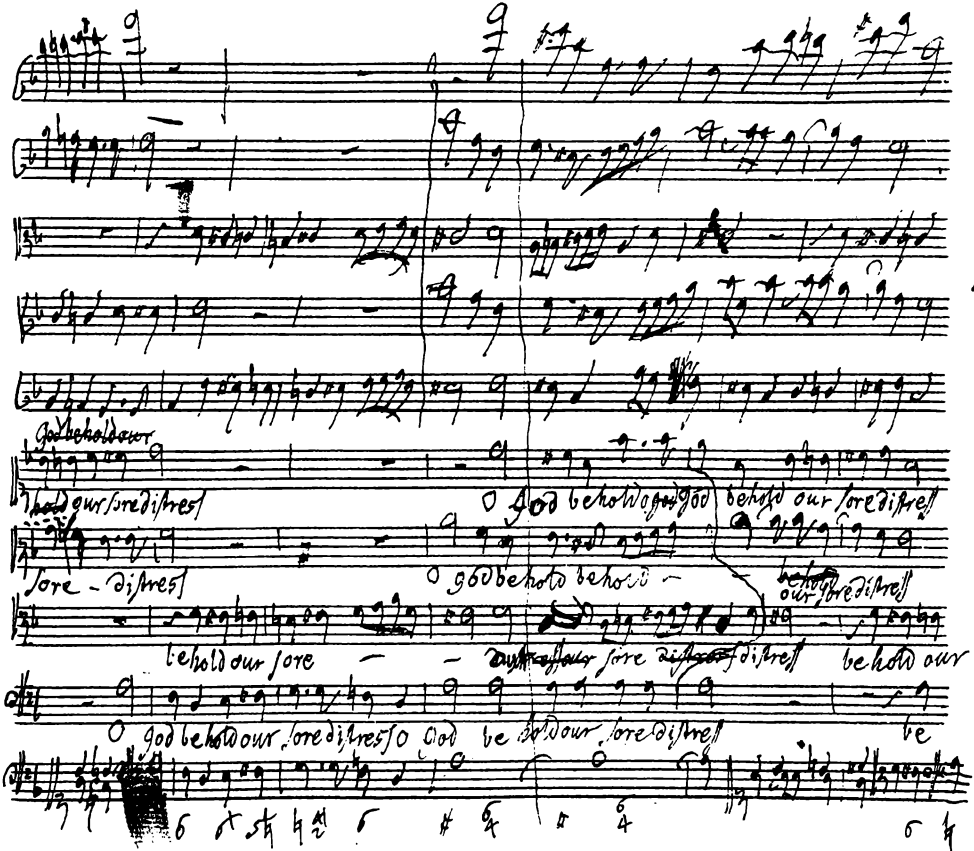
God beholdour
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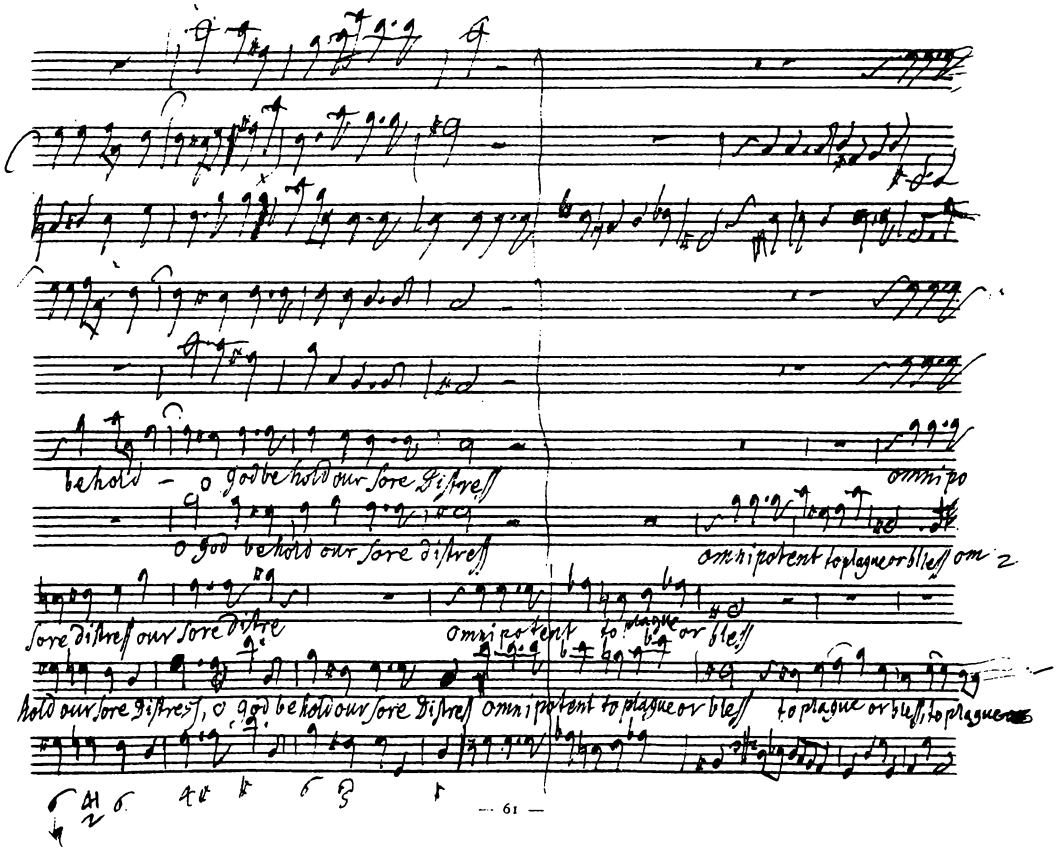
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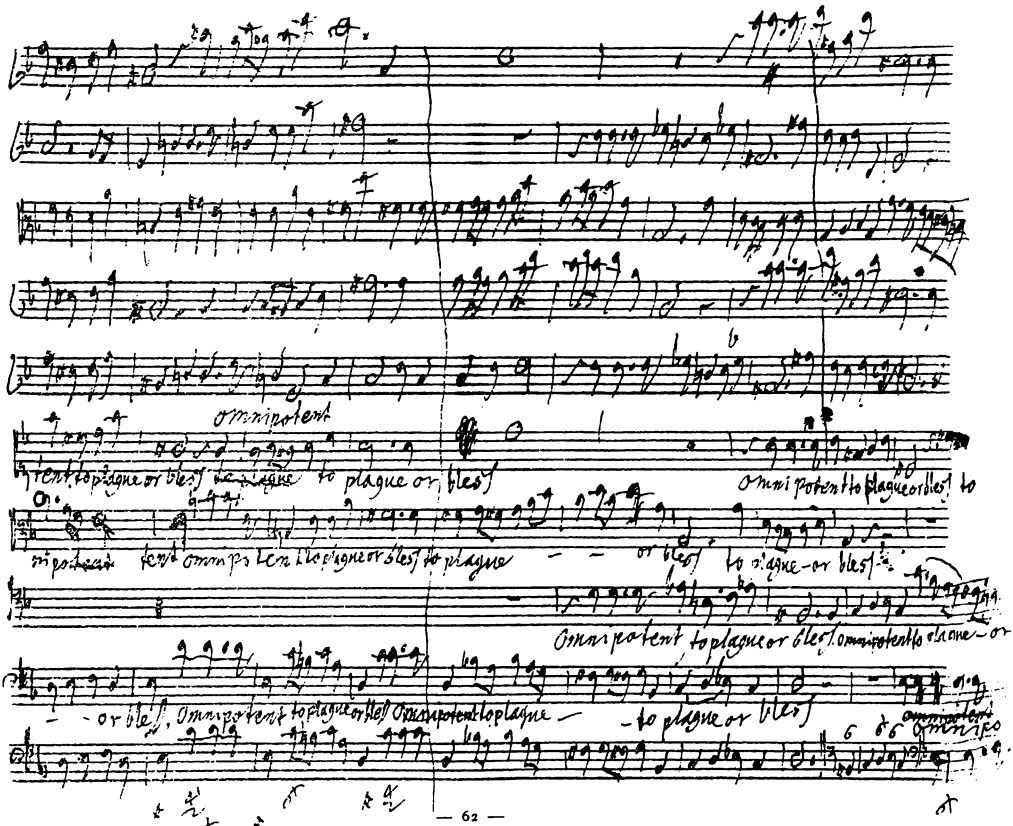
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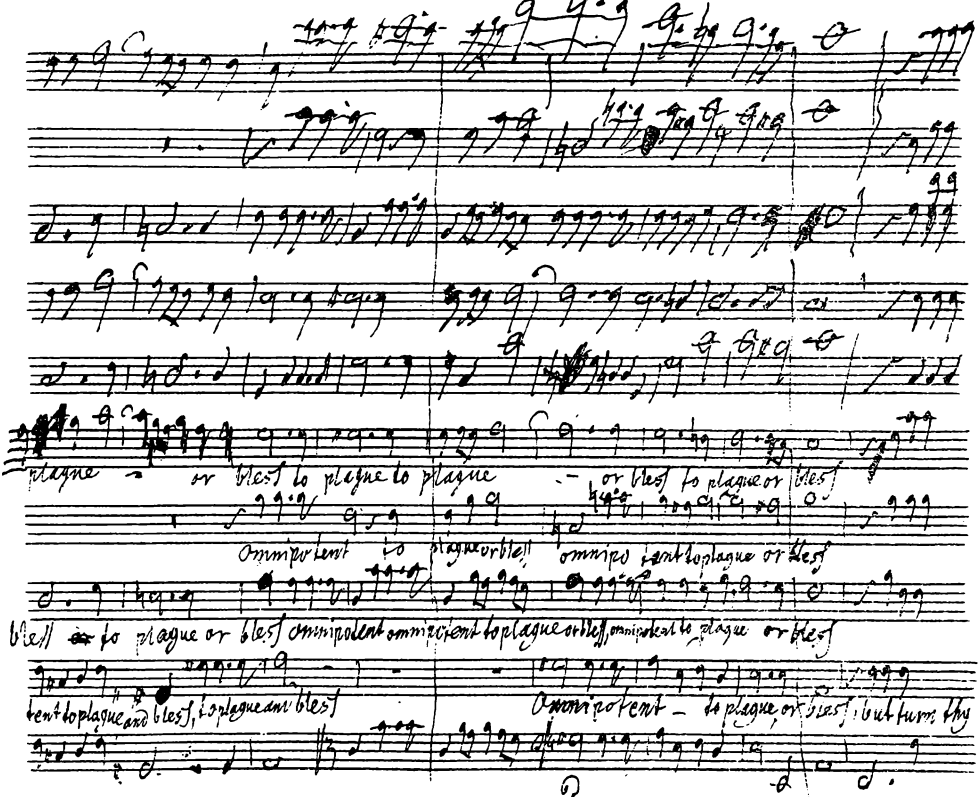
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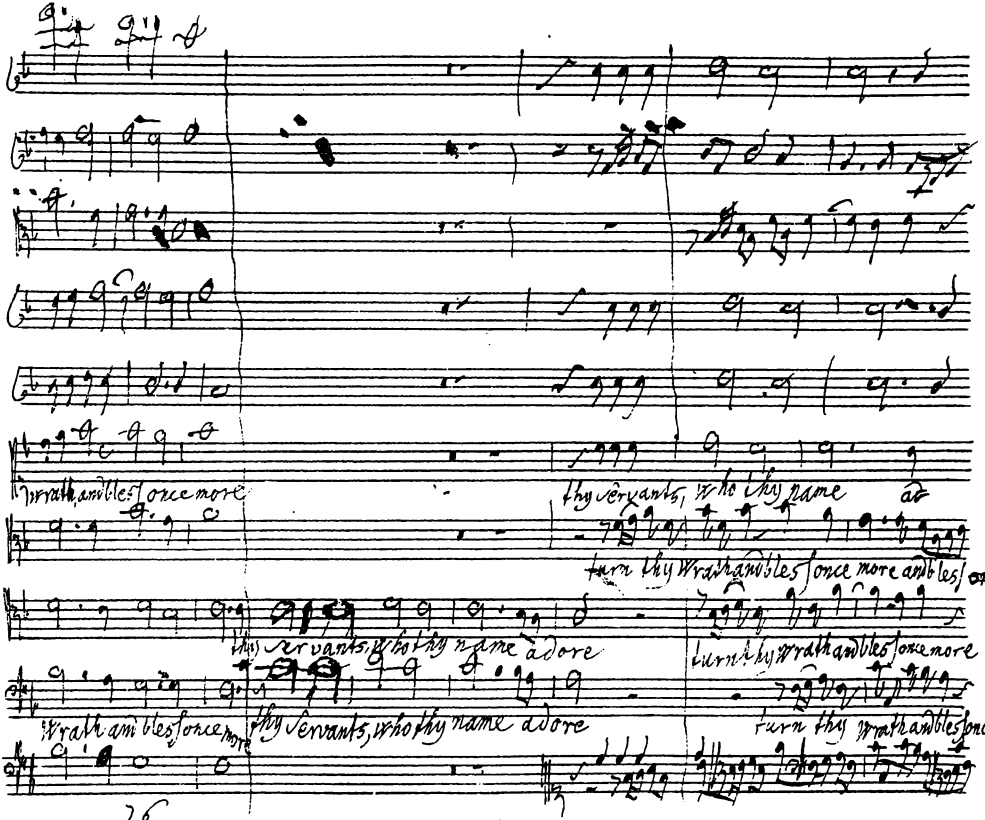
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thy servants, who thy name a
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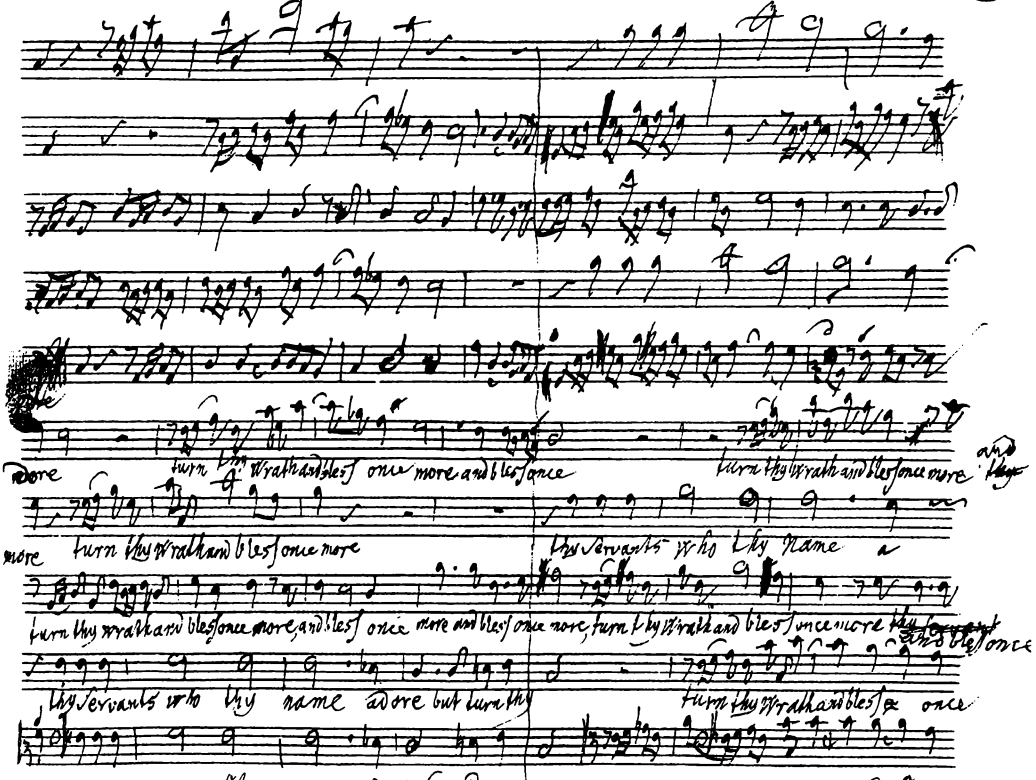
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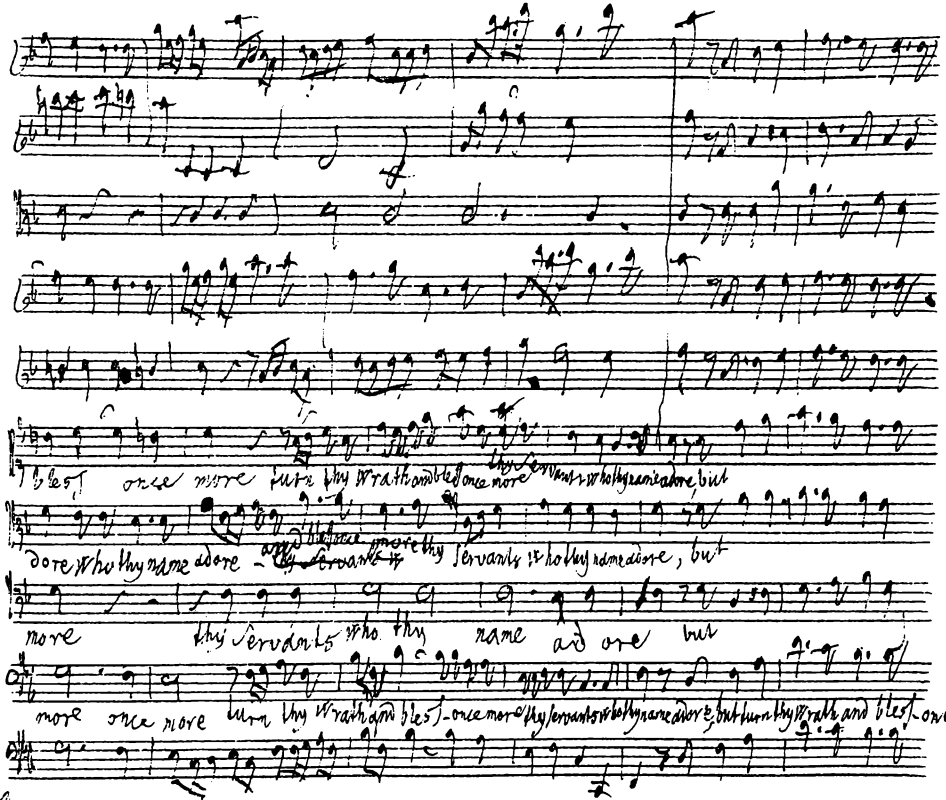
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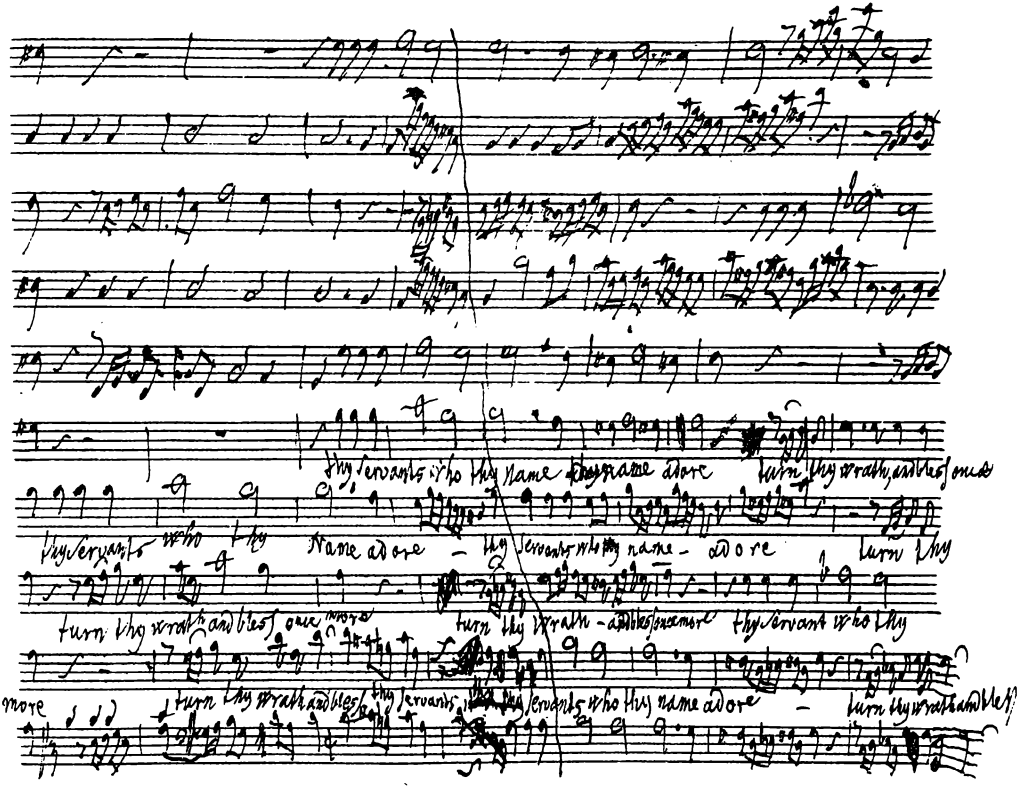
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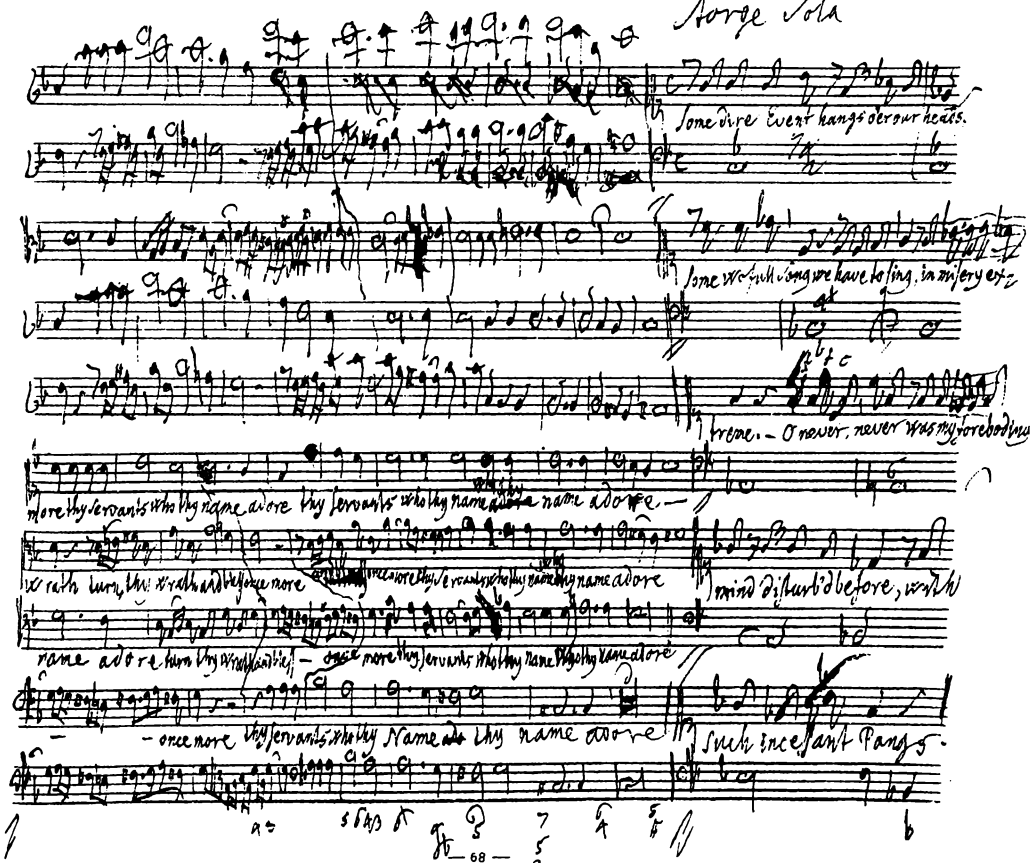
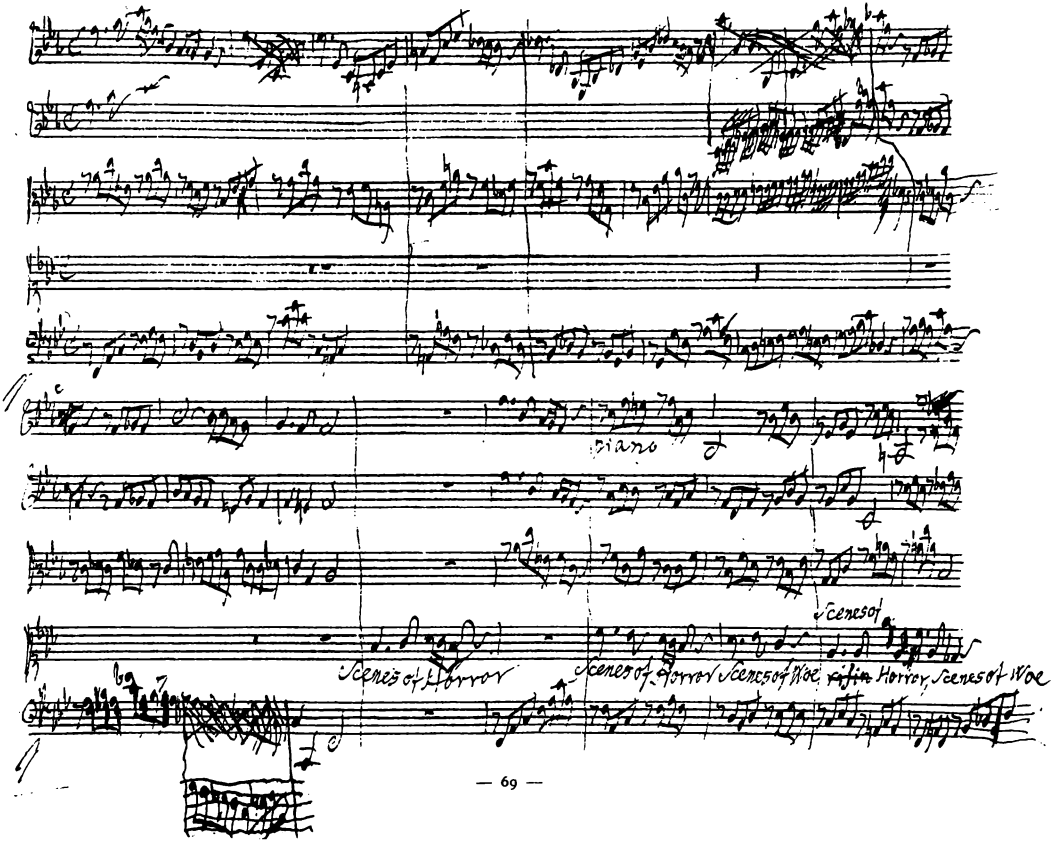

Sorge sola
some dire Event hangs o'er our heads.
some wretched Song we have to sing, in misery ex-
treme. – O never, never was my foreboding
more thy servants who thy name adore thy servants who thy name adore
with turn thy wrath and Vengeance more
mind disturb'd before, with
name adore turn thy wrath and Vengeance – once more thy servants who thy name adore
– once more thy servants who thy Name adore thy name adore
such incessant Pangs.


con Spirito
piano
Scenes of Horror
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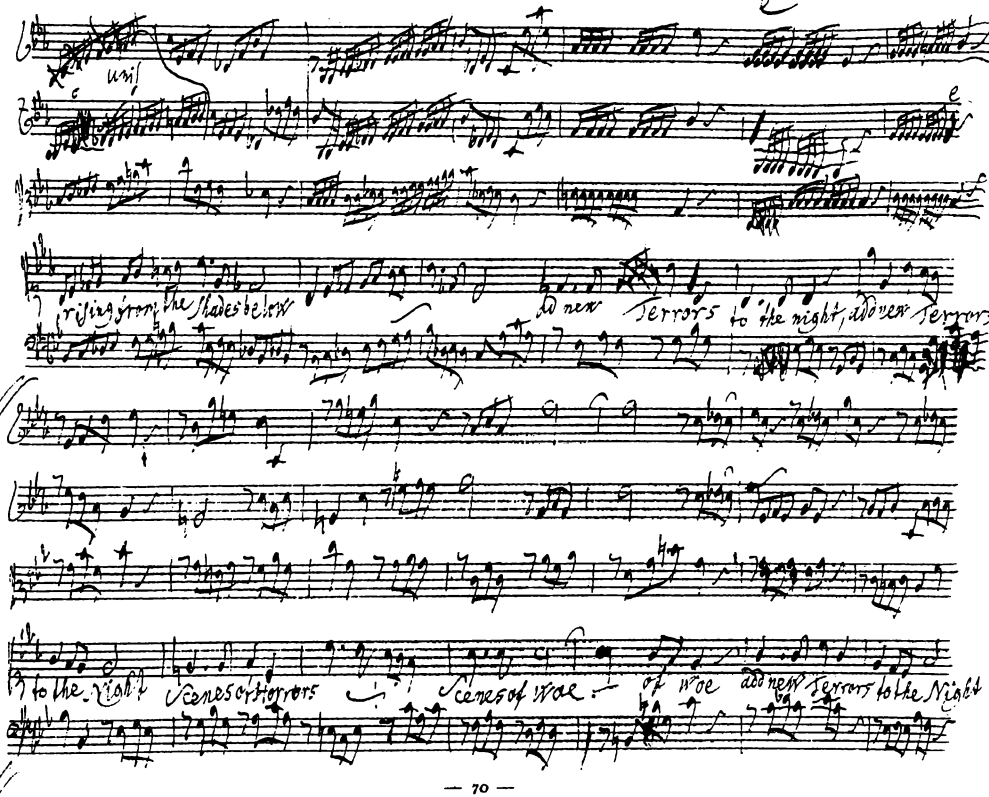
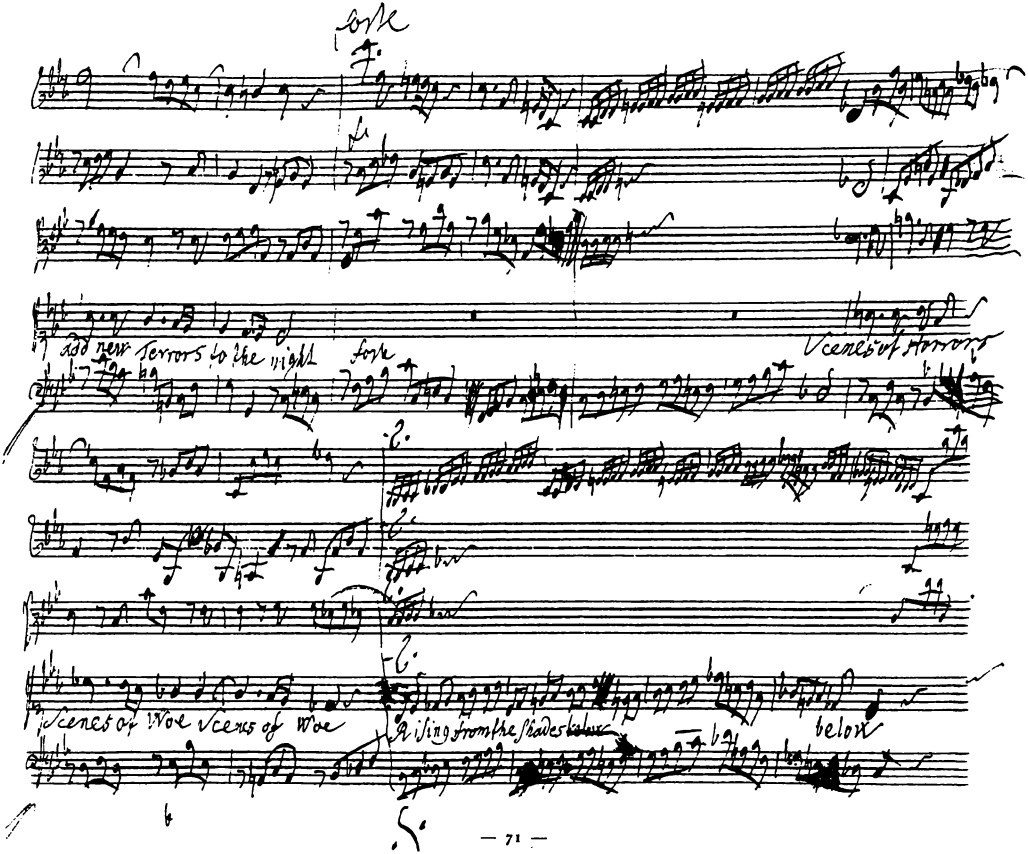
Horror, Scenes of Woe


rising from the shades below
to the night, add new Terrors
to the Night
Scenes of Horrors
Scenes of Woe
of Woe
add new Terrors to the Night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Rising from the Graves below
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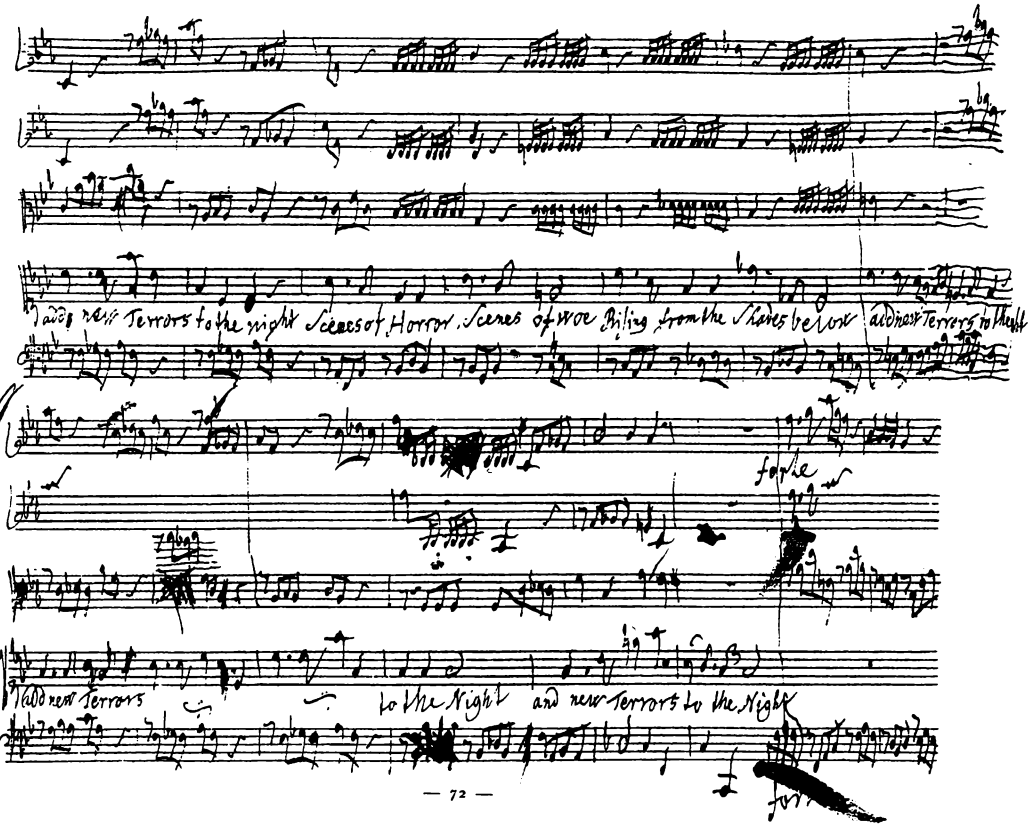
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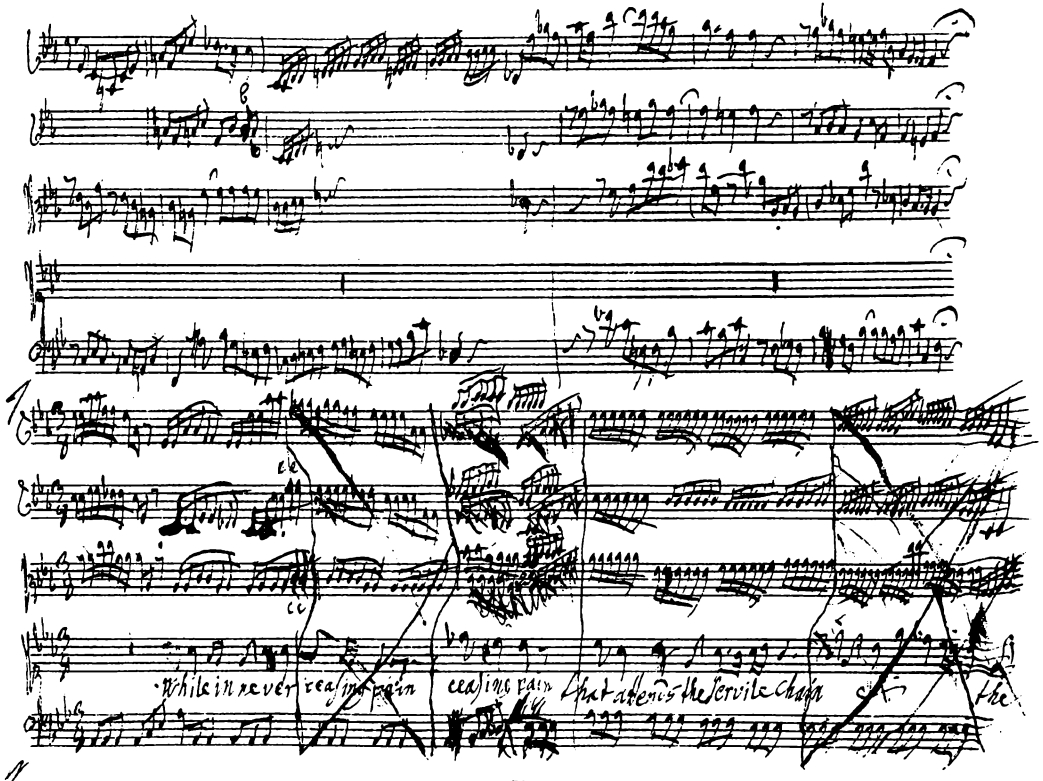
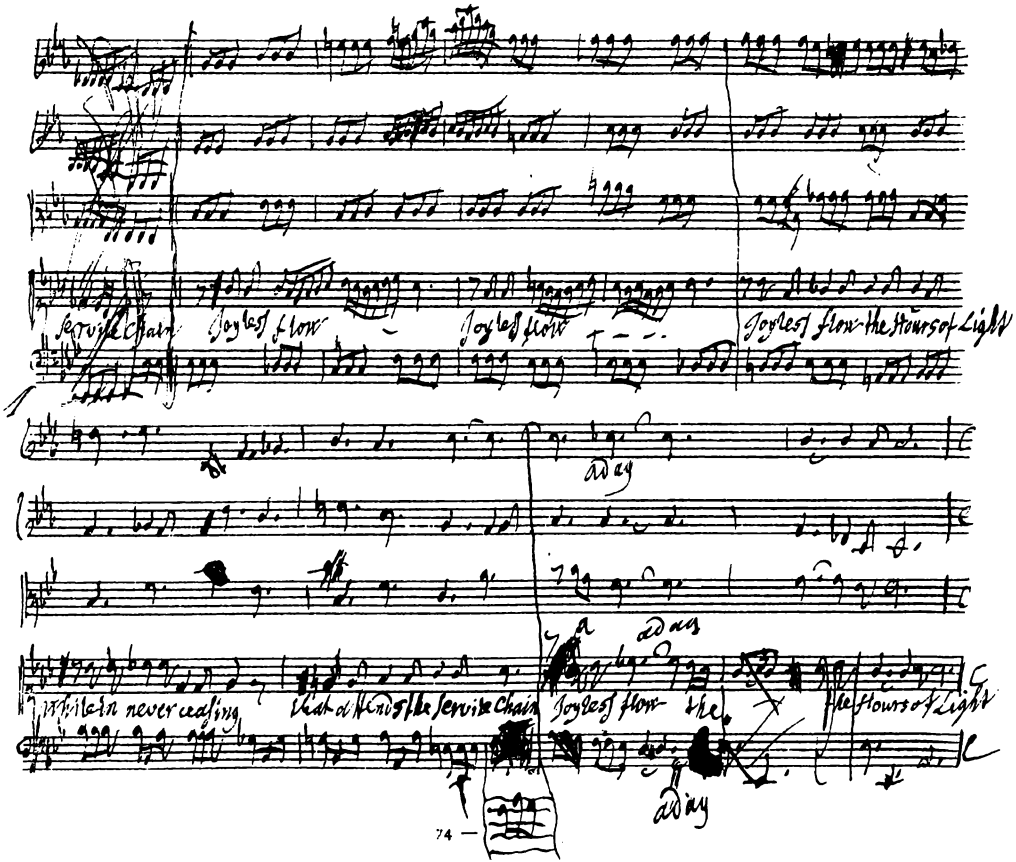
to the Night
and new Terrors to the Night


While in never ceasing pain
ceasing pain
that attends the servile chain
the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Joyless flow the flowers of Light
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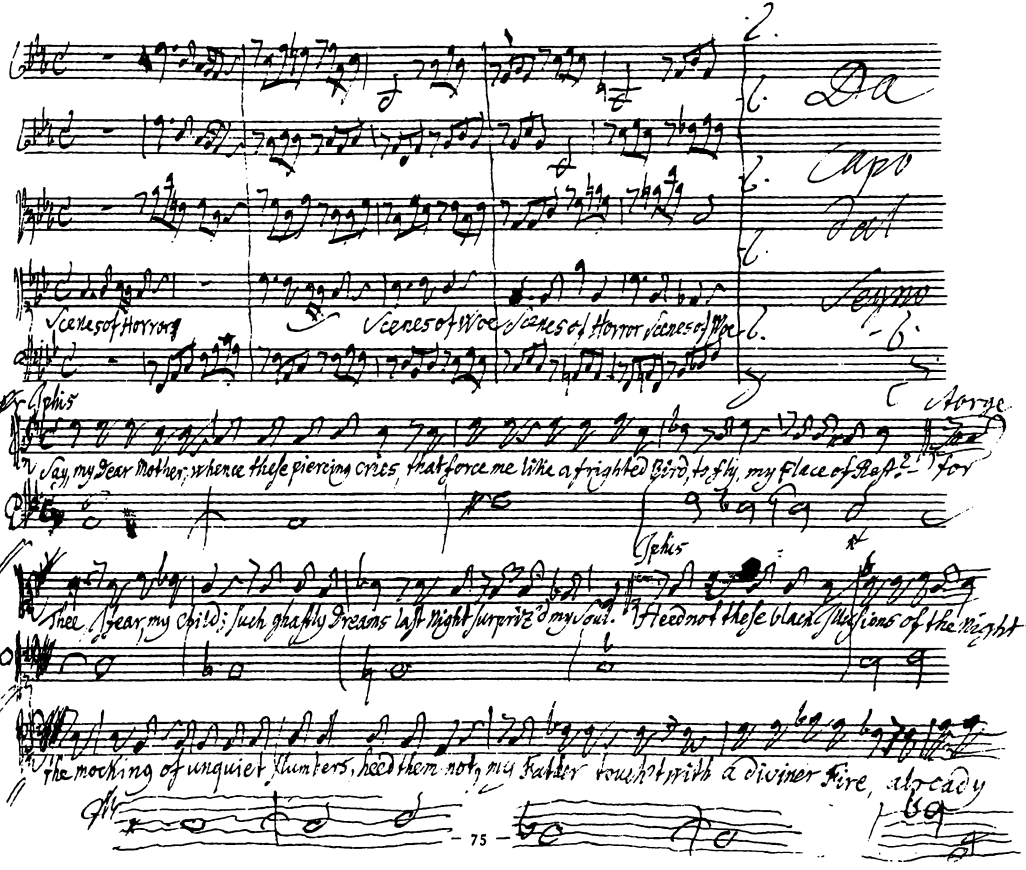
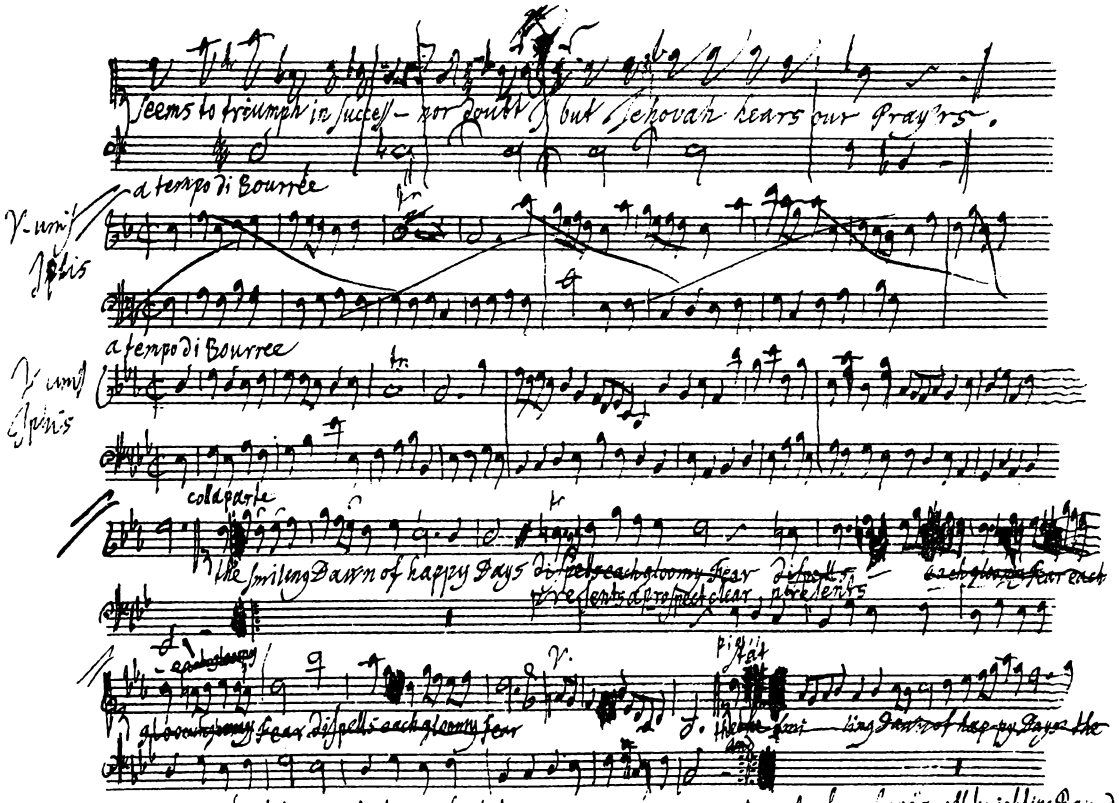
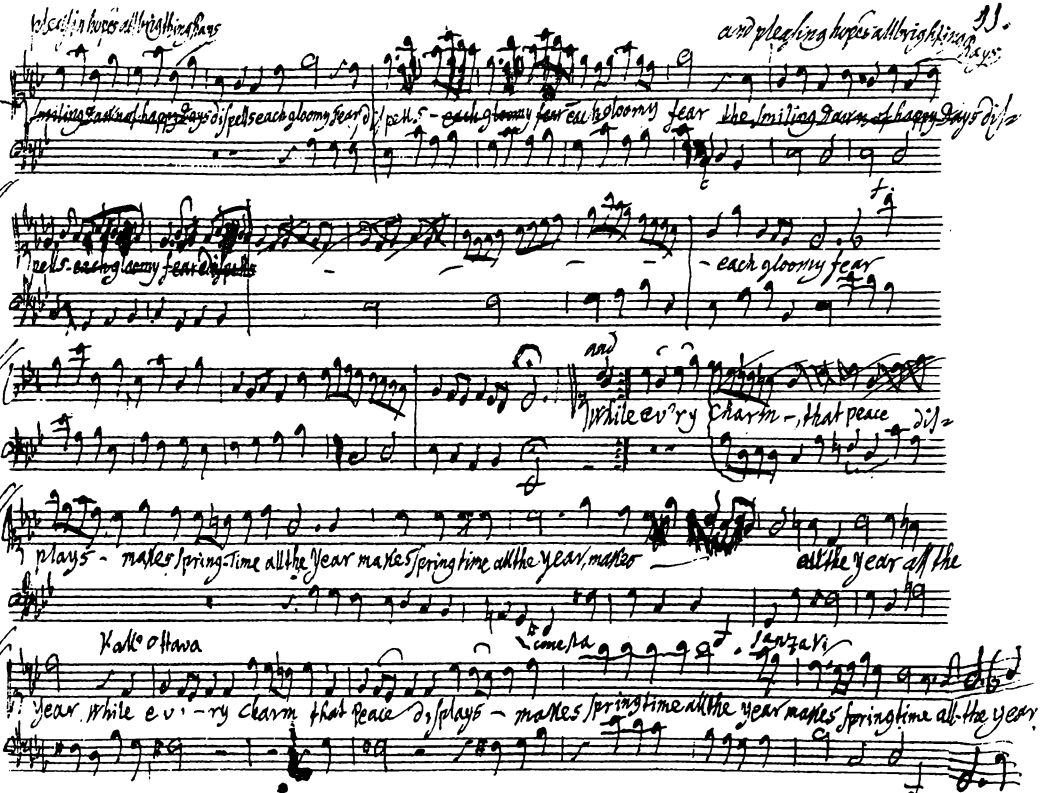

Scenes of Horror
Scenes of Woe
Scenes of Horror
Scenes of Woe
Enter Iphis
Say, my dear Mother, whence these piercing cries, that force me like a frighted Bird, to fly, my Fleece of Rest. For
Iphis
thee, dear my child; such ghastly Dreams last Night surpriz'd my soul. Heed not these black Illusions of the night
The mocking of unquiet slumbers, heed them not, my Father touch't with a diviner Fire, already


Seems to triumph in success – nor doubt but Jehovah hears our Prayers.
a tempo di Bourrée
V. unis Spiris
a tempo di Bourree
V. unis Spiris
colla parte
the smiling Dawn of happy Days
dispels each gloomy fear
presents a prospect clear
dispells each gloomy fear
each gloomy fear each
each gloomy fear dispells each gloomy fear
V.
pizzicato
the smiling Dawn of happy Days the
a prospect clear, presents a prospect clear
and pleasing hopes all brightens Rayand


and pleasing hopes all bright as days
smiling Love and happy days dispells each gloomy fear
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each gloomy fear
while ev'ry charm that peace
displays makes spring time all the year makes spring time all the year makes
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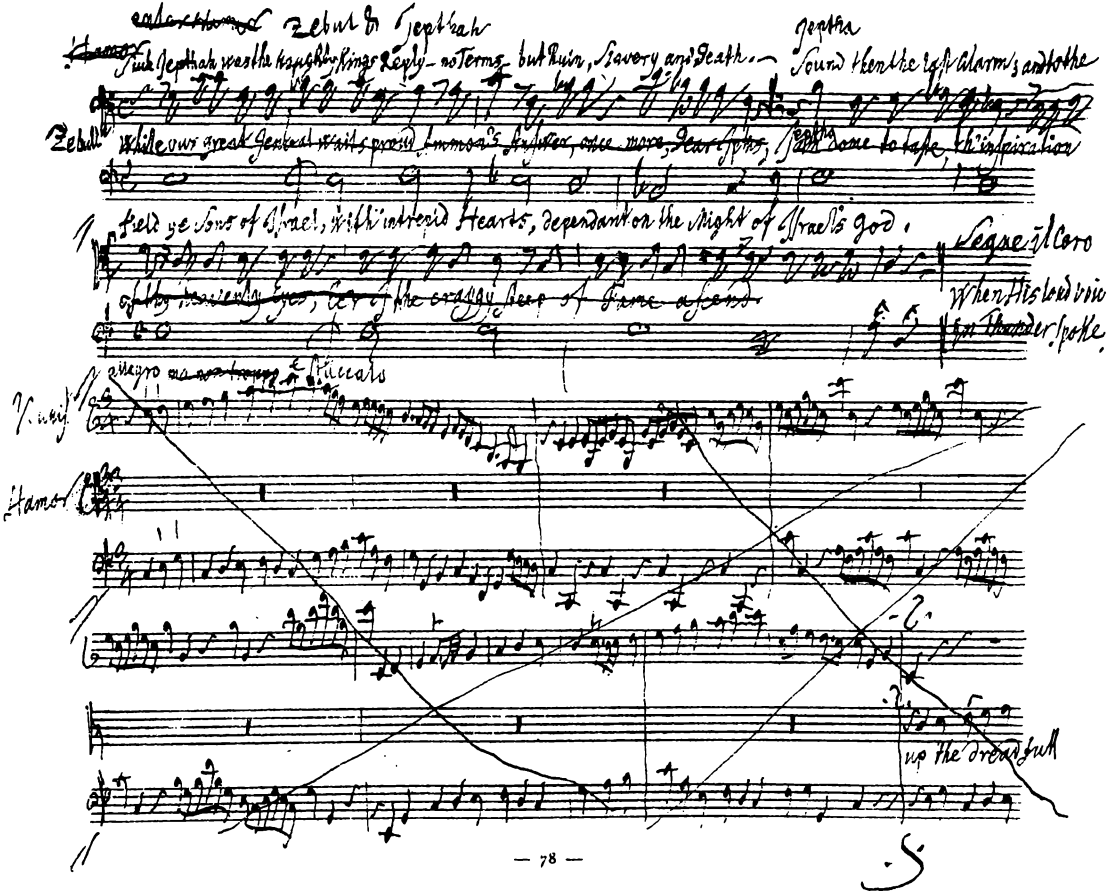
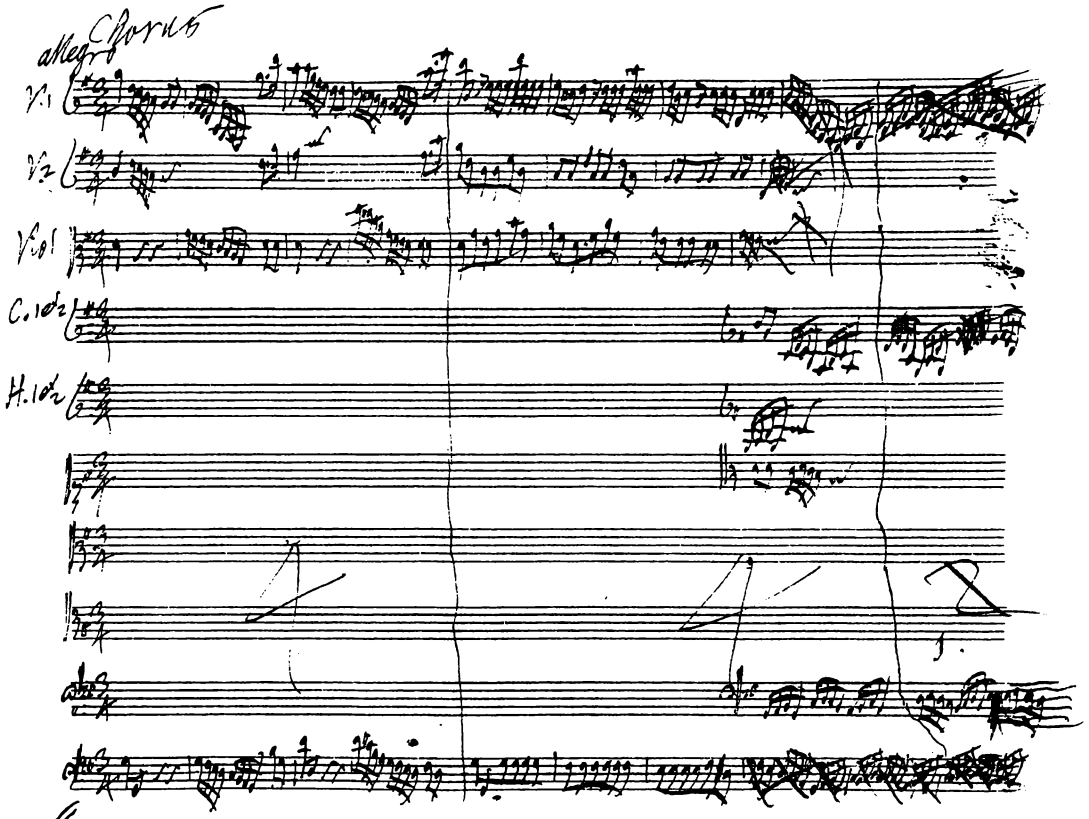
year while ev'ry charm that peace displays makes spring time all the year makes spring time all the year
Da Capo.


Zebul to Jeptha
Jeptha
Zebul
Segue il Coro
Allegro
Hamor
up the dread bull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Chorus
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C.1&2
H.1&2
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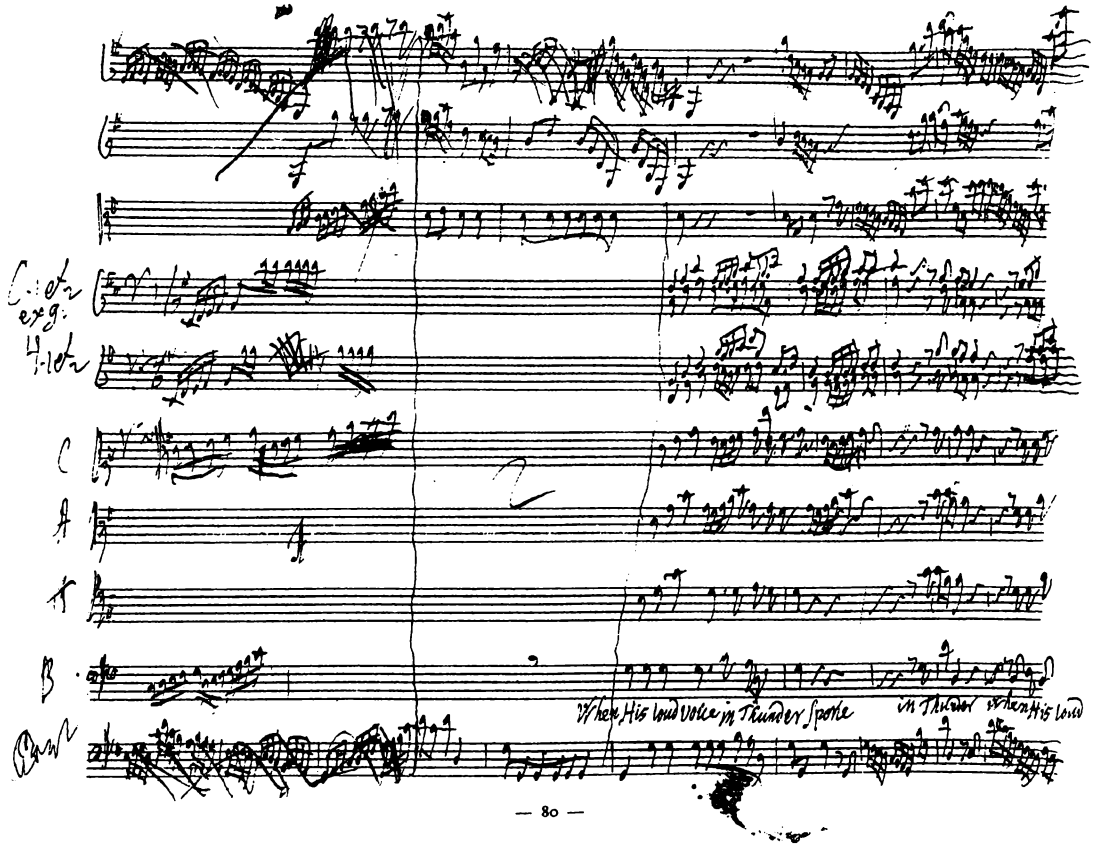
C. et exeg.
T. et
C
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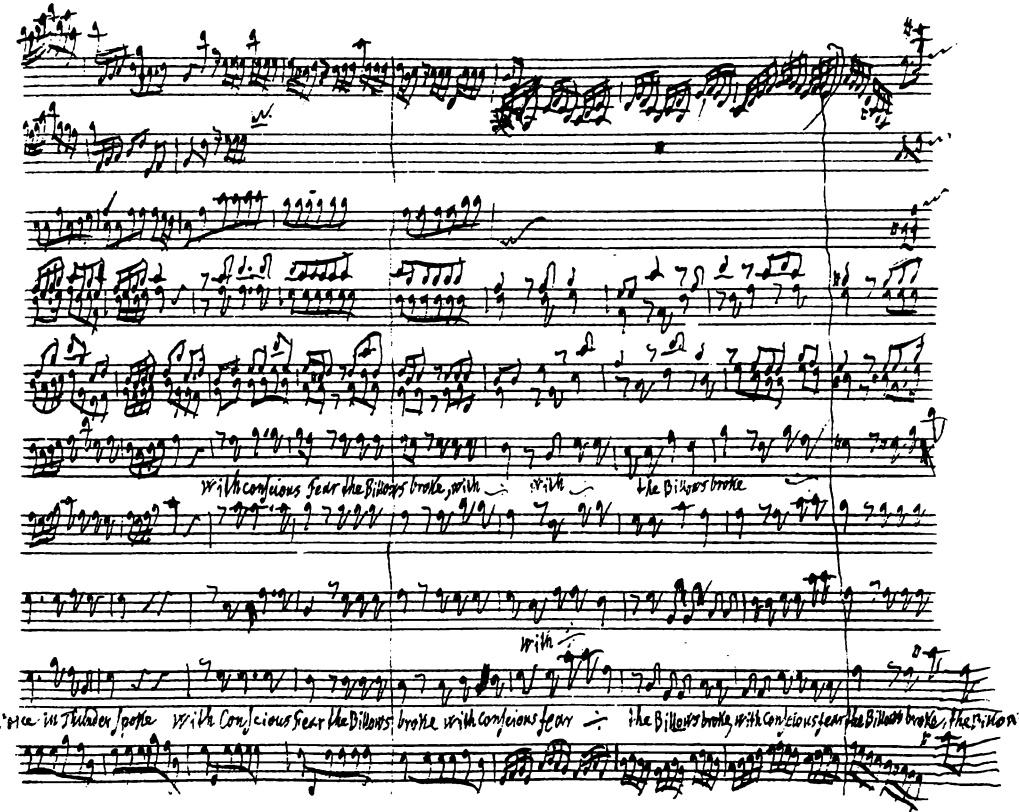
T
B
Bass
When His loud voice in Thunder spoke
in Thunder when His loud


with conscious fear the Billows broke, with
with
the Billows broke
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Voice in Thunder spoke
With Conscious fear the Billows broke with conscious fear
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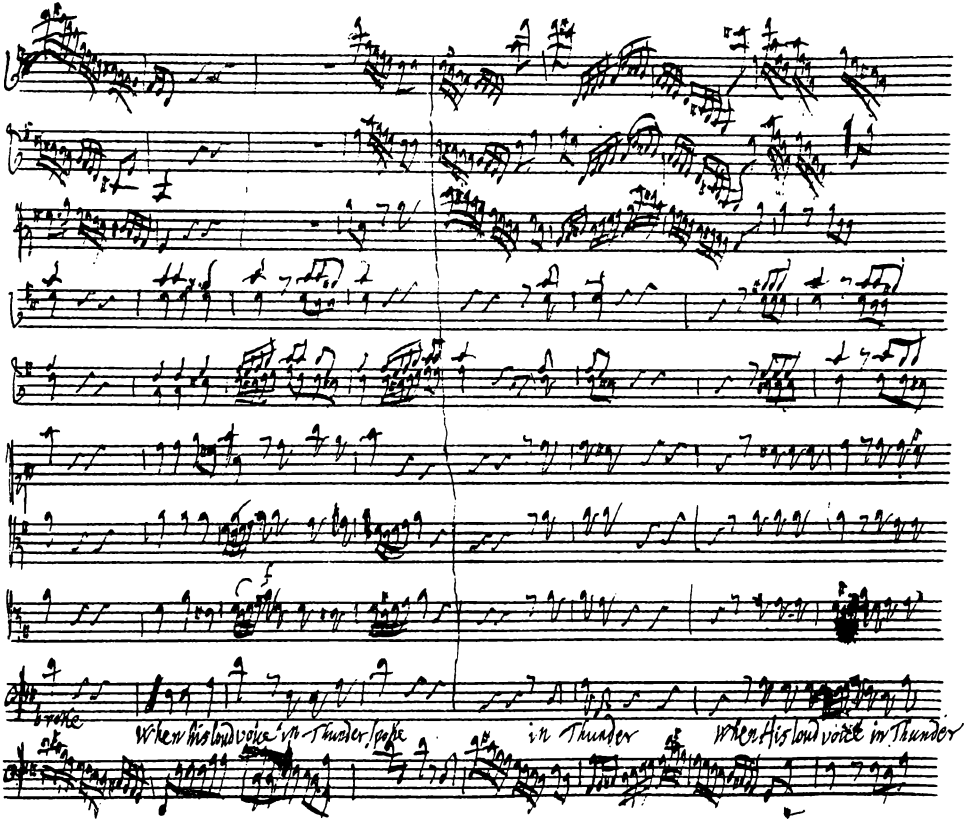
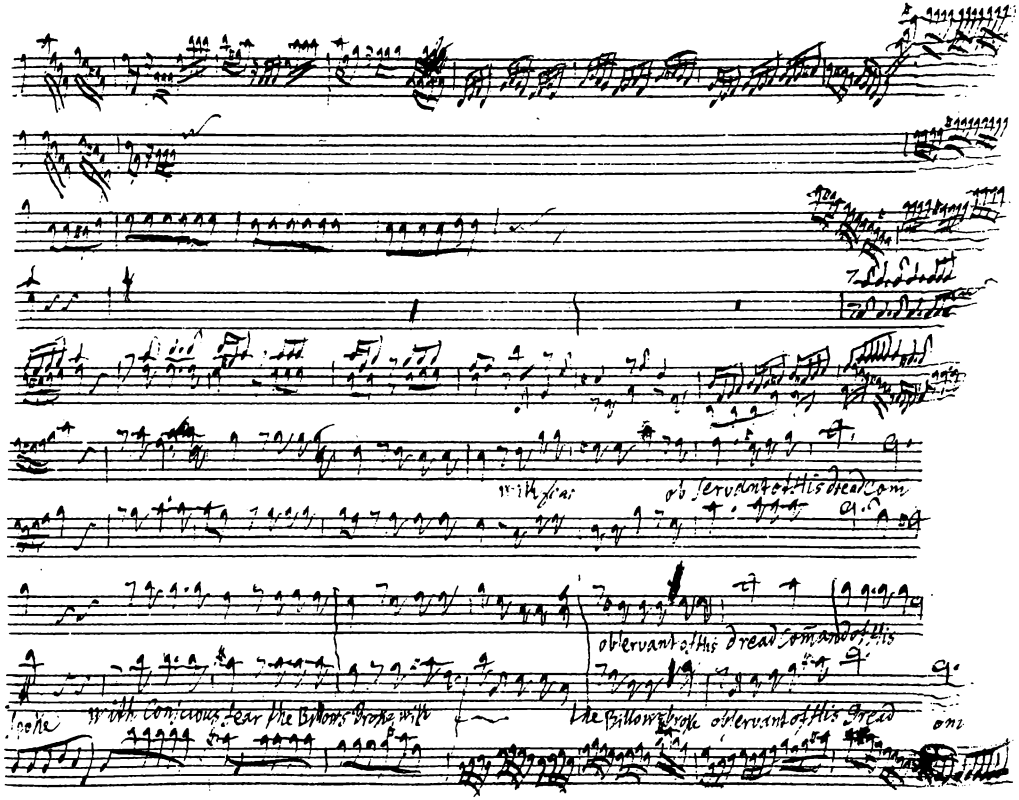

When his loud voice in Thunder shake
in Thunder
When his loud voice in Thunder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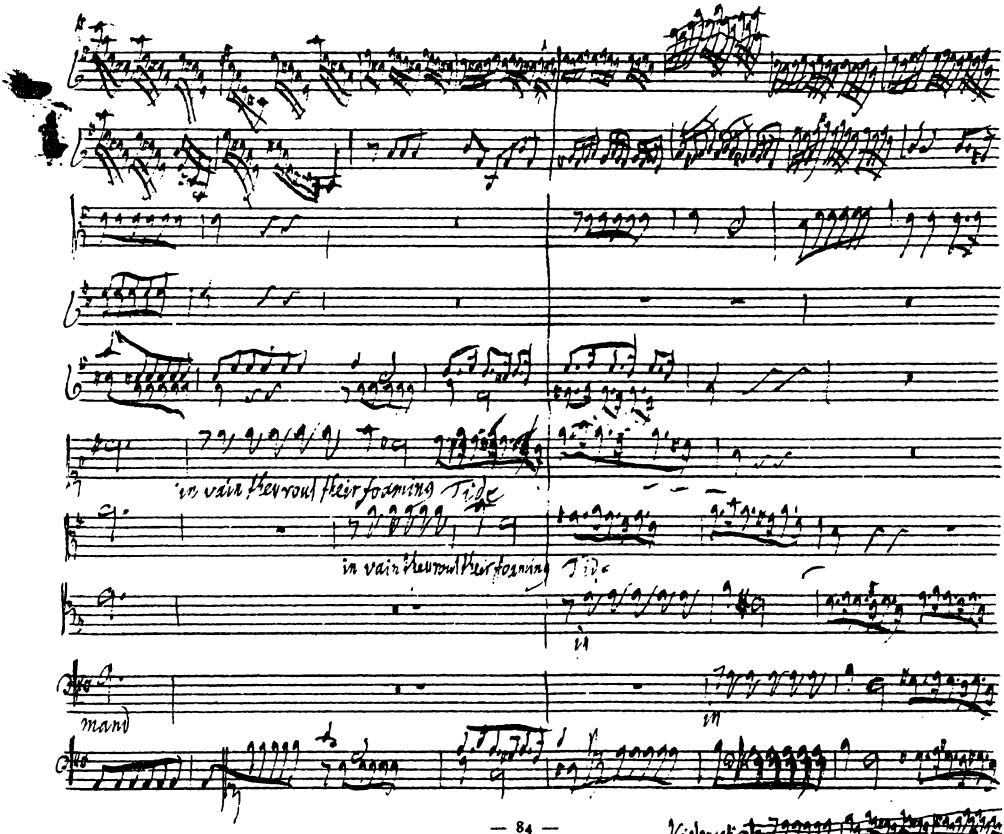
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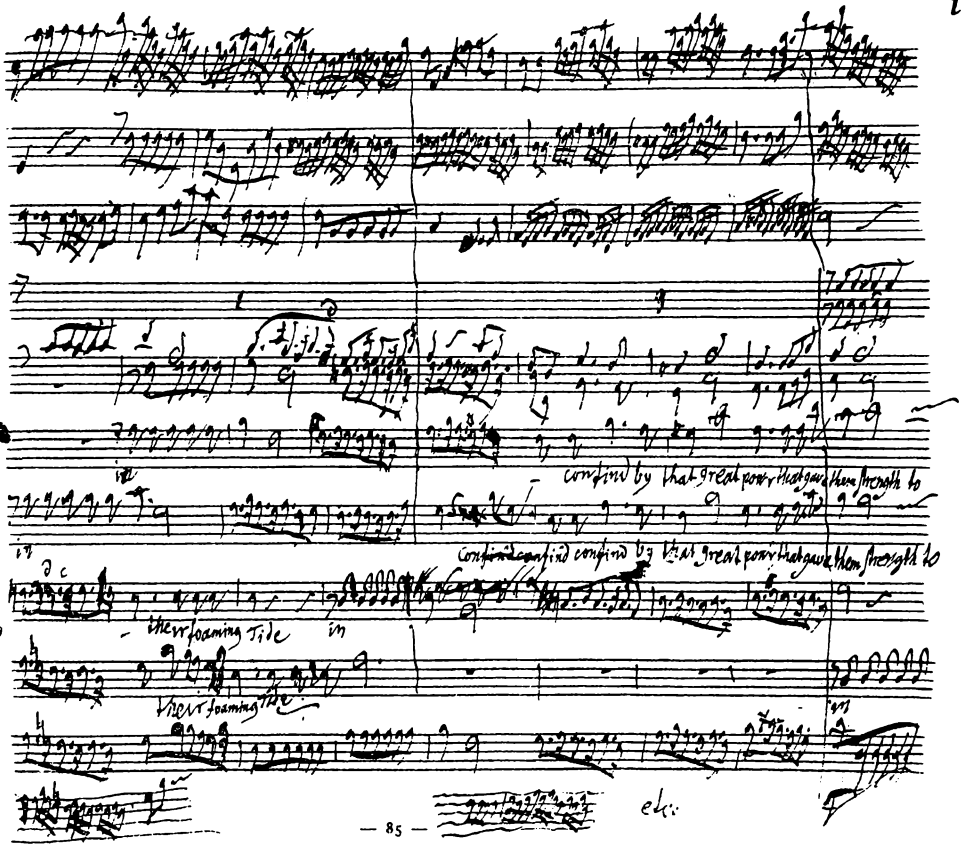
in
Violoncello
C. Ballerini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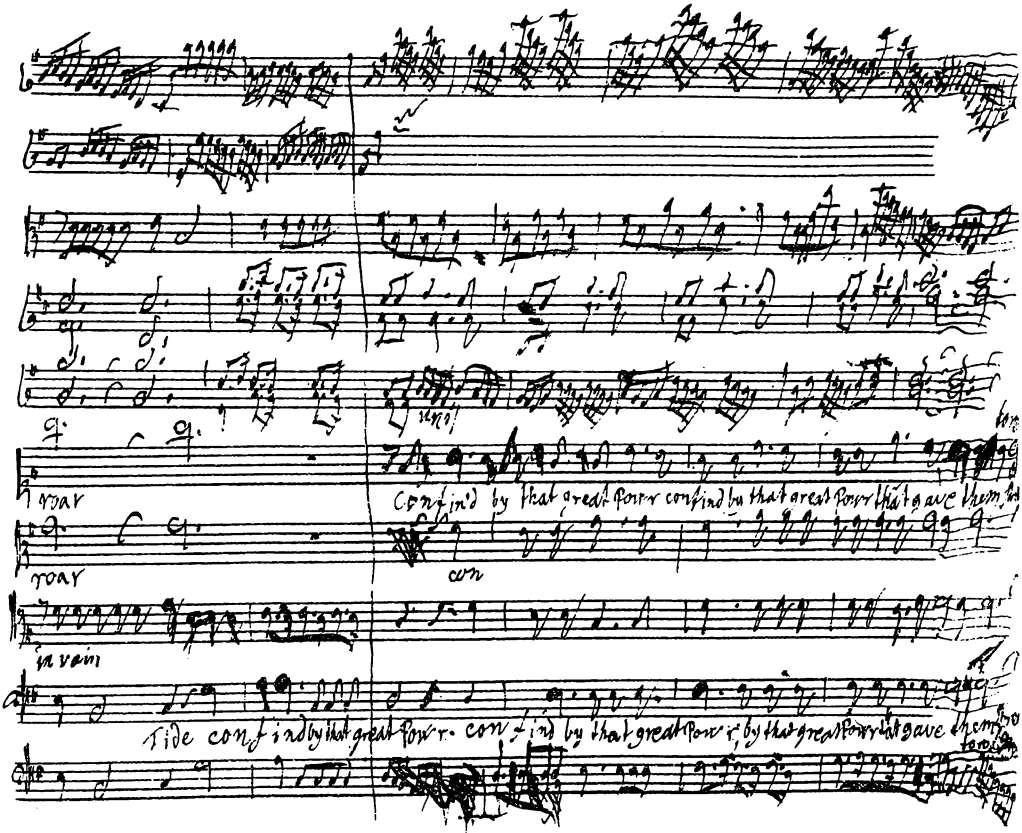
their foaming Tide
their foaming Tide
etc.


roar
roar
Confin'd by that great Pow'r confin'd by that great Pow'r that gave them
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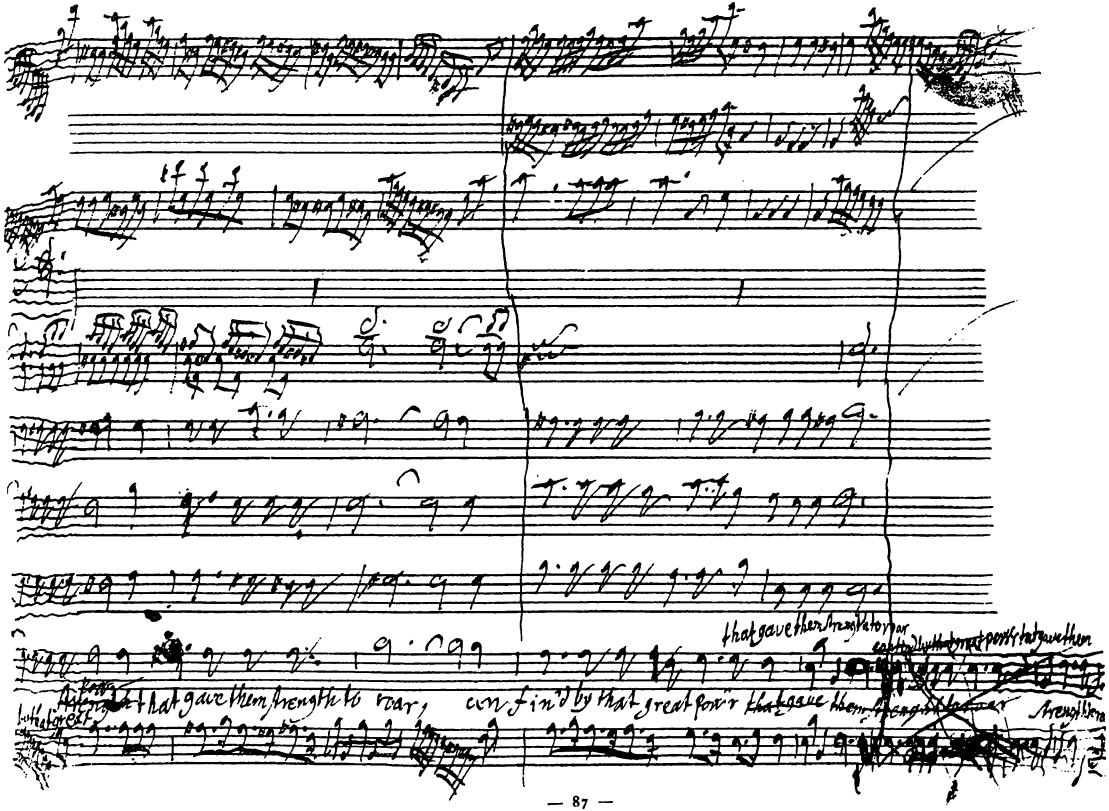
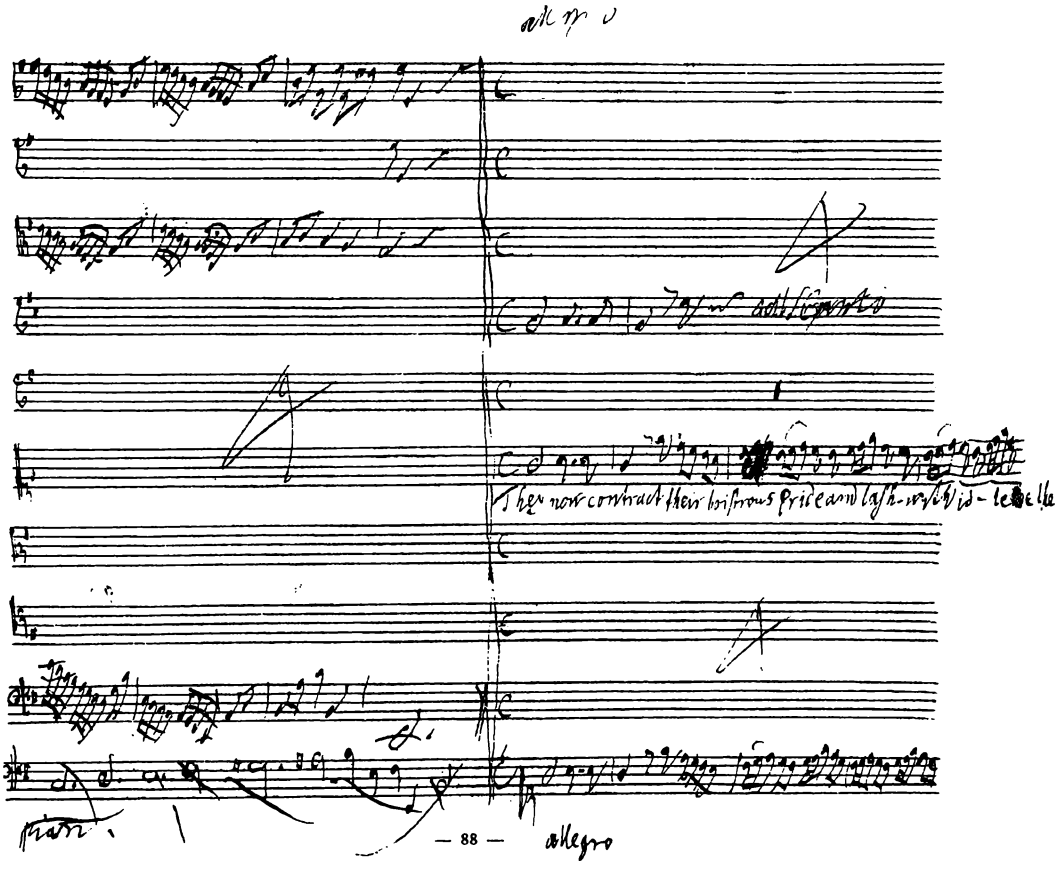
in vain
Tide confin'd by that great Pow'r. confin'd by that great Pow'r, by that great Pow'r that gave them


that gave them strength to roar,
that gave them strength to roar,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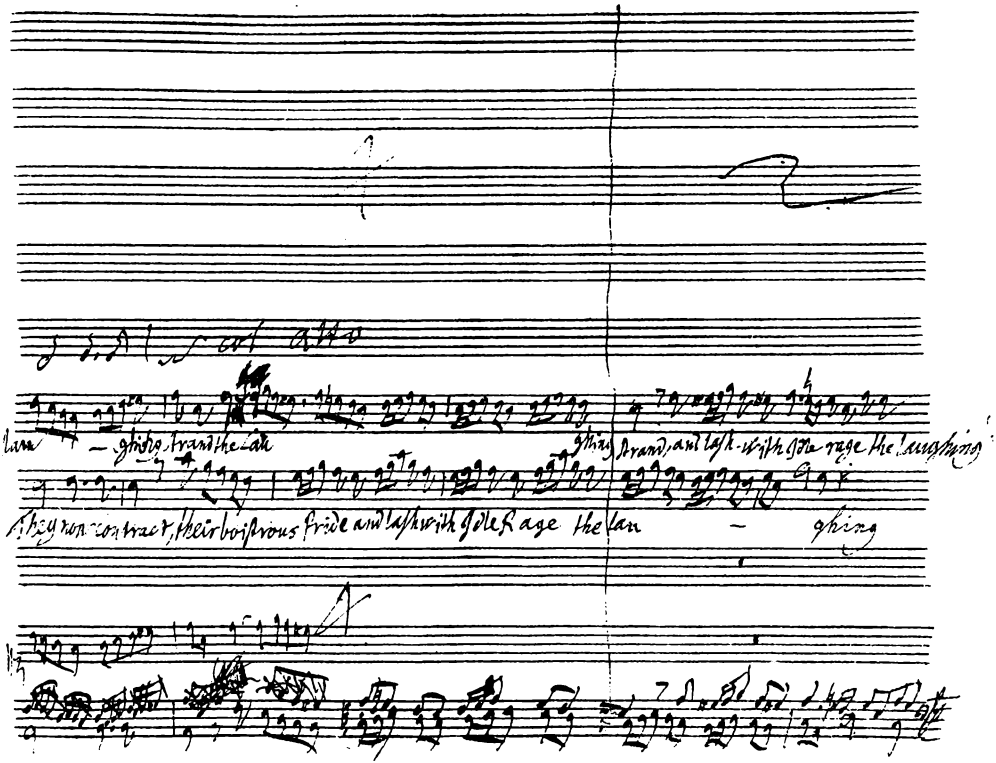
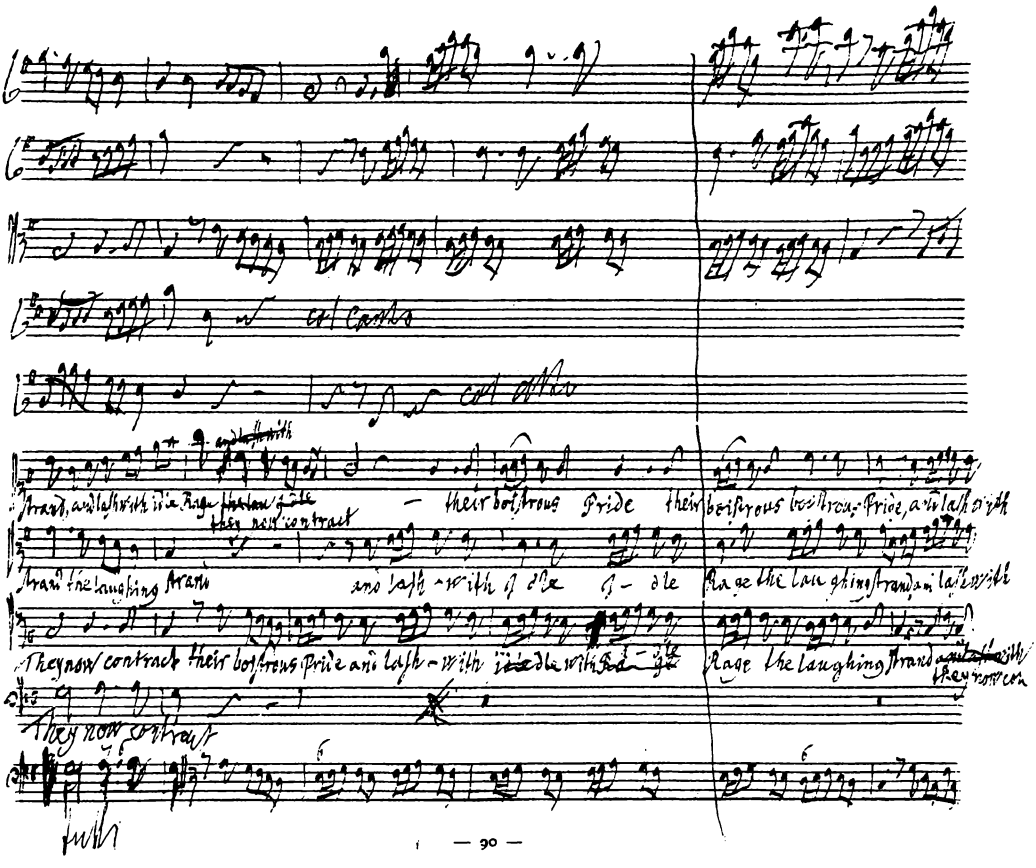
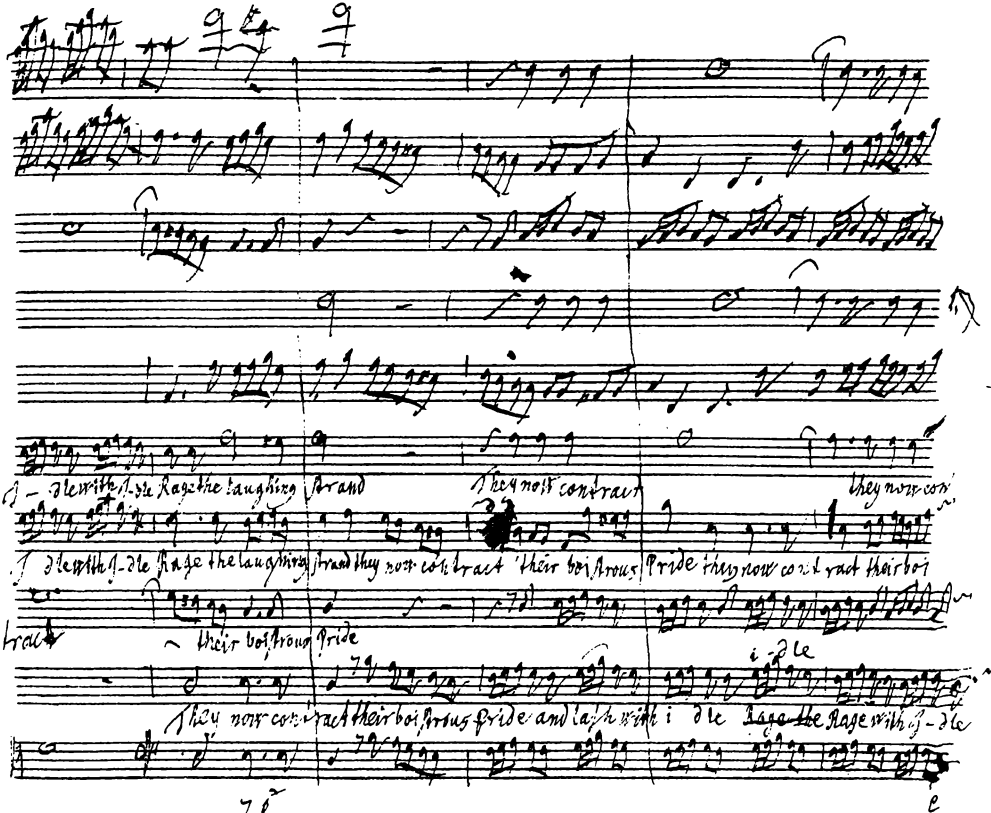

laun — ghing, trand the air
ghing, strand, and last with gole rage the laughing
they run contrary, their boistrous pride and last with gole rage the laun — ghing


Strand, and lash with it - their boist'rous Pride their boist'rous boist'rous Pride, and lash with
Strand the laughing Strand and lash with it the Tide Rage the laughing Strand and lash with
They now contract their boist'rous Pride and lash with it the Tide with Rage the laughing Strand and lash with
They now contract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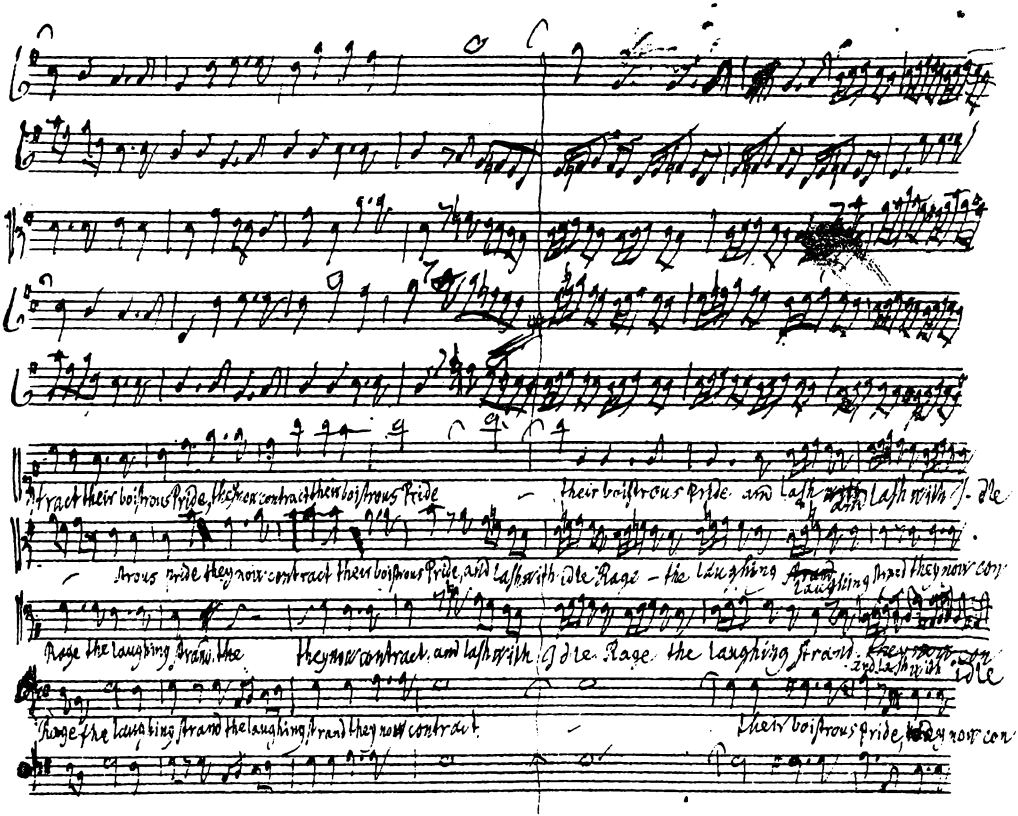
tract their boistrous Pride, the[n] contract their boistrous Pride
their boistrous Pride and lash with Idle
Rage the laughing Strand they now contract their boistrous Pride, and lash with Idle Rage – the laughing Strand laughing Strand they now con
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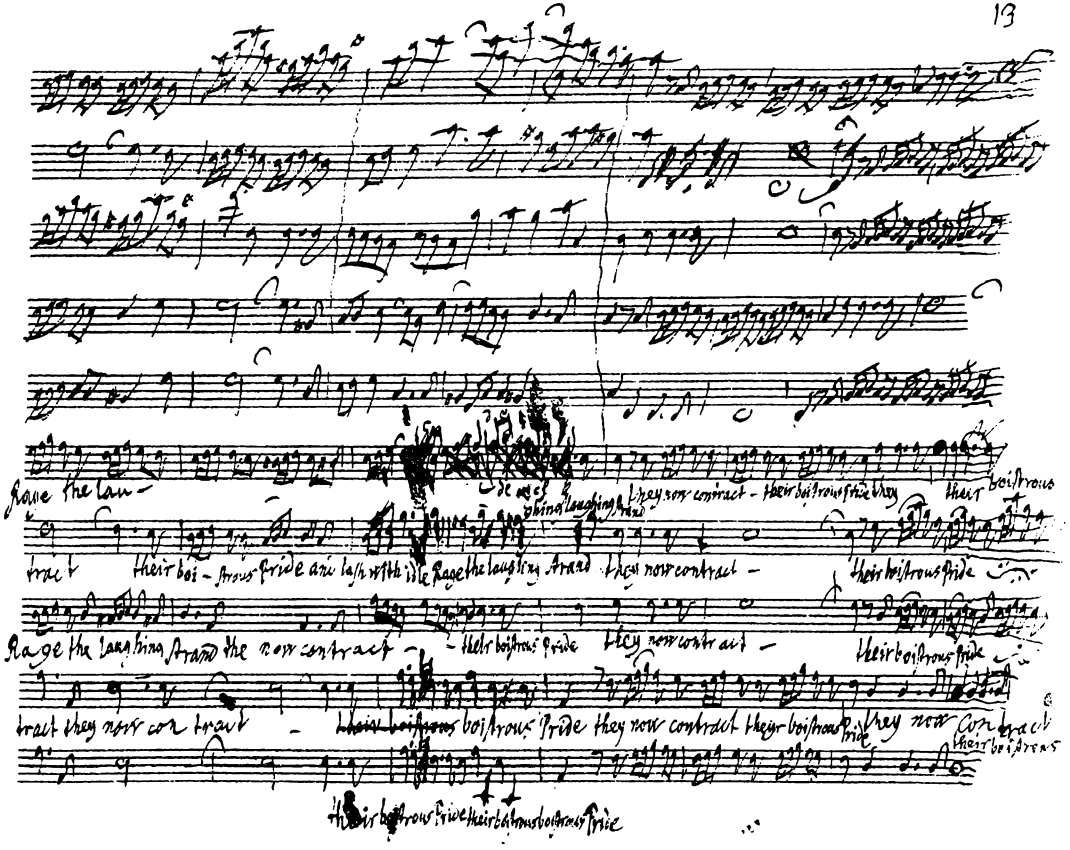
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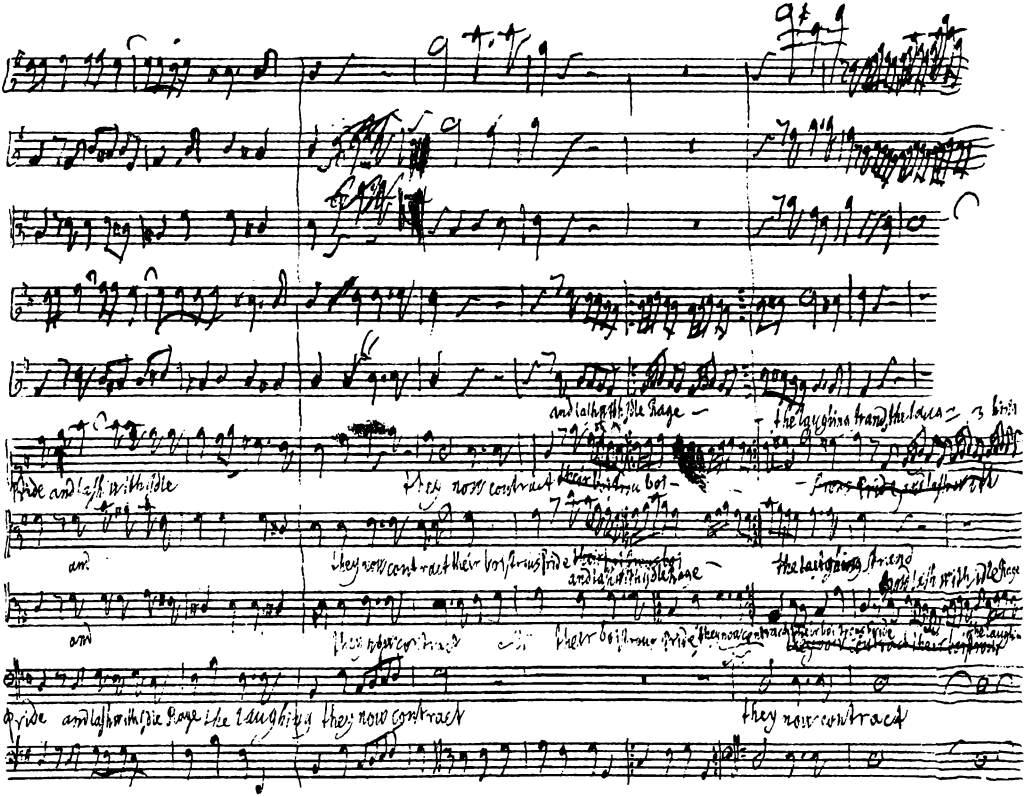
and laugh with scornful rage
the laughing train the laces
pride and laugh with scornful
they now contract
and laugh with scornful rage
the laughing train
and
they now contract their brows with scornful pride
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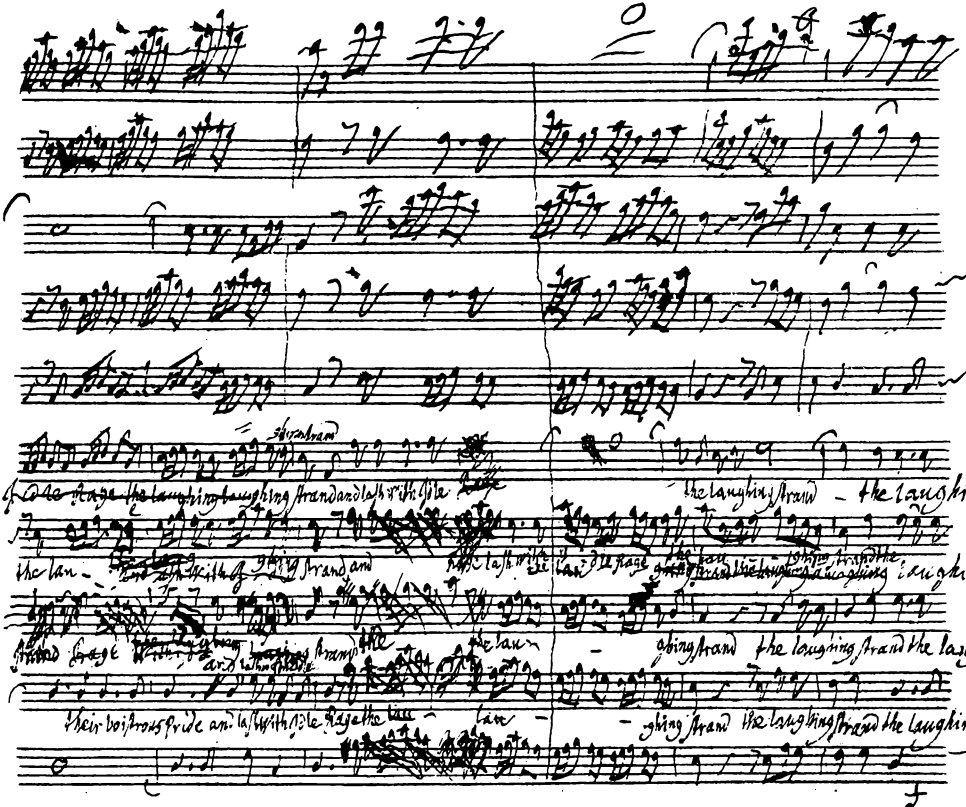
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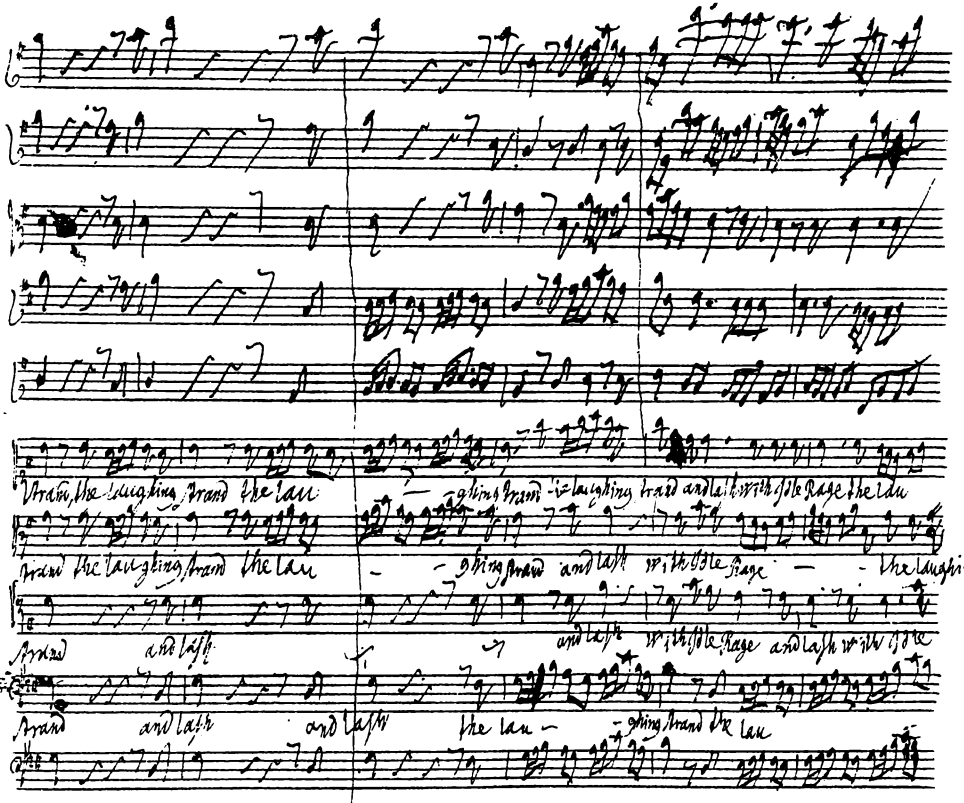
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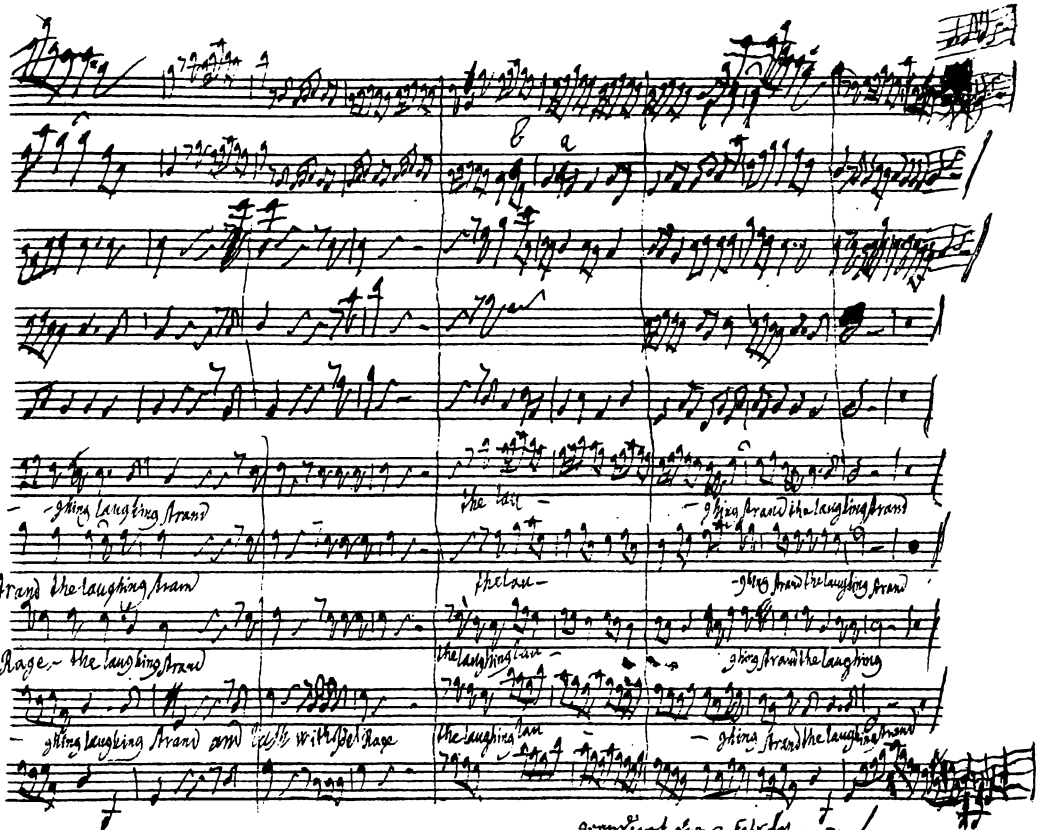

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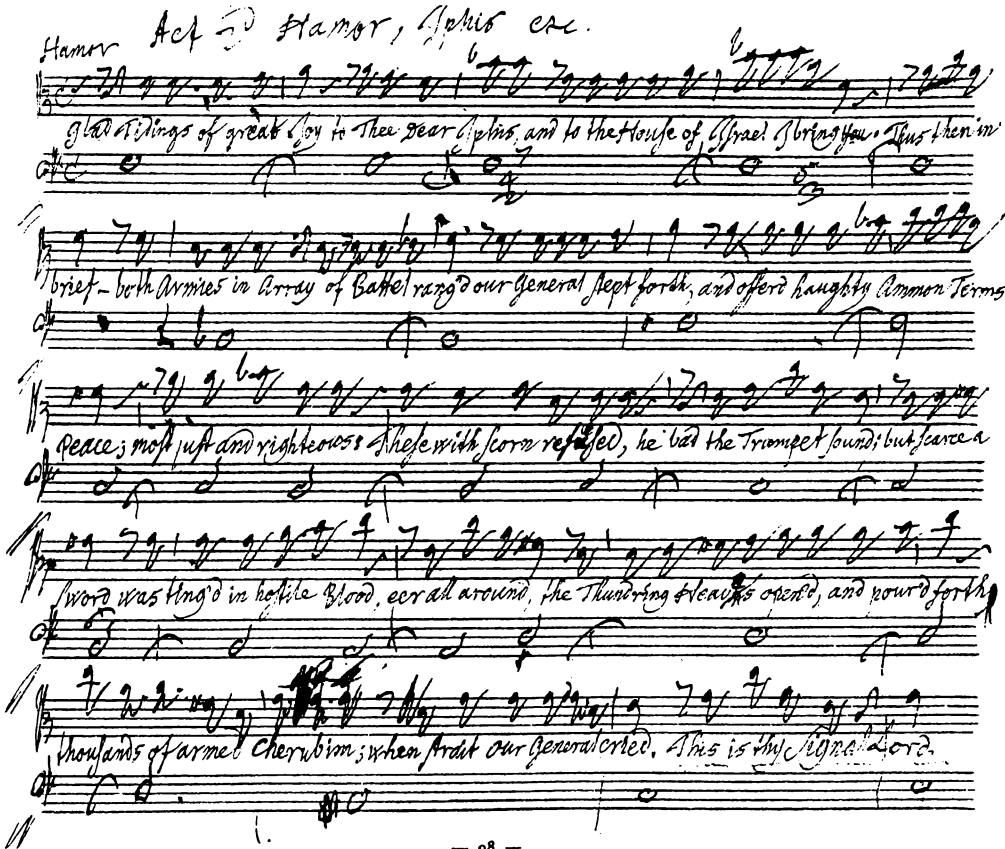
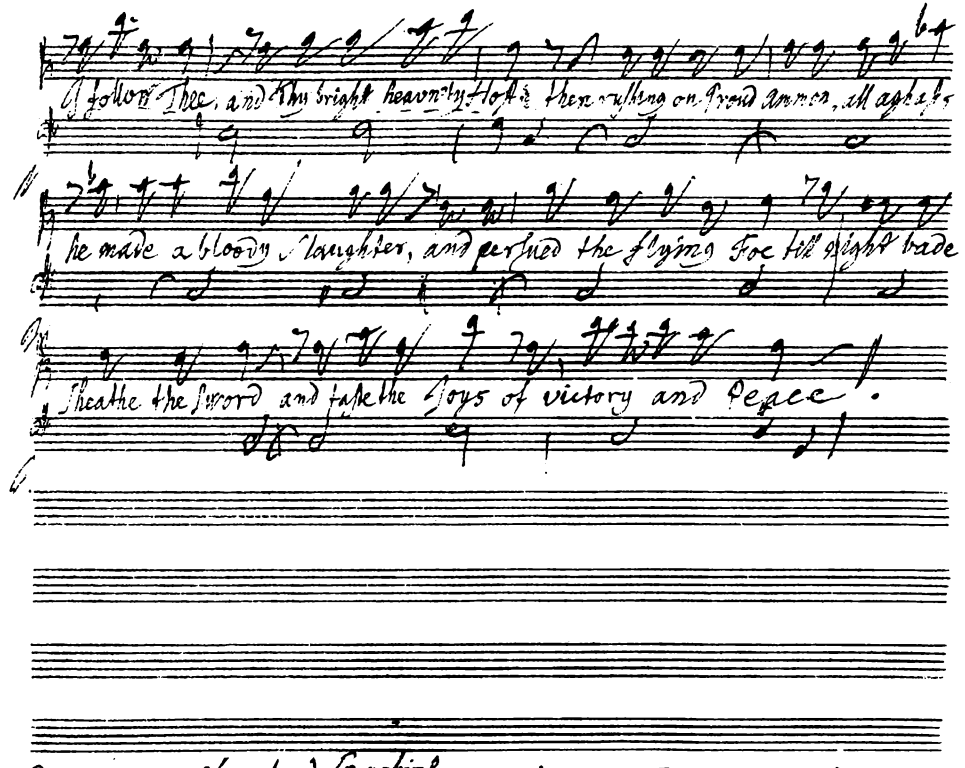

Act 3d Hamor, Sphis &c.
Hamor
glad tidings of great Joy to Thee dear Sphis, and to the House of Israel I bring you. Thus then in
brief – both Armies in Array of Battel rang'd our General step't forth, and offer'd haughty Common Terms of
Peace; most just and righteous: these with scorn refused, he bad the Trumpet sound; but scarce a
Sword was hing'd in hostile Blood, ecr all around, the Thundring Heavens opend, and pour'd forth
thousands of armed Cherubim; when Adrit our General cried. This is thy Signal Lord.


I follow Thee, and Thy bright heavenly Hosts there rushing on proud Armies, all aghast
he made a bloody Slaughter, and persued the flying Foe till night bade
Sheathe the Sword and taste the Joys of victory and Peace.
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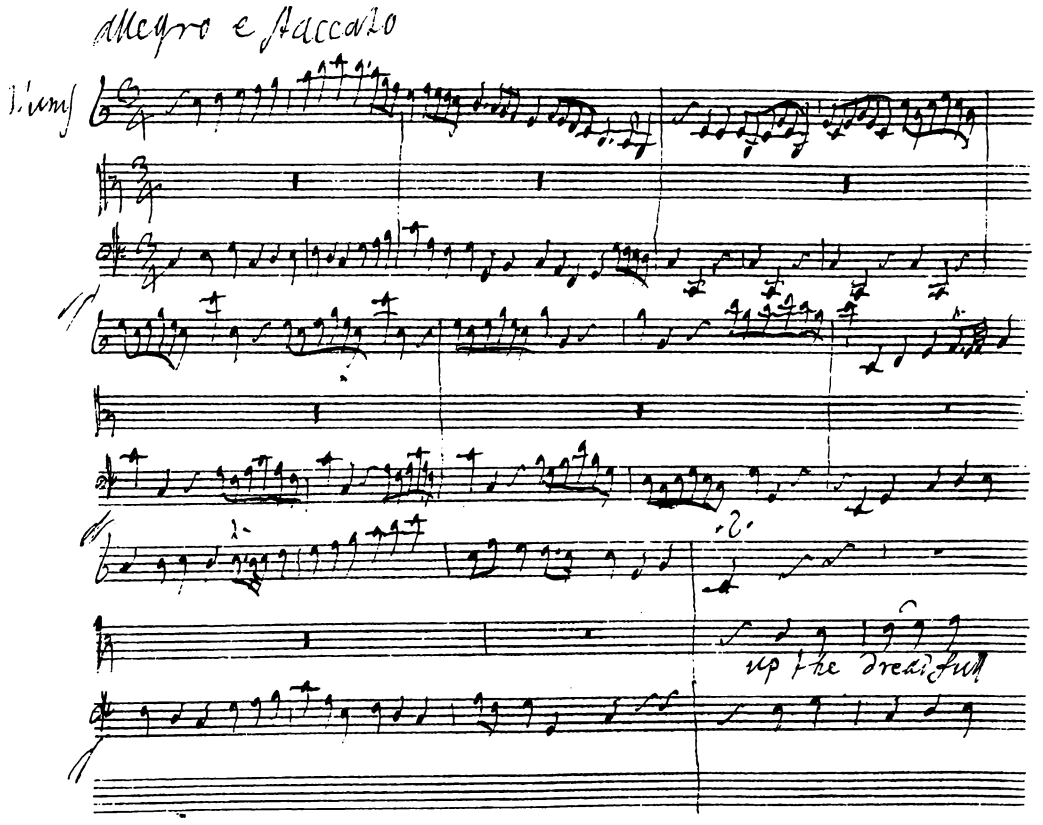
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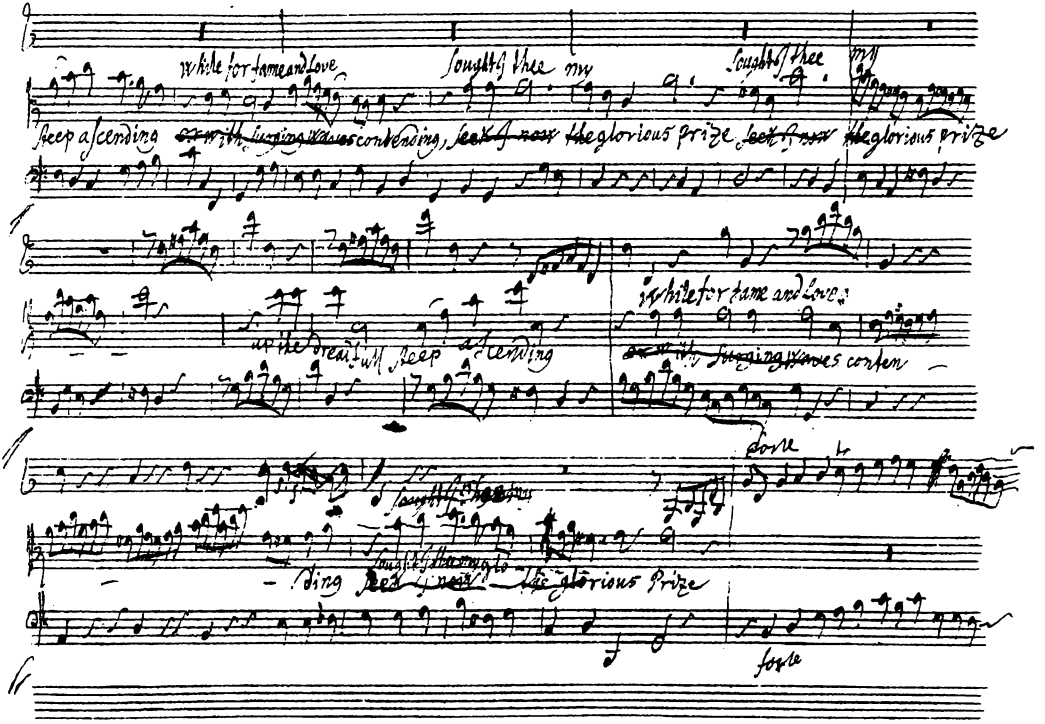
While for fame and Love
Sought'st thee now
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with singing waves contending
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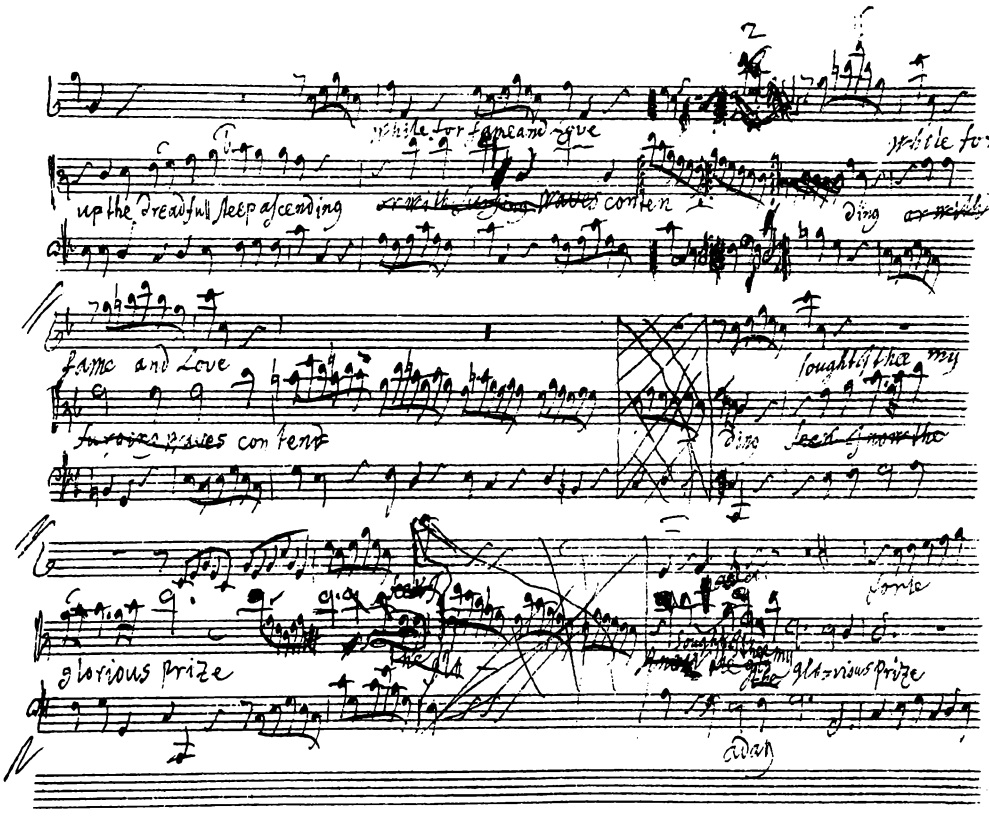
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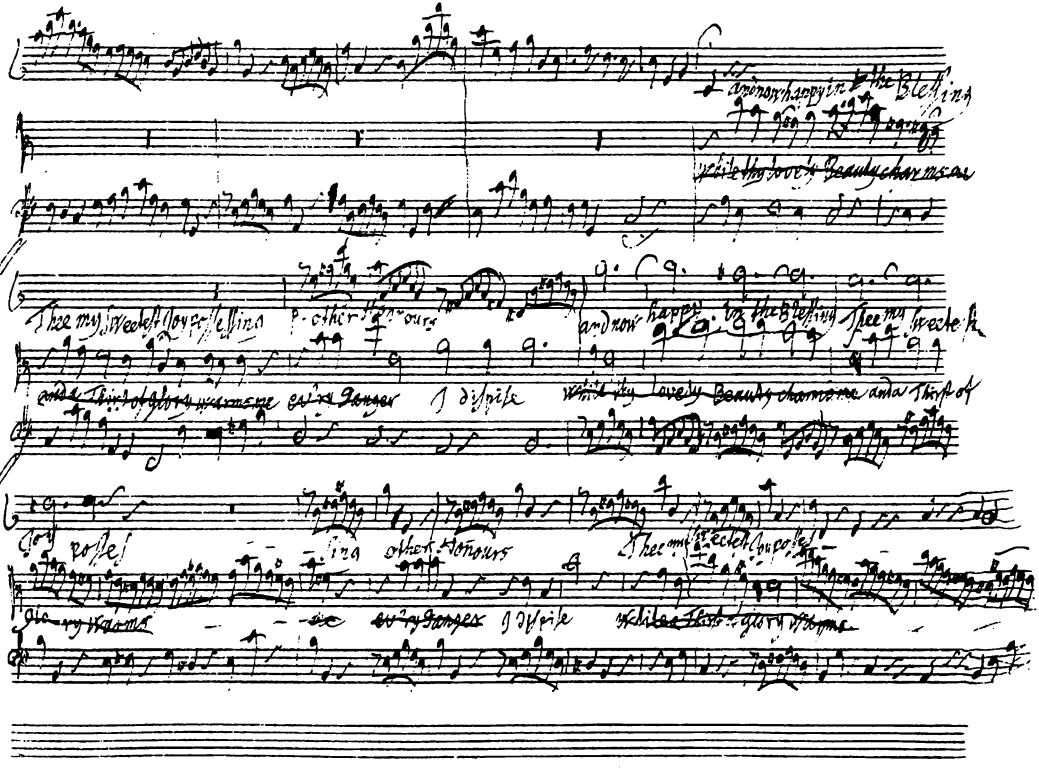
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Thee my Wreckt soul
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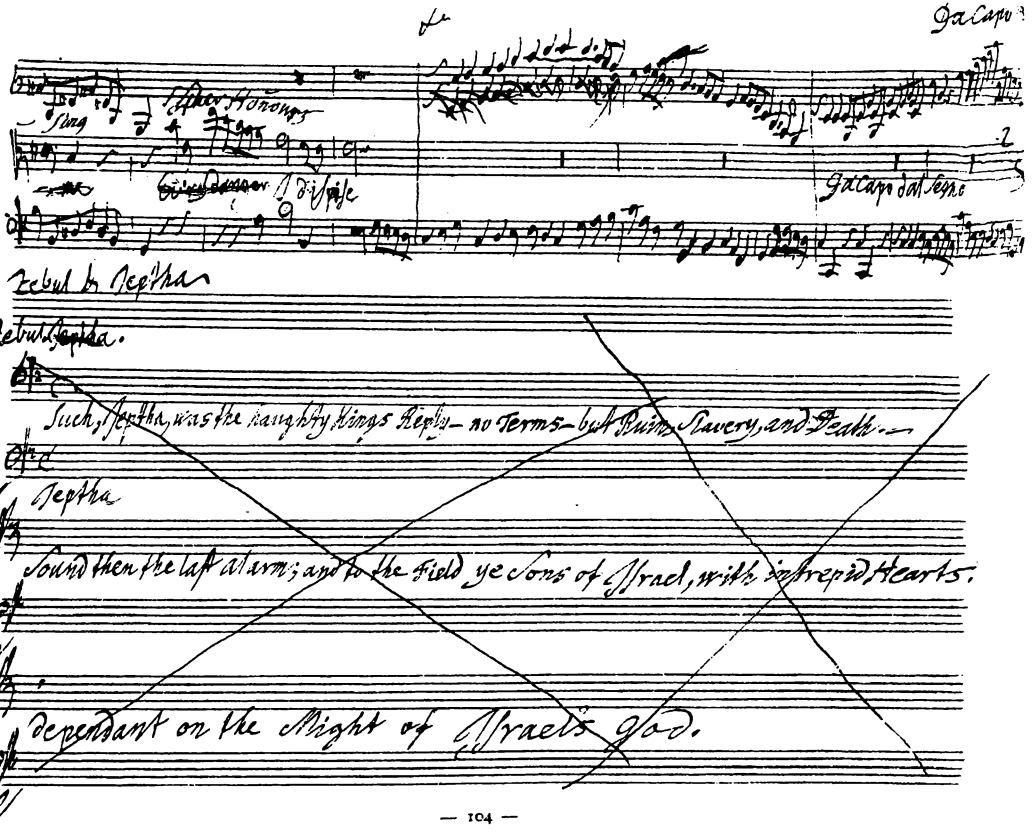
Da Capo
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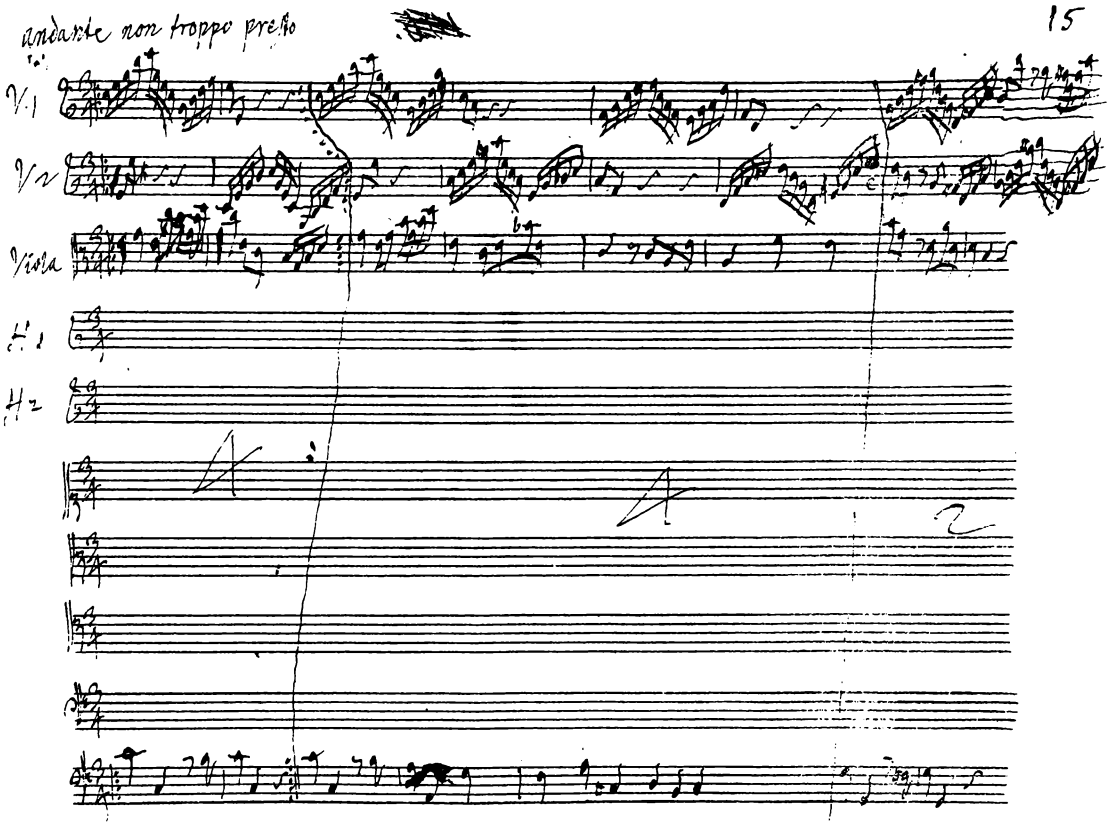
Other Honours
Da Capo dal Segno
Zebul to Jeptha
Such, Jeptha, was the haughty Kings Reply – no Terms – but Ruin, Slavery, and Death –
Jeptha
Sound then the last alarm; and to the Field ye Sons of Israel, with intrepid Hearts.
dependant on the Might of Israels God.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Viola
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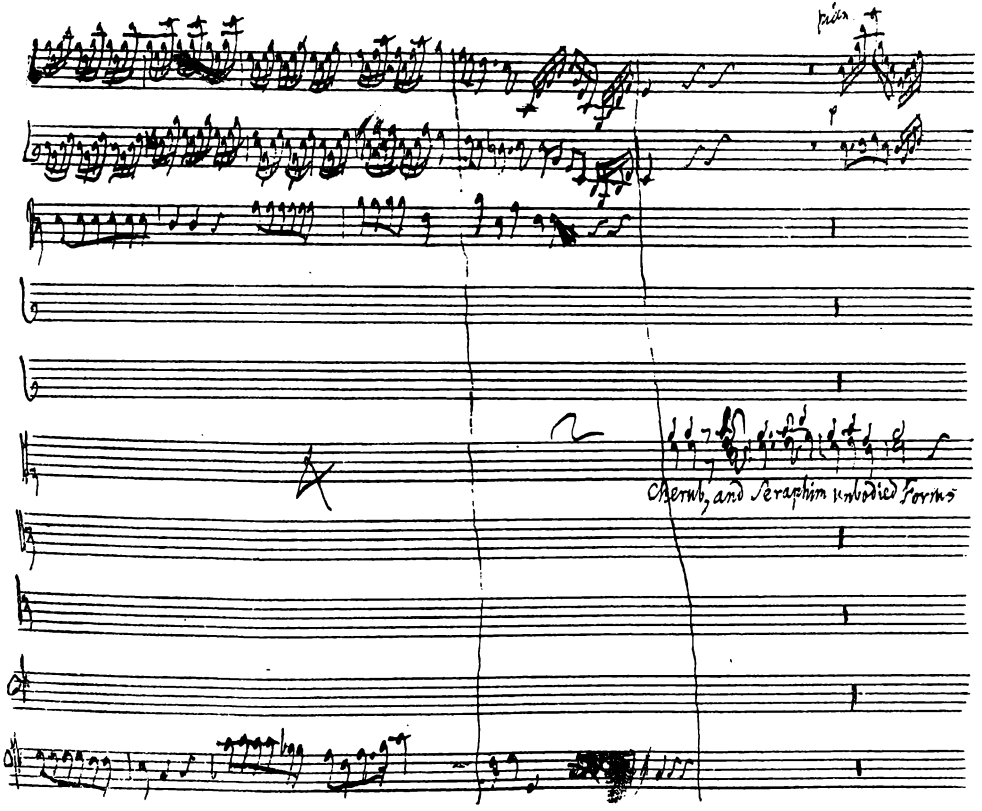
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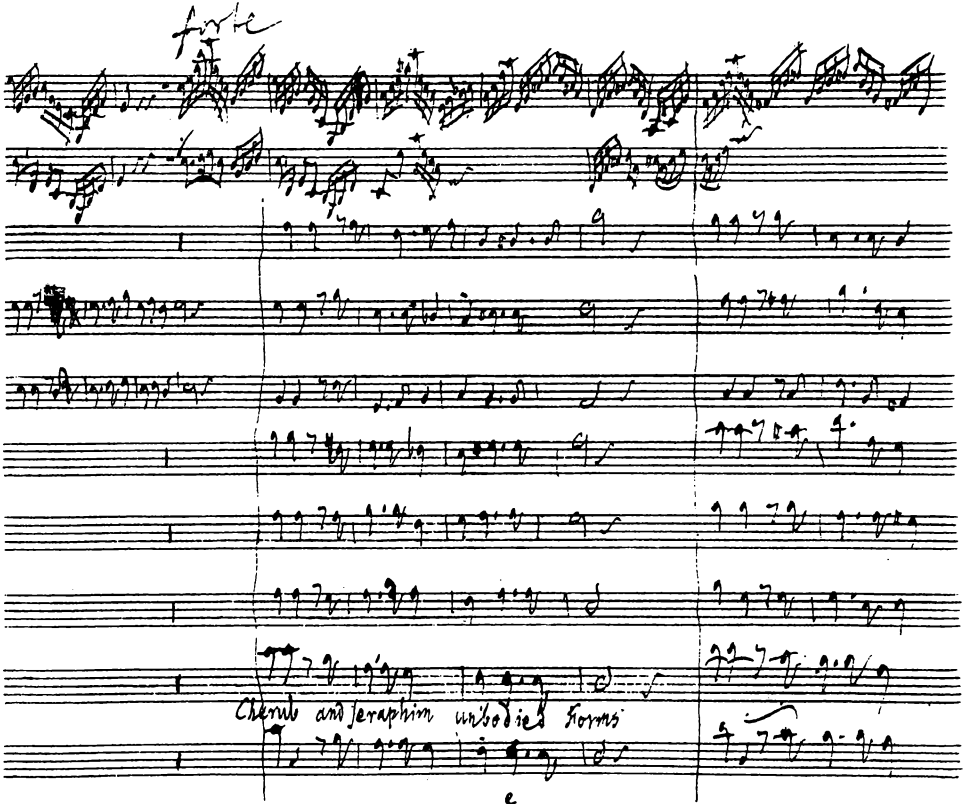
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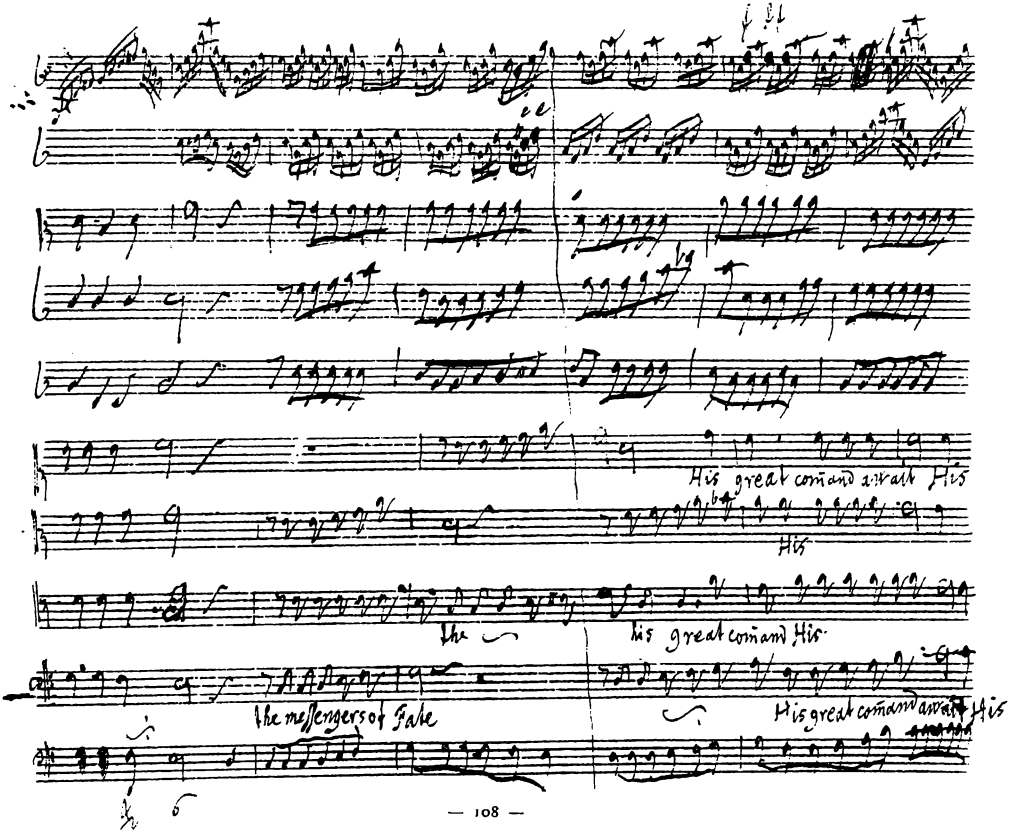
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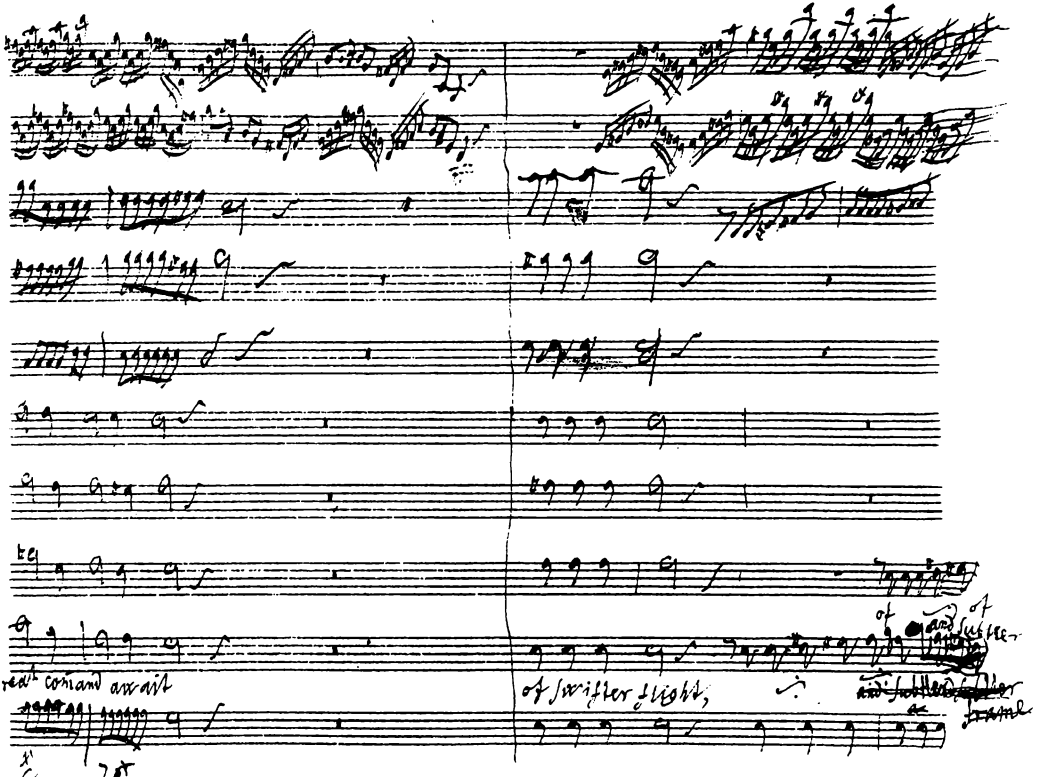
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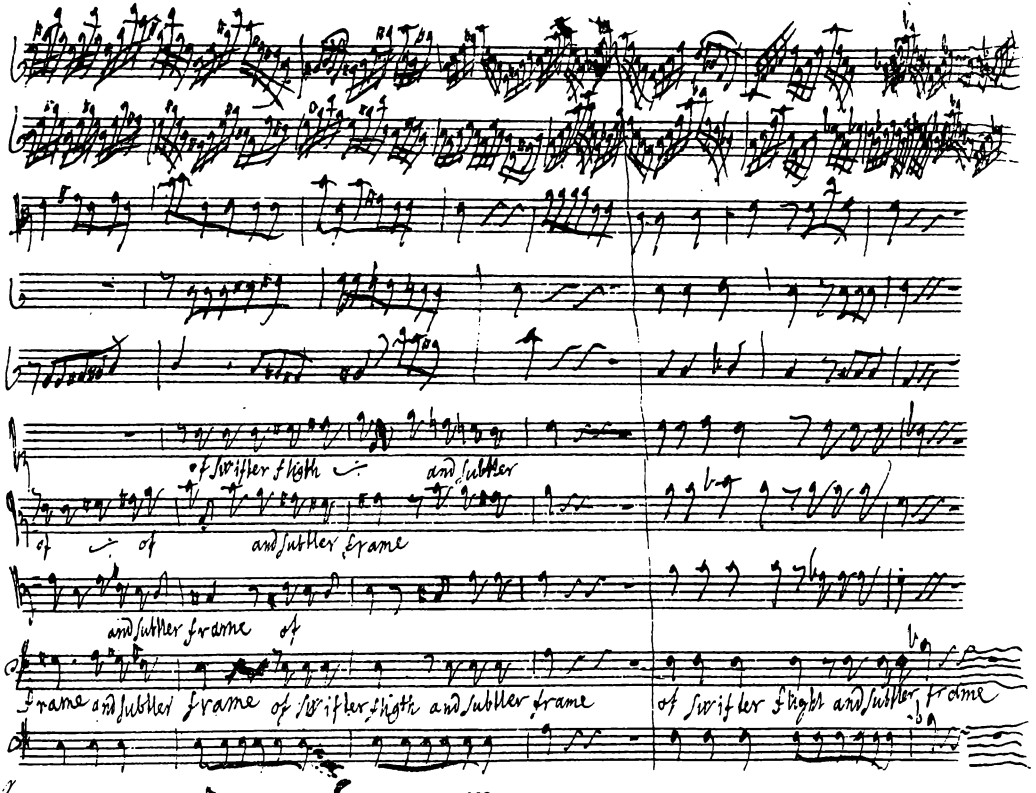
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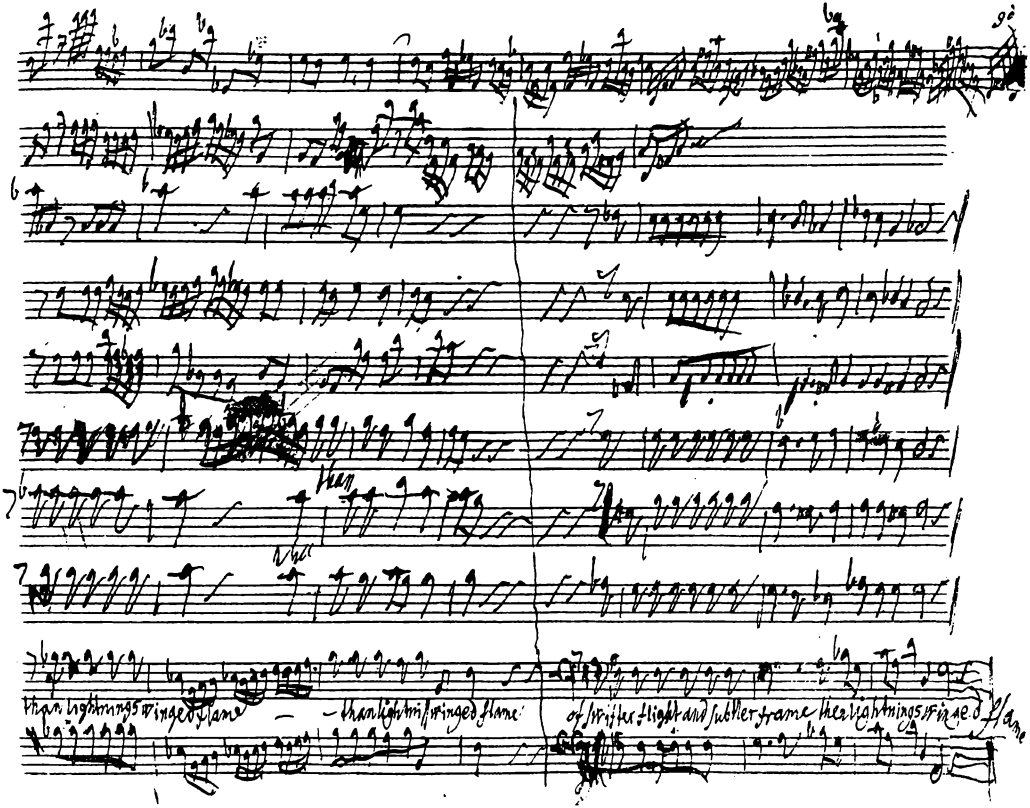
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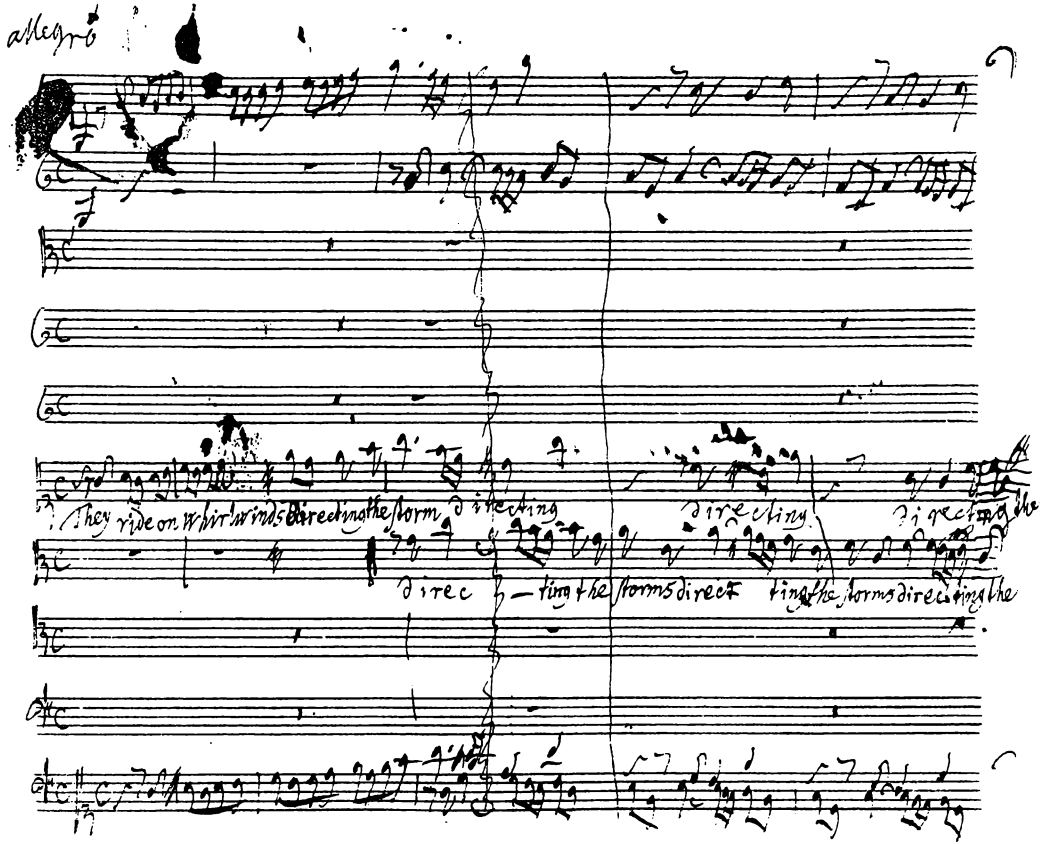
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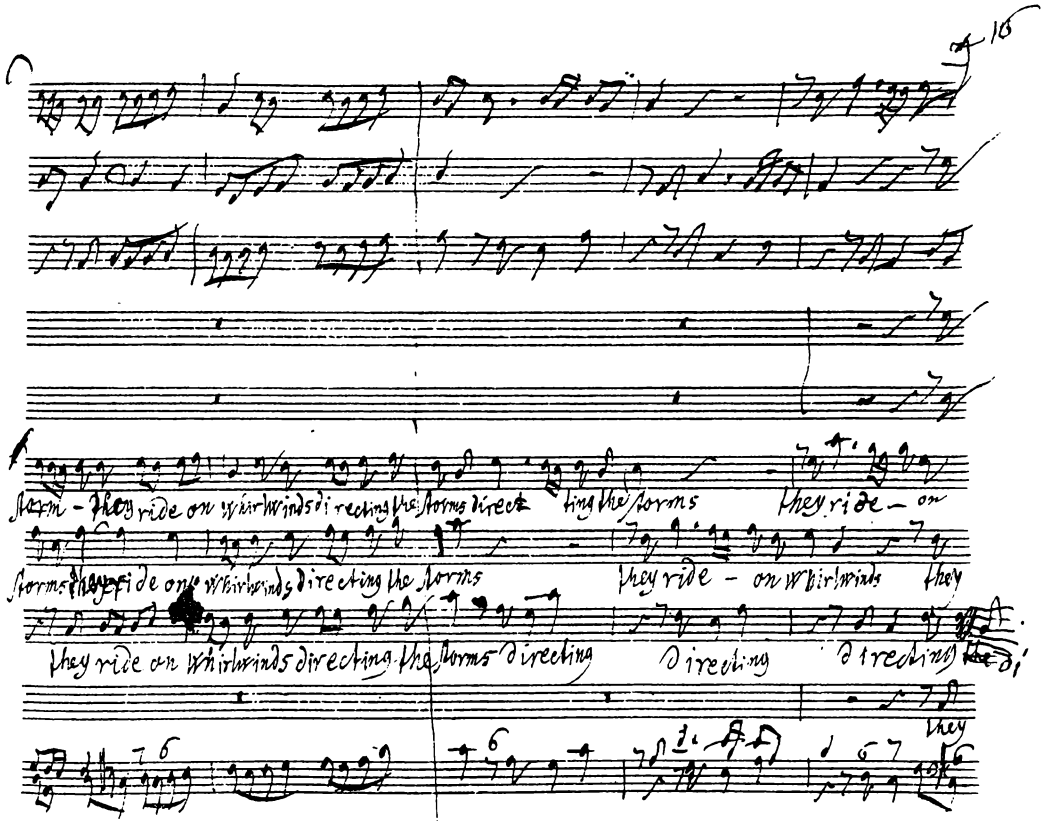
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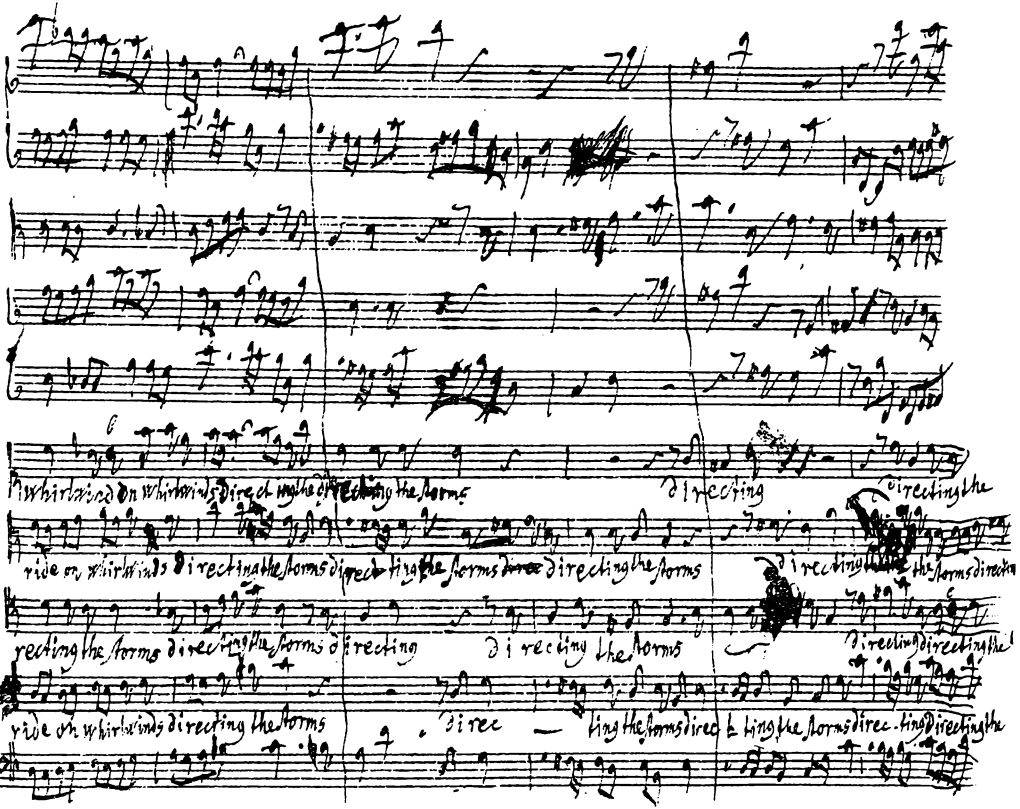
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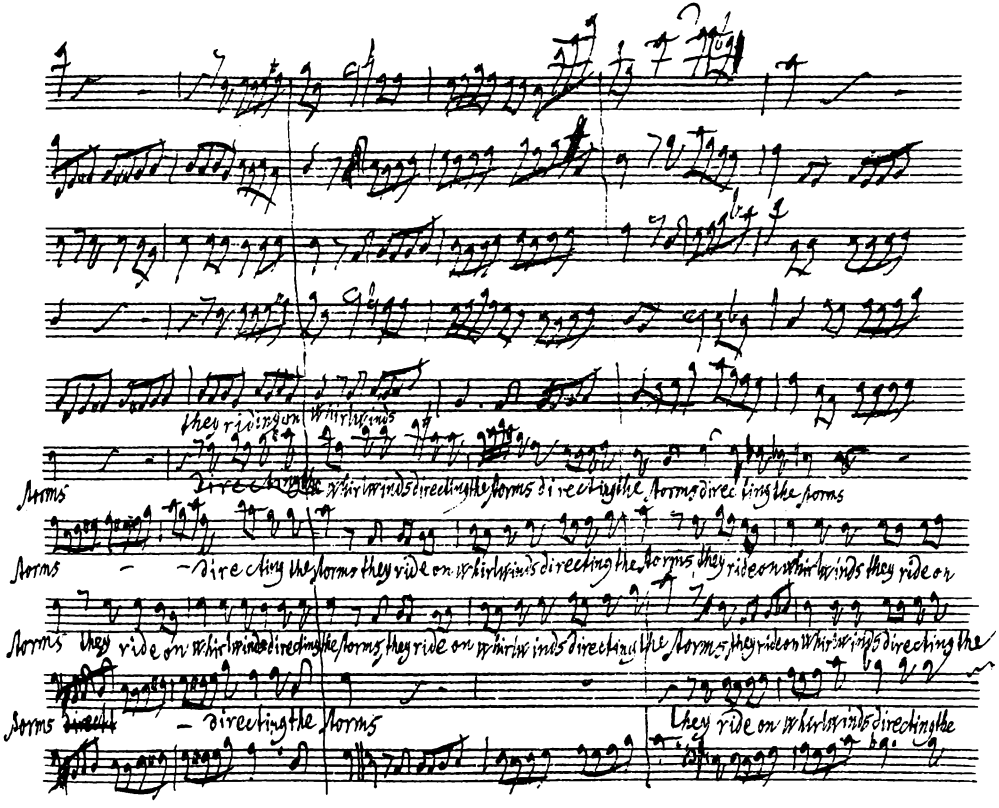
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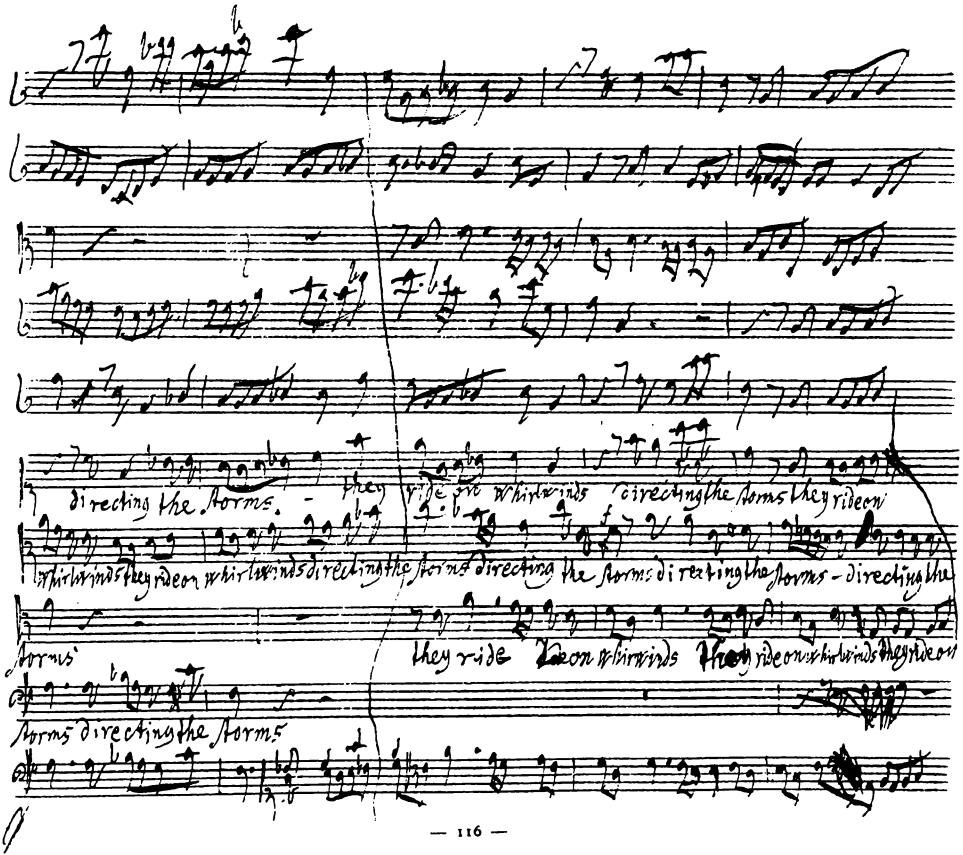
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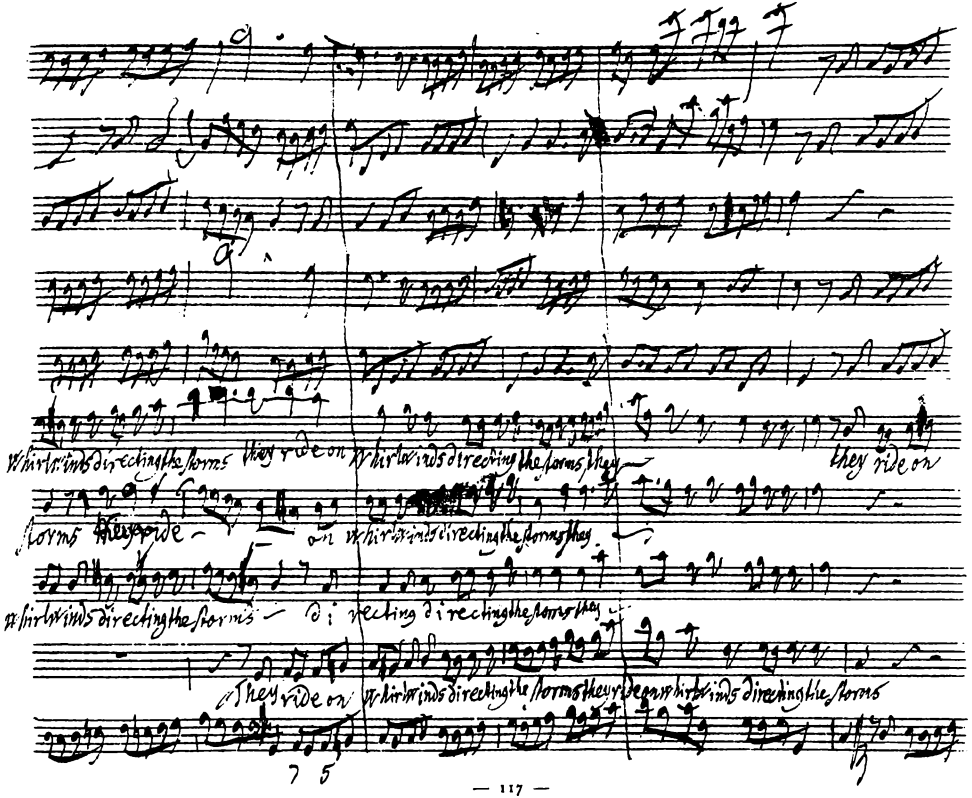
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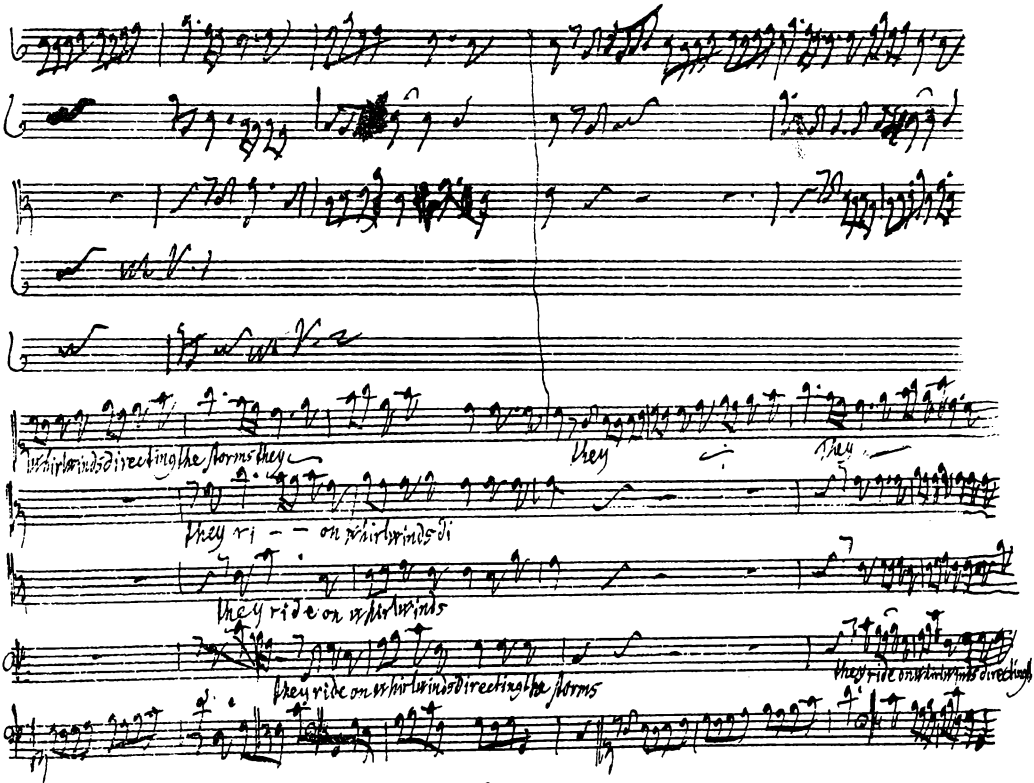
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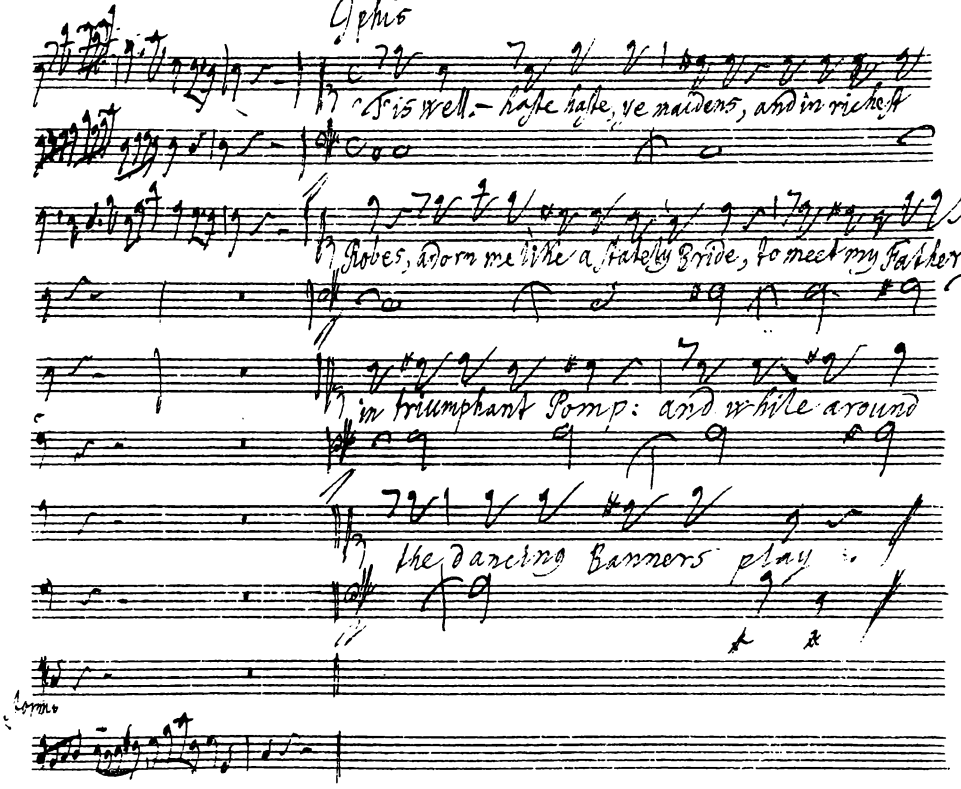
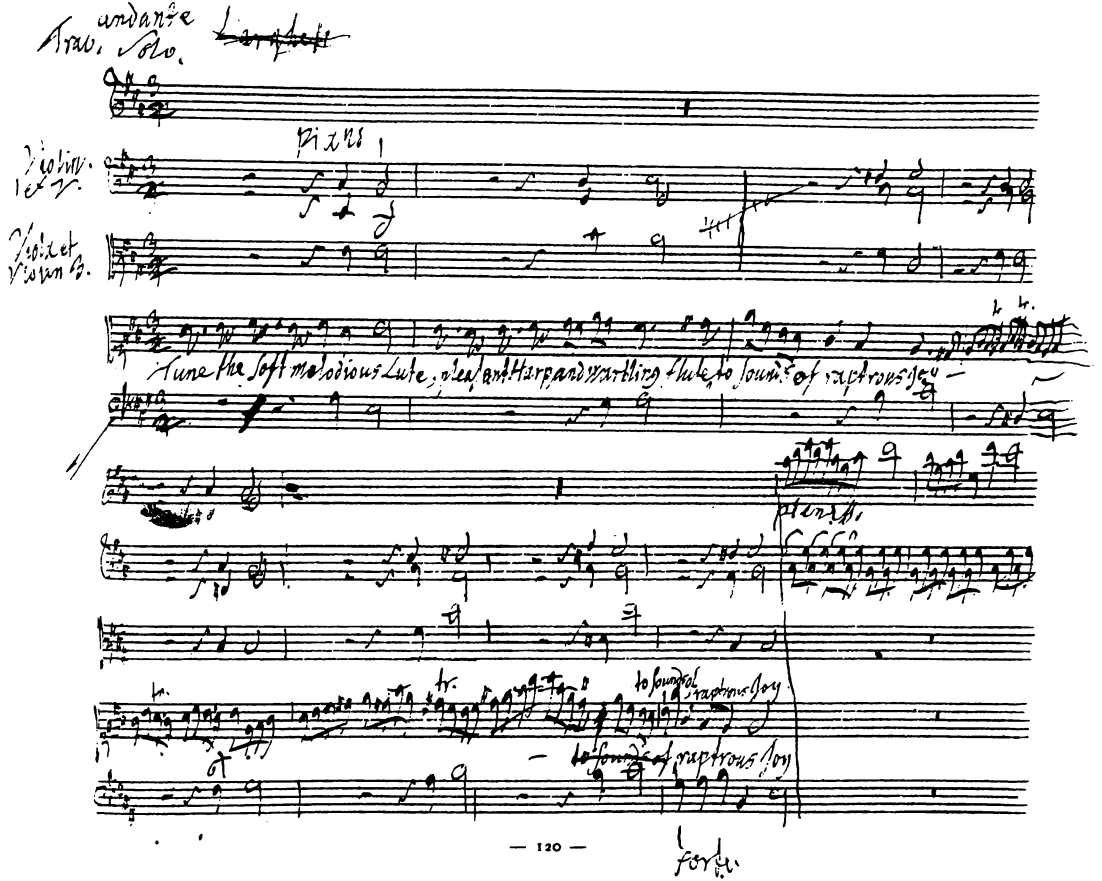

Aphis
'Tis well. – haste haste, ye maidens, and in richest
Robes, adorn me like a Princely Bride, to meet my Father
in triumphant Pomp: and while around
the dancing Banners play


Trav. Solo.
andante
Violin 1st.
Violin 2d.
Tune the soft melodious Lute, clear and Harp and warbling Flute, to sounds of rapturous joy
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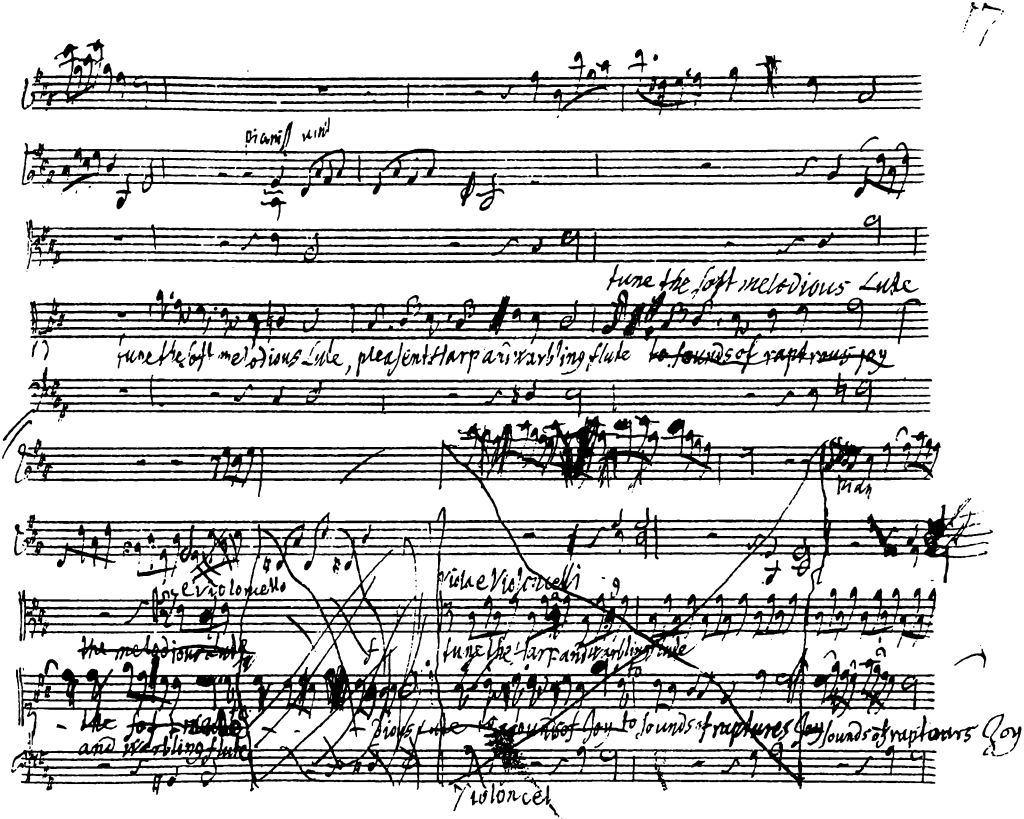
to sound of rapturous joy
— 120 —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tune the Harp and warbling flute
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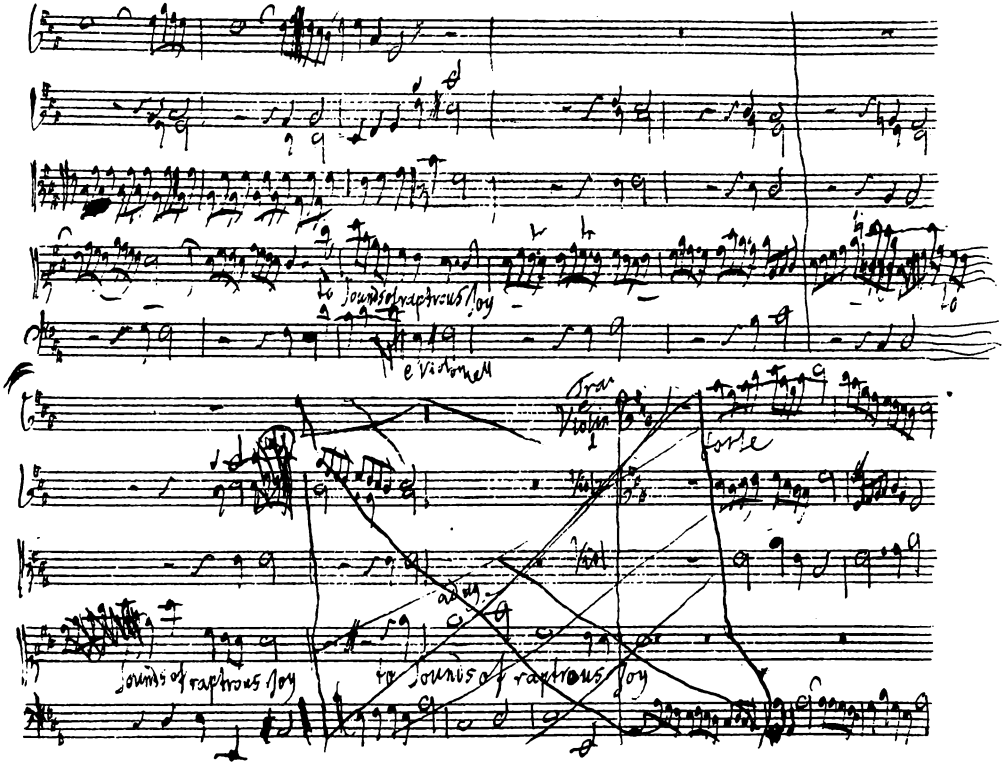
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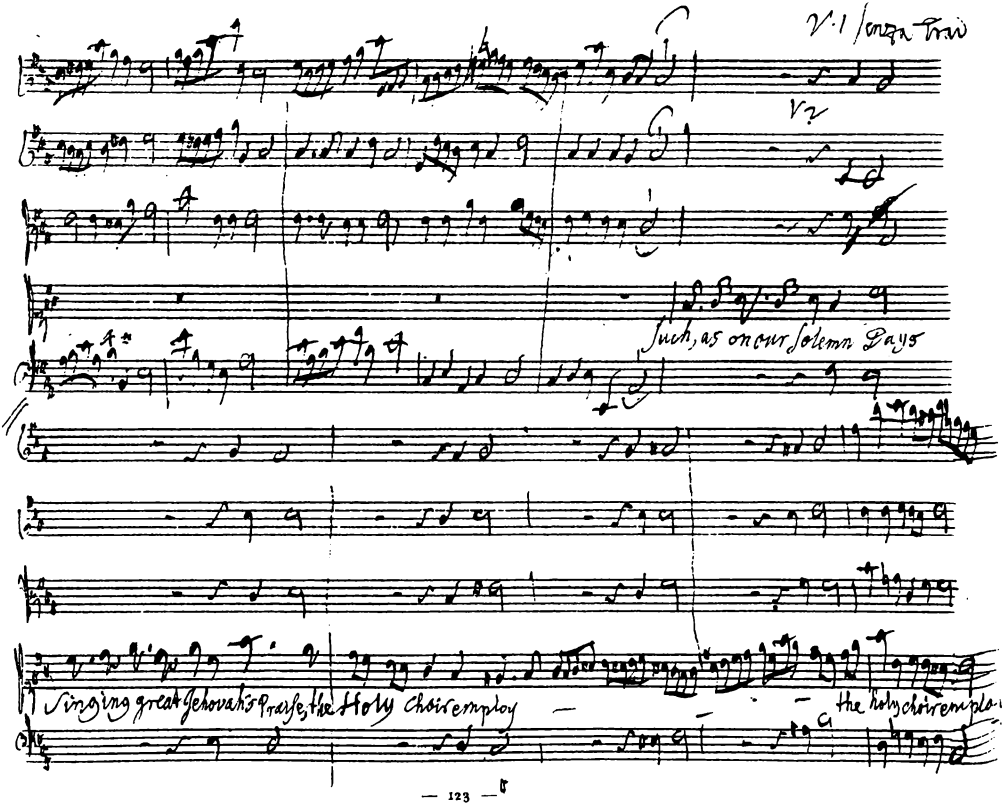
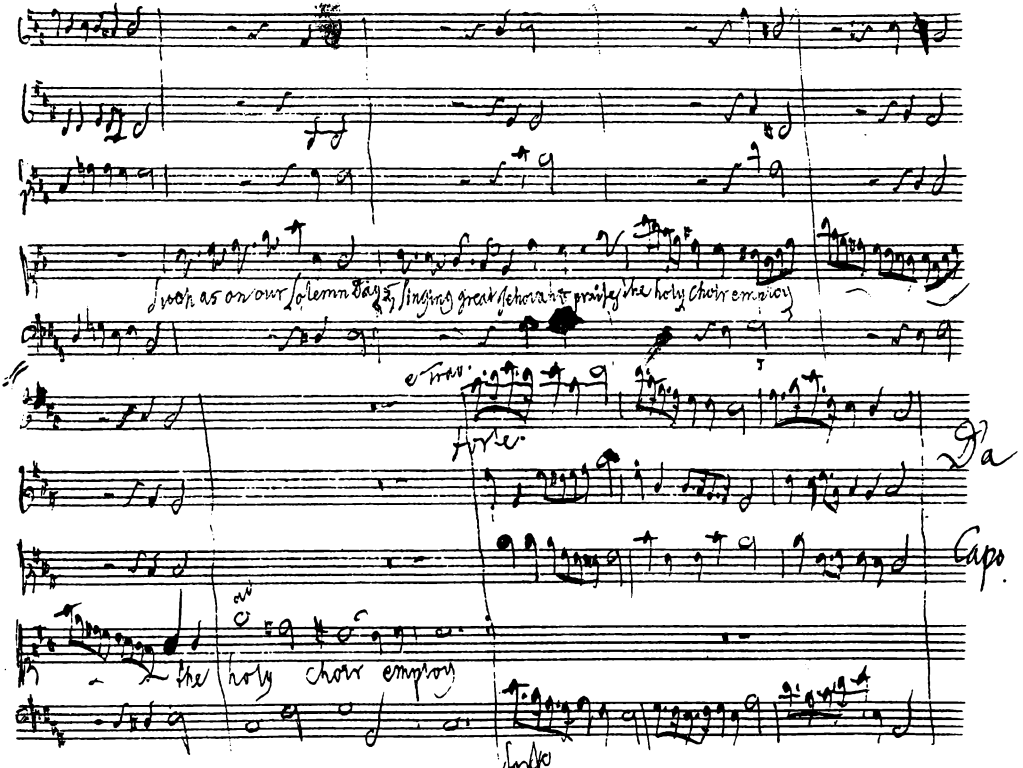
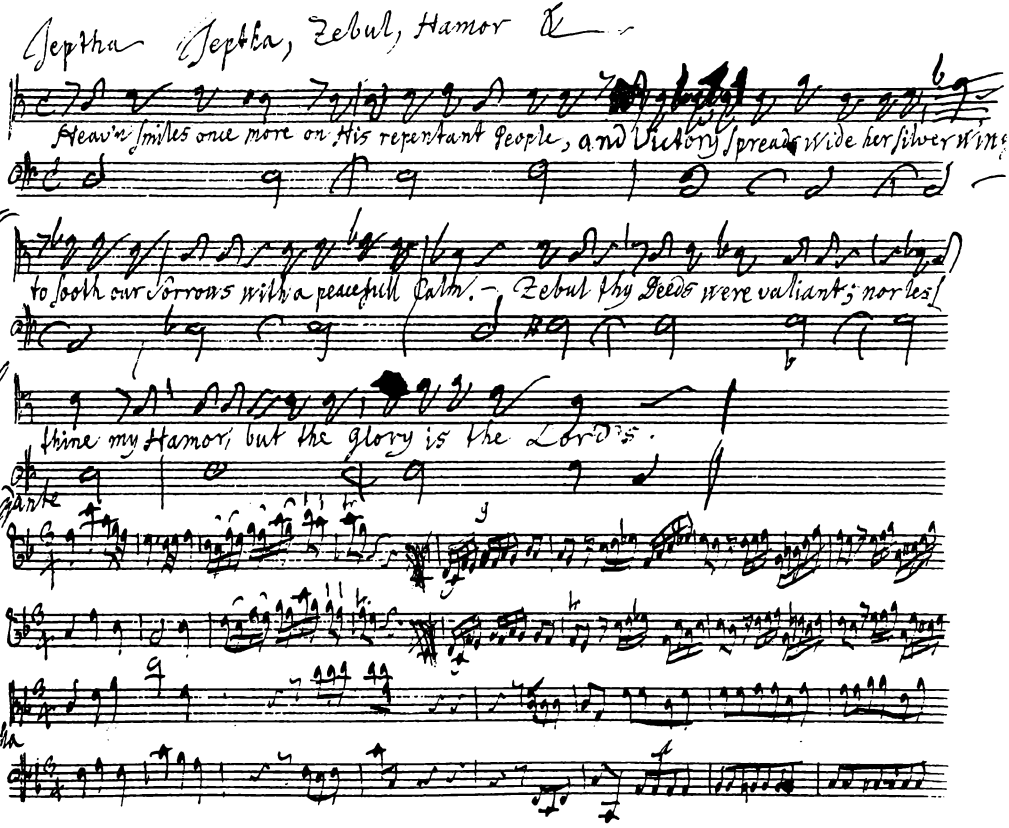

V. 1 / Senza Trio
Vc
Such, as on our solemn Days
Singing great Jehovah's Praise, the Holy Choir employ
the holy choir employ


soon as on our solemn days singing great Jehovah's praise the holy choir employ
Arie.
Da
Capo.
the holy choir employ
forte


Jeptha
Jeptha, Zebul, Hamor &c
Heav'n smiles once more on His repentant People, and Victory spreads wide her silver Wing
to sooth our Sorrows with a peaceful Calm. — Zebul thy Deeds were valiant; nor less
thine my Hamor, but the glory is the Lord's.
andante
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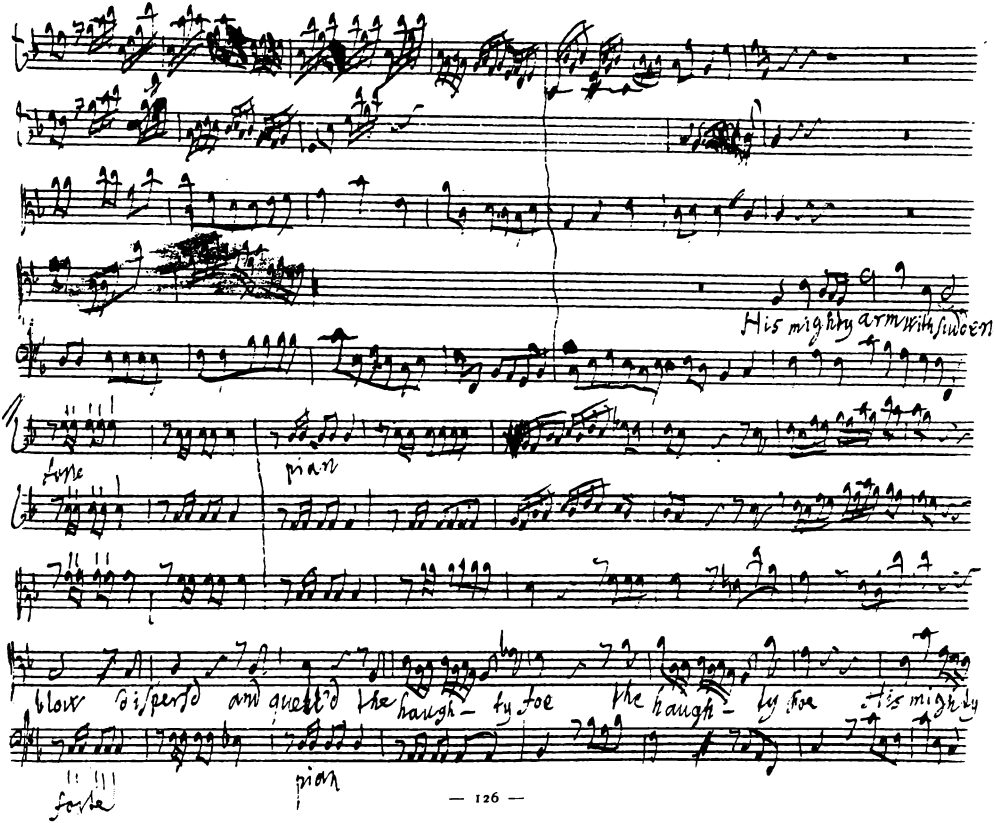
Vla
Vio
Jeptha
Bass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piano
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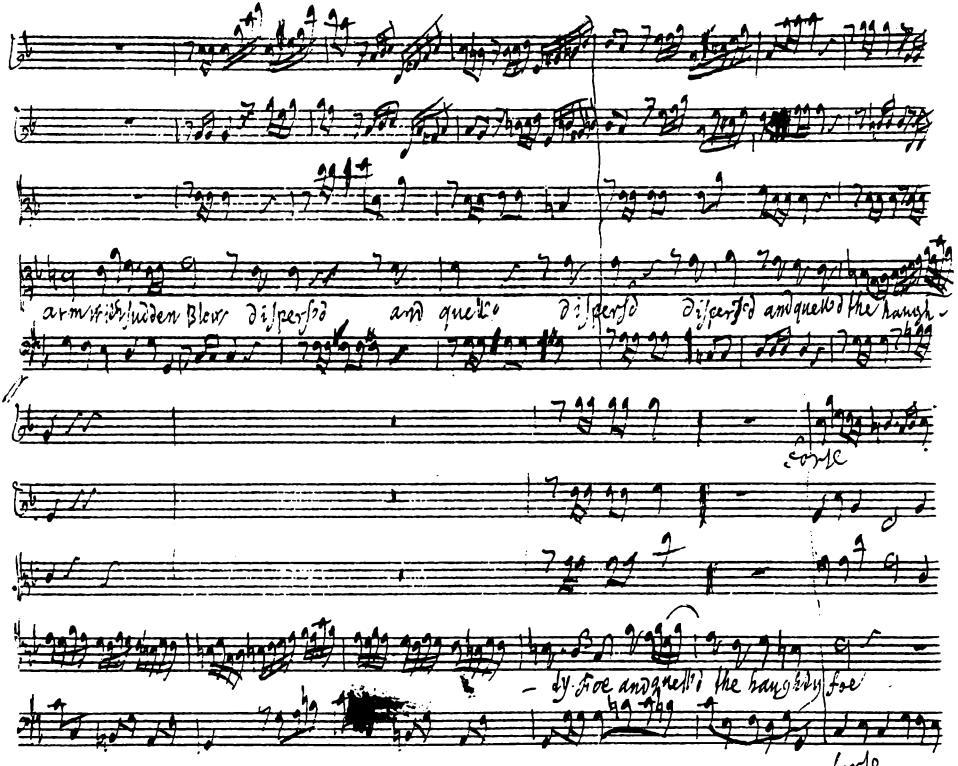
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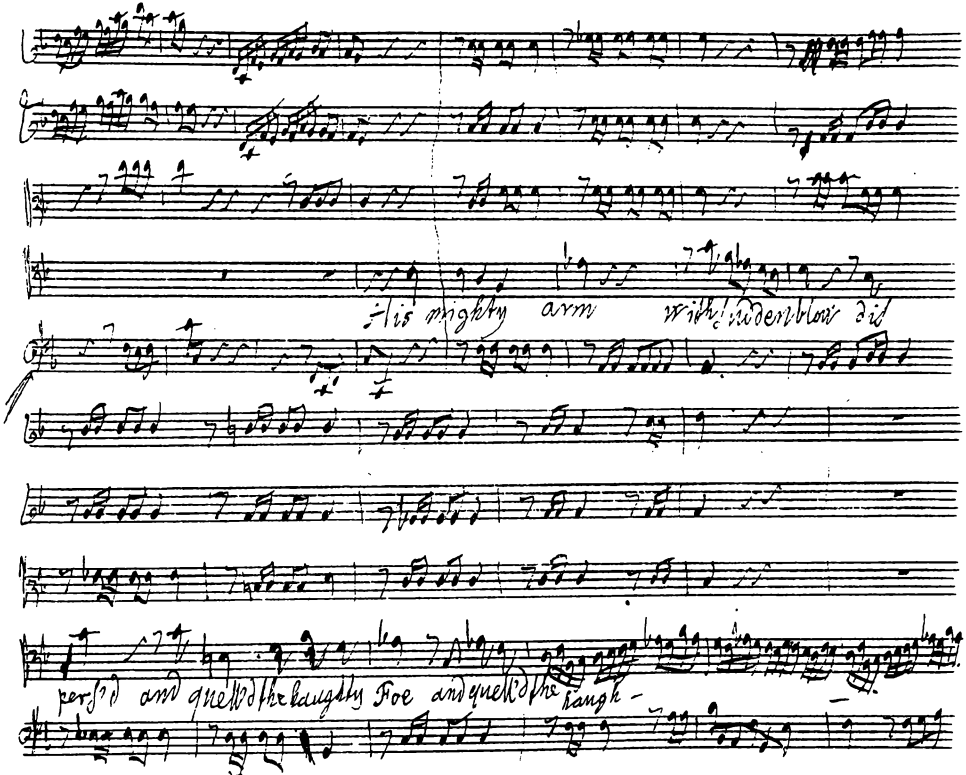
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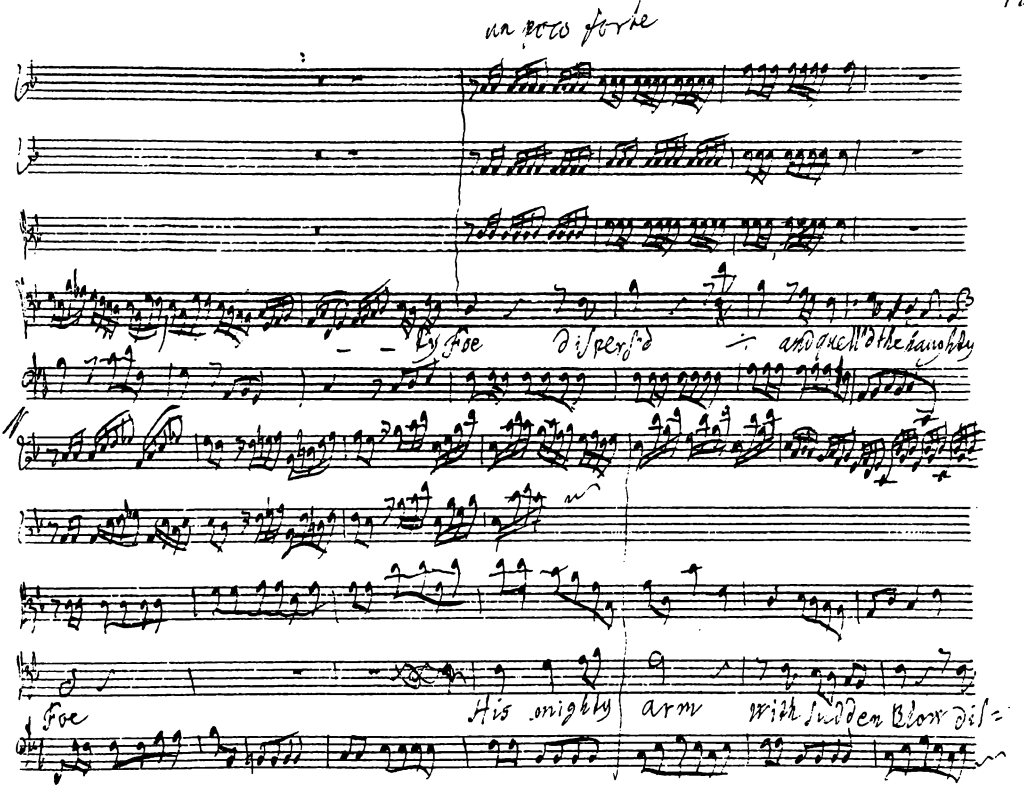
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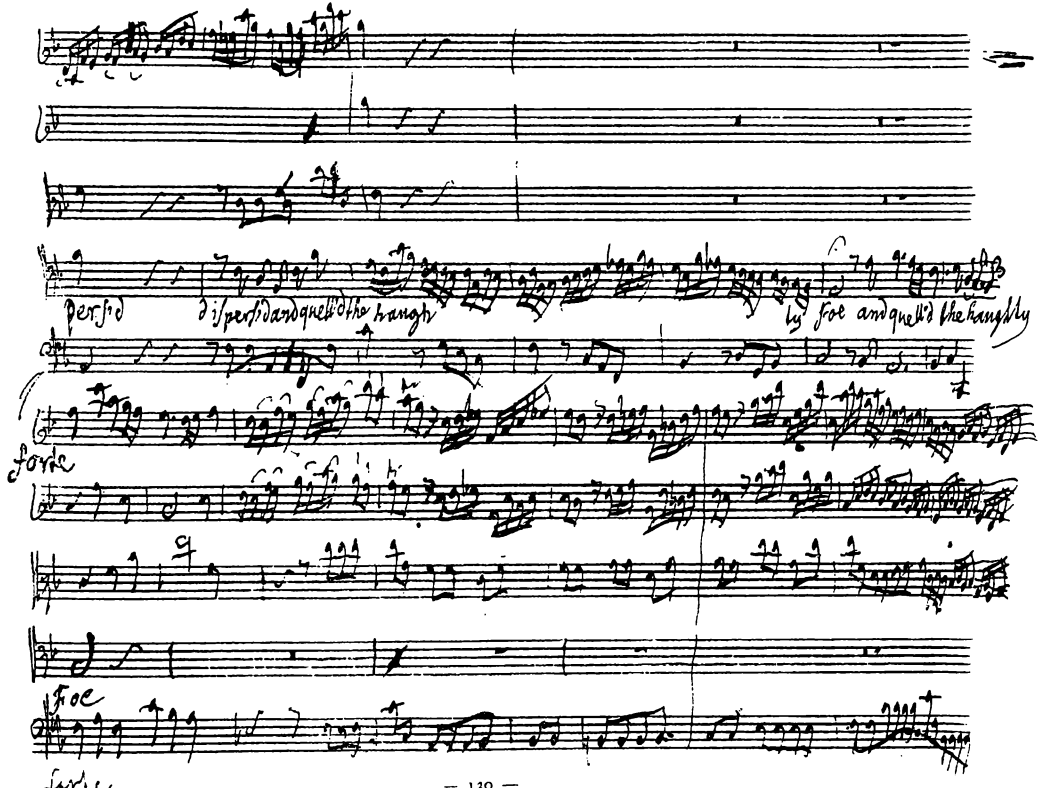
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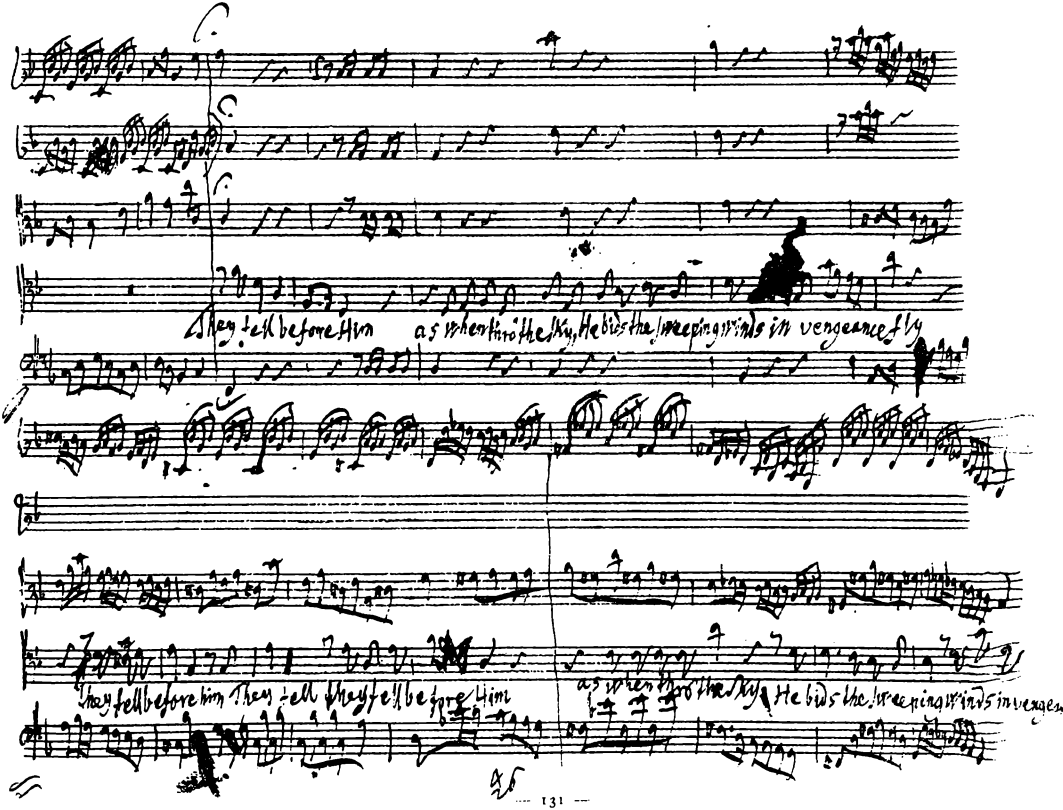
They fell before Him as when thro' the sky, He bids the weeping winds in vengeance fly
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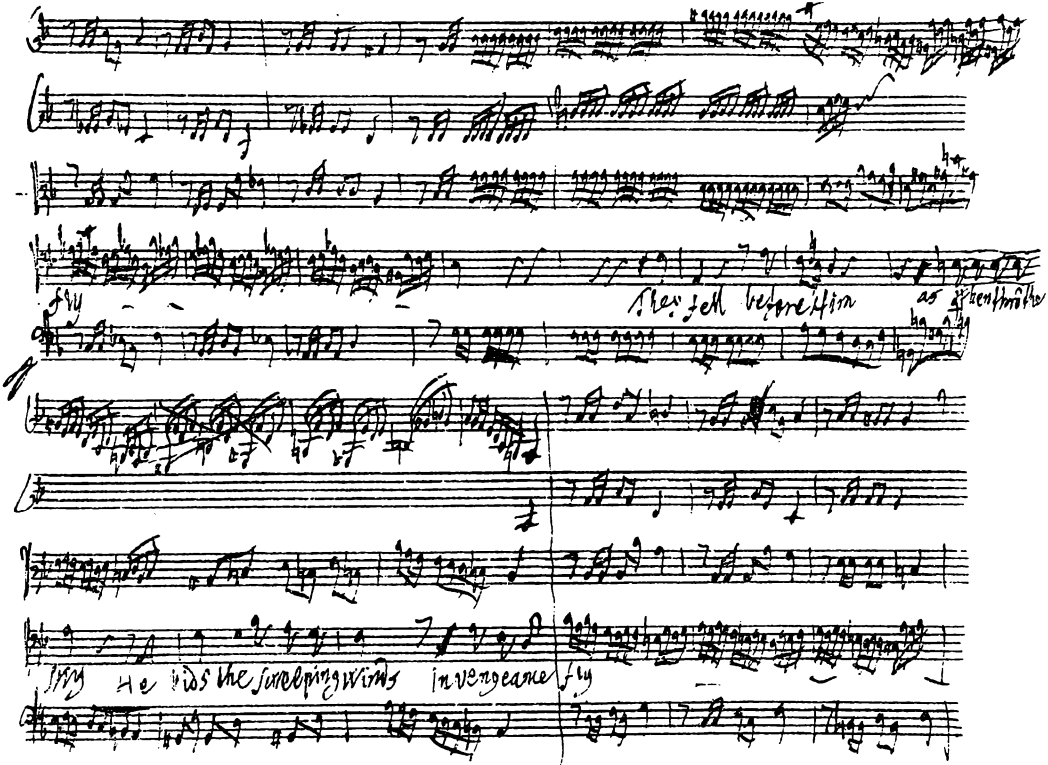
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He was the sweeping wind's revenge
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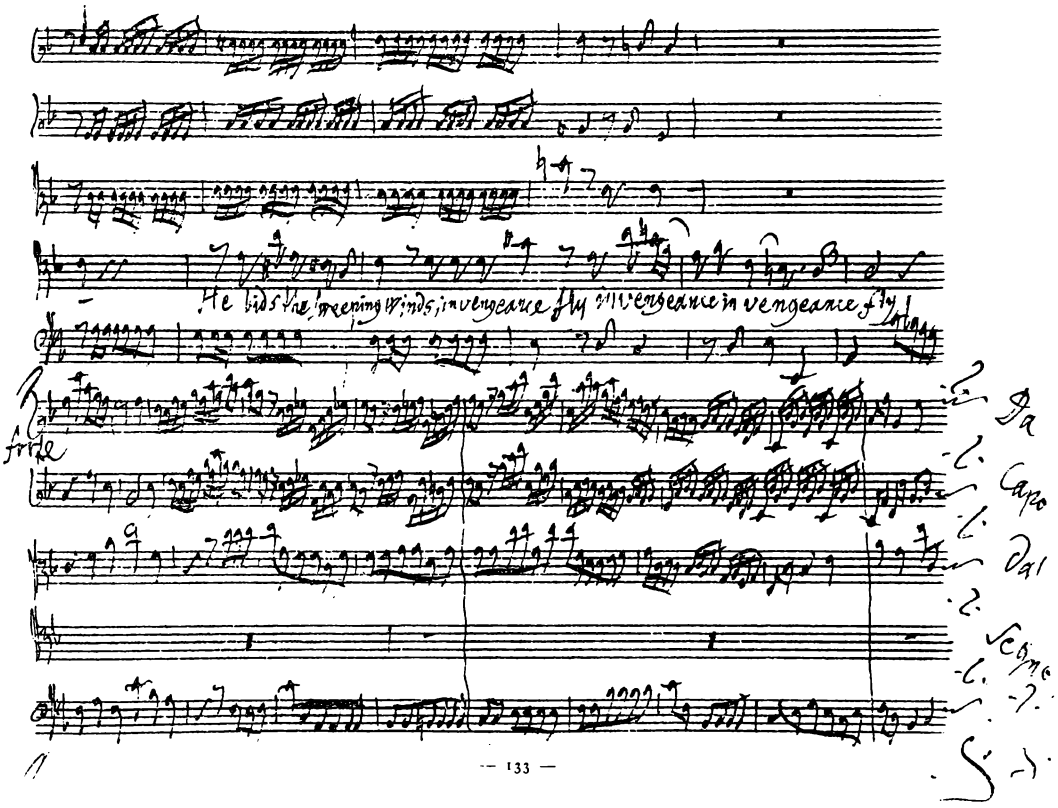
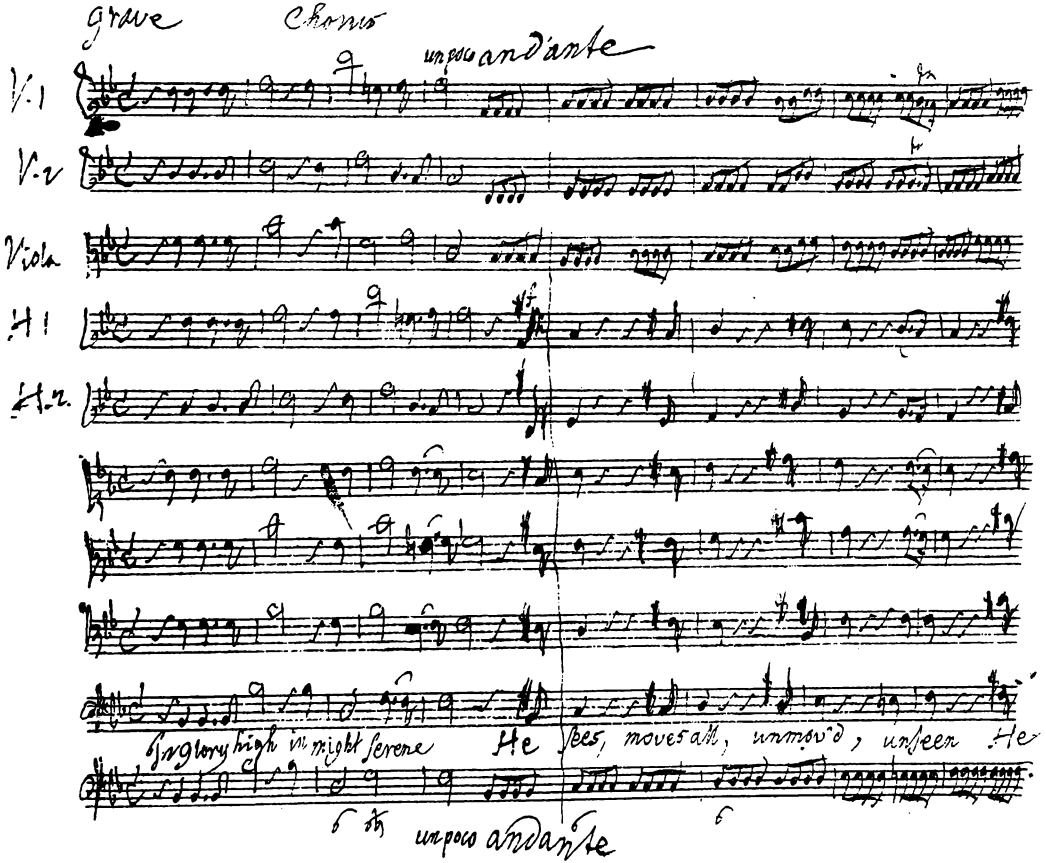
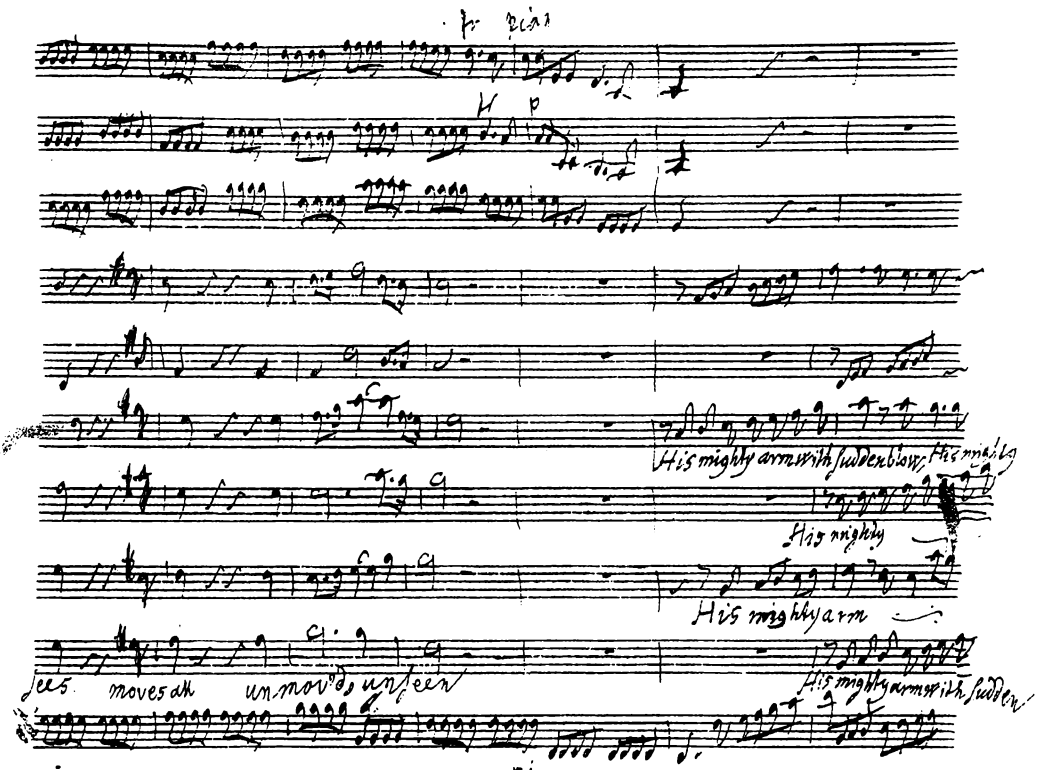

He bids the freezing Winds, in vengeance fly
Da Capo


grave
Chorus
un poco andante
V. 1
V. 2
Viola
H 1
H. 2.
Sing glory high in might serene
He sees, moves all, unmov'd, unseen He
un poco andante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His mighty arm
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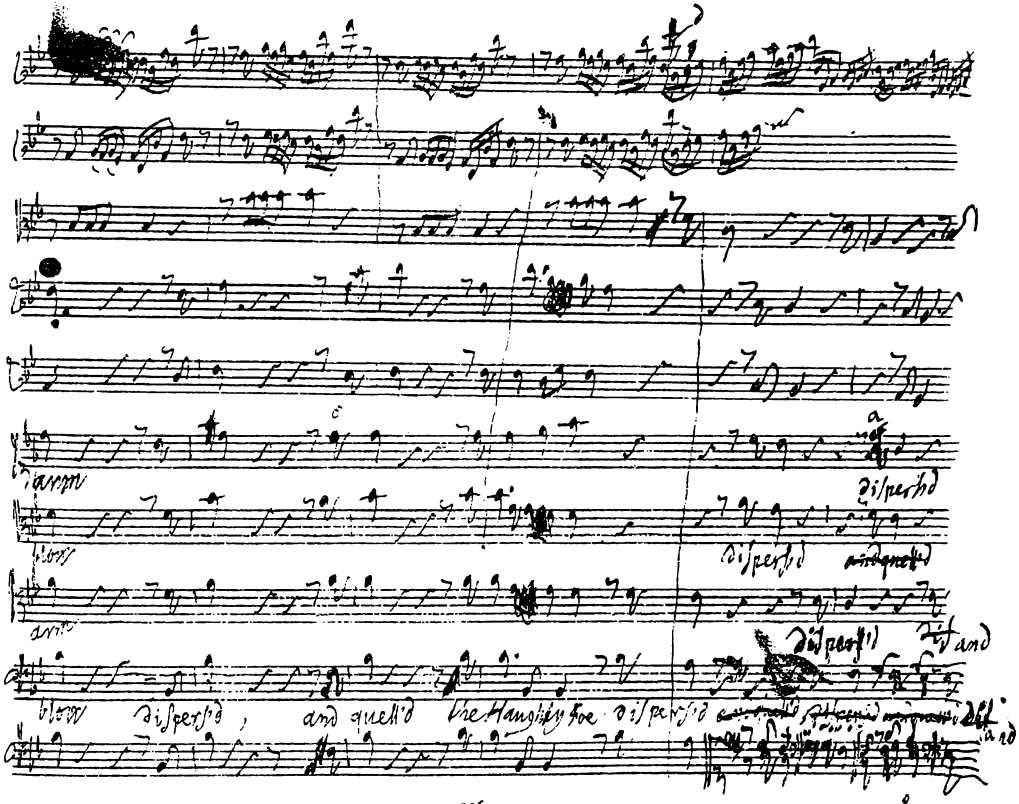
His mighty arm with sudden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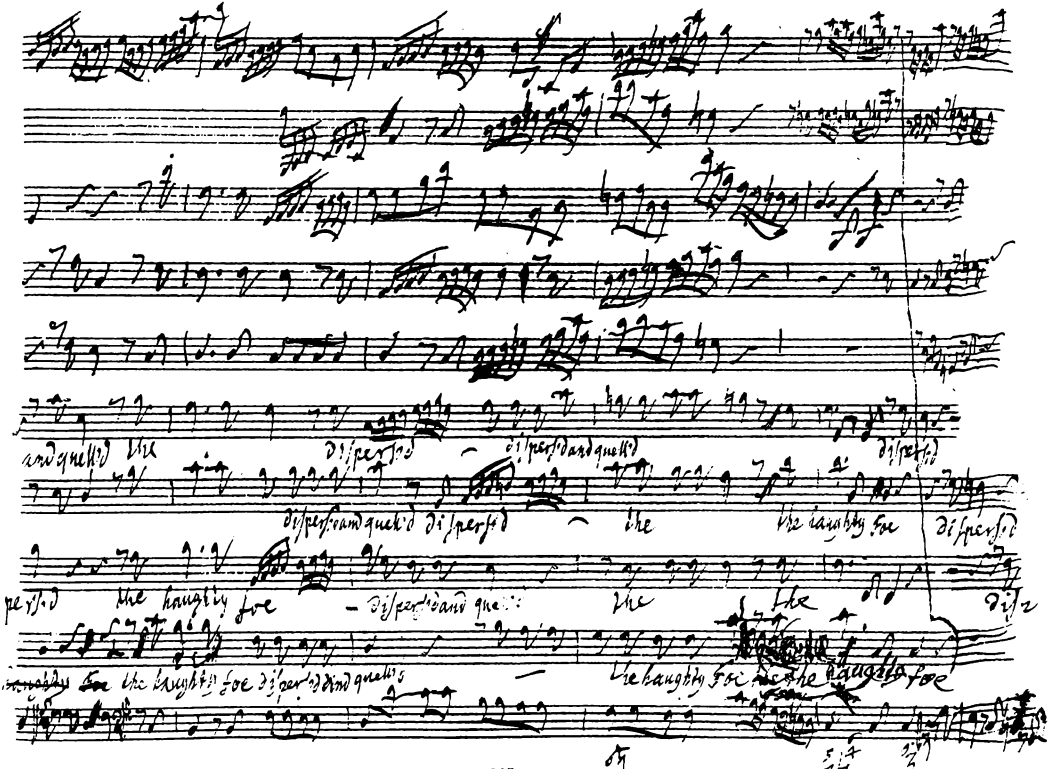
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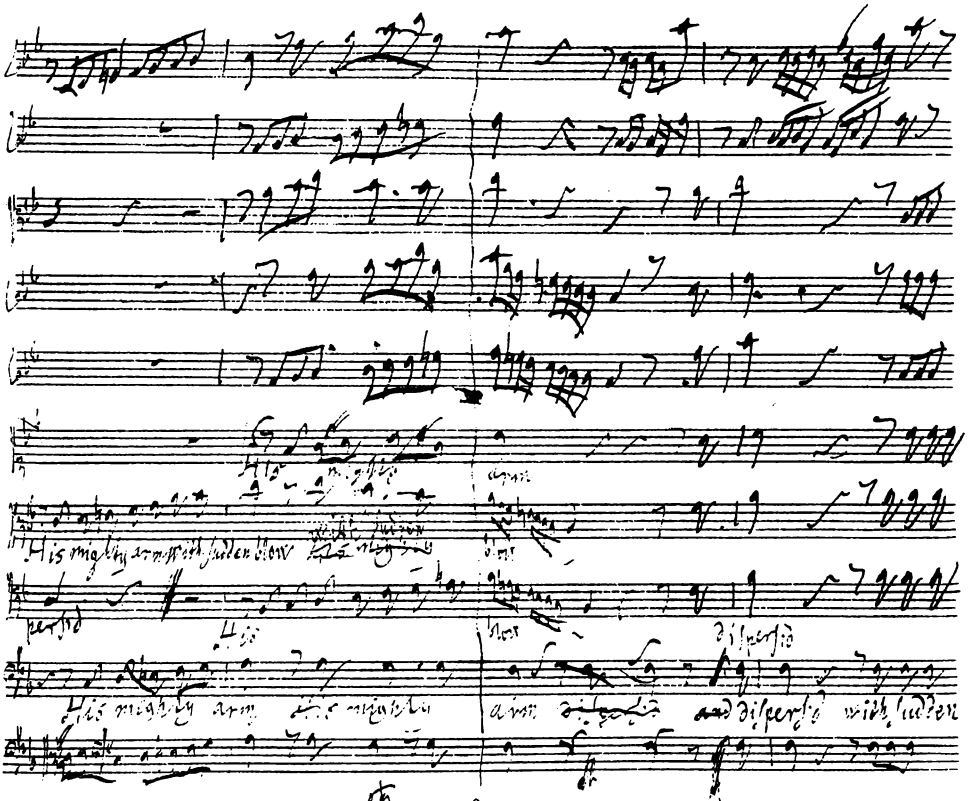
His mighty arm
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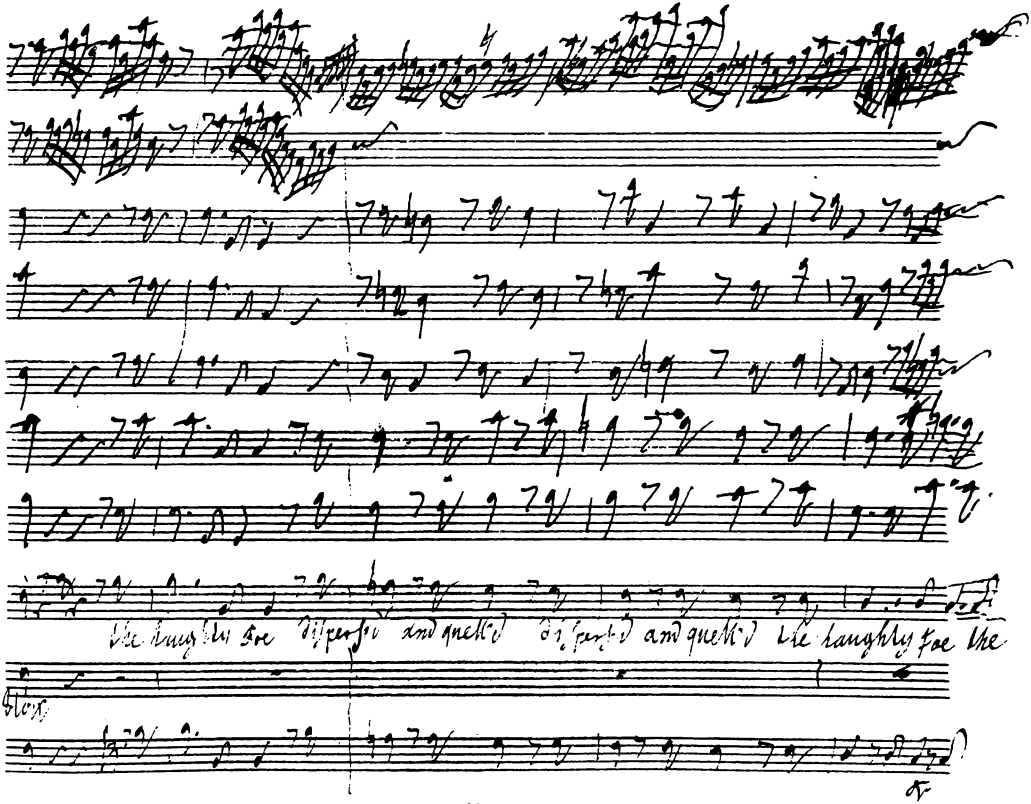
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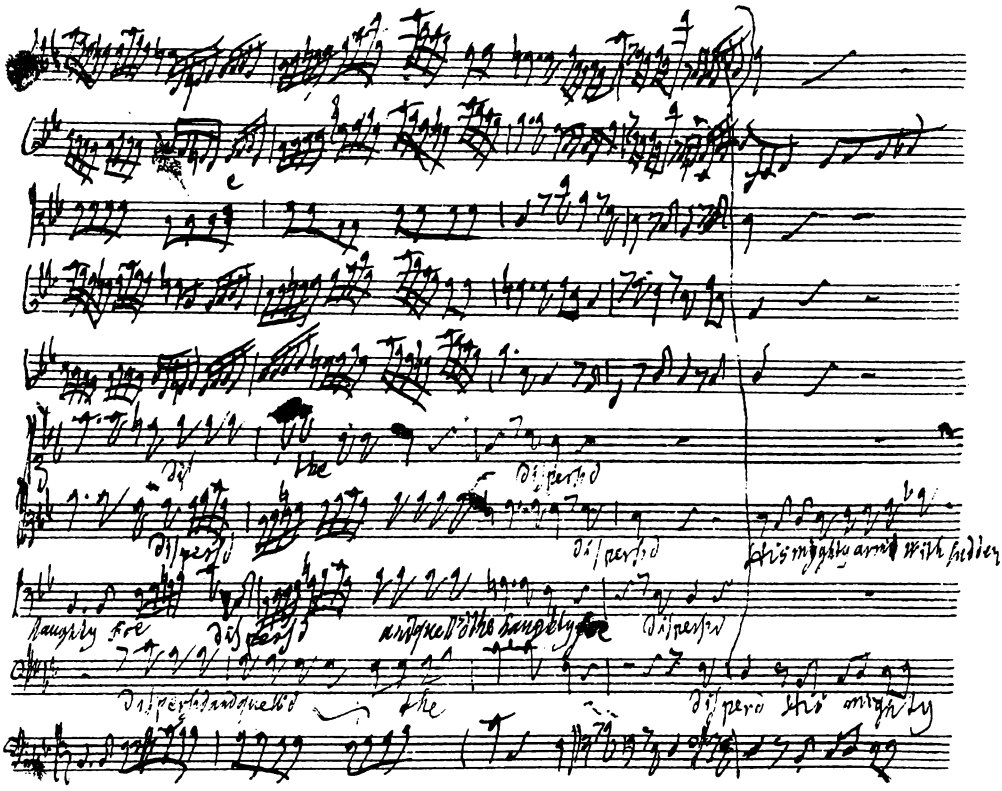
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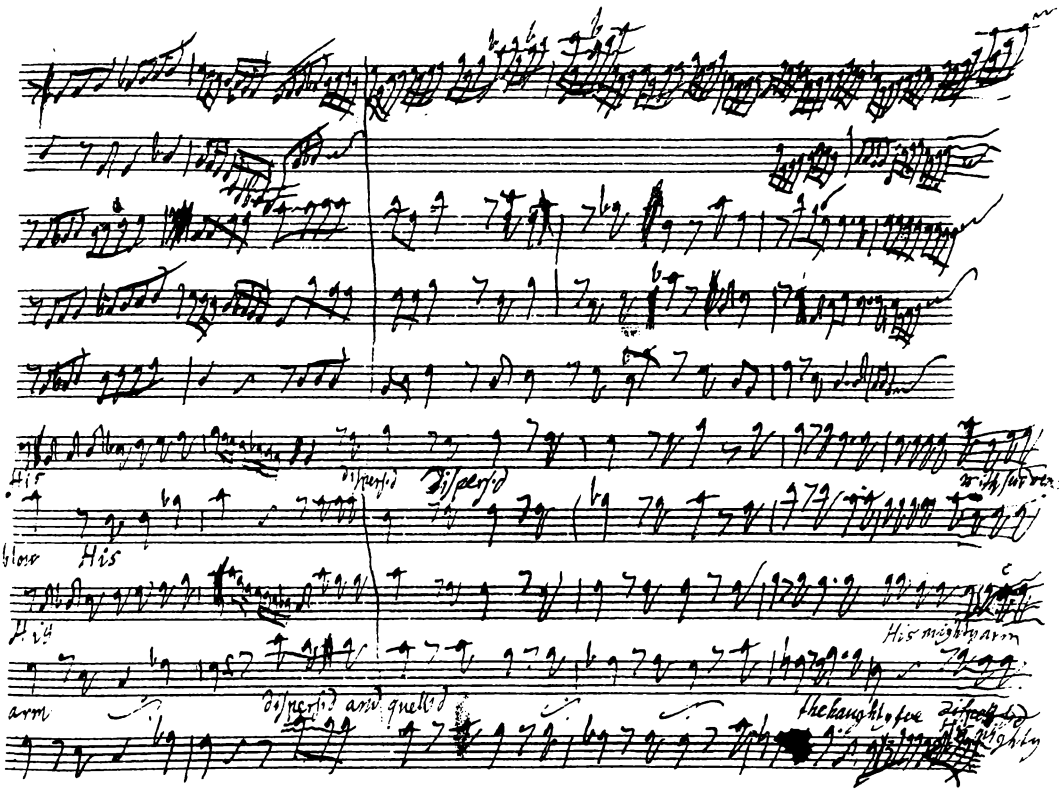
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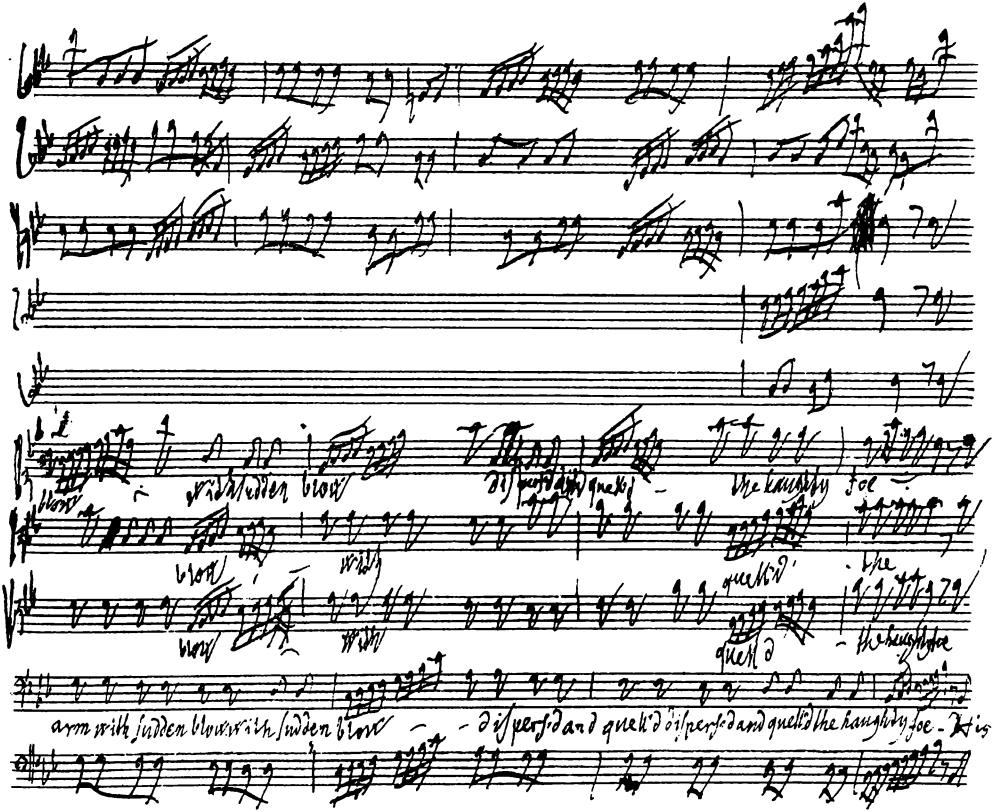
His mighty arm
arm
scattered and quelled
the haughty
proud


with sudden blow
with sudden blow
with sudden blow
disperse
quell
the haughty foe
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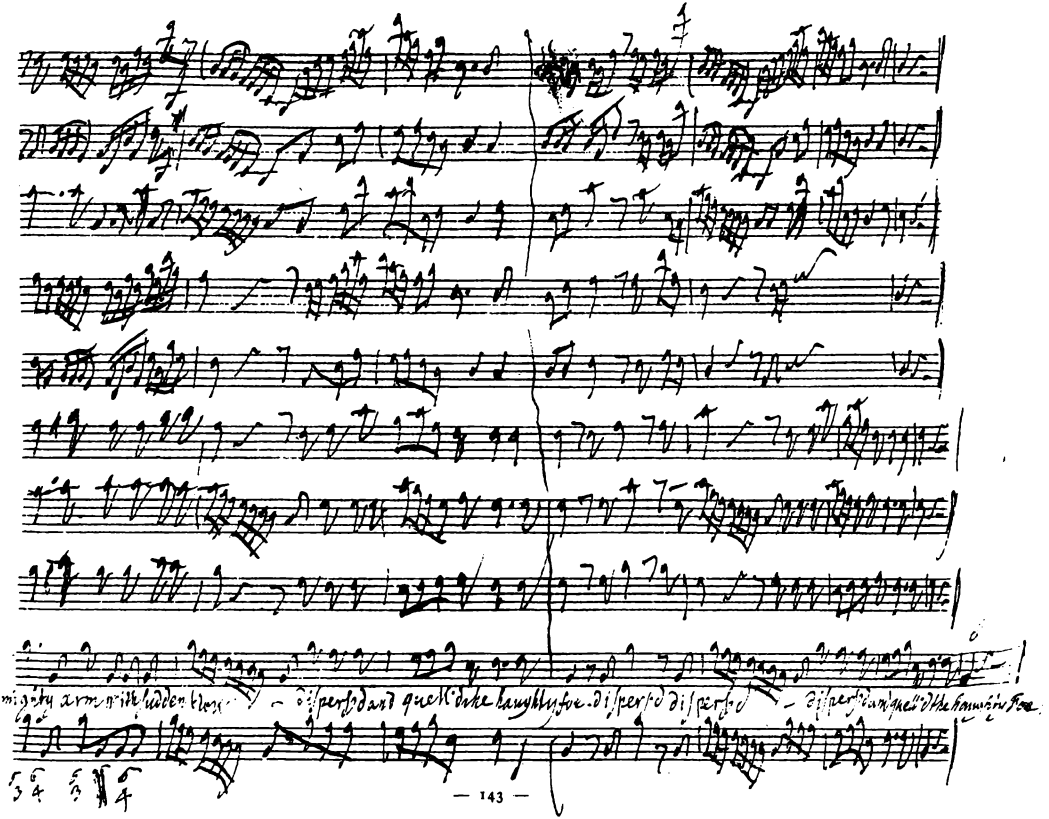
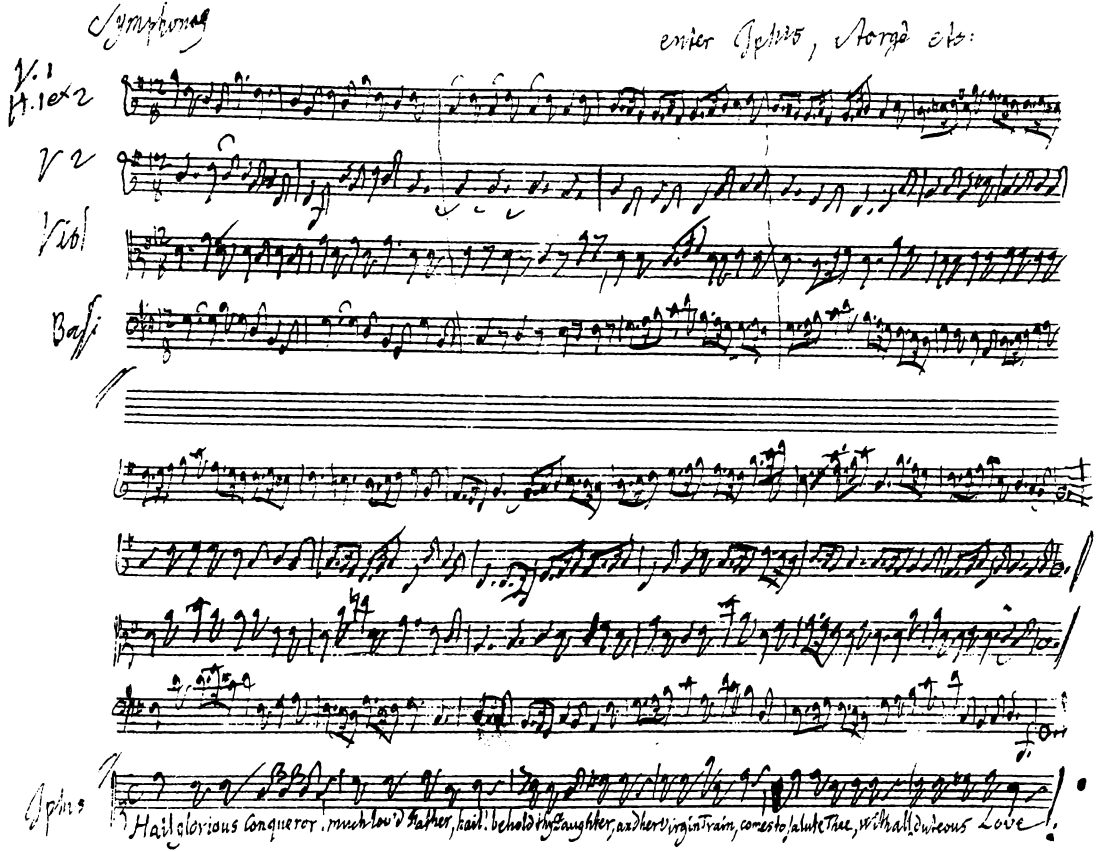
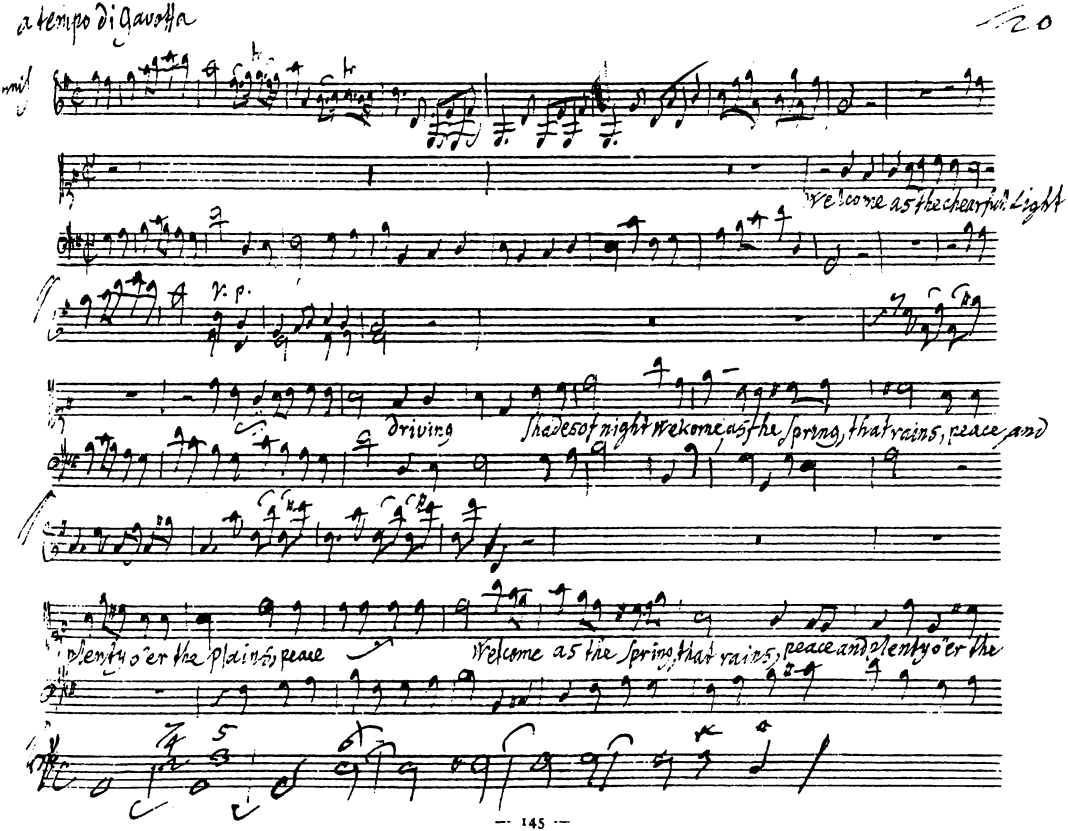
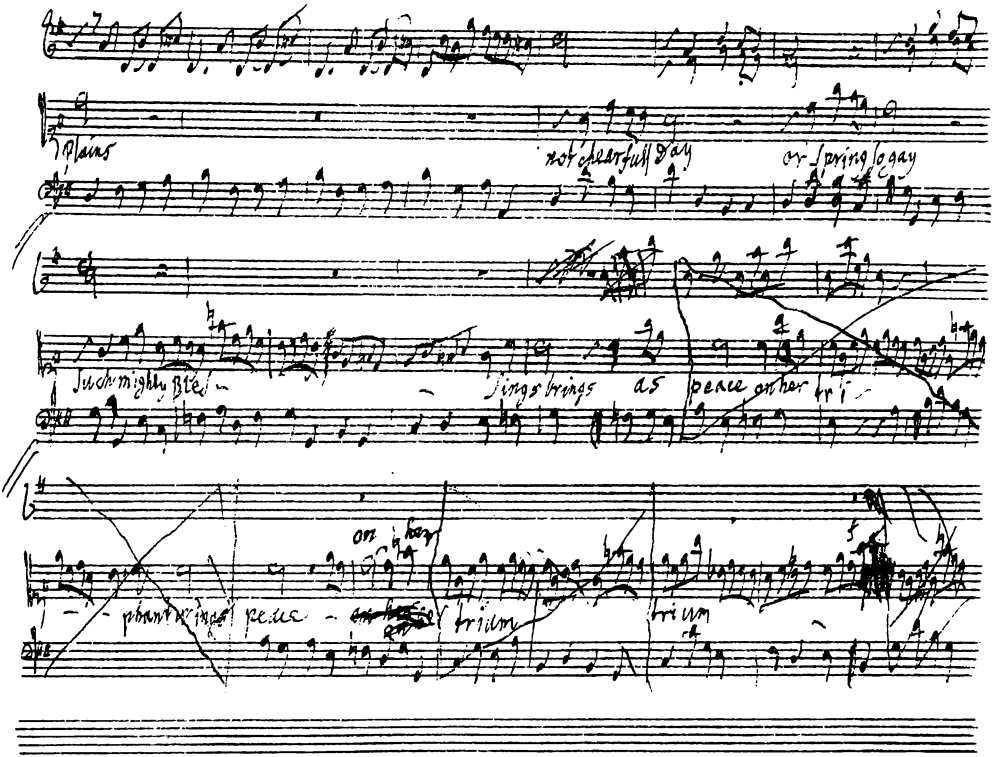
arm with sudden blow with sudden blow
disperse and quell disperse and quell the haughty foe


mighty arm with hidden blessings disperse and quell the haughty foe disperse disperse disperse disperse and quell the haughty foe


Symphonia
enter Iphis, Anaxa etc:
V. 1
H. 1 ex 2
V 2
Vibl
Bassi
Iphis
Hail glorious Conqueror, much lov'd Father, hail. behold thy Daughter, and thers virgin Train, comes to salute Thee, with all dutious Love


a tempo di Gavotta
mf
Welcome as the cheering Light
v. p.
driving
Shades of night welcome as the Spring, that rains, peace and
plenty o'er the plains, peace
Welcome as the Spring that rains, peace and plenty o'er the


Plains
not cheerfull Day
or spring so gay
such mighty Bles-
sings brings as
peace another tri-
on her
plant brings peace
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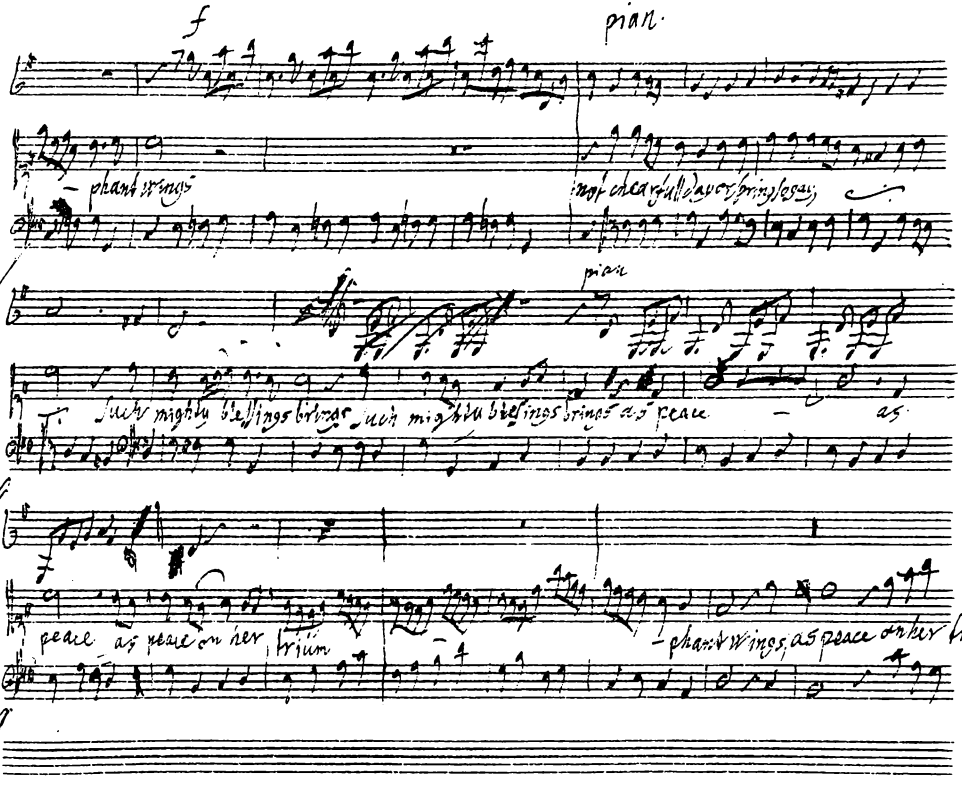
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pian.
– phant wings
pian
such mighty blessings brings as peace – as
peace as peace on her trium
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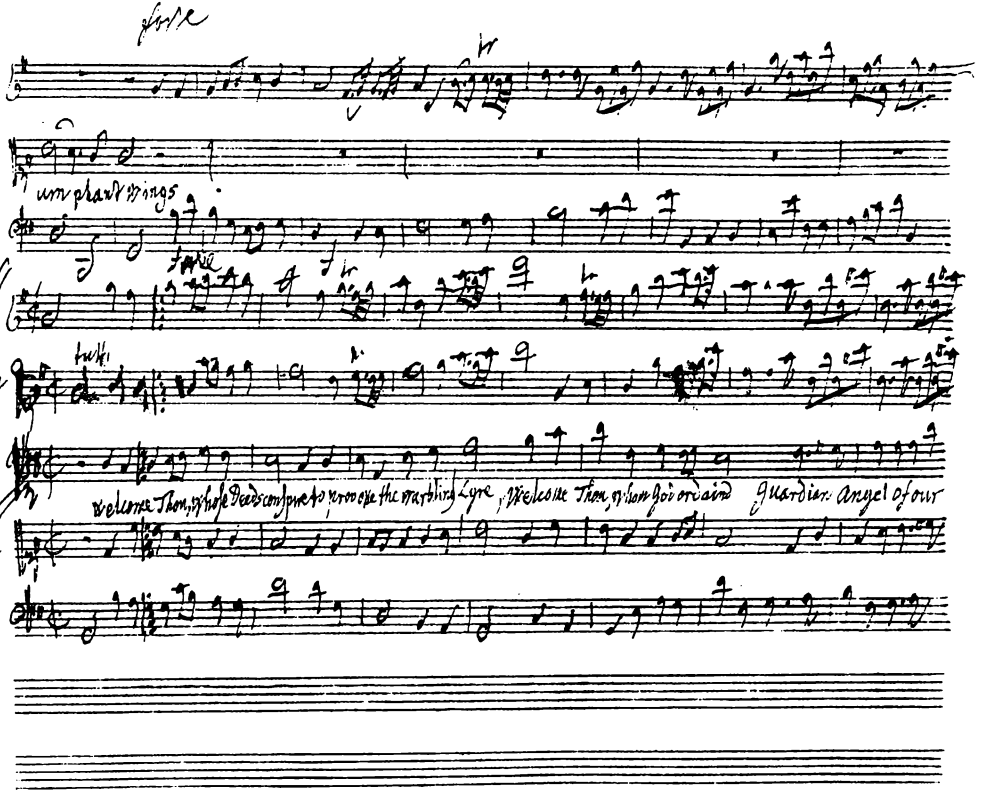
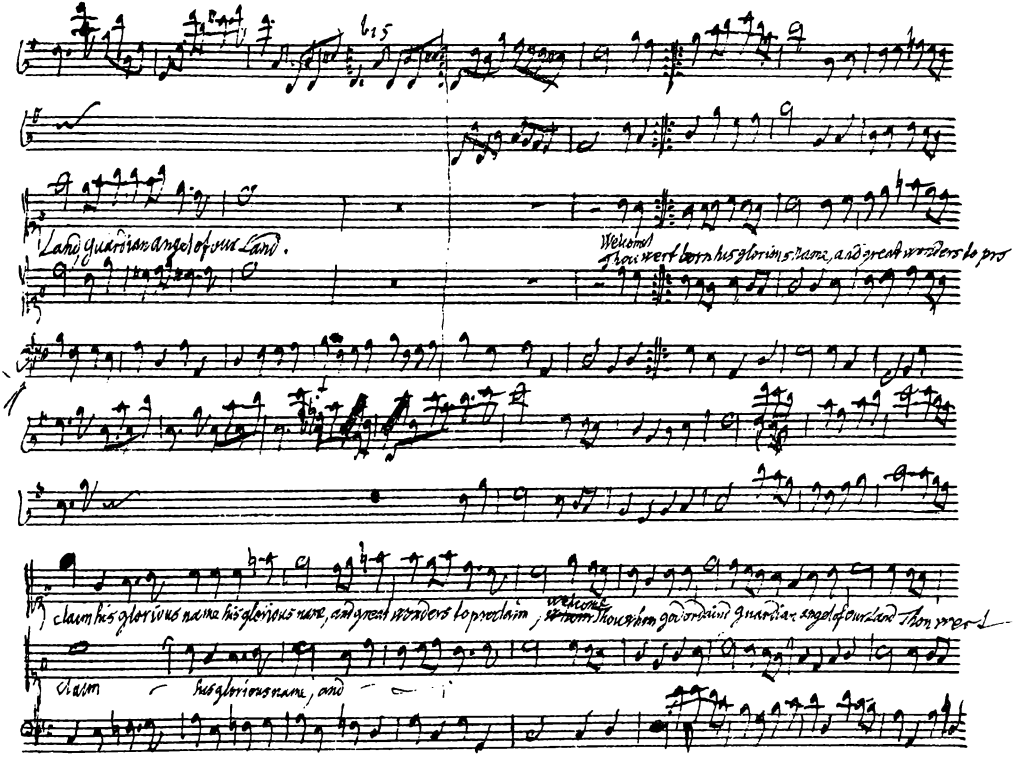
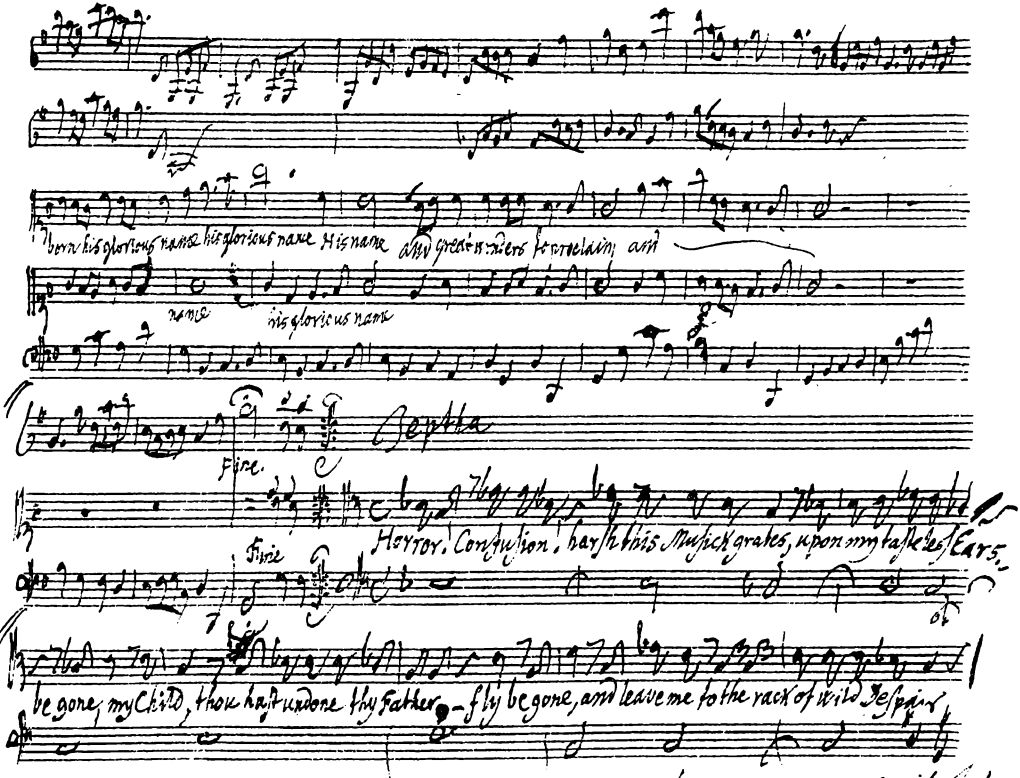
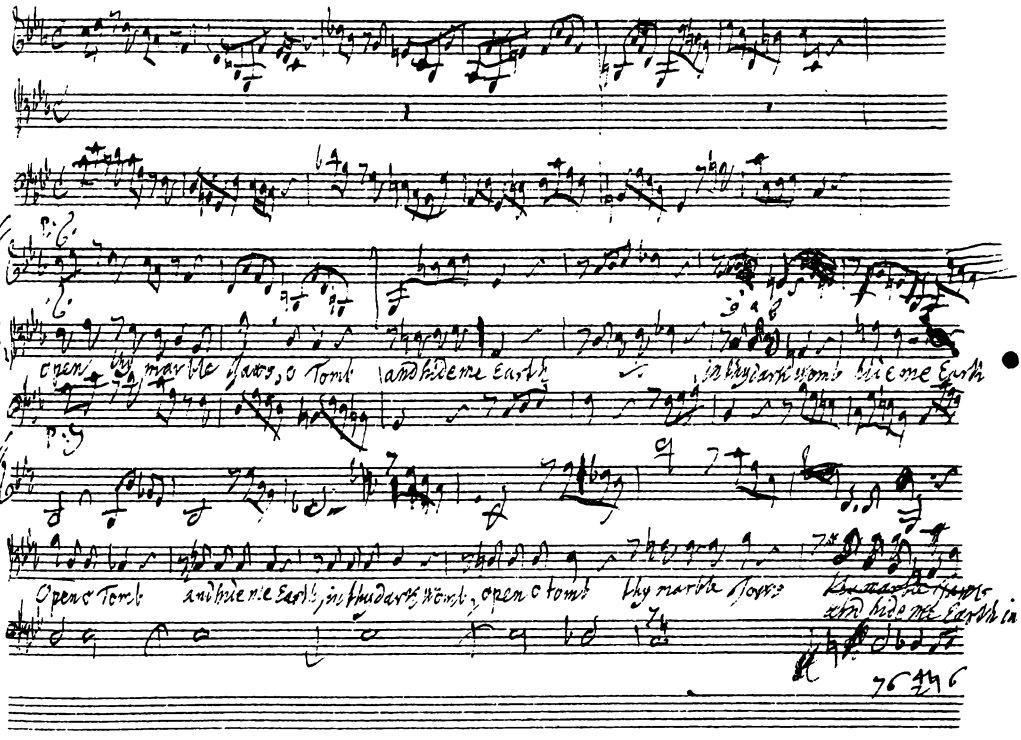
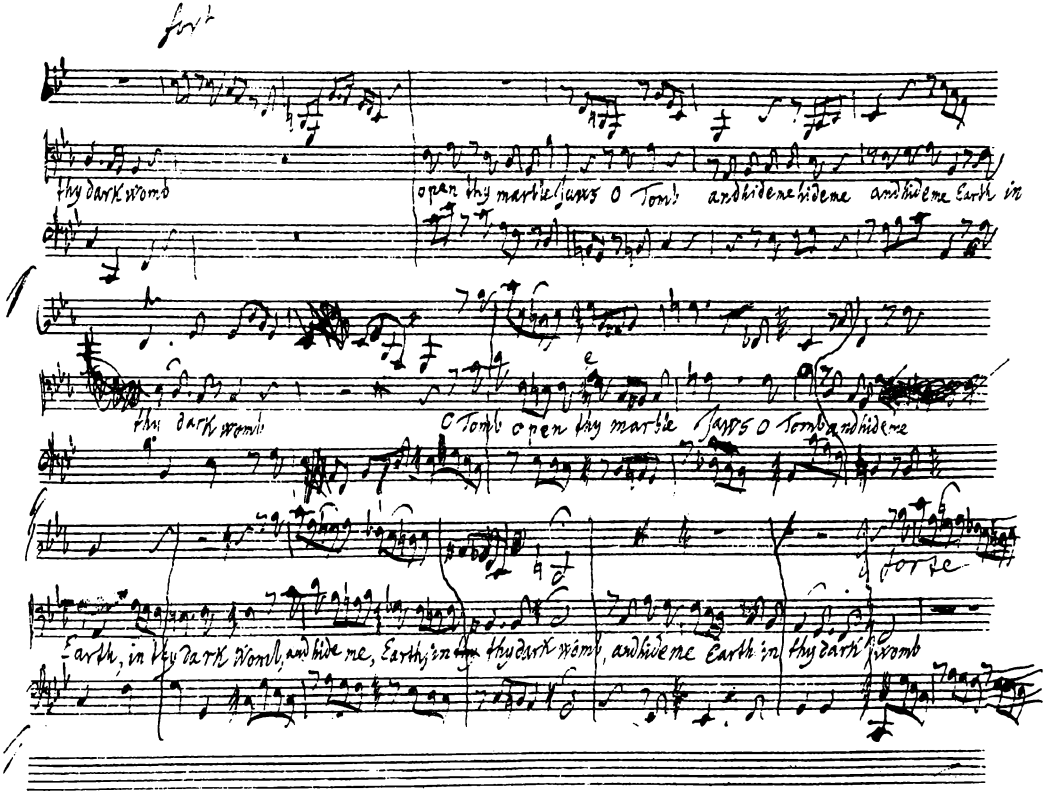
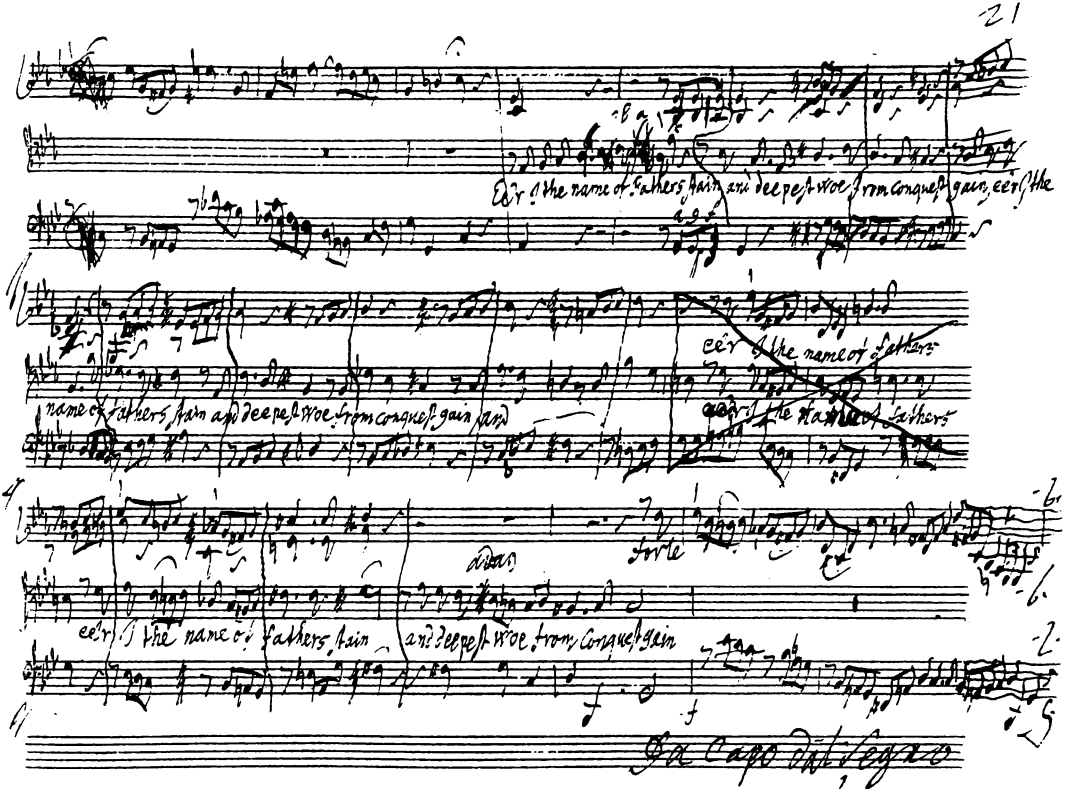

forte
unplaid wings
V 1
tutti
extra V 2
in Coro
C. 1
et H 1
Welcome Thou, whose Deeds compute to prove the warbling Lyre, Welcome Thou, whom Joi ordaind guardian Angel of our
C 2
et H 2


Lord guardian angels of our Land.
Welcome!
thou wert born his glorious name, and great wonders to pro
claim his glorious name his glorious name, and great wonders to proclaim,
welcome
Thou wert born guardian guardian angel of our land thou wert
Claim his glorious name, and


Herr his glorious name his glorious name His name
name
his glorious name
Fire.
Fire
Horror. Confusion, harsh this Musick grates, upon my tastless Ears.
be gone, my Child, thou hast undone thy Father — fly be gone, and leave me to the rack of wild Despair
exit Spirits


Open thy marble jaws, o Tomb and hide me Earth
Open o Tomb and hide me Earth, in thunders womb, open o tomb thy marble jaws
and hide me Earth in


thy dark womb
open thy marble jaws O Tomb and hide me hide me and hide me Earth in
thy dark womb
O Tomb open thy marble jaws O Tomb and hide me
Earth, in thy dark womb, and hide me, Earth in thy dark womb, and hide me Earth in thy dark womb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ev'r the name of fathers hain and deepest woe from conquest gain ev'r the
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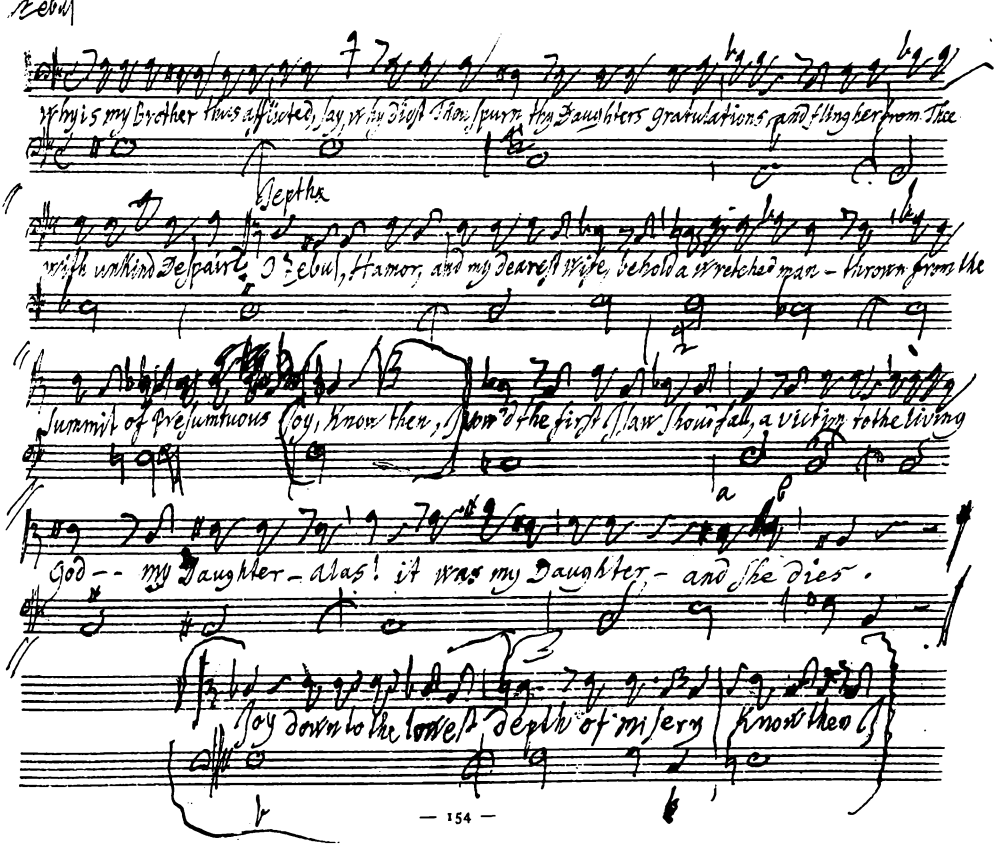
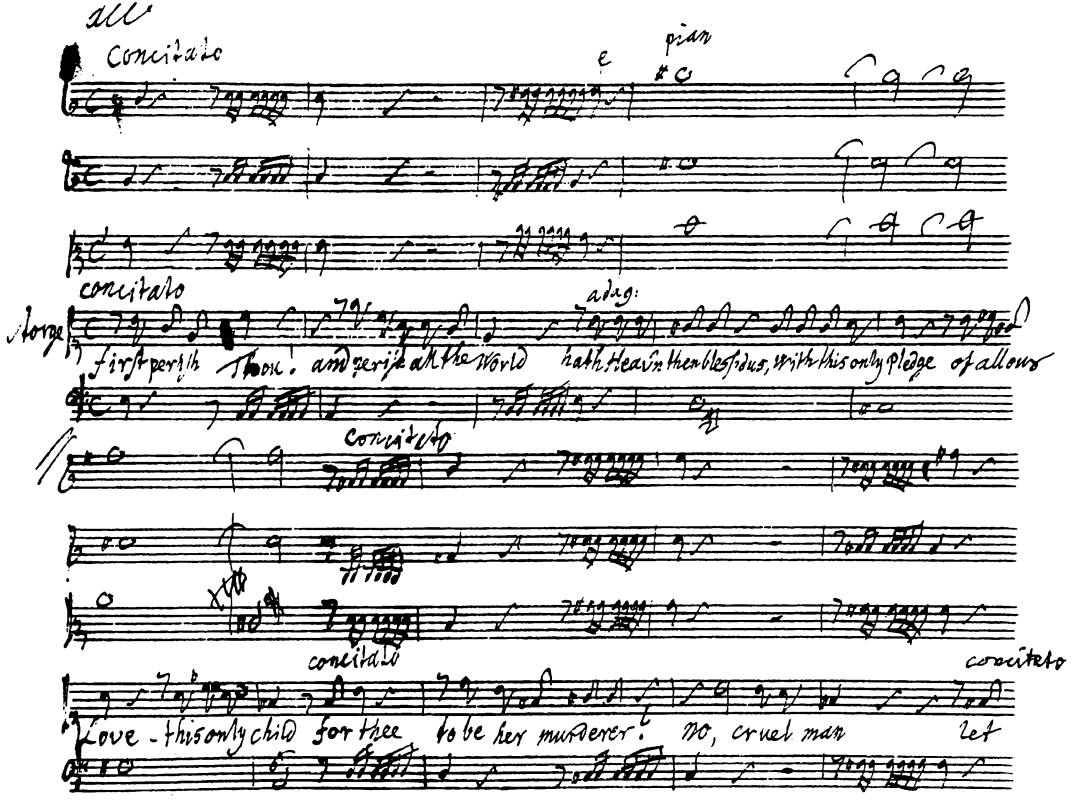
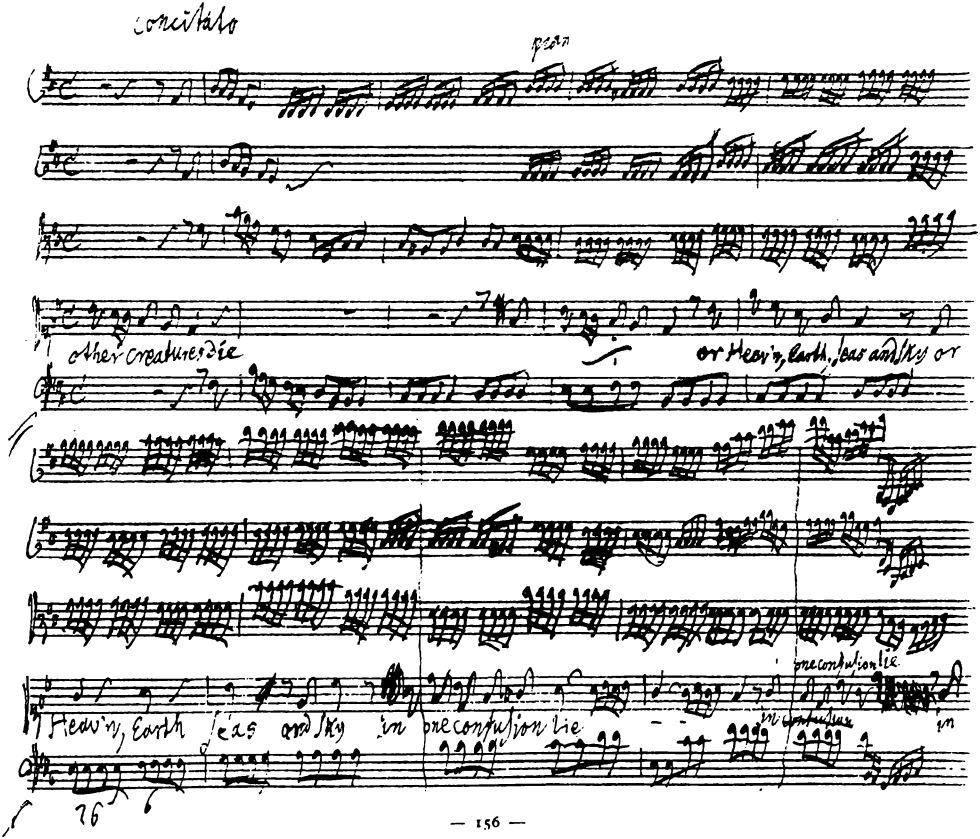
ev'r the name of fathers hain
and deepest woe from conquest gain
D.C. Capo dal segno


Zebul
why is my Brother thus afflicted, say, why dost thou spurn thy Daughters gratulations, and flye her from thee
Jephte
with unkind Despaire. O Zebul, Hamor, and my dearest Wife, behold a wretched man – thrown from the
summit of presumptuous Joy, know then, that the first slaw shou'd fall, a victim to the living
God – my Daughter – alas! it was my Daughter, – and she dies.
Joy down to the lowest depth of misery
know then


all
Concitato
e
pian
concitato
adag:
Norge
first perish Thou! and perish all the World hath Heav'n then bless'd us, with this only pledge of all our
Concitato
concitato
concitato
Love - this only child for thee to be her murderer! no, cruel man let


Recitativo
pesan
other creatures die
or Heav'n, Earth, Seas and Sky or
Heav'n, Earth Seas and Sky in confusion lie
in confusion lie
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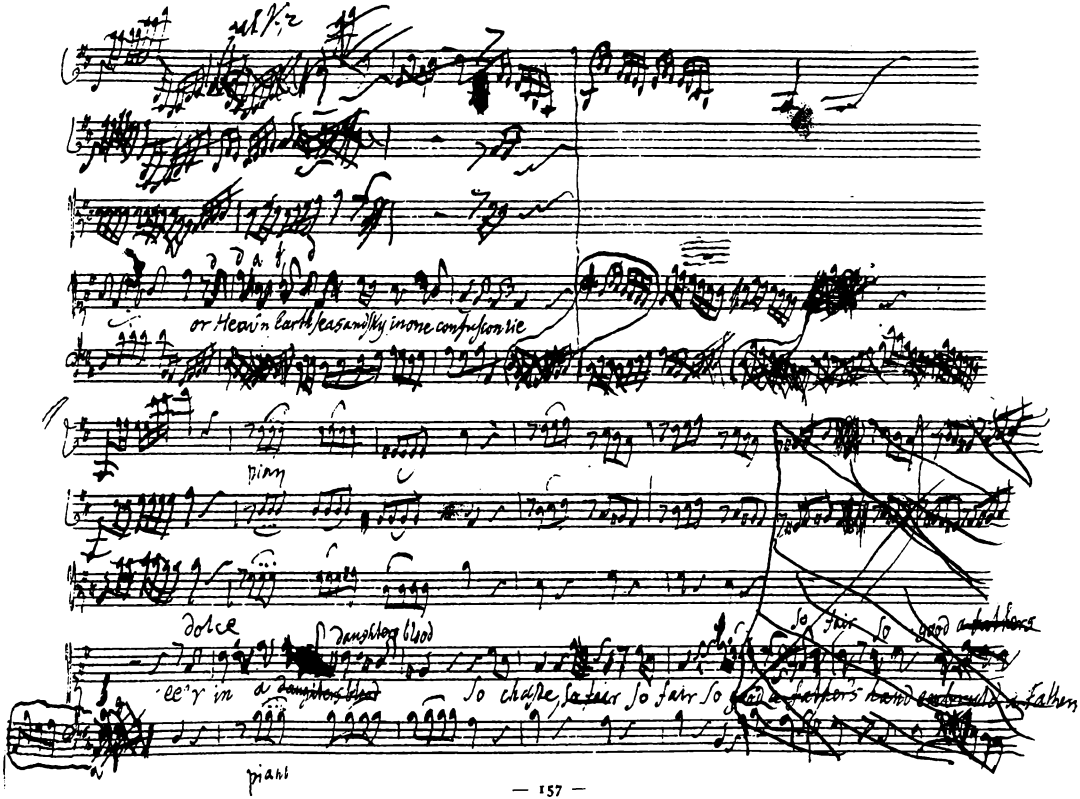
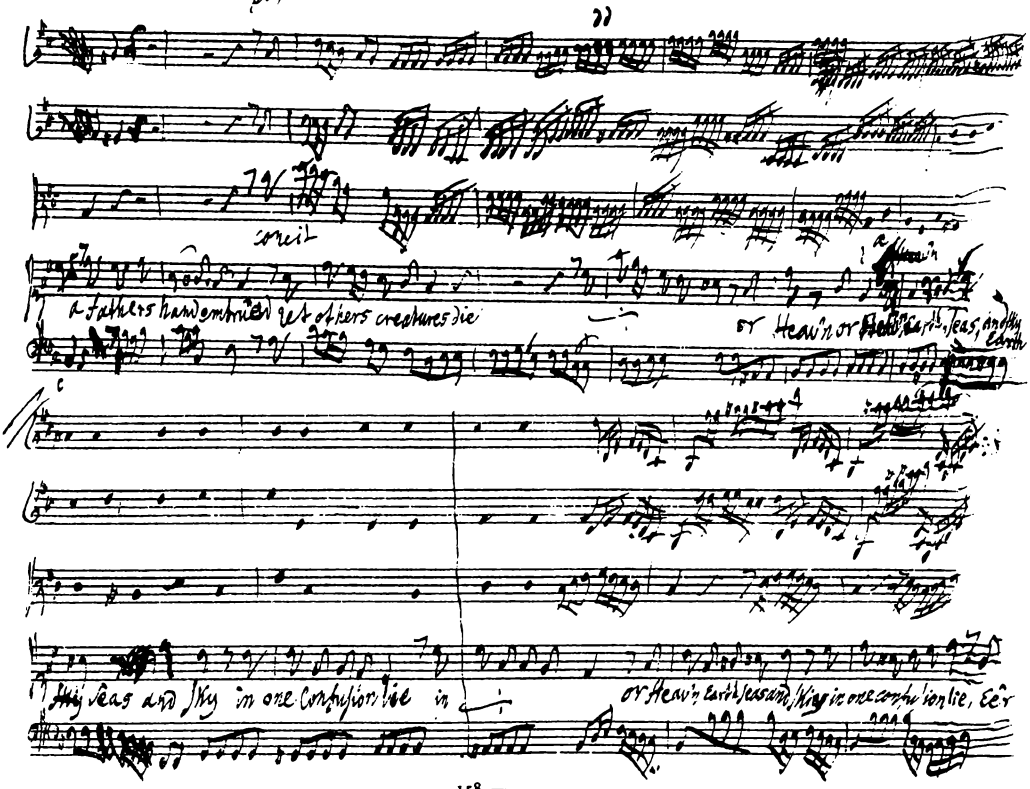
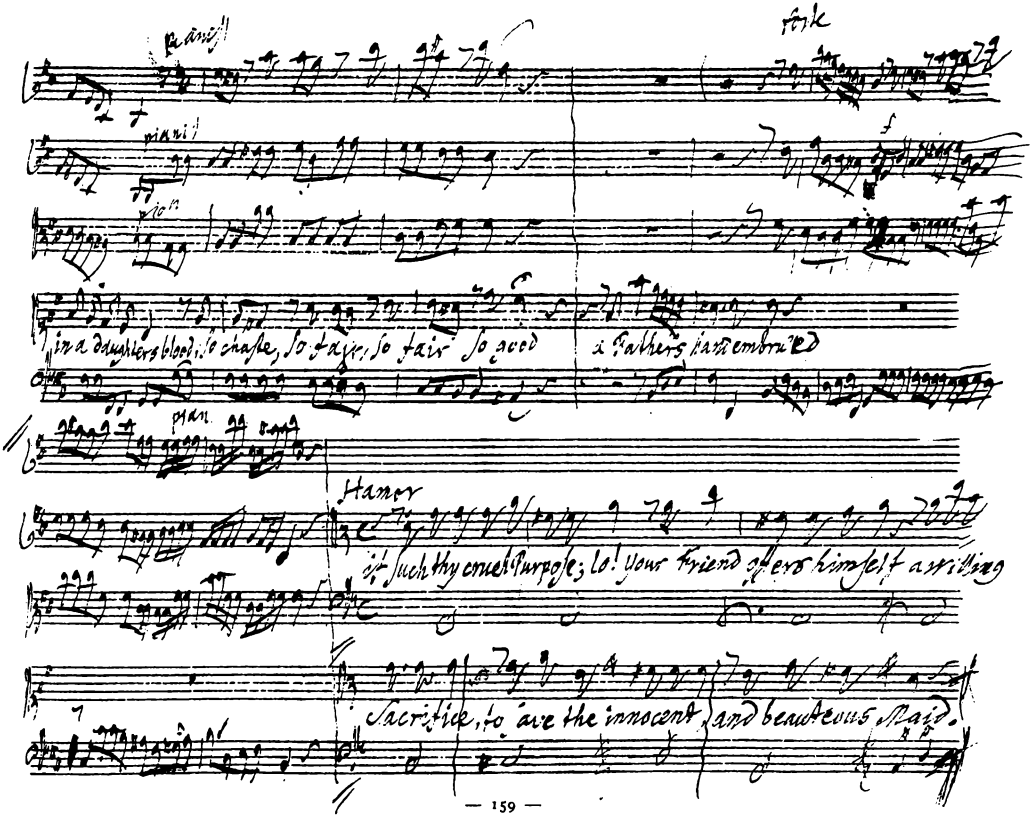
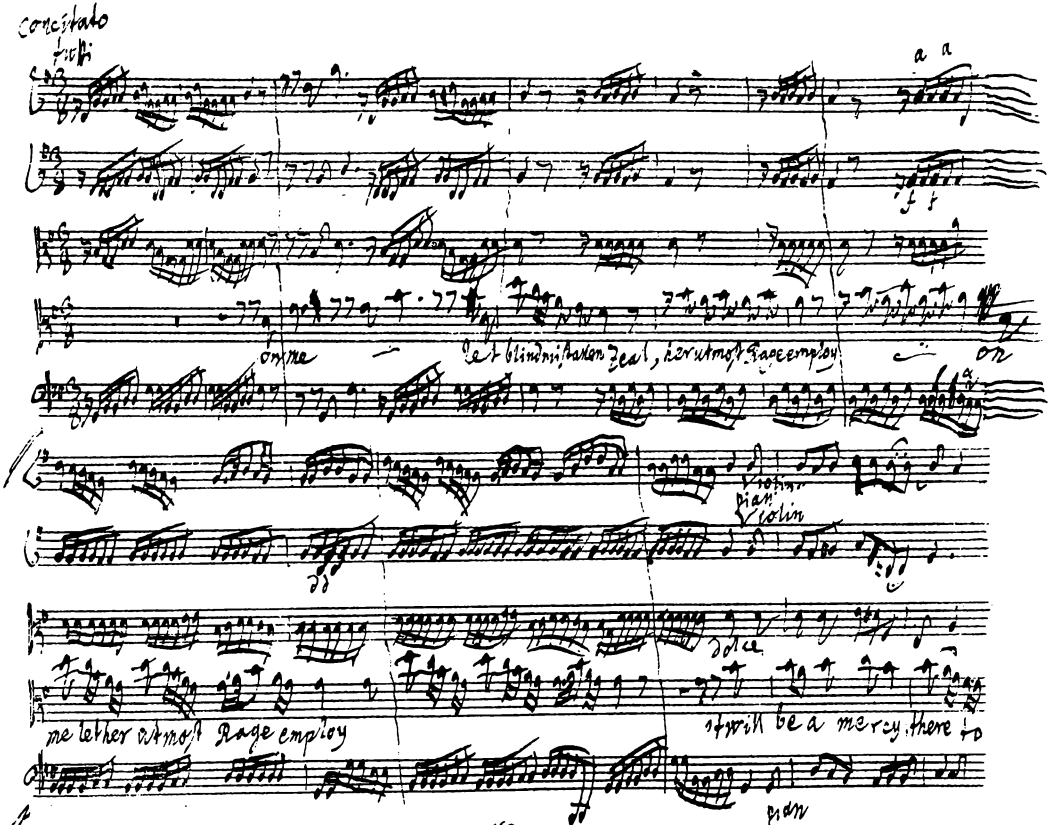
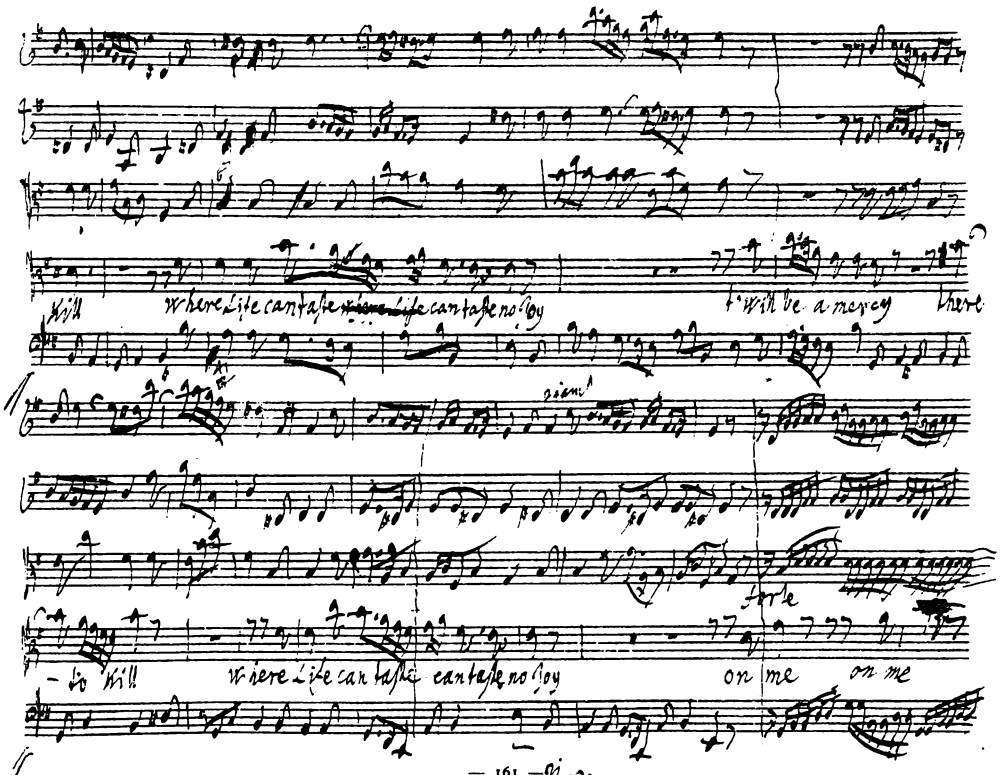
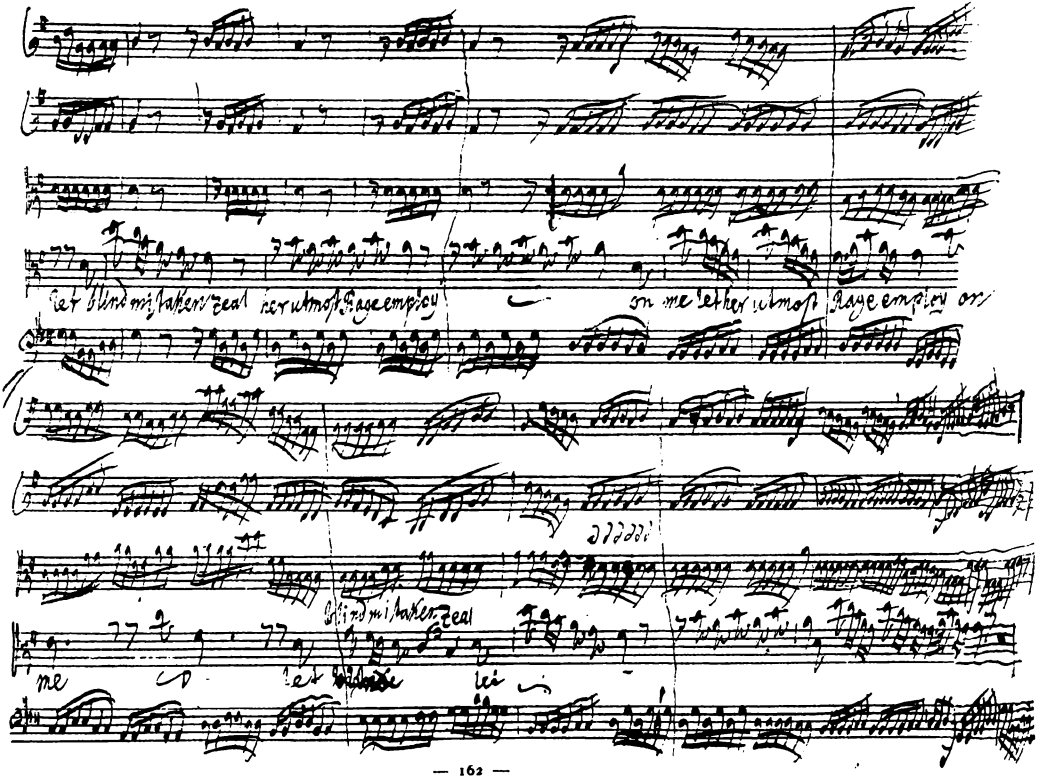

or Heav'n earth seas and sky in one confusion lie
dolce
daughters blood
so chaste, so fair, so good
piano

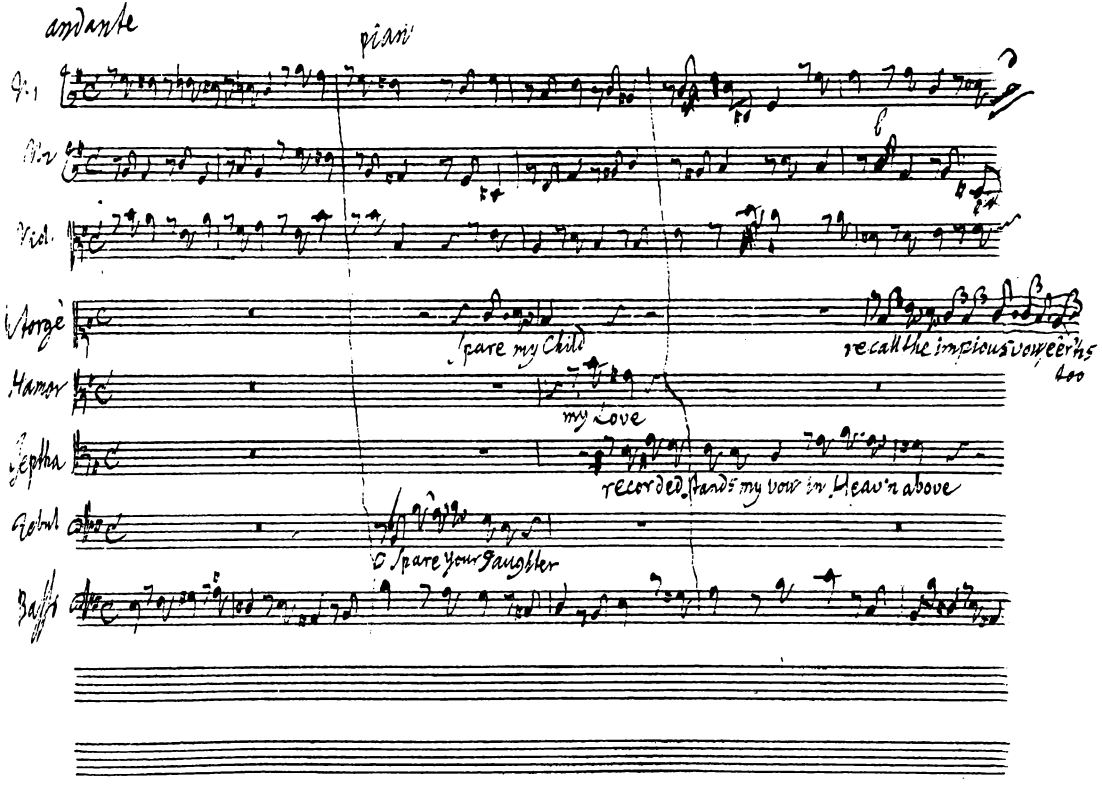

corail
A fathers hand embrues yet others creatures die
Or Heav'n or Earth, Seas, and Sky
Sky Seas and Sky in one Confusion lie in
Or Heav'n Earth Seas and Sky in one confusion lie, Ere

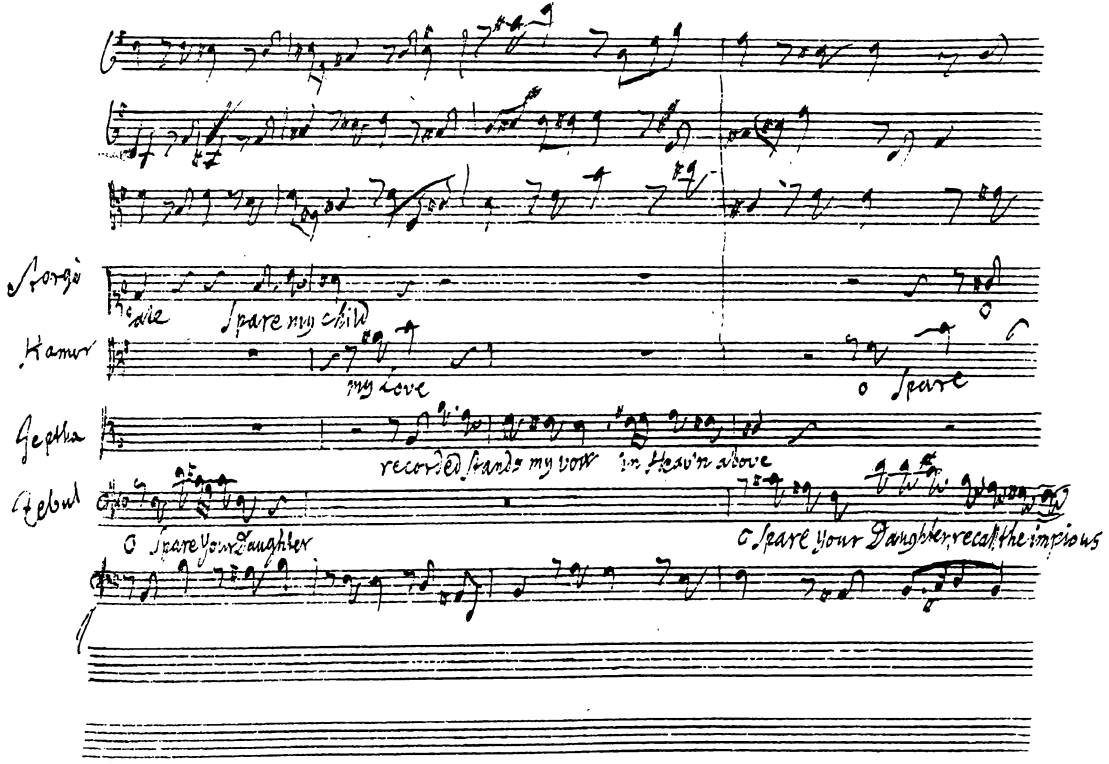

piano
forte
piano
Vcln
in a daughters blood, so chaste, so fair, so fair so good
a Fathers hand embru'd
plan.
Haner
it! such thy cruel purpose; lo! your friend offers himself a victim
Sacrifice, to save the innocent and beauteous Maid.

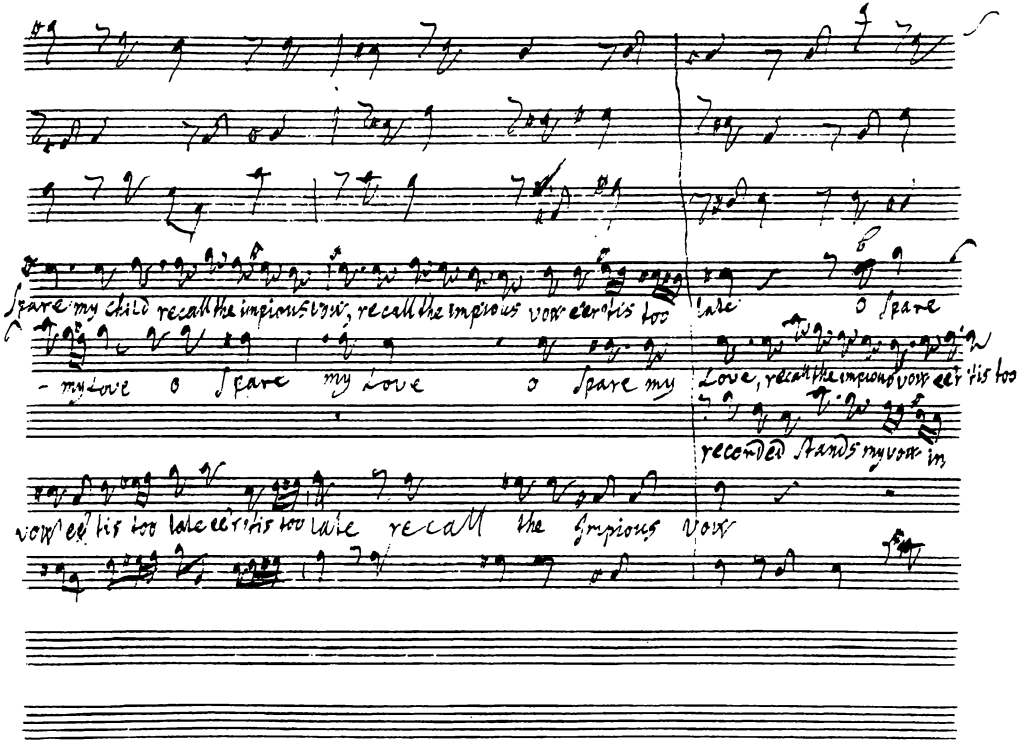

concitato
tutti
a a
on me
let blind mistaken Zeal, let utmost Rage employ
on
Violin
pian
Violin
dolce
me lether utmost Rage employ
it will be a mercy there to
pian

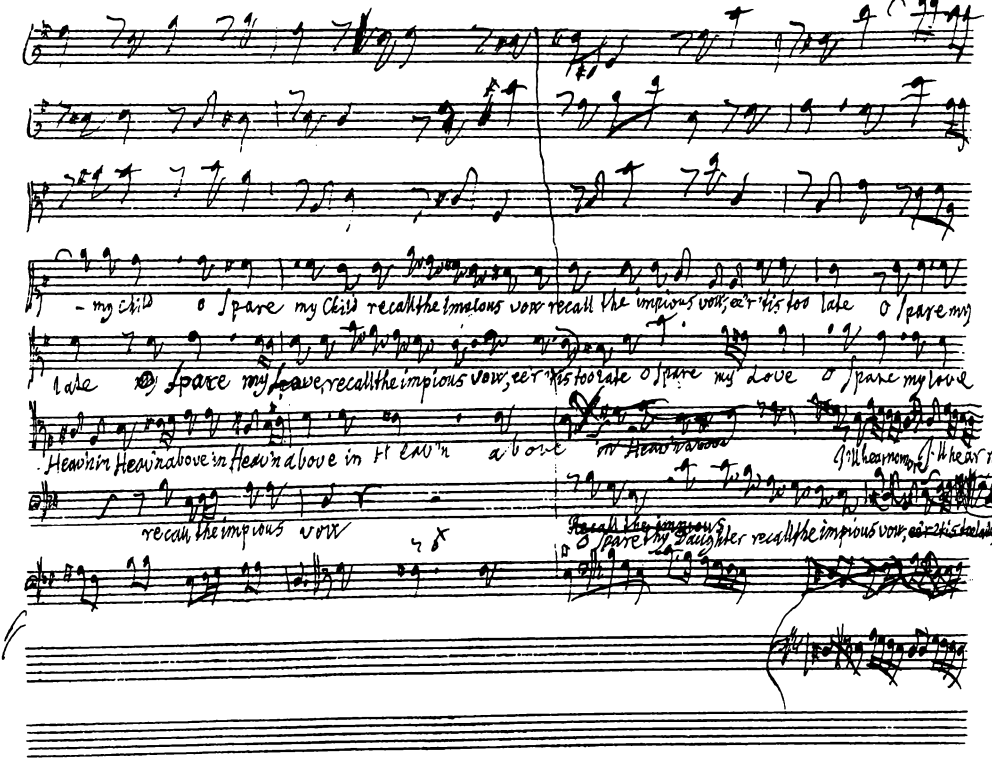

Kill
where life can taste
life can taste no joy
it will be a mercy
here
piem
forte
Kill
where life can taste
can taste no joy
on me
on me
— 161 —
pi. p.

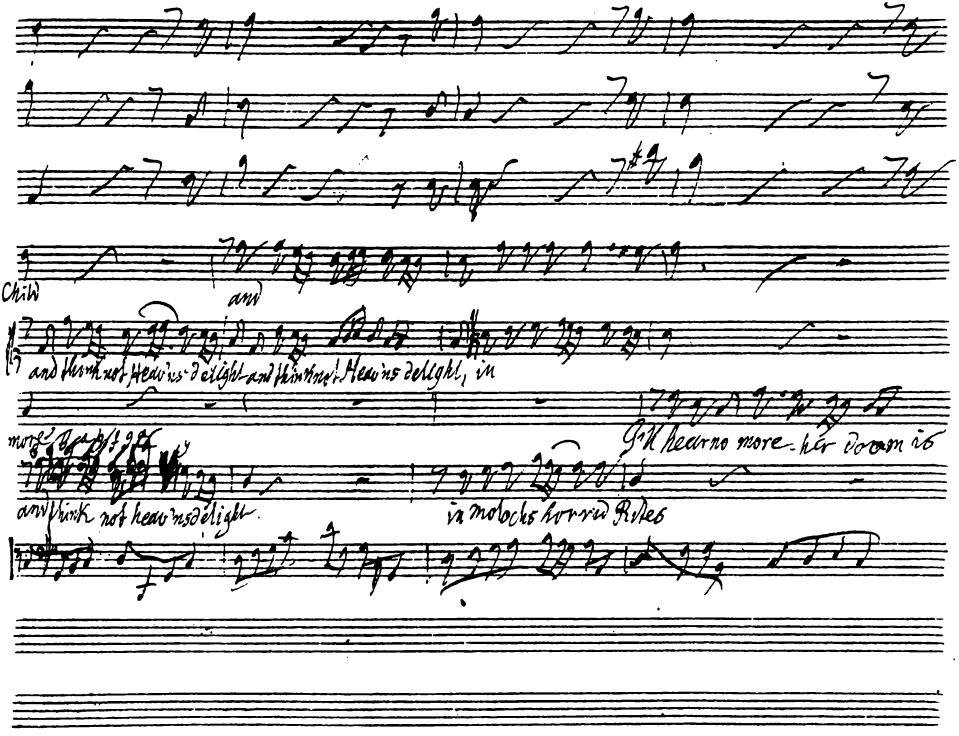

Let blind mistaken zeal
Let blind mistaken zeal

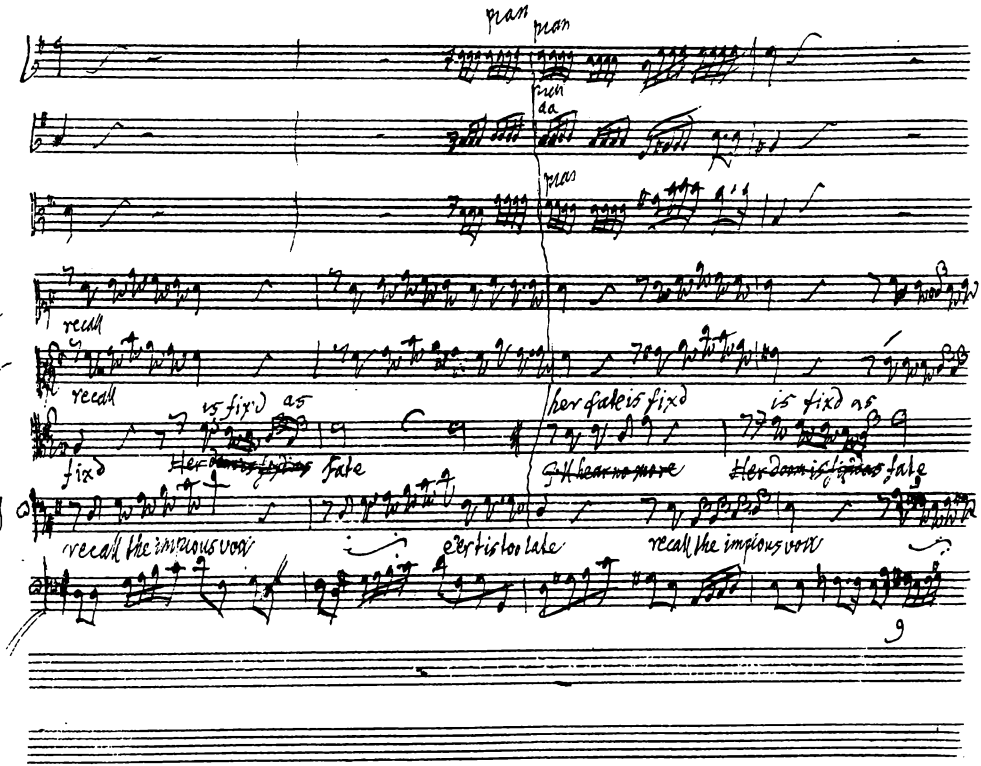

andante
piano
Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Viol.
Storgè
Spare my Child
recall the impious vow
Amasis
my Love
Jeptha
recorded stands my vow in Heav'n above
Gabriel
O spare your daughter
Bass


Storgè
Hamor
Jeptha
Jebul
Spare my child
my love
recorded stands my vow
in Heav'n above
O spare
O spare your Daughter
O spare your Daughter, recall the impious


Spare my child recall the impious vow, recall the impious vow e'er 'tis too late O spare
- my love O spare my love O spare my Love, recall the impious vow e'er 'tis too
recorded stands my vow in
vow e'er 'tis too late e'er 'tis too late recall the impious vow


- my child O Spare my Child recall the impious vow recall the impious vow, ere this too late O spare my
late O Spare my love, recall the impious vow, ere this too late O spare my love O spare my love
Heav'n Heav'n above in Heav'n above in Heav'n above
recall the impious vow
O spare my Daughter recall the impious vow, ere this too late, ere this


Chil'd
and
and shrink not Heav'ns delight and shrink not Heav'ns delight, in
more
Yet hear no more her doom is
and shrink not heav'ns delight
in Molochs horrid Rites


plan
plan
plan
aa
Asaph
Hamor
Jephta
Zebul
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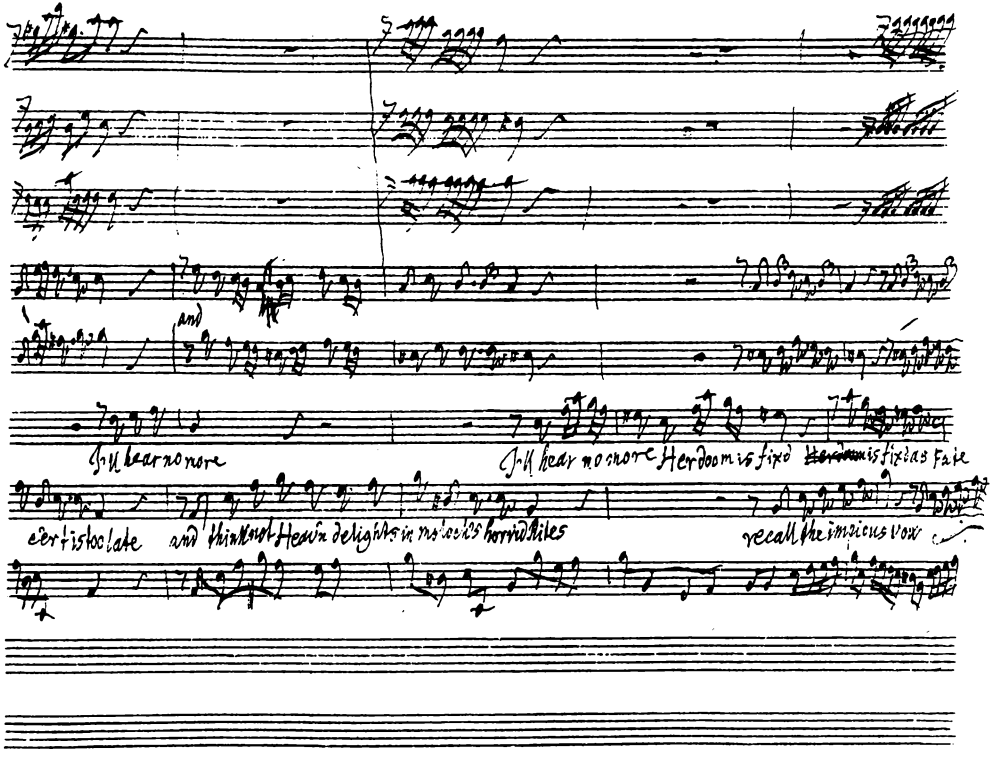
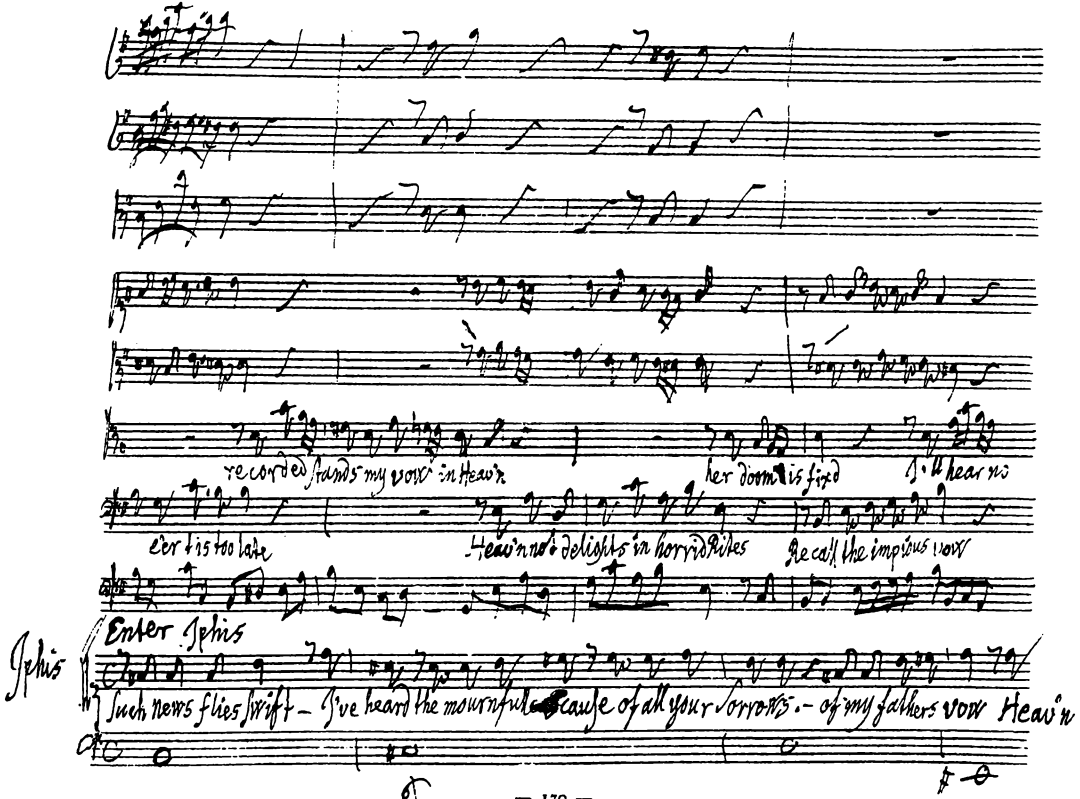
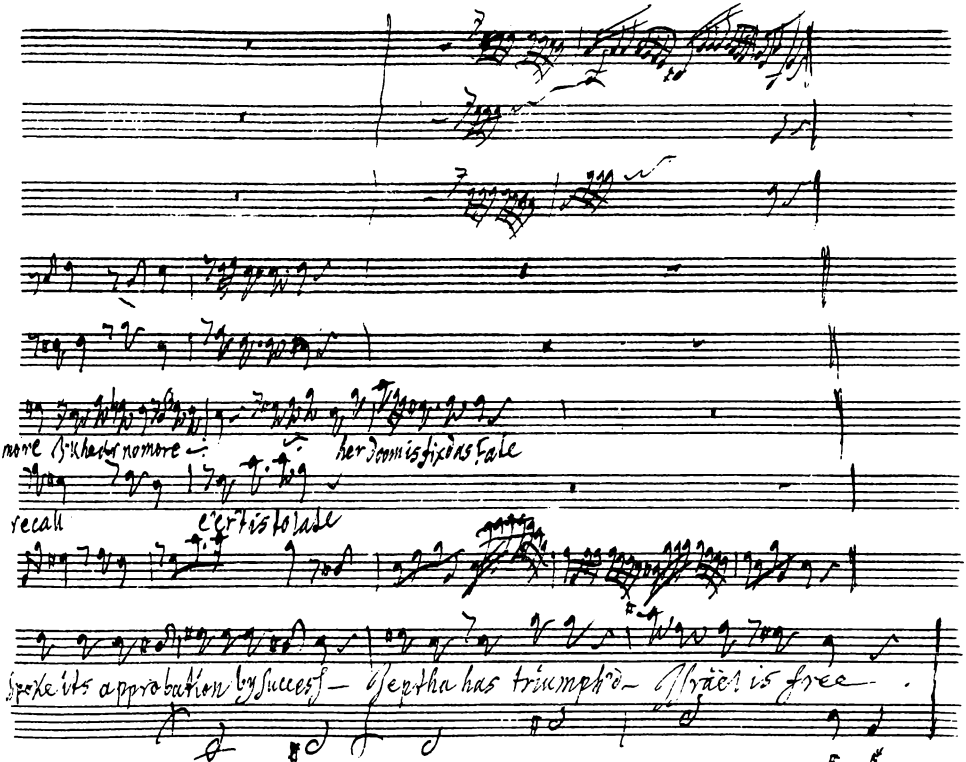
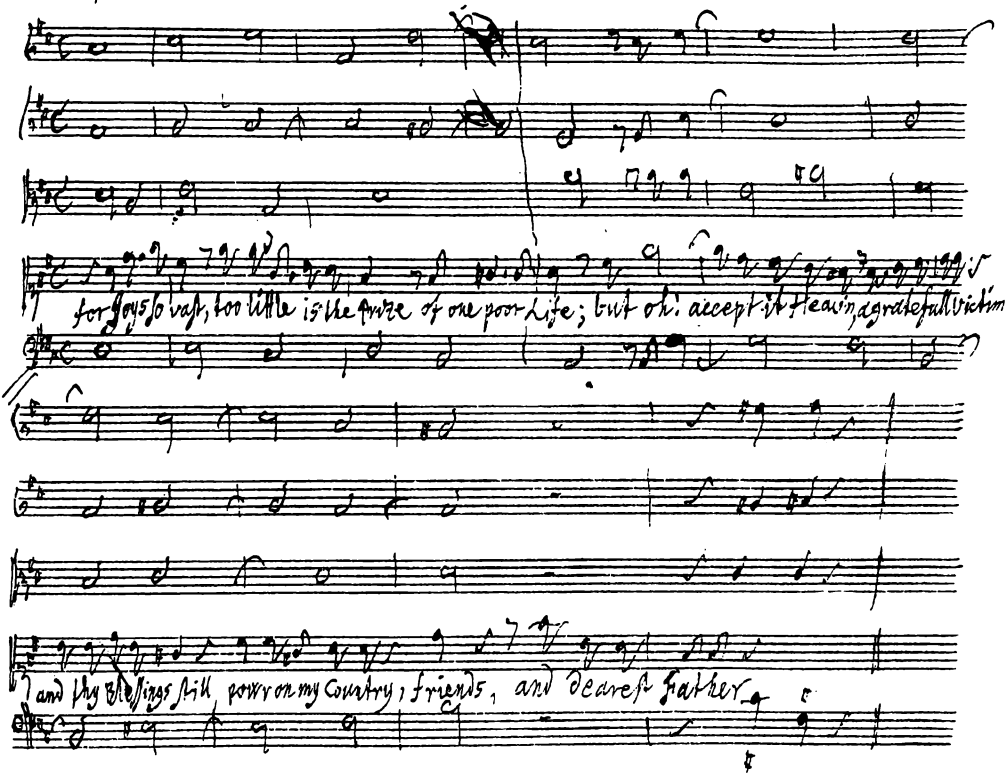
recall
is fixd as
fixd
her fate is fixd
is fixd as
recall the impious vow
recall the impious vow

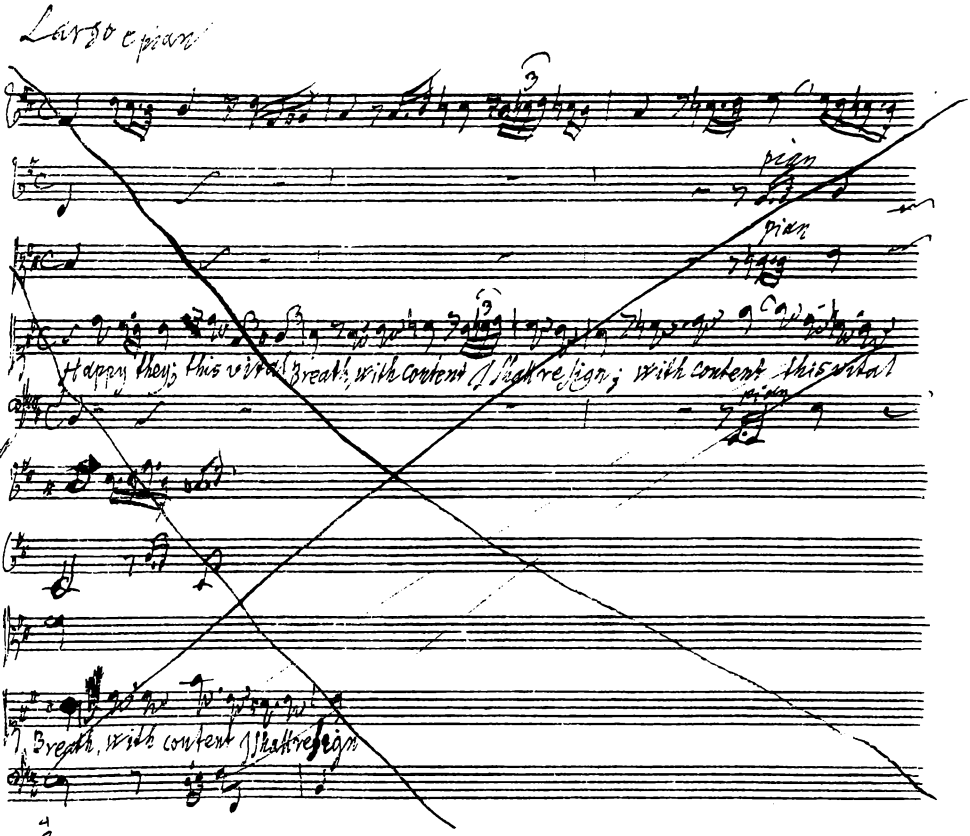

and
I'll hear no more
I'll hear no more Her doom is fixd Her doom is fix'd as Fate
e'er it's too late
and think not Heav'n delights in mortals horrid Rites
recall the impious vow

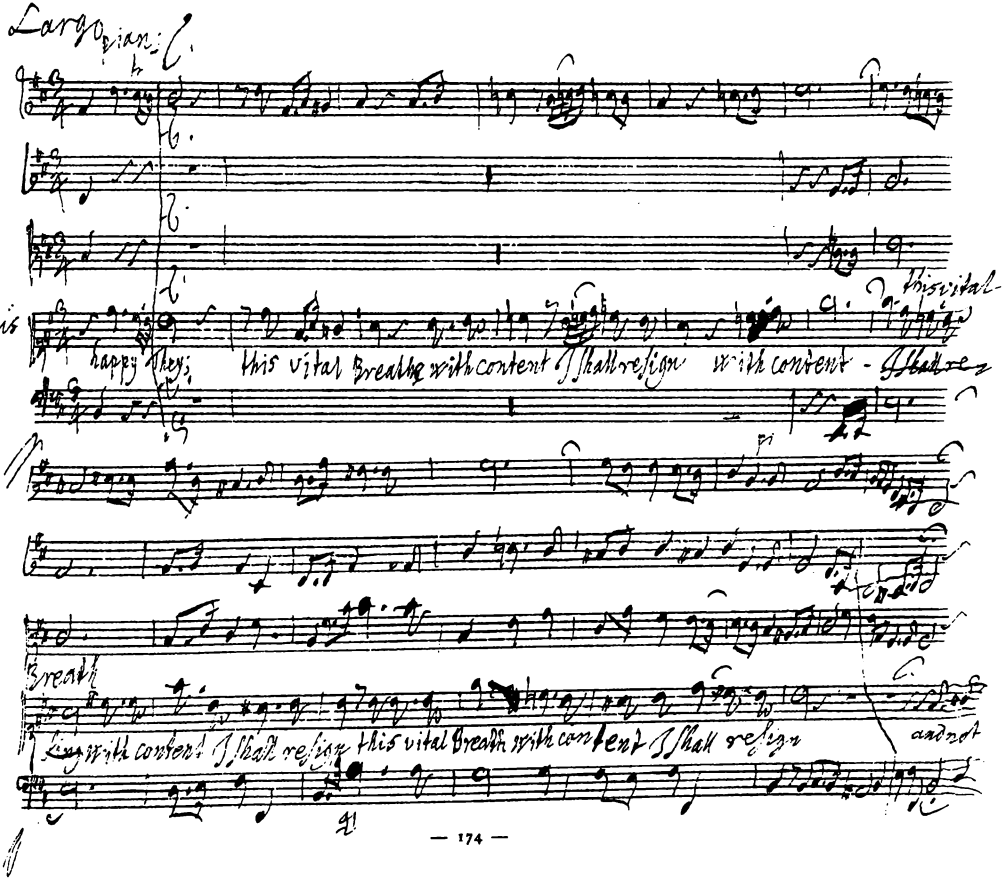

recorded stands my vow in Heav'n
her doom is fixed
I'll hear no
e'er 't is too late
Heav'n no delights in horrid rites
Recall the impious vow
Enter Iphis
Iphis
Such news flies swift – I've heard the mournful cause of all your sorrows – of my fathers vow Heav'n

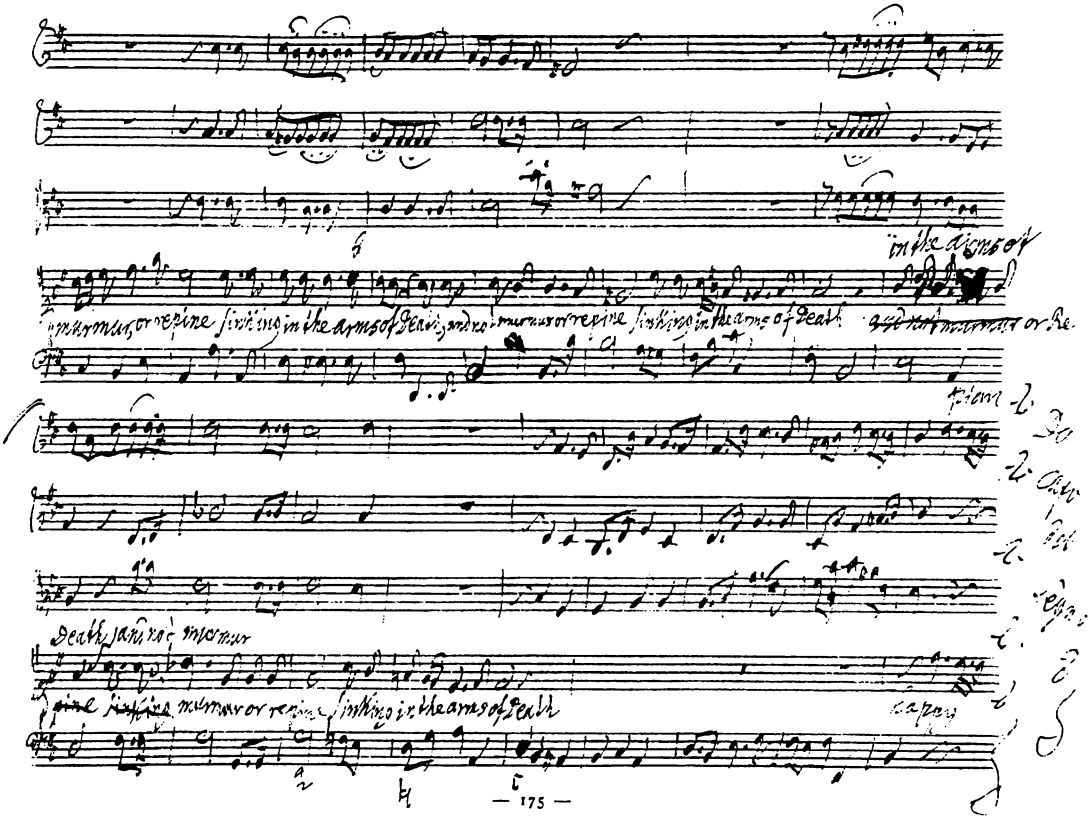

more Sickness nomore
her Doom is fix'd as Fate
recall
e'er this to late
Speke its approbation by Success! — Vepetha has triumph'd — Israel is free —

accomp.


for Joys so vast, too little is the price of one poor Life; but oh! accept it Heavn, a grateful victim
and thy Blessings still pour on my Country, Friends, and dearest Father


Largo e piano
Happy they, this vital Breath, with content Shakespeign, with content this vital
Breath, with content Shakespeign


Largo piano
Ophis
happy they;
this vital Breathe with content I shall resign with content - I shall re
this vital
Breath
Sing with content I shall resign this vital Breath with content I shall resign
and not


in the arms of
murmur or repine sinking in the arms of death
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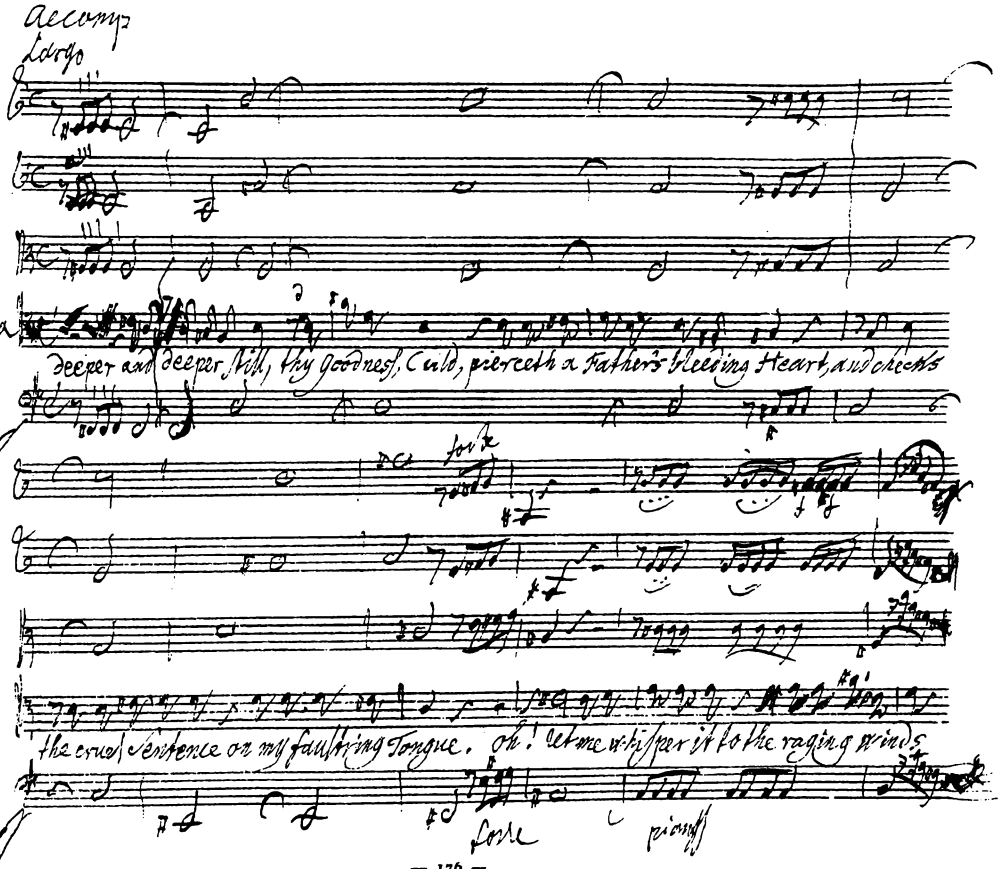
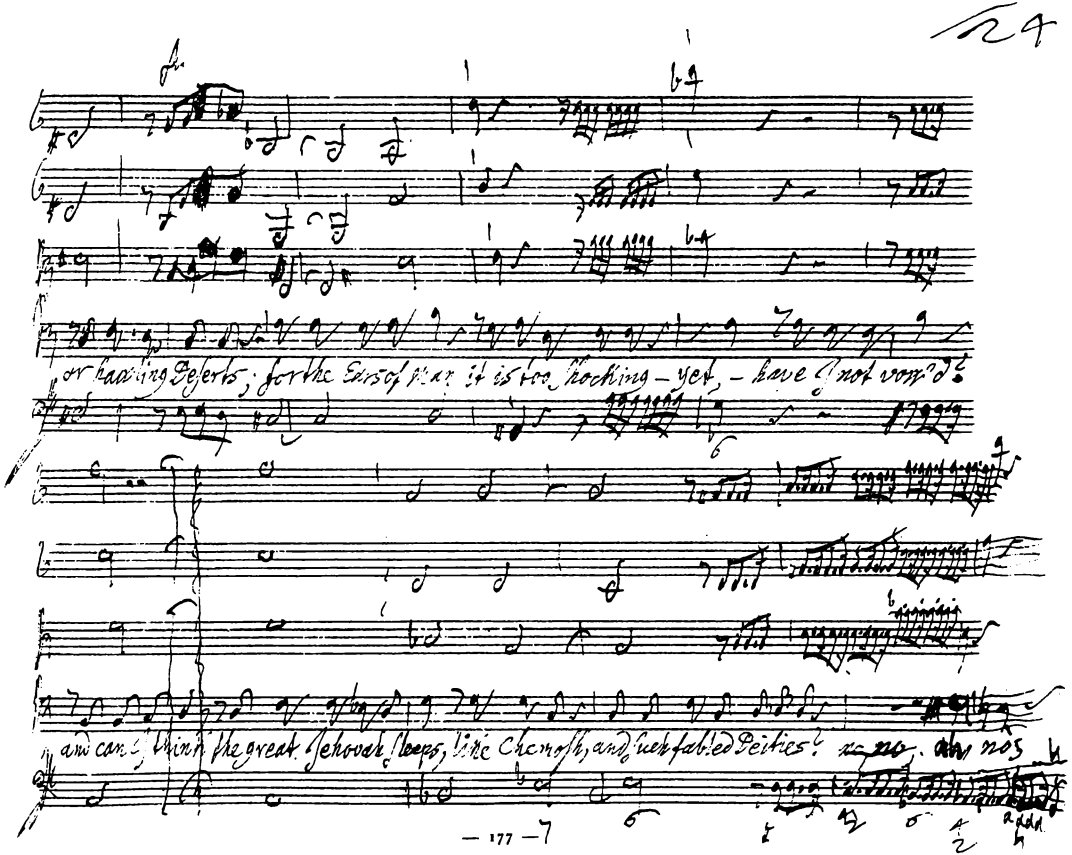
death
murmur or repine sinking in the arms of death


Accomp
Largo
Jeptha
deeper and deeper still, thy goodness, Child, pierceth a Fathers bleeding Heart, and cheeks
forte
the cruel sentence on my faultring Tongue. Oh! let me whisper it to the raging winds
forte
piano


or having Deserts; for the Eyes of Man it is too shocking – yet, – have I not vow'd
am can, think the great Jehovah sleeps, like Chemosh, and such fabled Deities?
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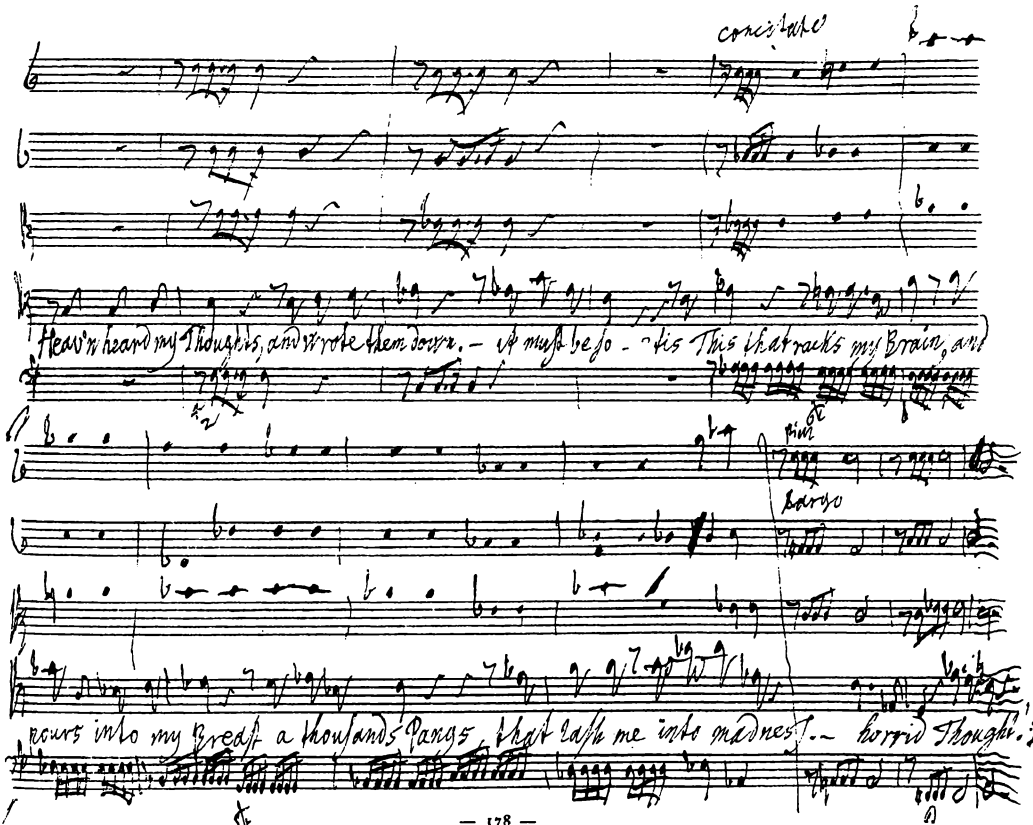
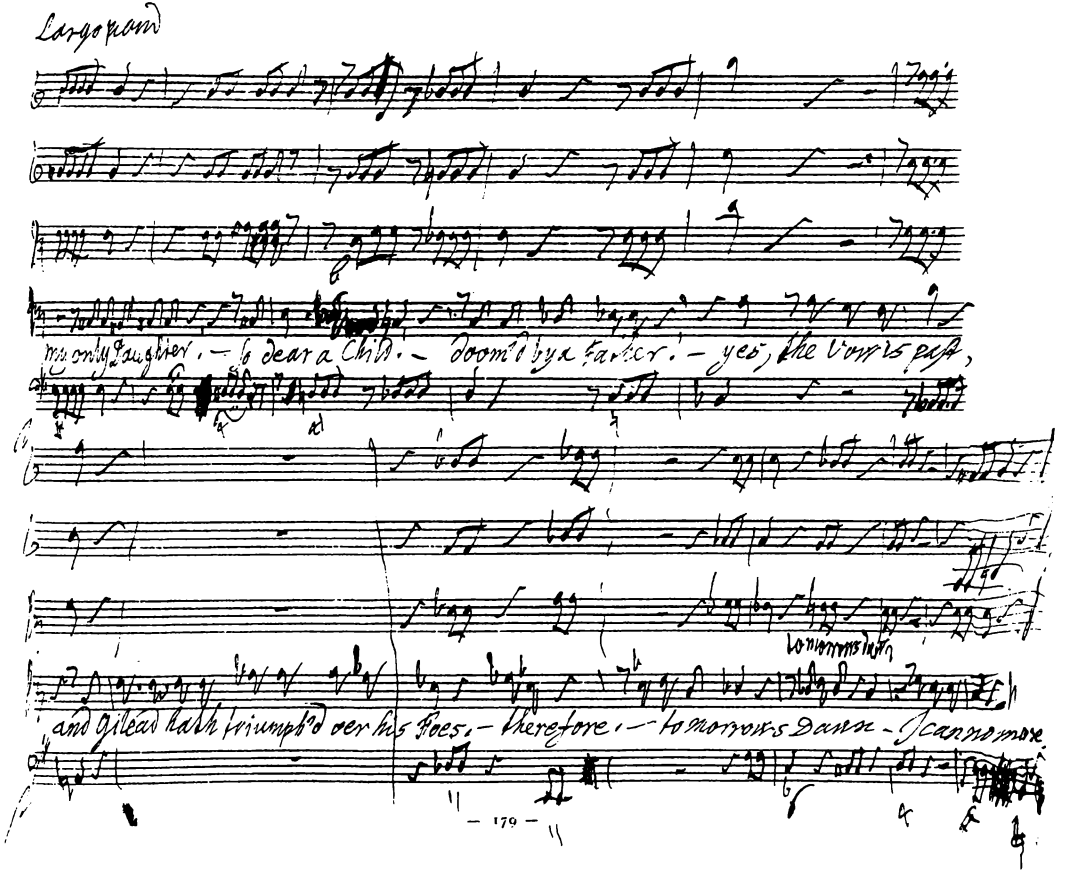
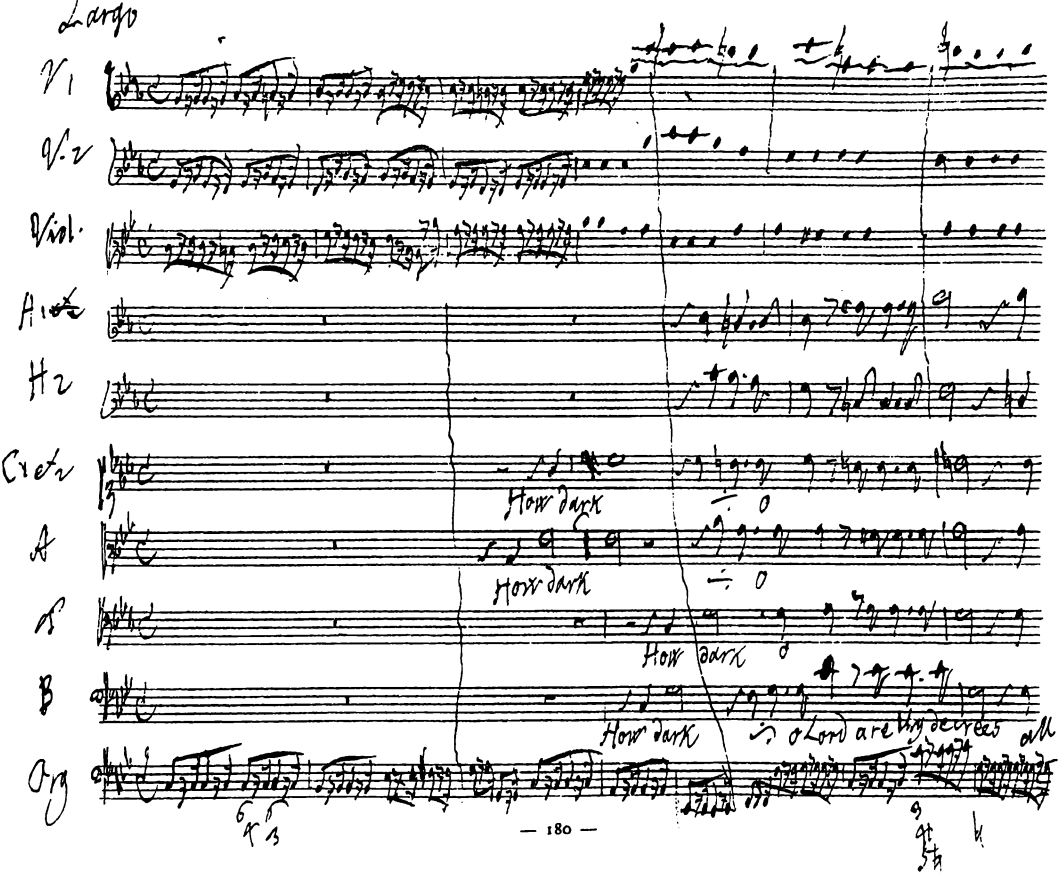

concitato
Heav'n heard my Thoughts, and wrote them down. – It must be so. – 'tis This that racks my Brain, and
Largo
pours into my Breast a thousand Pangs, that cast me into madness! – horrid Thought. I.


Largo grand
my only daughter. — O dear a Child. — doom'd by a Father. — yes, the Lords past,
and Gilead hath triumph'd over his Foes. — therefore! — to morrows Dance — Jean no more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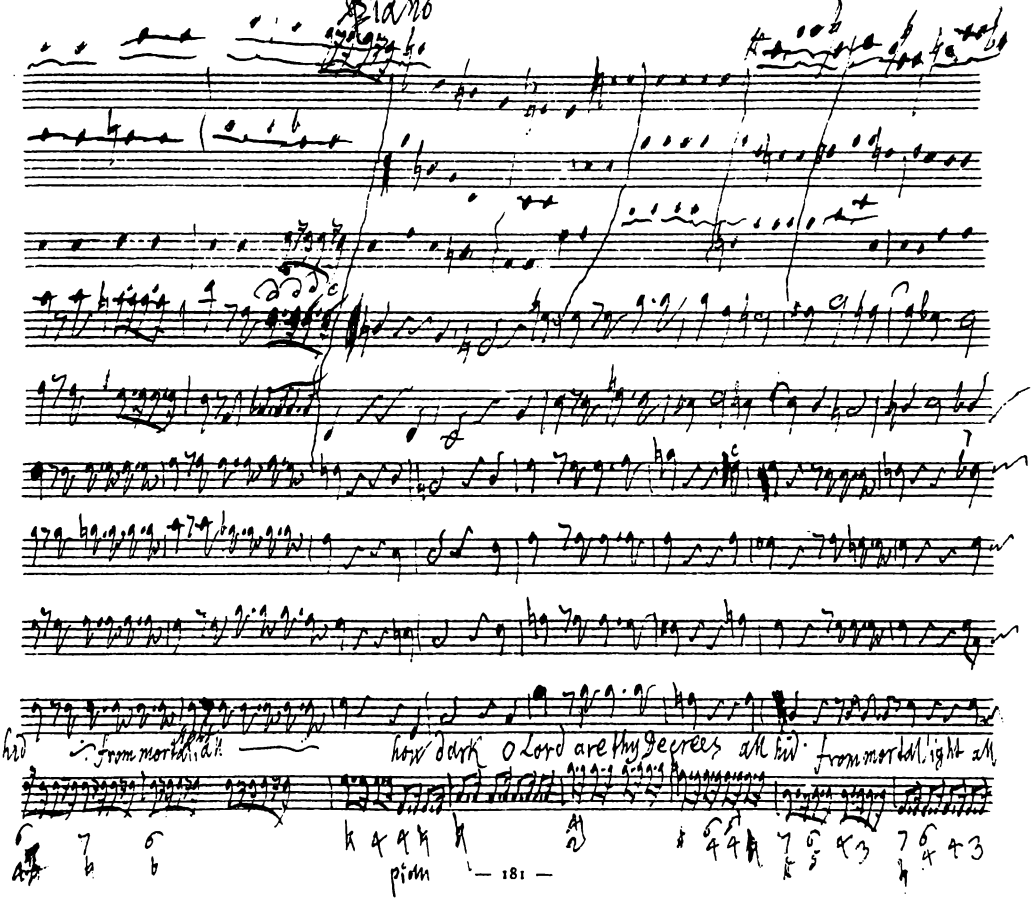
O Lord are thy decrees all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from mortal sight
how dark O Lord are thy decrees all hid · from mortal sight all
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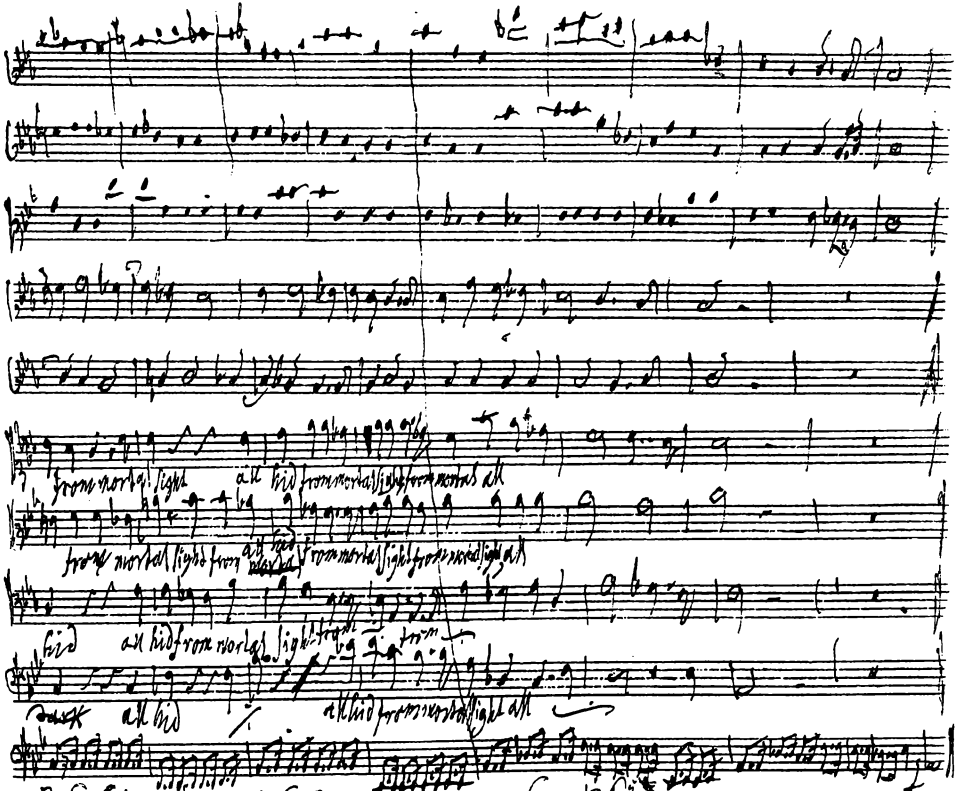
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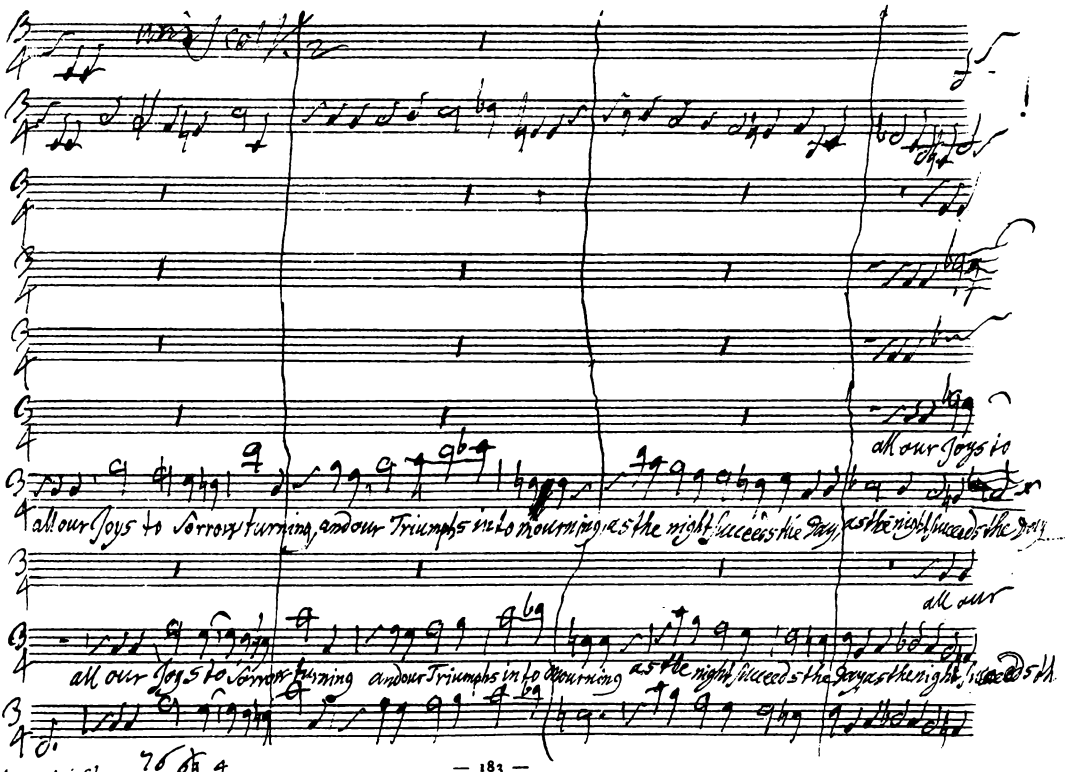
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all our Joys to
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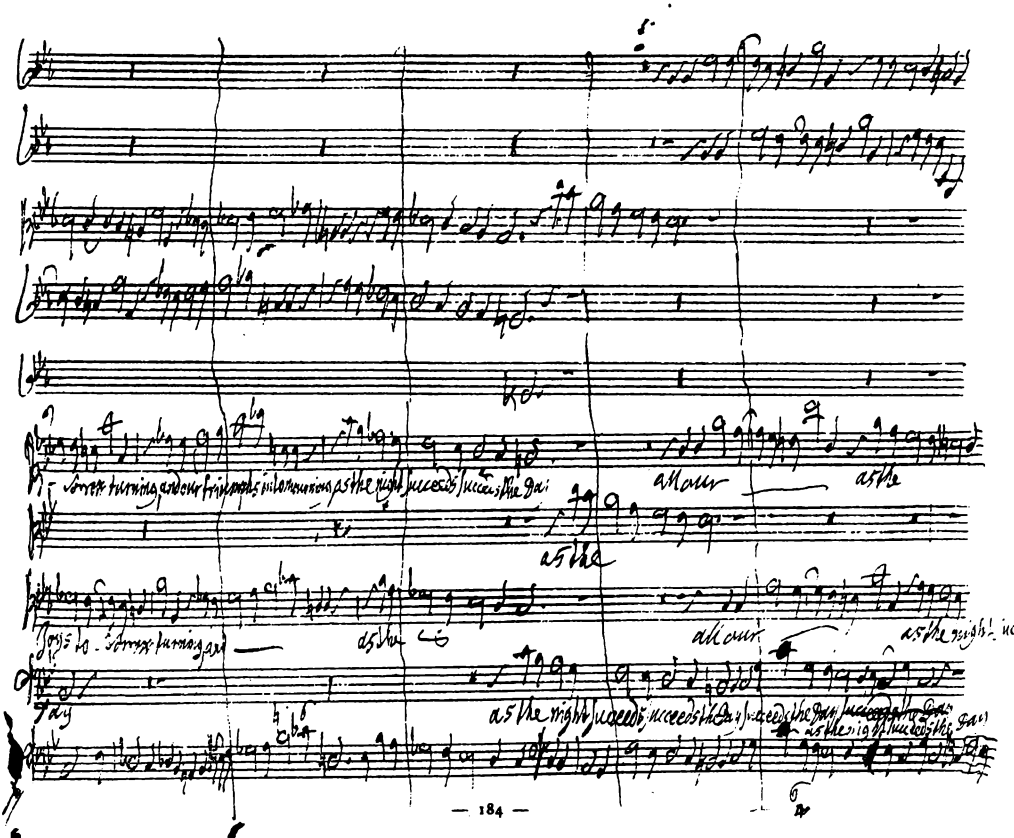
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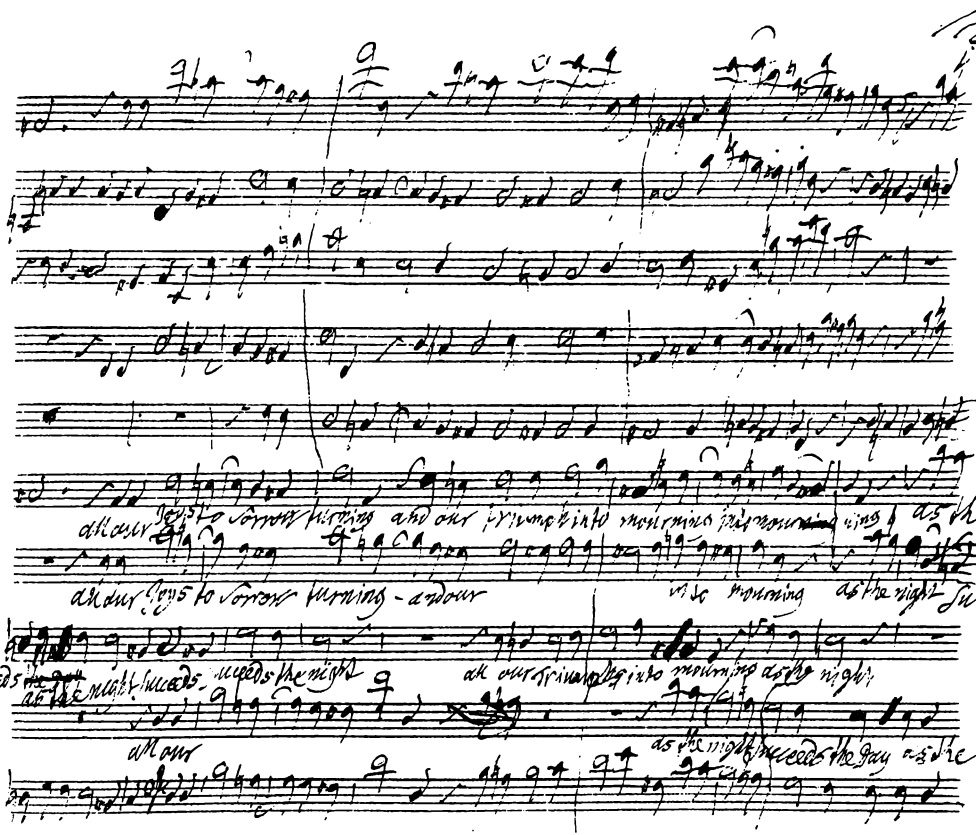
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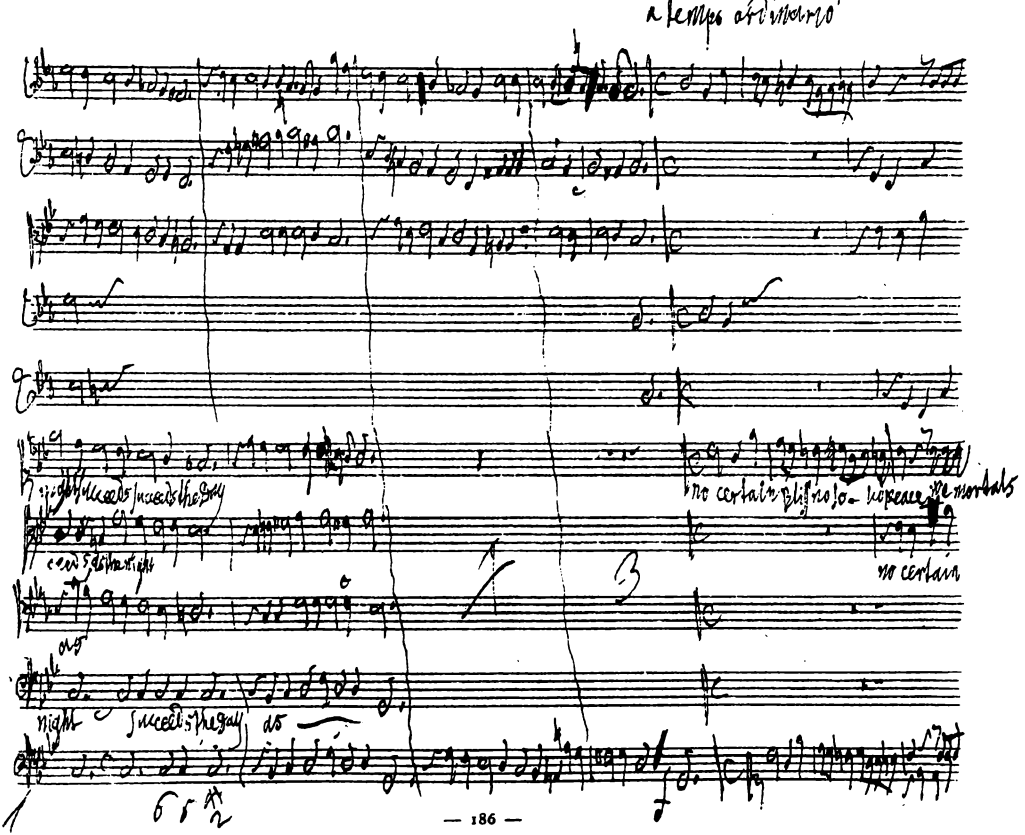
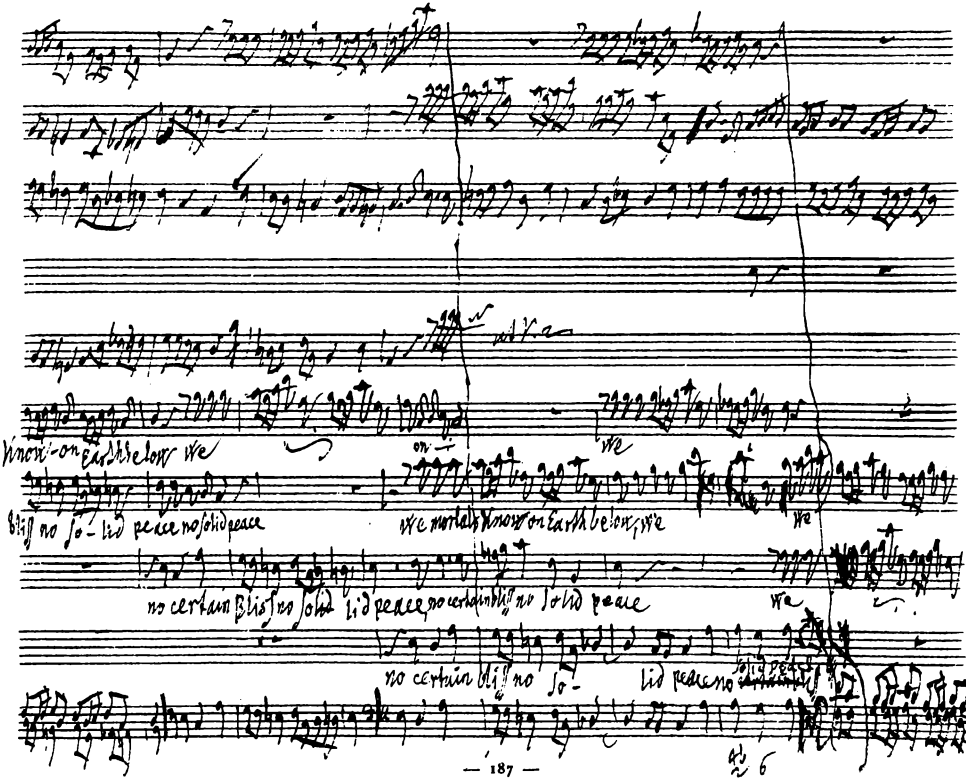

a tempo ordinario
succeeds succeeds the day
no certain bliss no certain pleasure
no certain
night succeeds the day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we
Bliss no so - lid peace no solid peace
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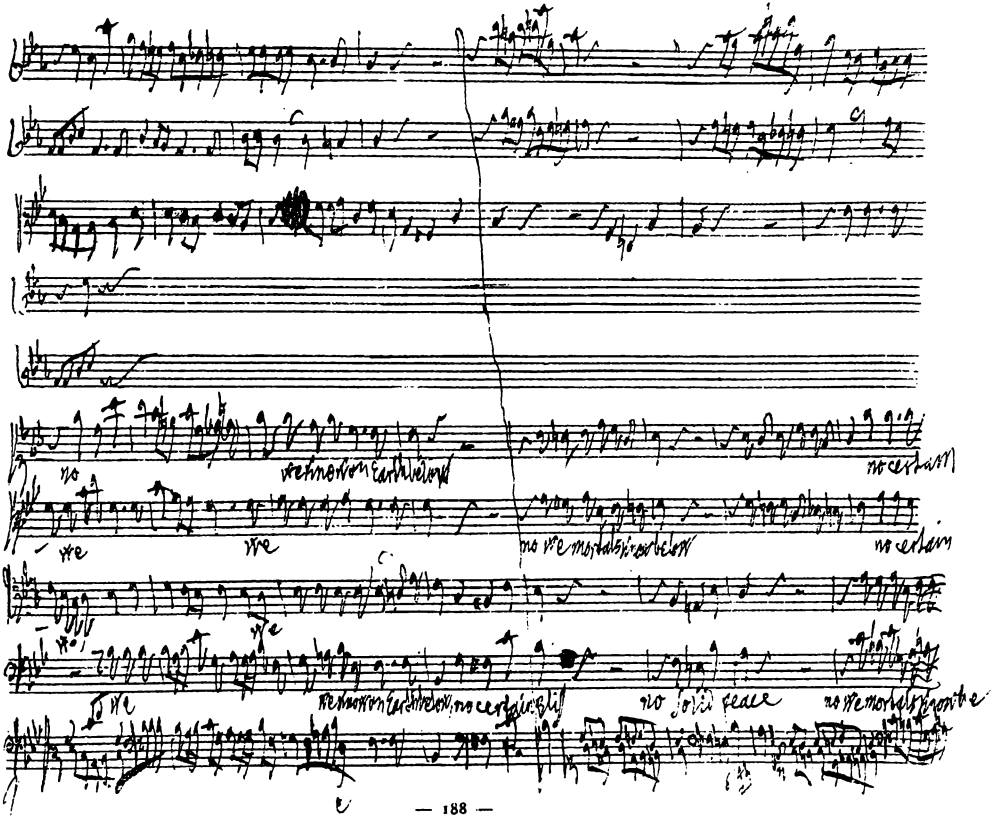
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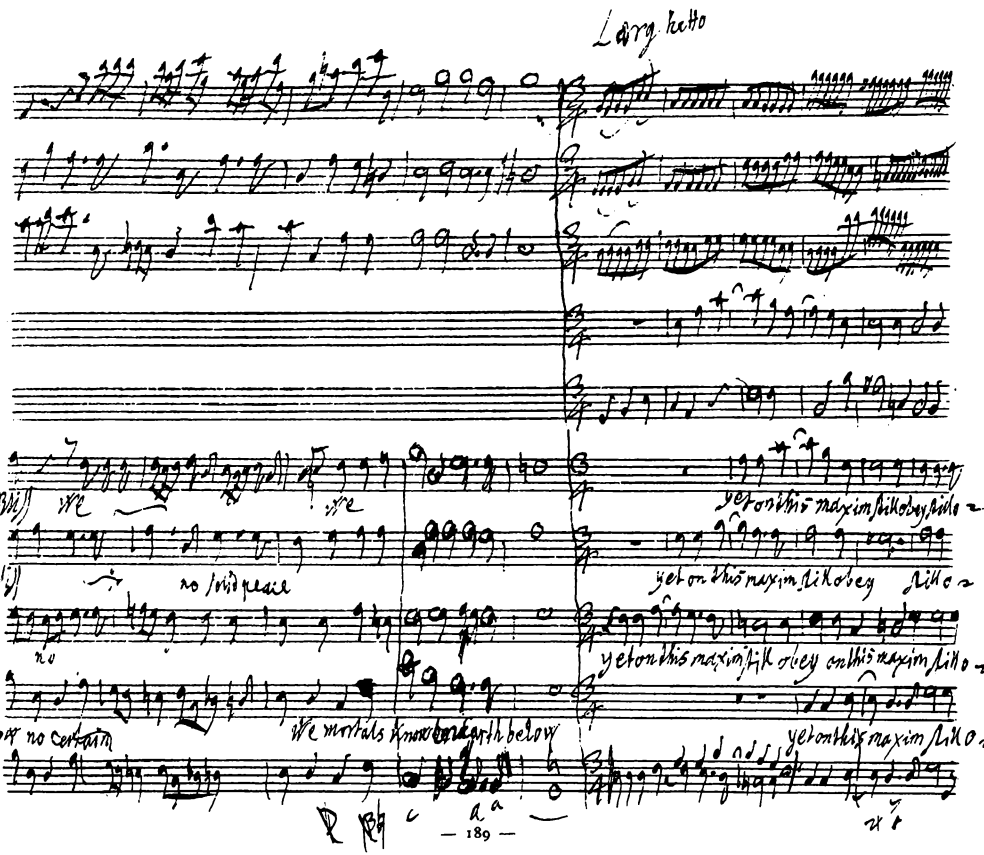
no joy
peace
no we mortals


Larg. tutto
we
we
yet on this maxim sillobey sillo
no soul peace
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no
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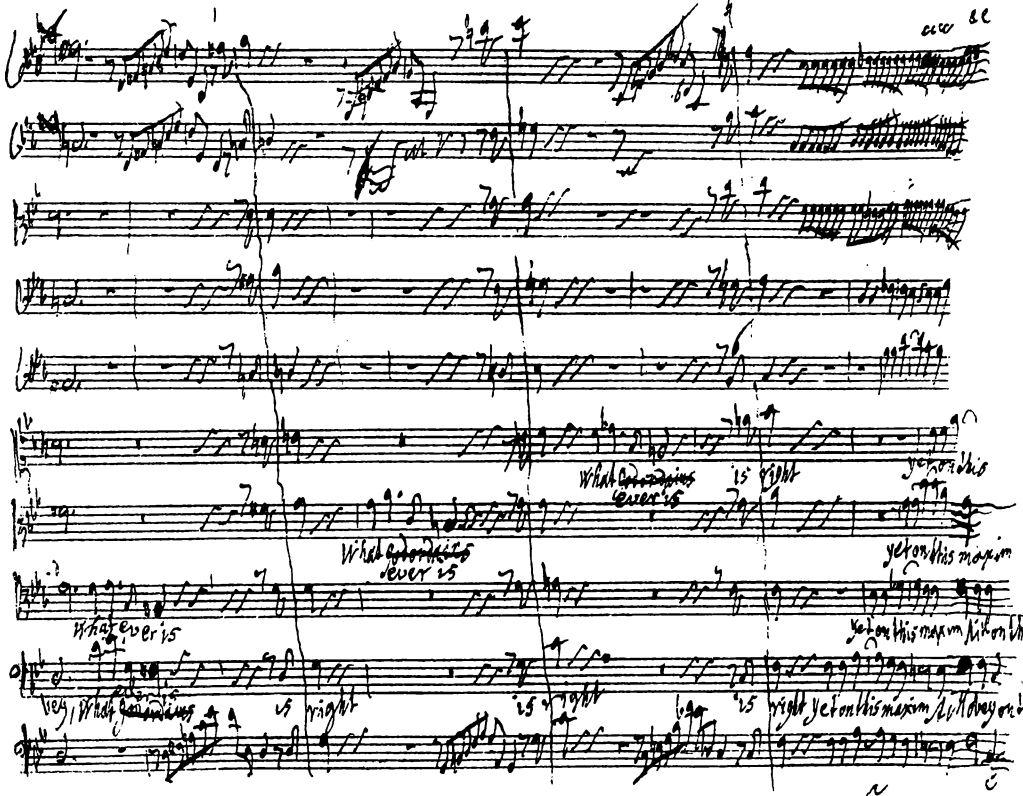
we mortals know but grith below
yet on this maxim sillo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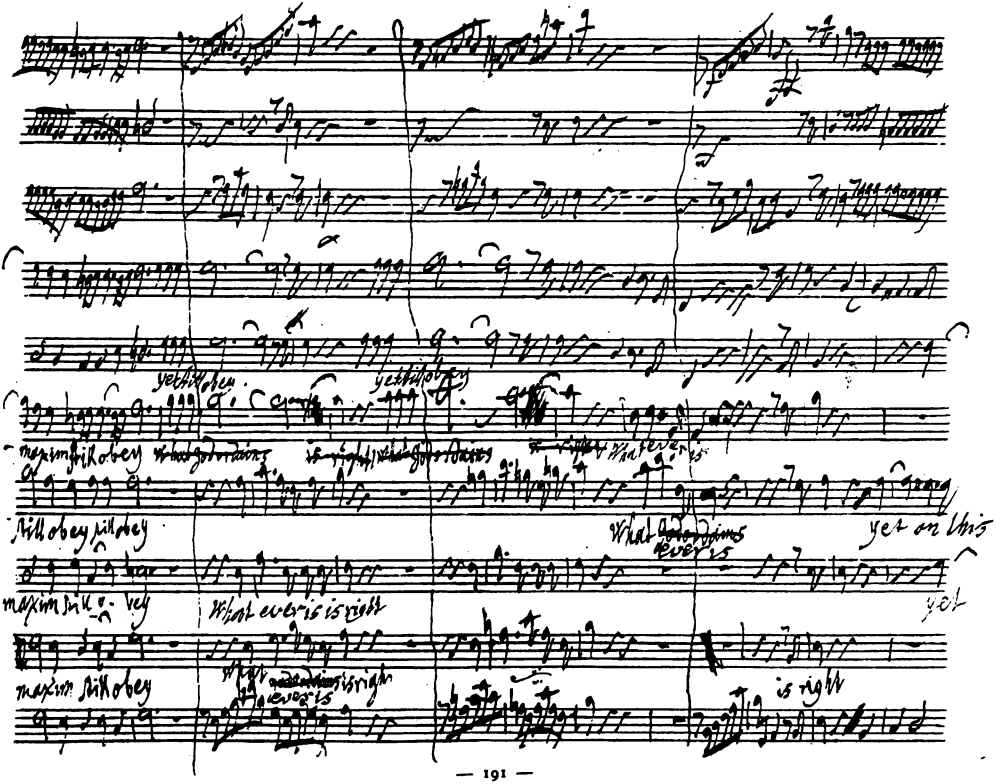
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maxim Silkobey
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What ever is is right
yet on this
yet
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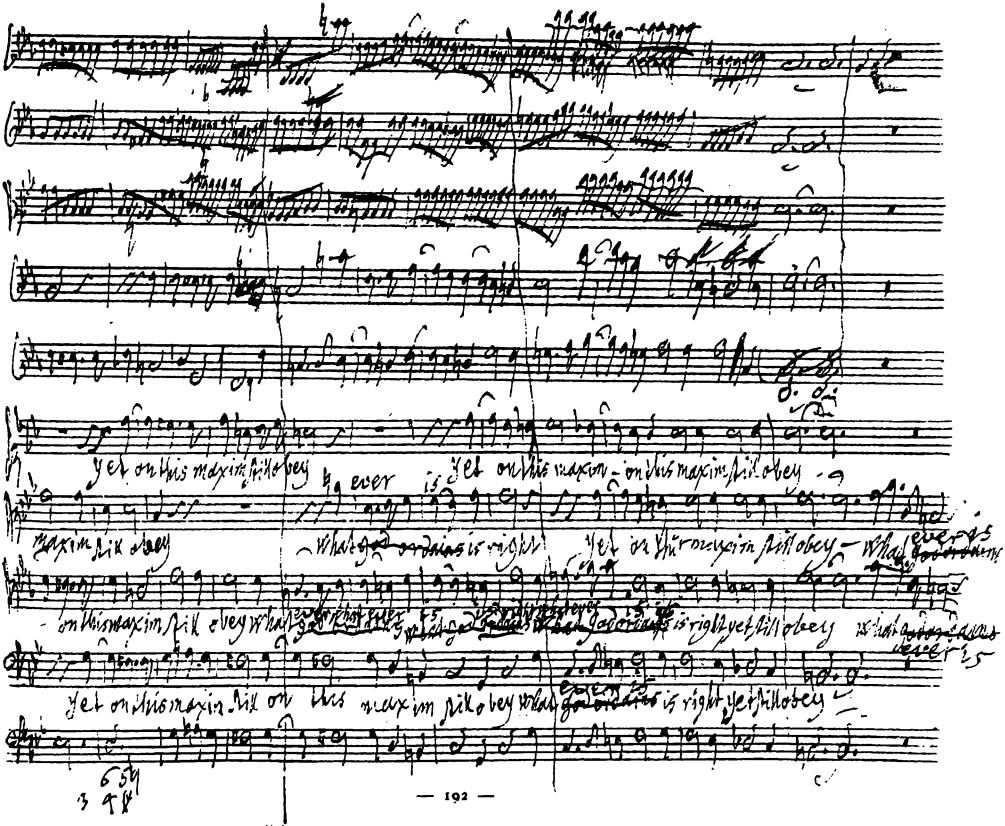
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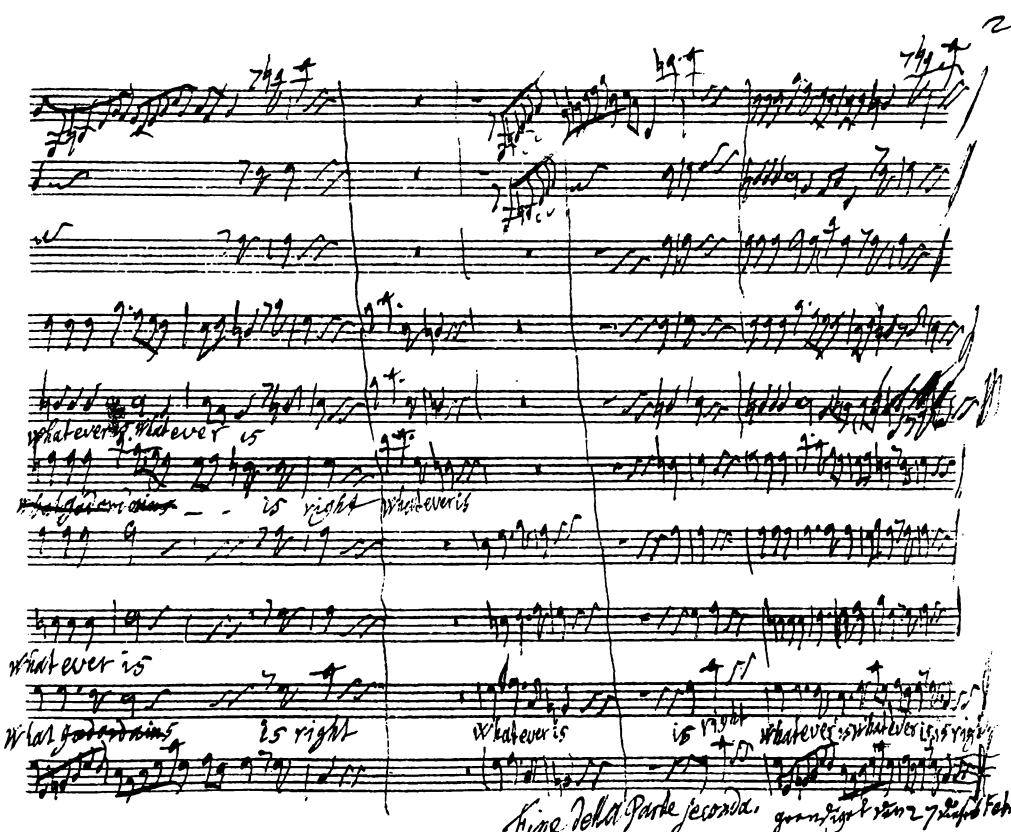
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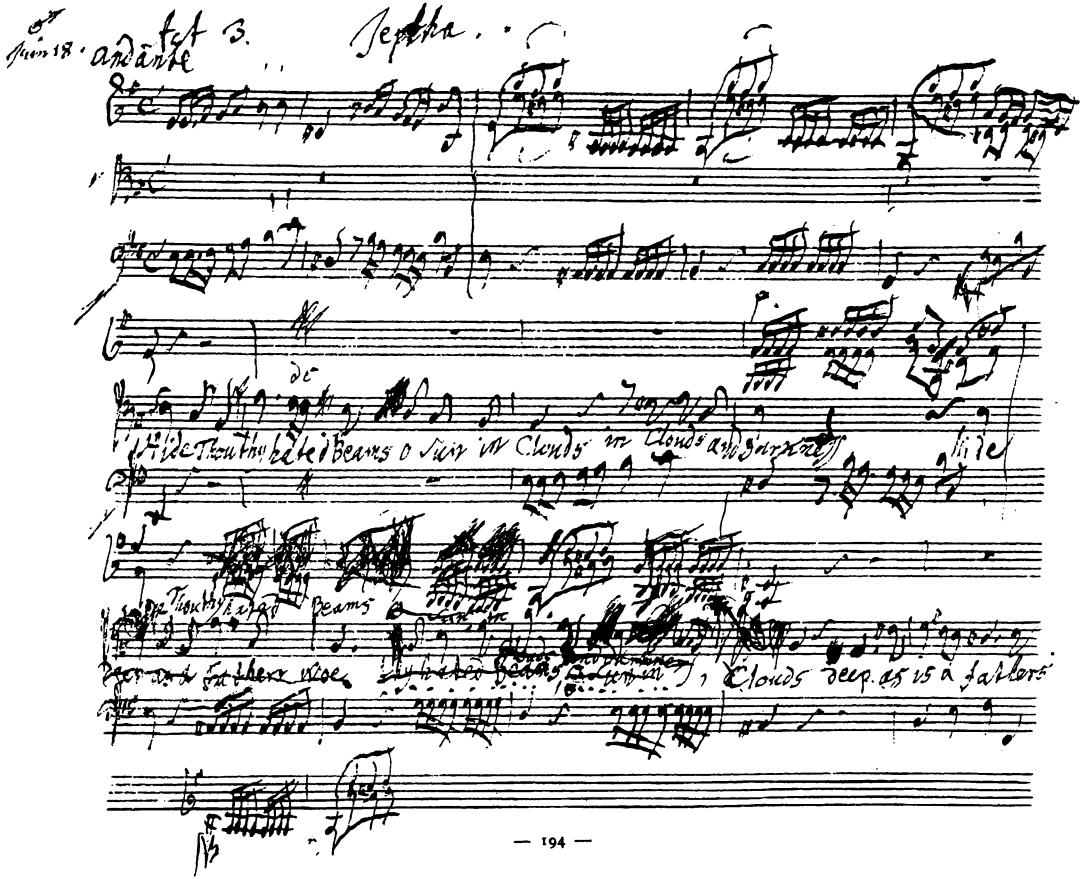
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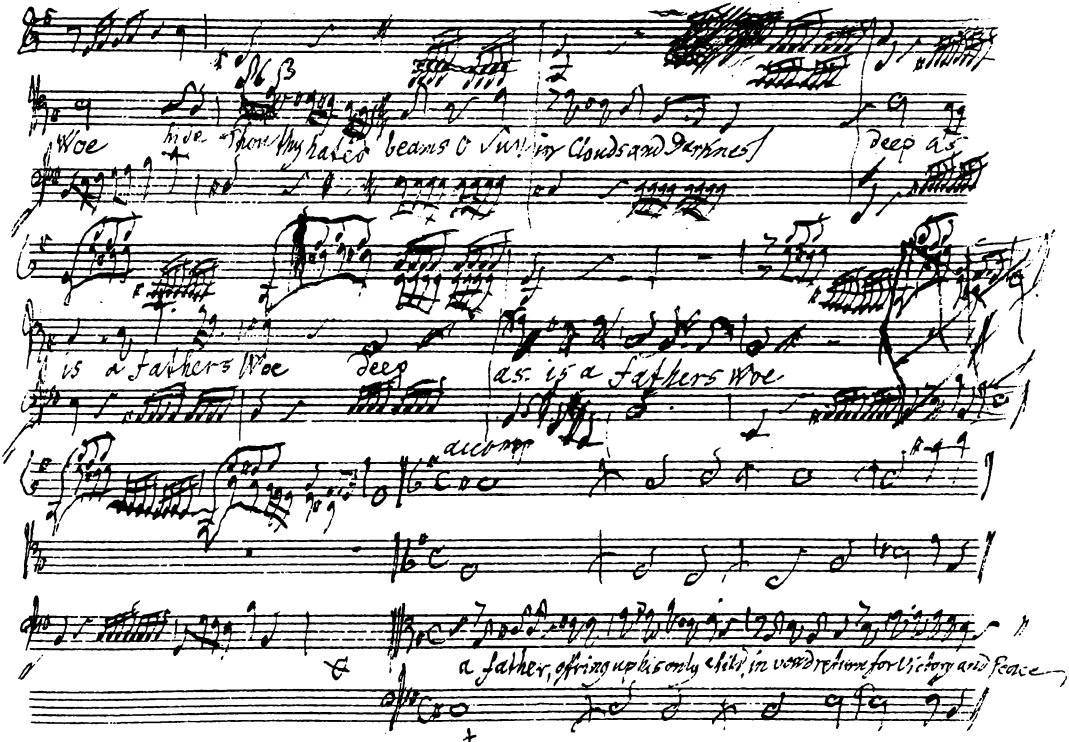
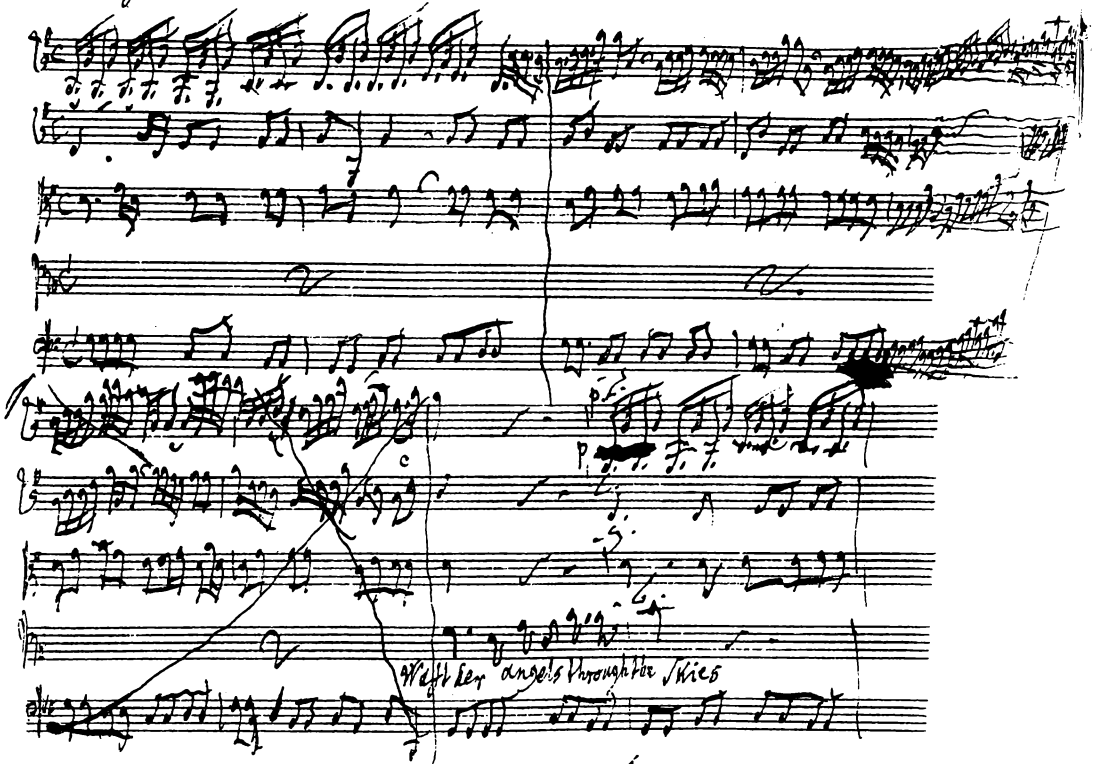
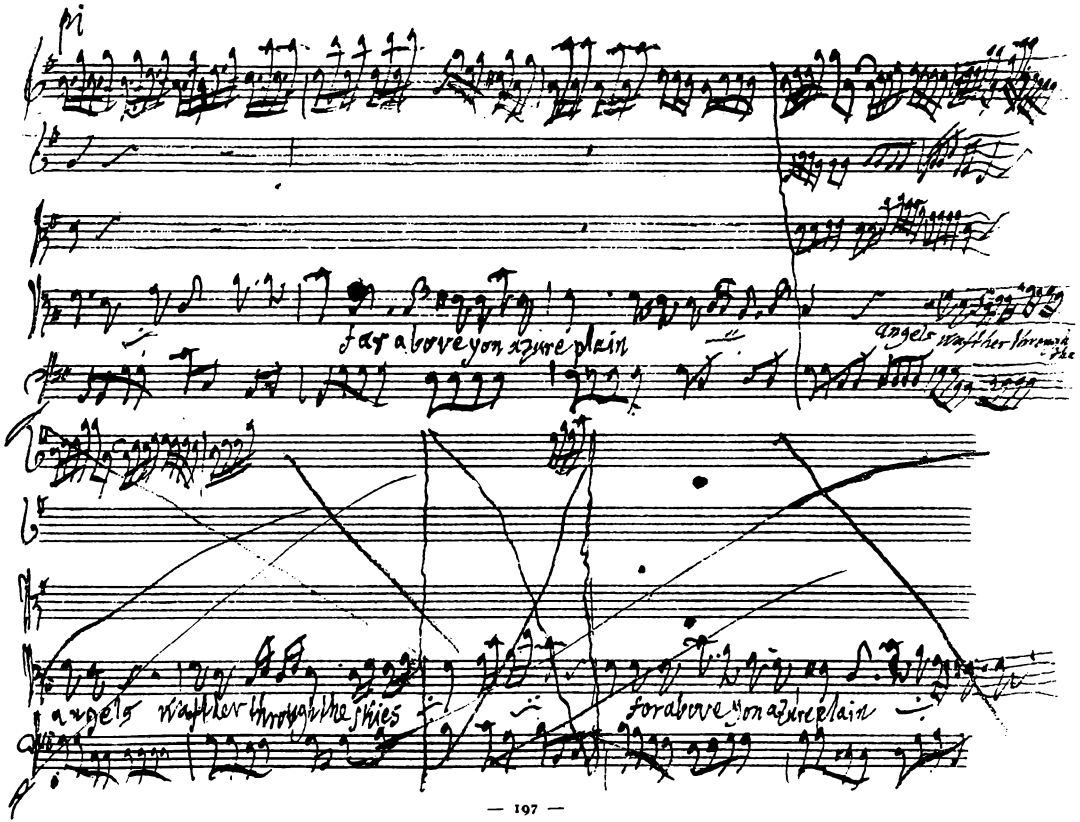
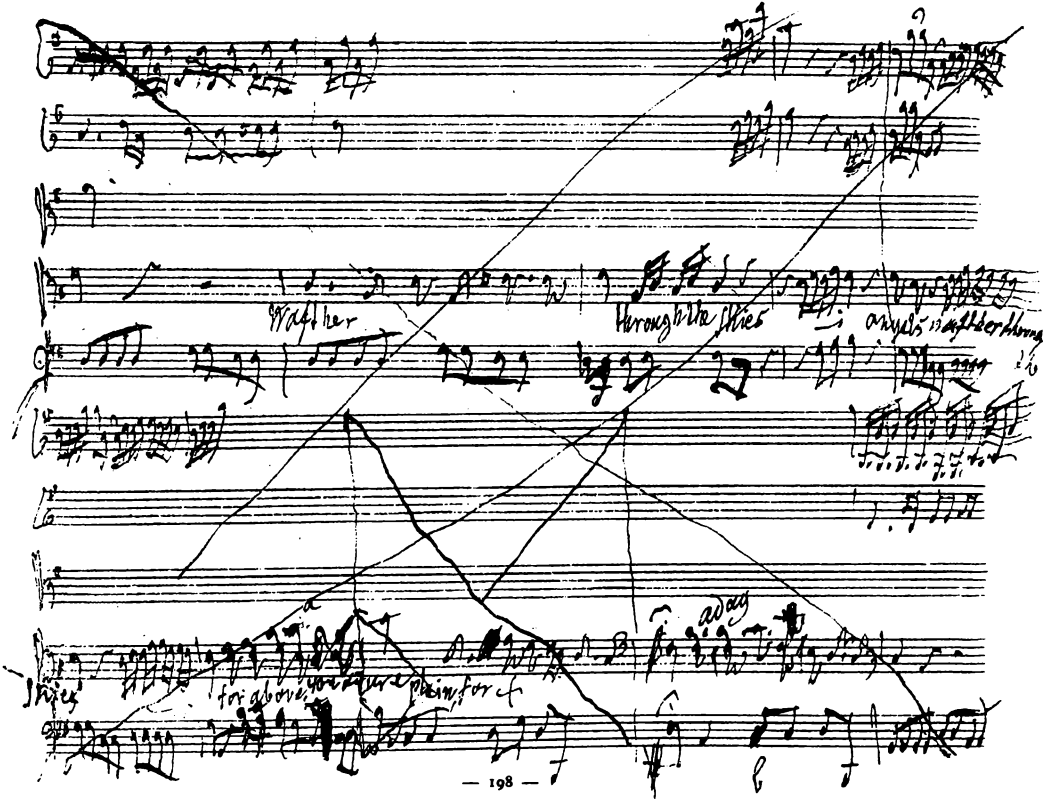
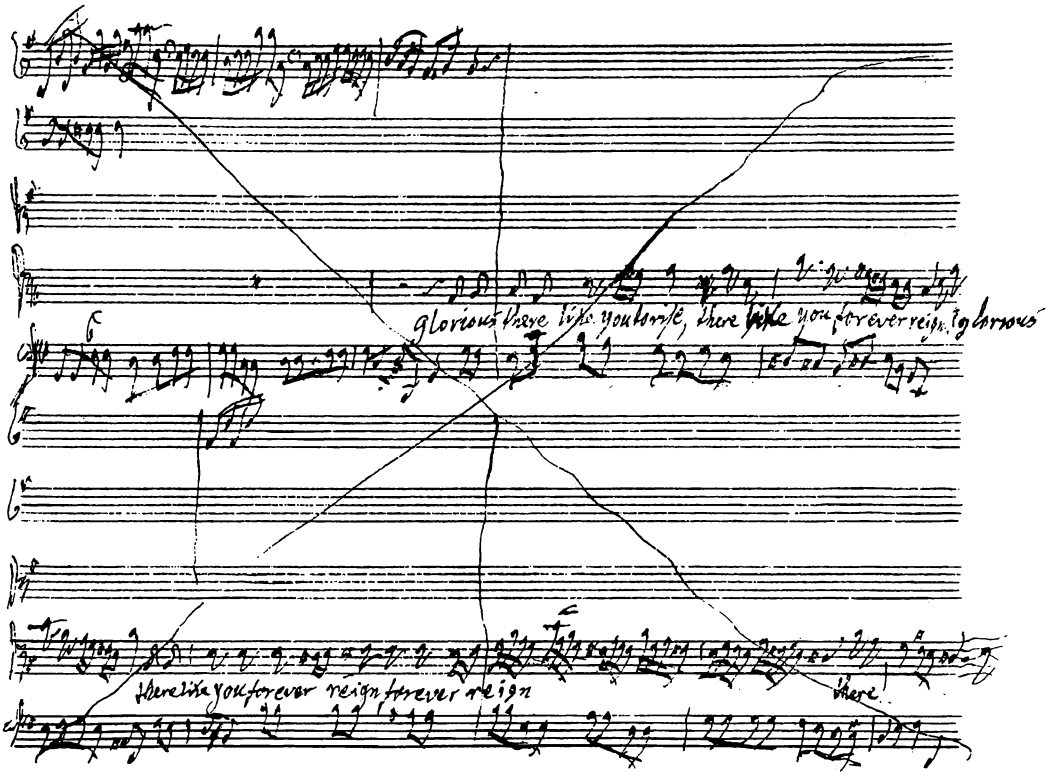
Clouds
Clouds

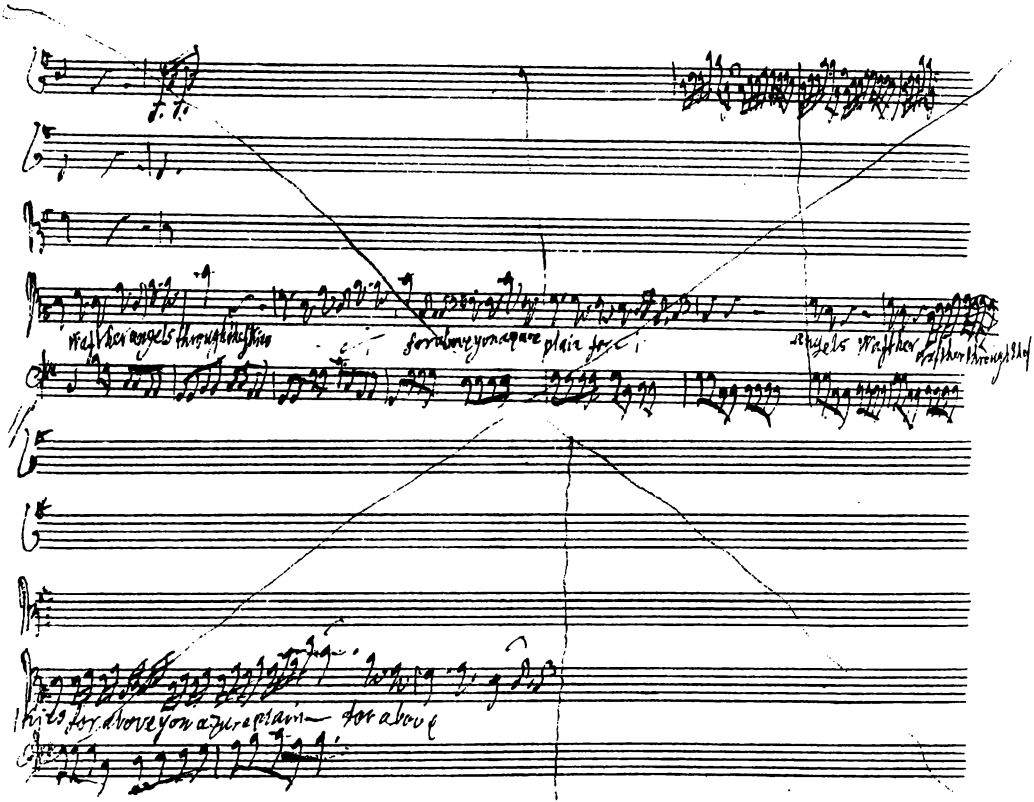

Woe
hide thy bright beams O Sun! in Clouds and Darkness!
deep as
is a fathers Woe
deep
as: is a fathers Woe
a father, offring up his only child, in vouchsafetion for Victory and Peace

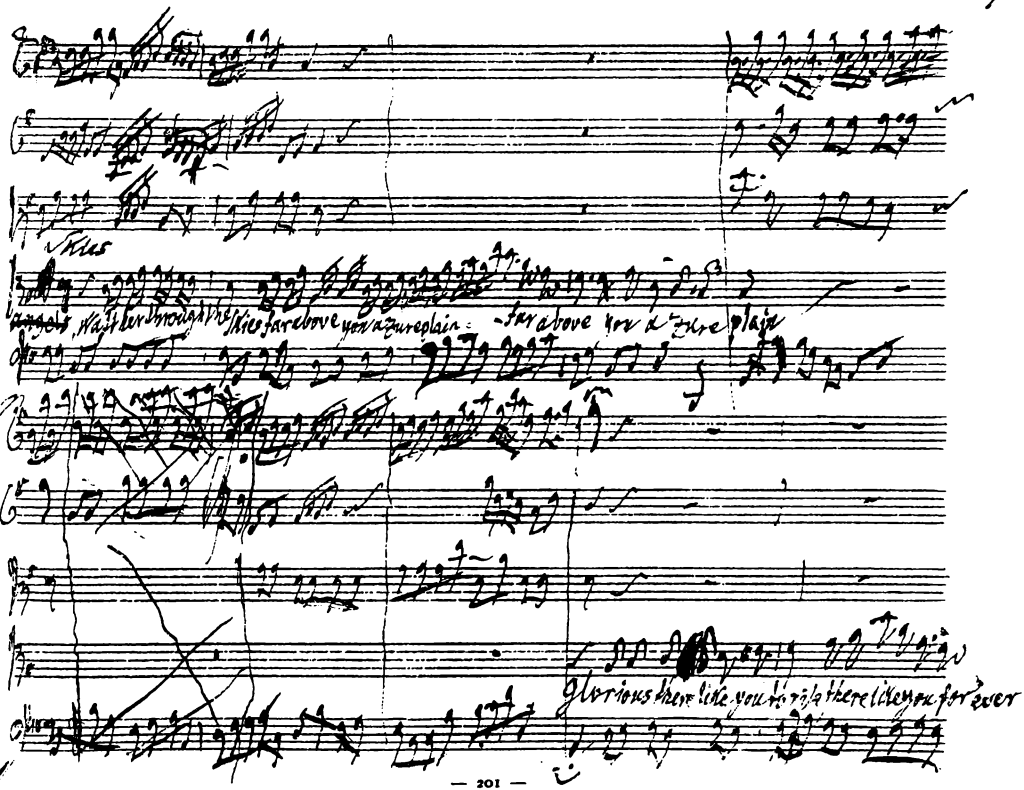

andante Larghetto
p
Weltlicher angels Vorsorgsher Thier

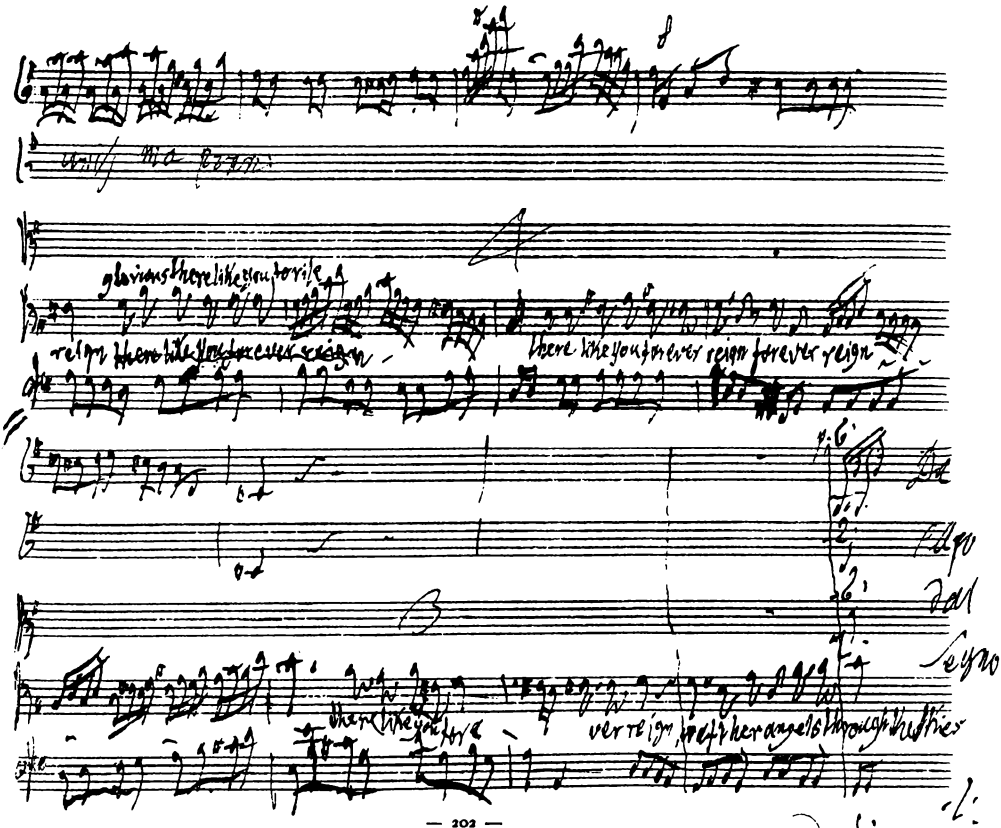

far above yon azure plain
angels
angels
far above yon azure plain

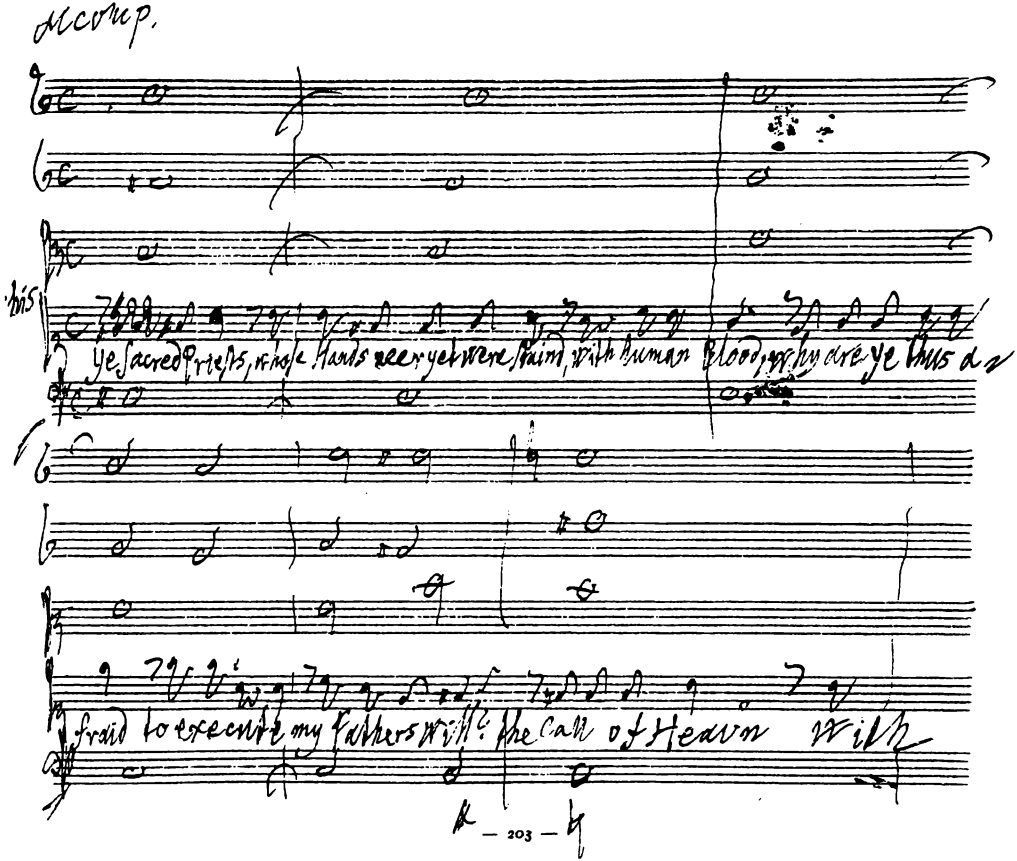

Walther
Through hills skies
away
skies
for above


glorious there lives you there, there lives you forever reign glorious
there lives you forever reign forever reign
there


f. ff.
Wedlyer angels throughout this
forever your aque plain for ever
angels Mighty
kids for above your azure plain for above


Hills
Angels, Watchers throughout the skies far above you azure plain
far above you azure plain
Glorious there like you to rule there ever for ever


glorious there like you to rise
there like you to rise
there like you to rise
there like you to rise
there like you to rise
there like you to rise


Accomp.
Bass
Ye sacred Priests, whose Hands ne'er yet were stain'd with human Blood, yet by are ye thus a
fraid to execute my Fathers will? the Call of Heaven with
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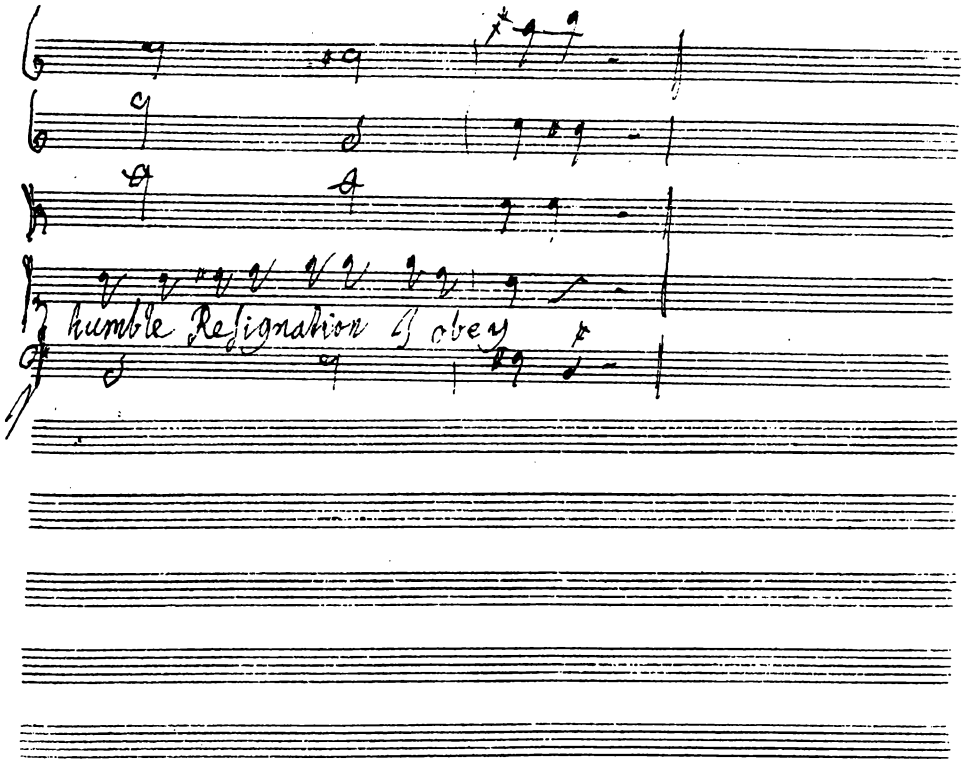
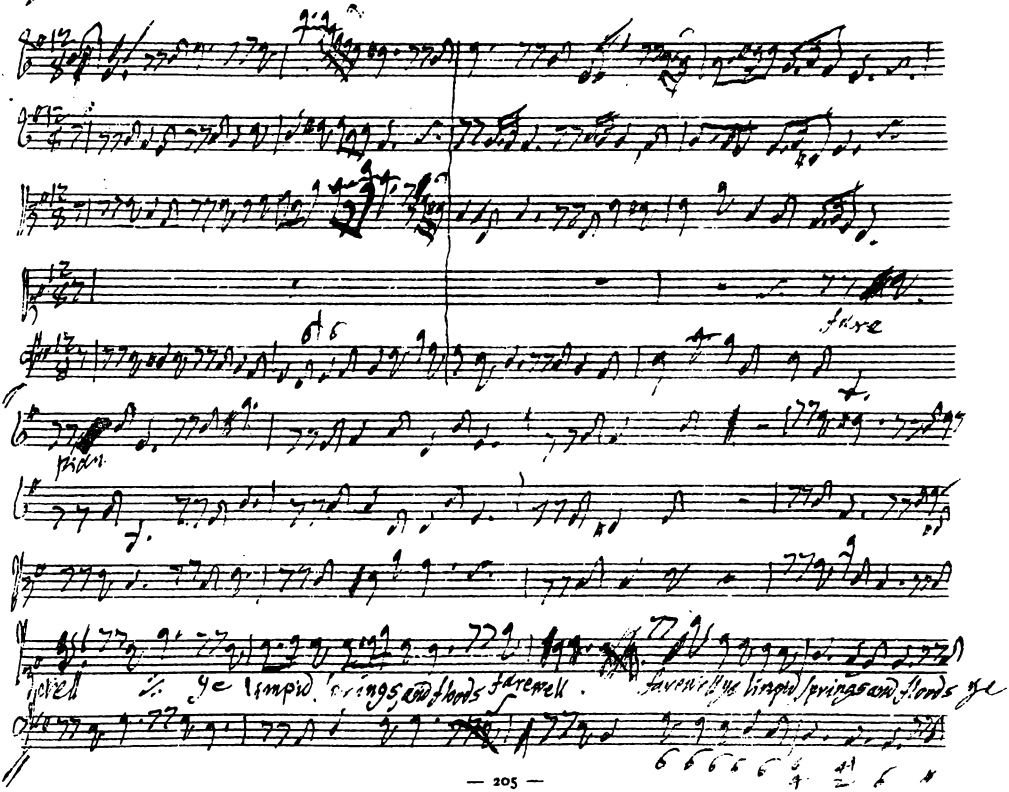
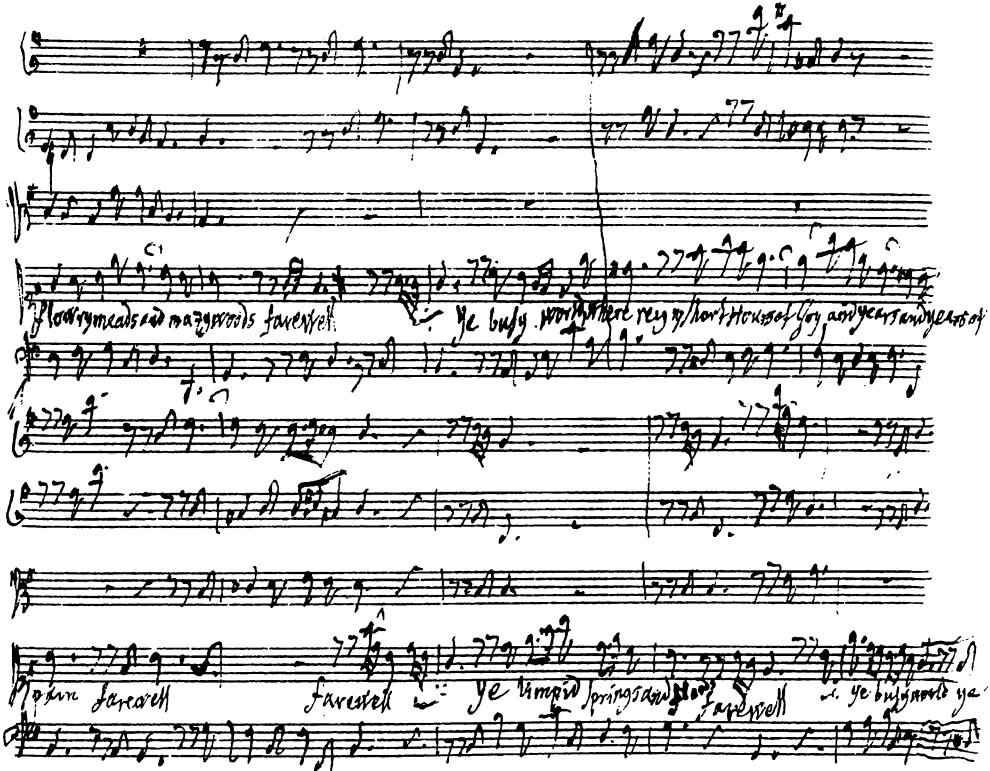
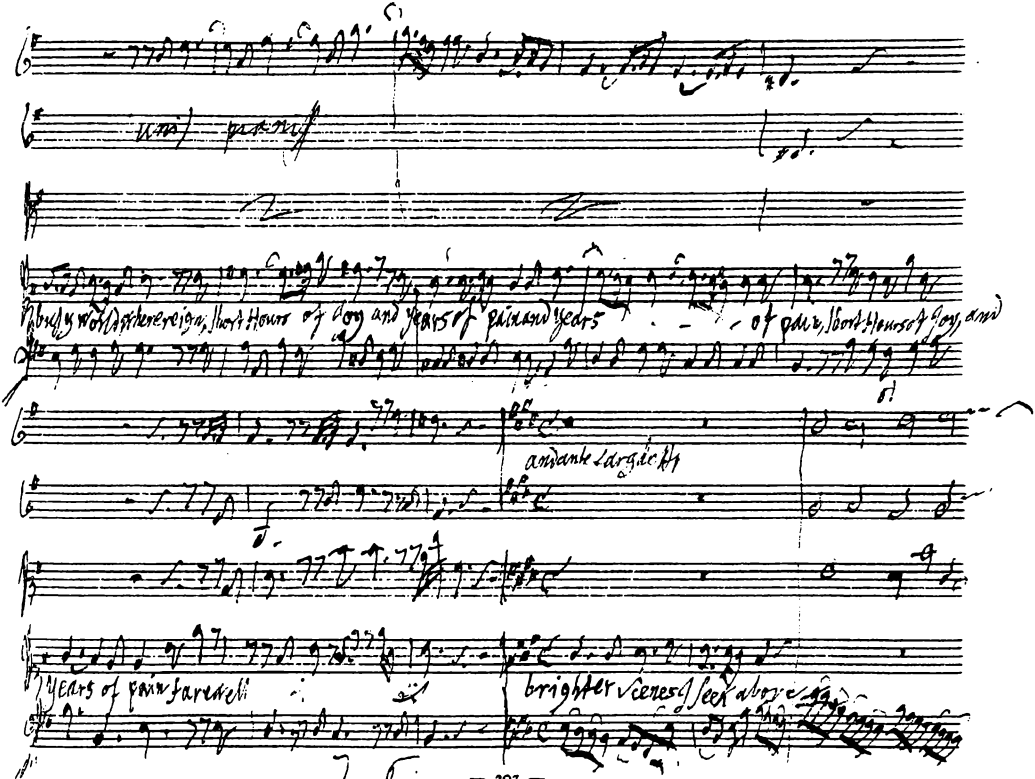

humble Resignation & obey

Largheto


farewell
ye limpid springs and floods farewell.
farewell ye limpid springs and floods ye


flowry meads and mazy woods farewell
ye busy world where reign pomp and pleasure
Adieu farewell
farewell
ye limpid springs and
farewell
ye busy world ye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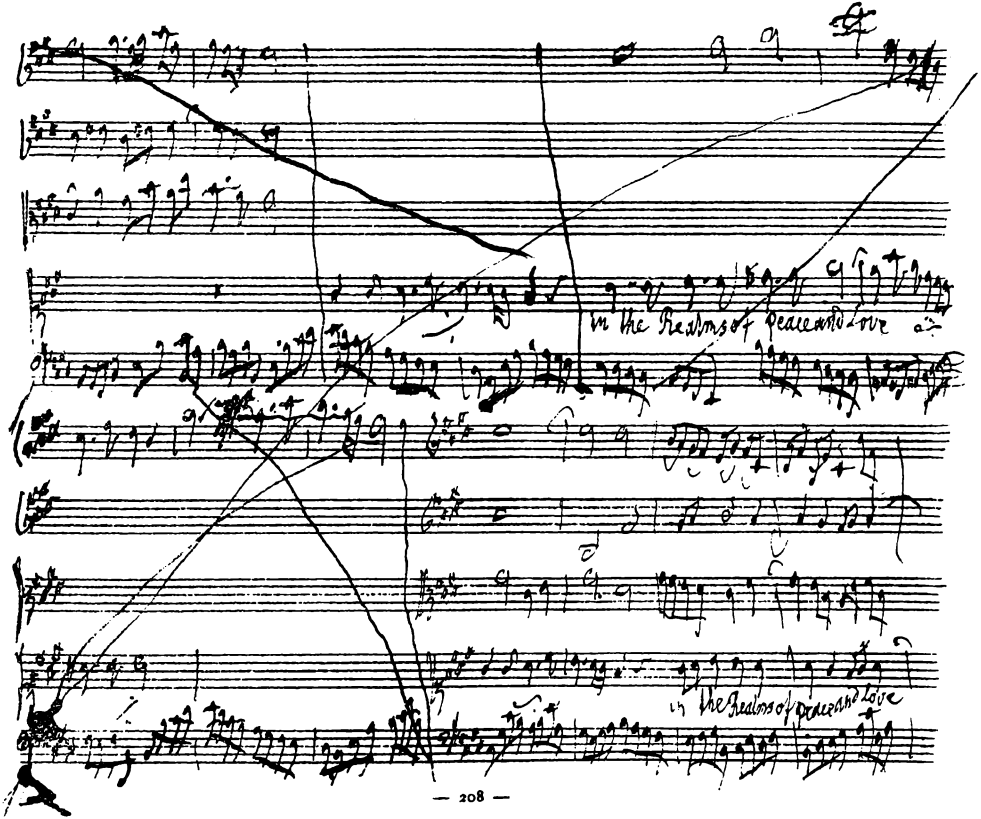
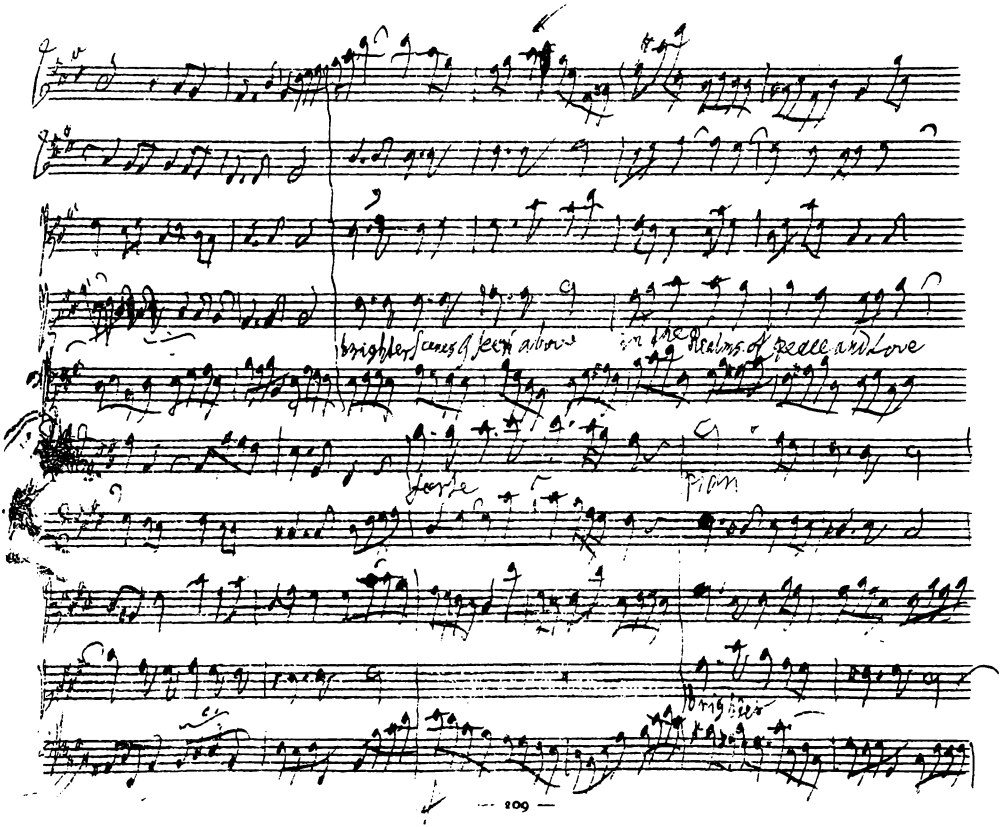
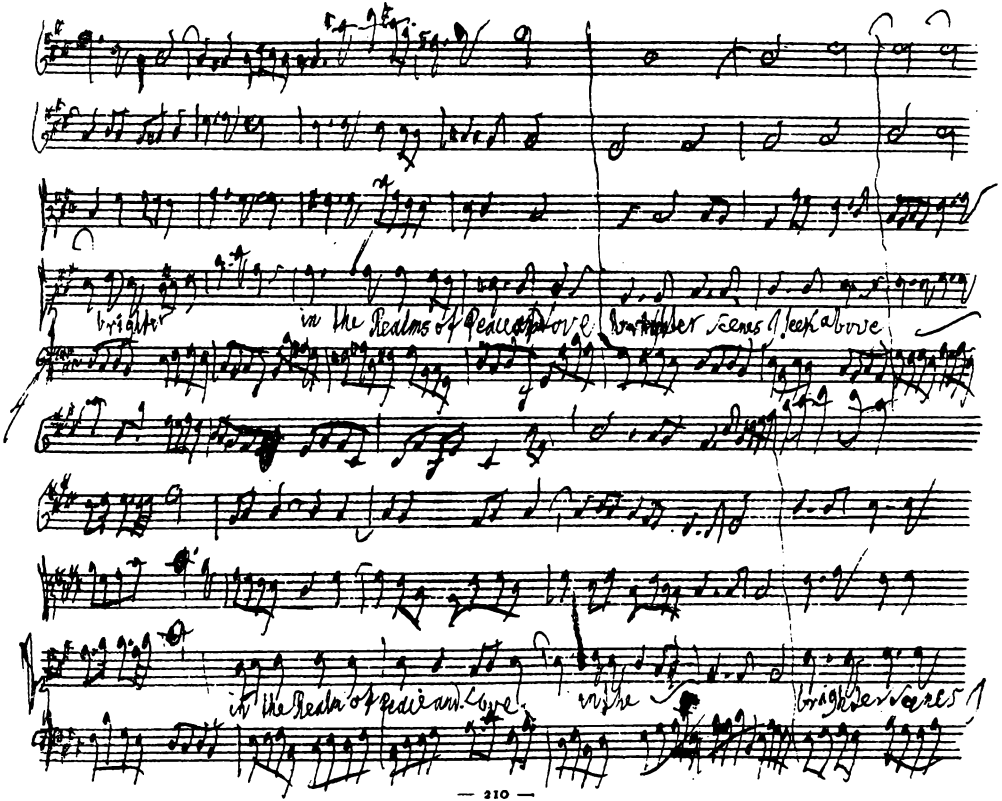
though worldsthereveign, short Hours of Joy and years of pain
of pain, short Hours of Joy and
andante largietto
years of pain farewell
brighter scenes I seek above


in the Realms of peace and love
in the Realms of peace and love


brighter scenes of heav'n above
in the Realms of peace and Love
Heav'n
Pain
Brighter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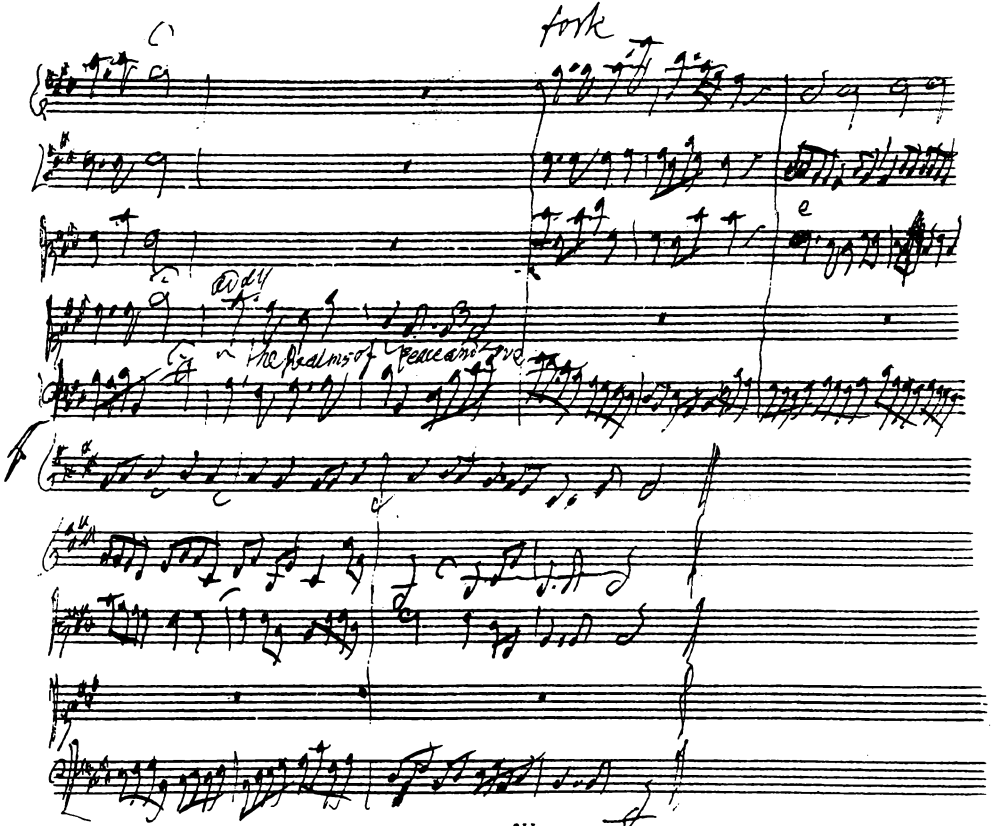
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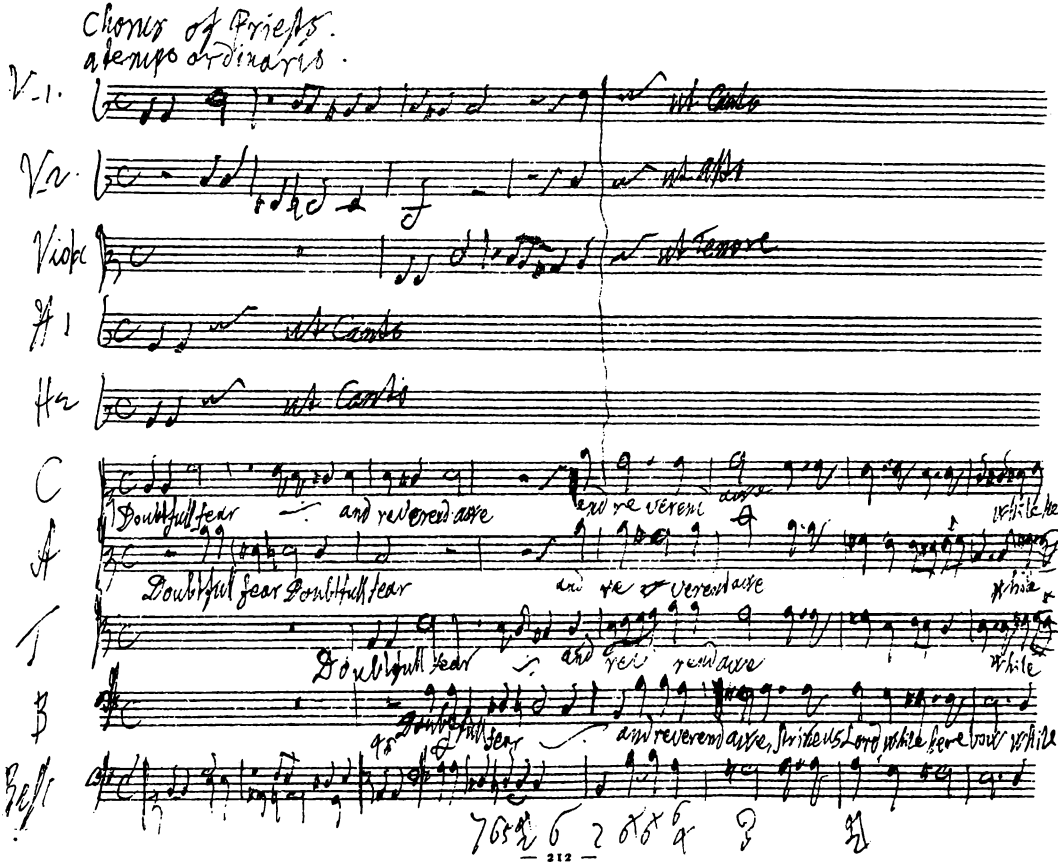
Chorus of Priests.
a tempo ordinario.
V. 1.
V. 2.
Viola
Fl. 1
Fl. 2
C
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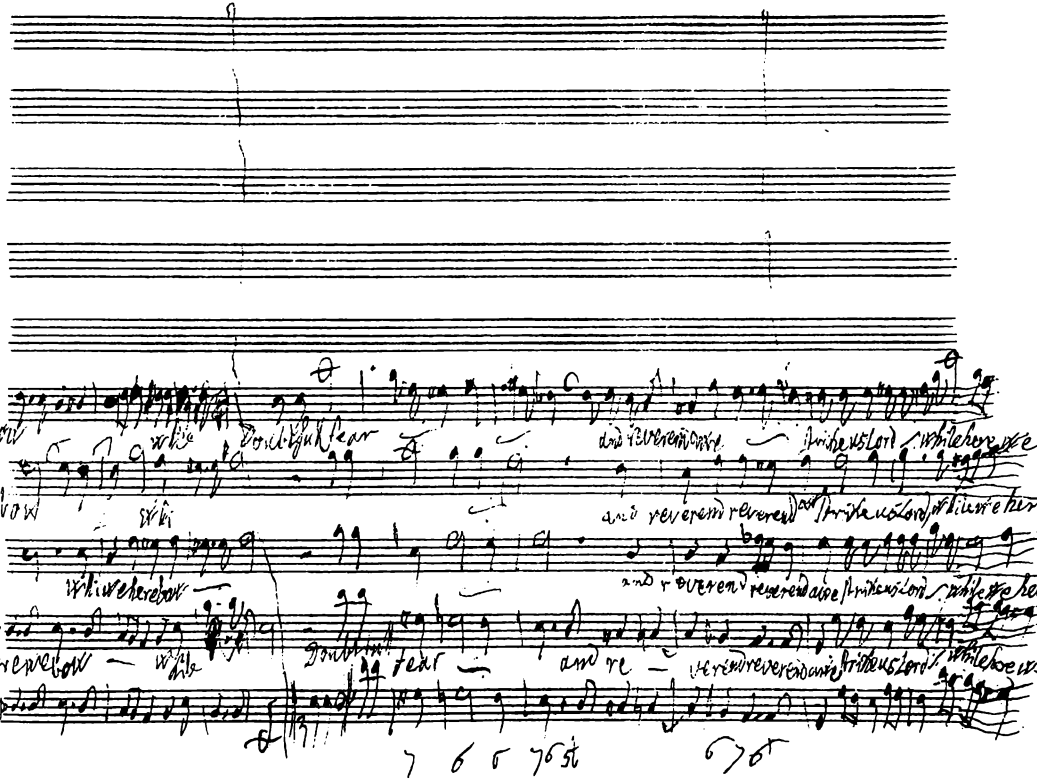
T
B
Bass
Doubtfull fear and reverend awe
Doubtfull fear Doubtfull fear
Doubtfull fear
and reverend awe, Strike us Lord while fear bows while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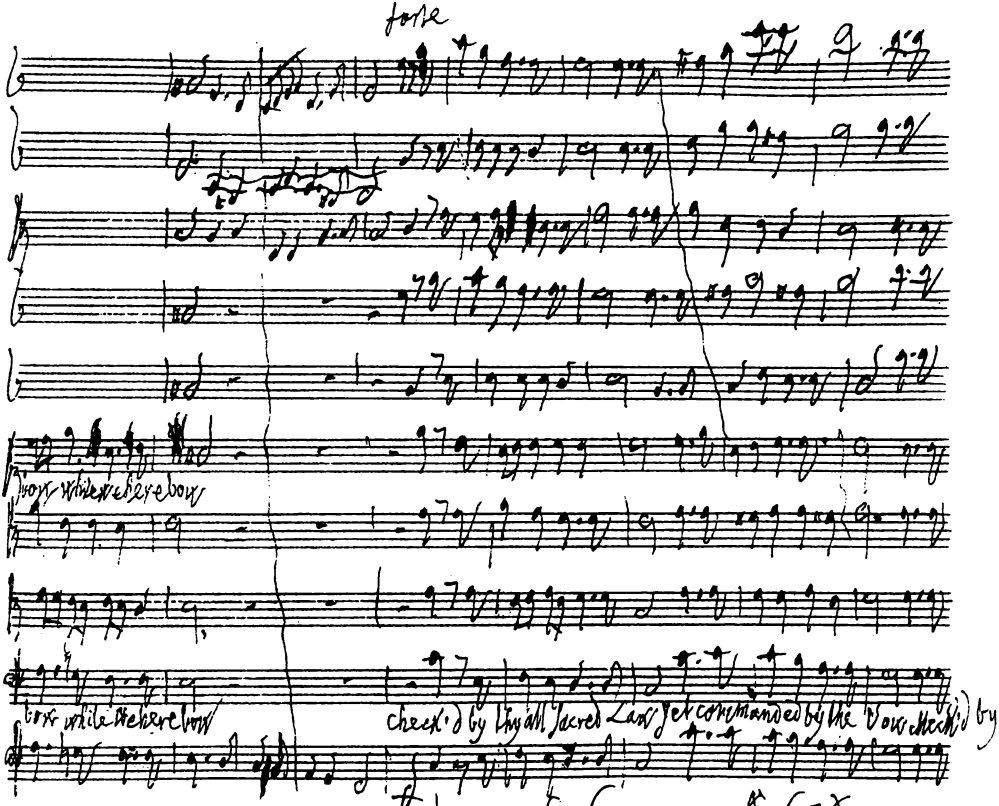
and reverend
and reverend reverend
and reverend reverend
and reverend


forze
from while the here below
tore while the here below
cheek'd by thy all sacred Law, yet commanded by the Voice which bid thy
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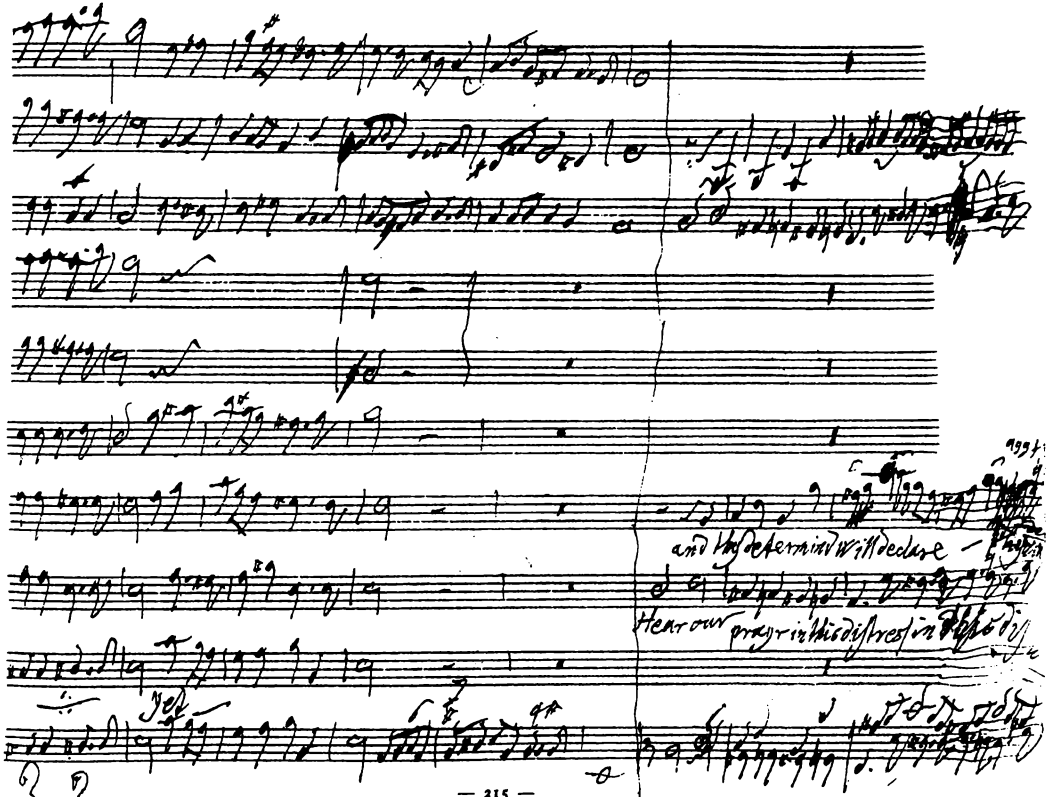
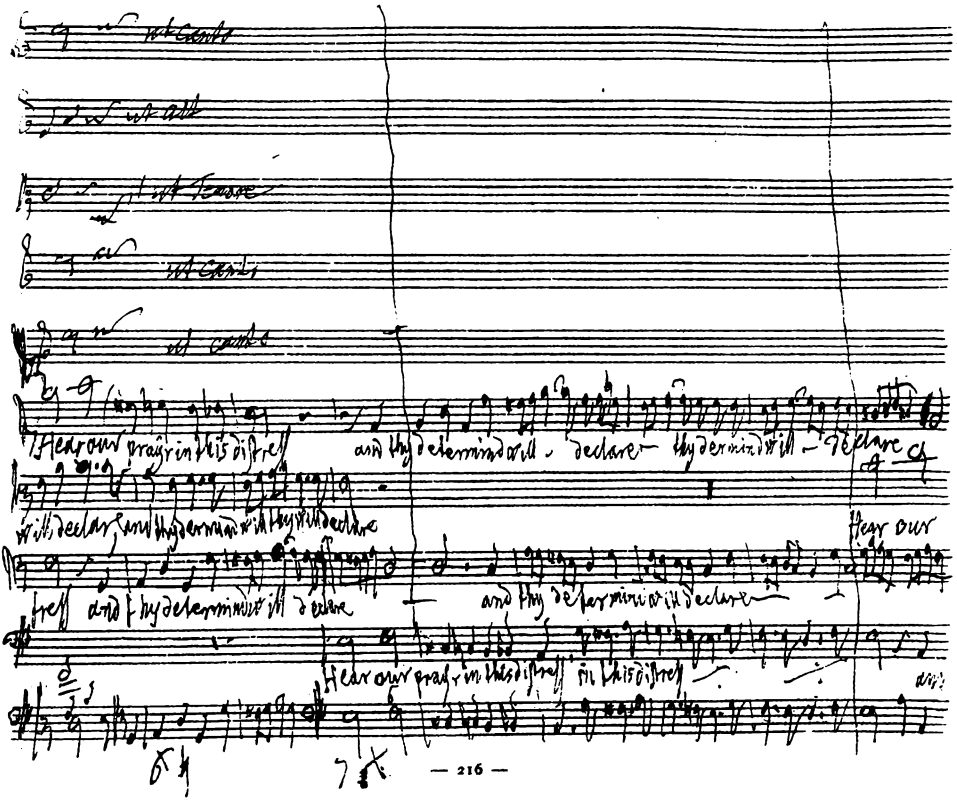

and his determined will declare —
Hear our pray'r in this dist'ress in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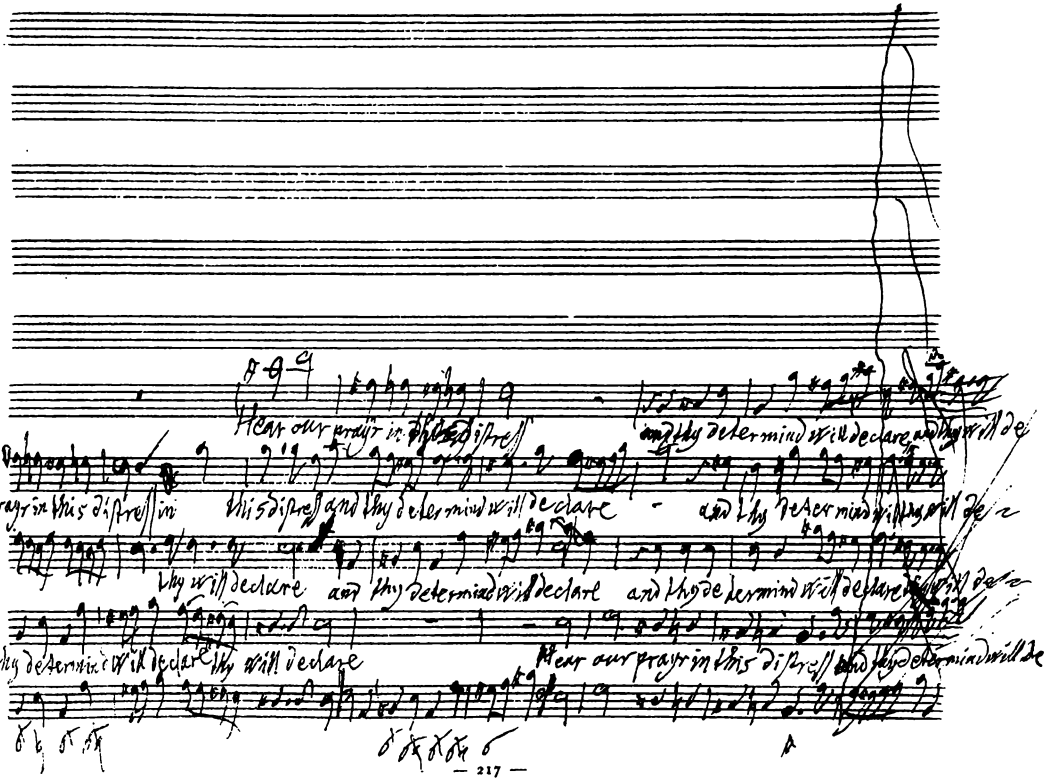
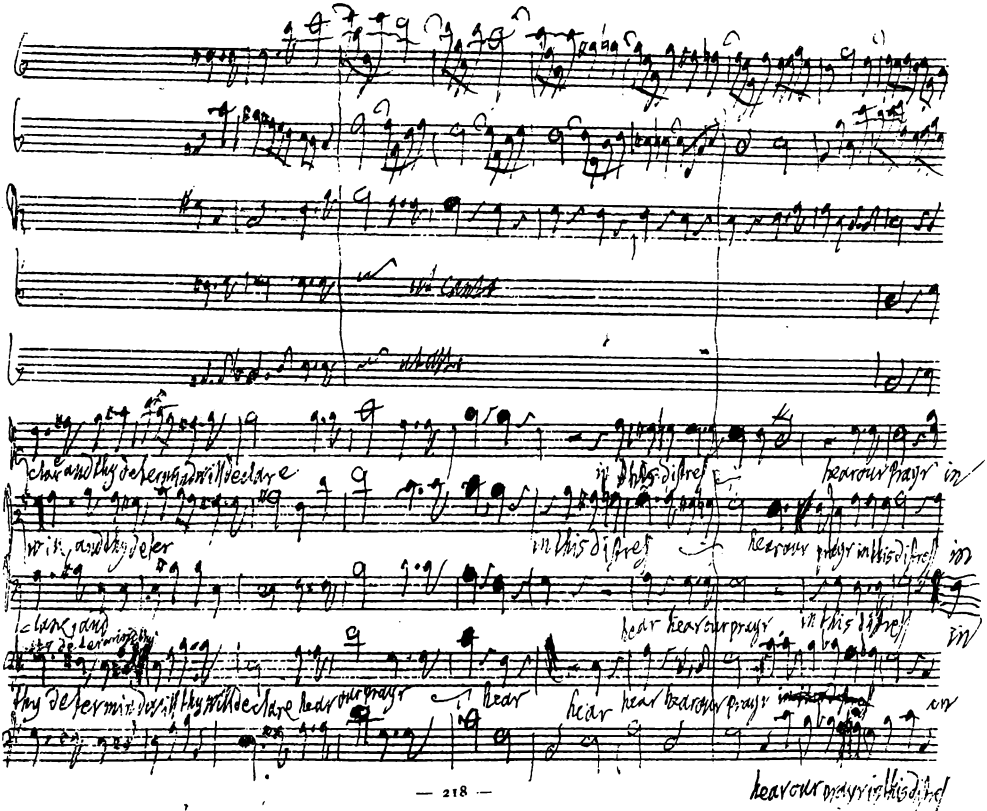
Hear our prayer in this distress and thy determin'd will declare
and thy determin'd will declare
Hear our prayer in this distress


Hear our prayr in this distress
and thy determind will declare
prayr in this distress and thy determind will declare
thy will declare and thy determind will declare
thy determine will declare thy will declare
Hear our prayr in this distress and thy determind will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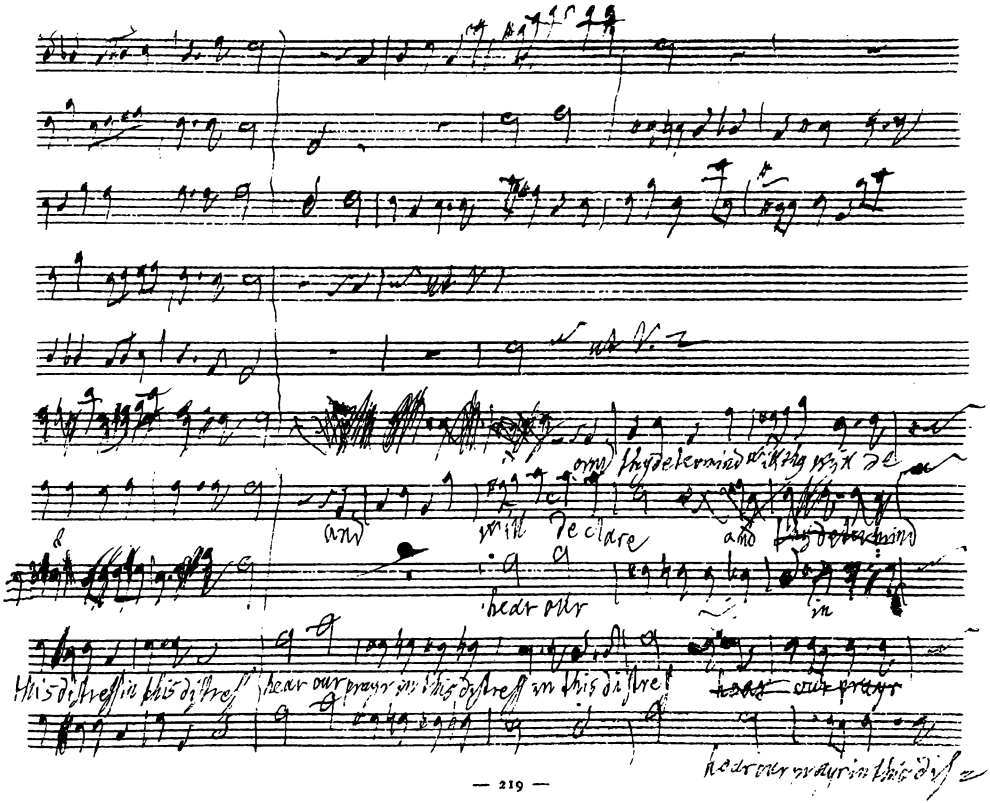
will declare
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hear our prayer in this distress
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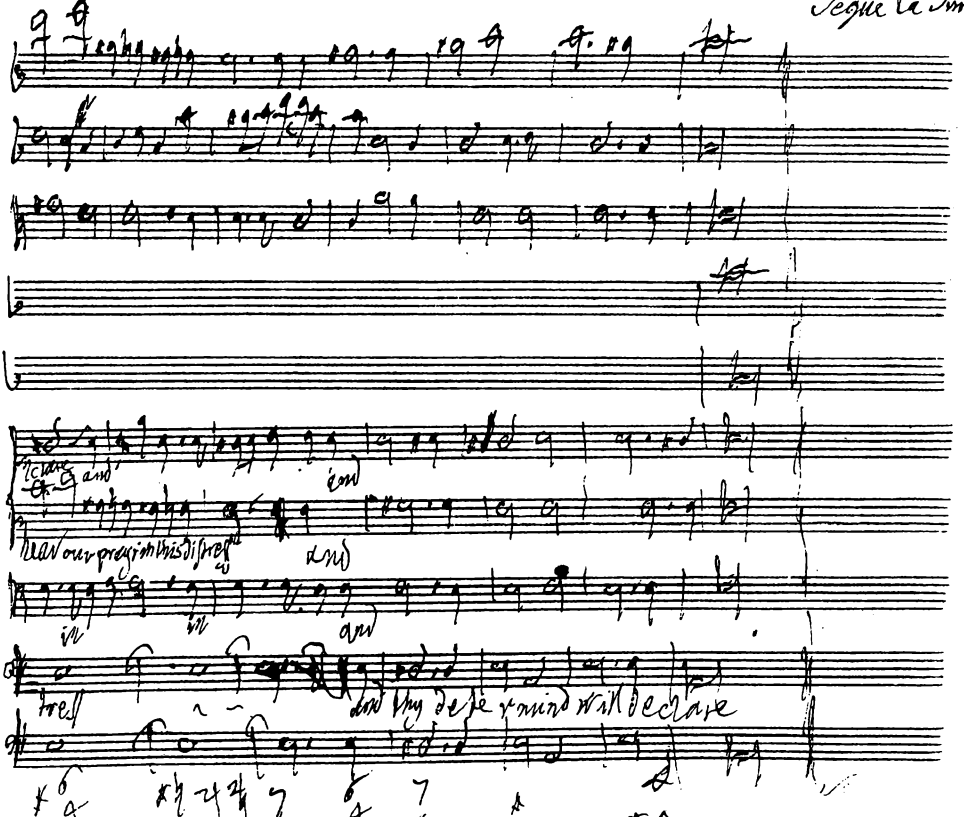
Segue la Sinfon
Jesus and
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Heav'ly our precious Christ is rest
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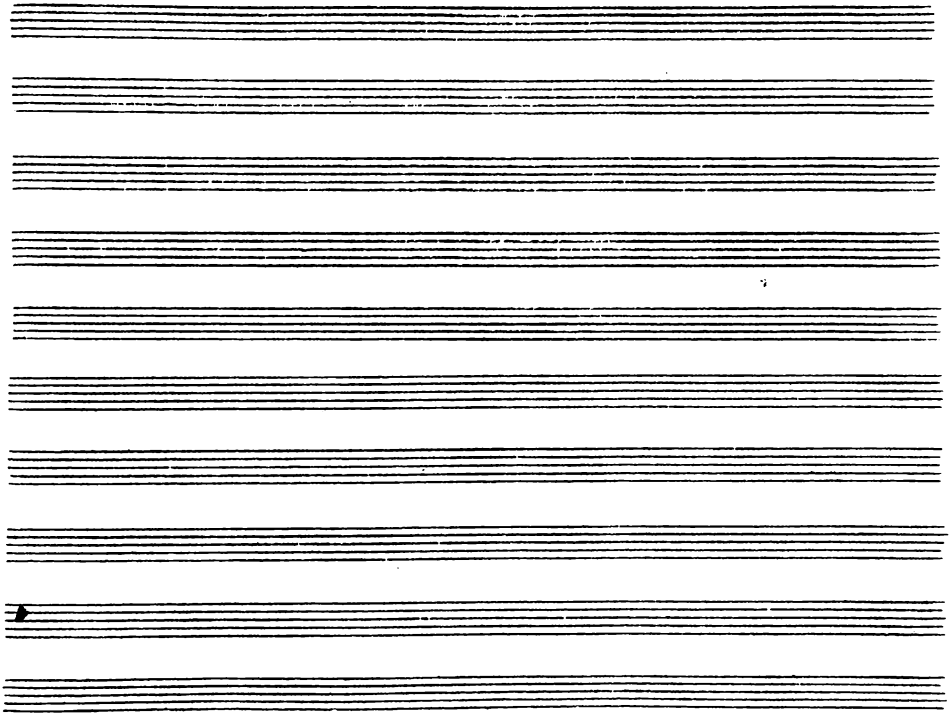
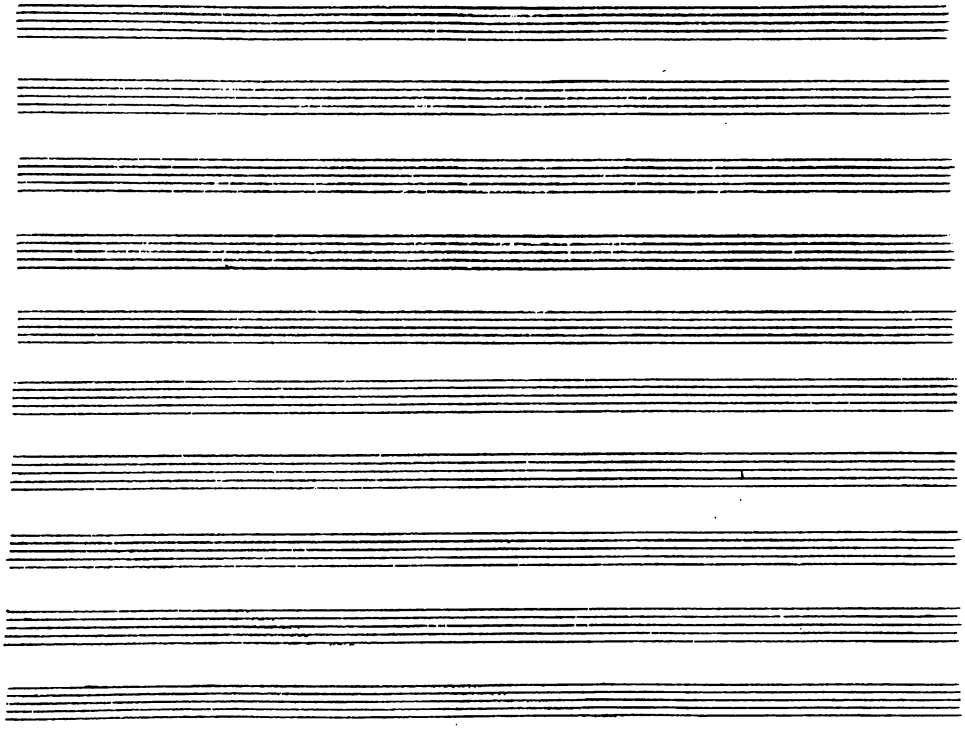
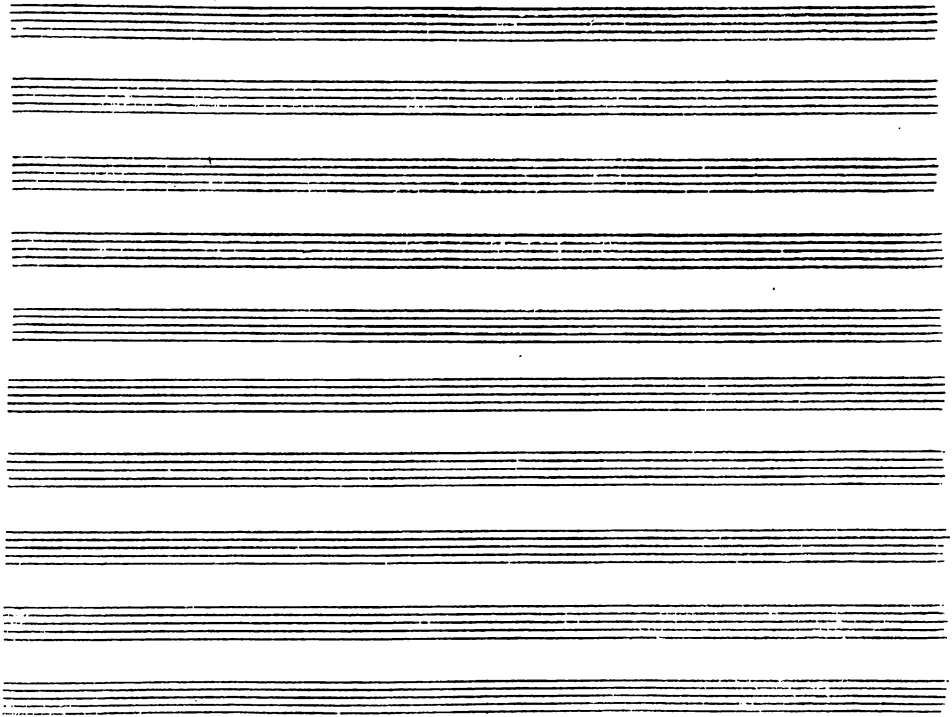
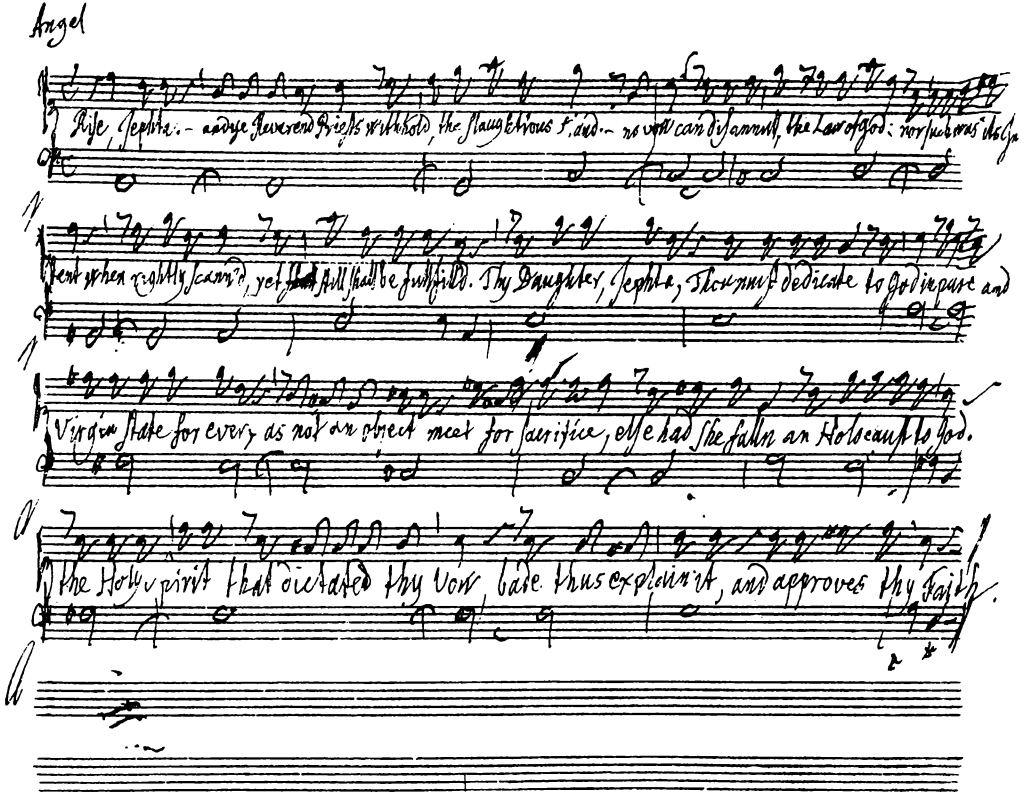
rest
and thy deep mind will declare





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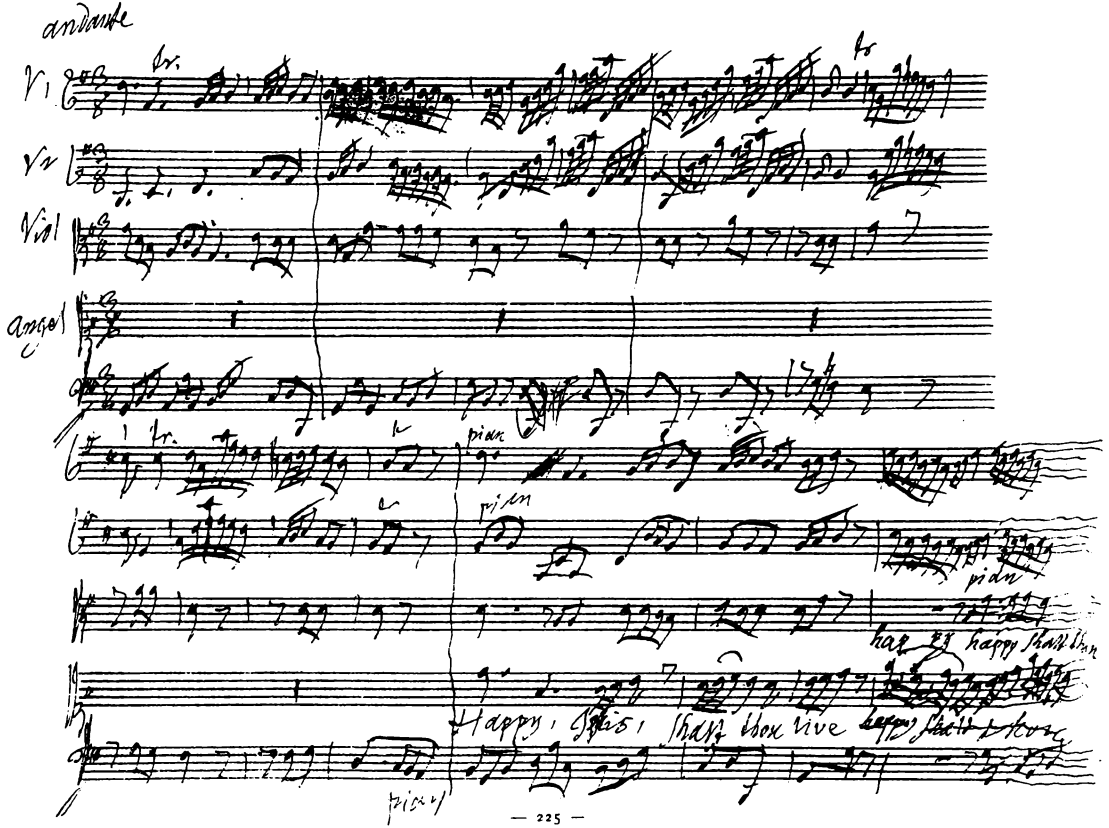
Rise, Jephtha. - and ye Reverend Priests withhold, the slaughterous steel - no more can disannull, the Law of God: nor sacrifice the
Yet when rightly learn'd, yet shall be fulfilled. Thy Daughter, Jephtha, She must dedicate to God in pure and
Virgin state for ever, as not an object meet for sacrifice, else had she fallen an Holocaust to God.
The Holy spirit that dictated thy Vow, late thus explain'd it, and approves thy Faith.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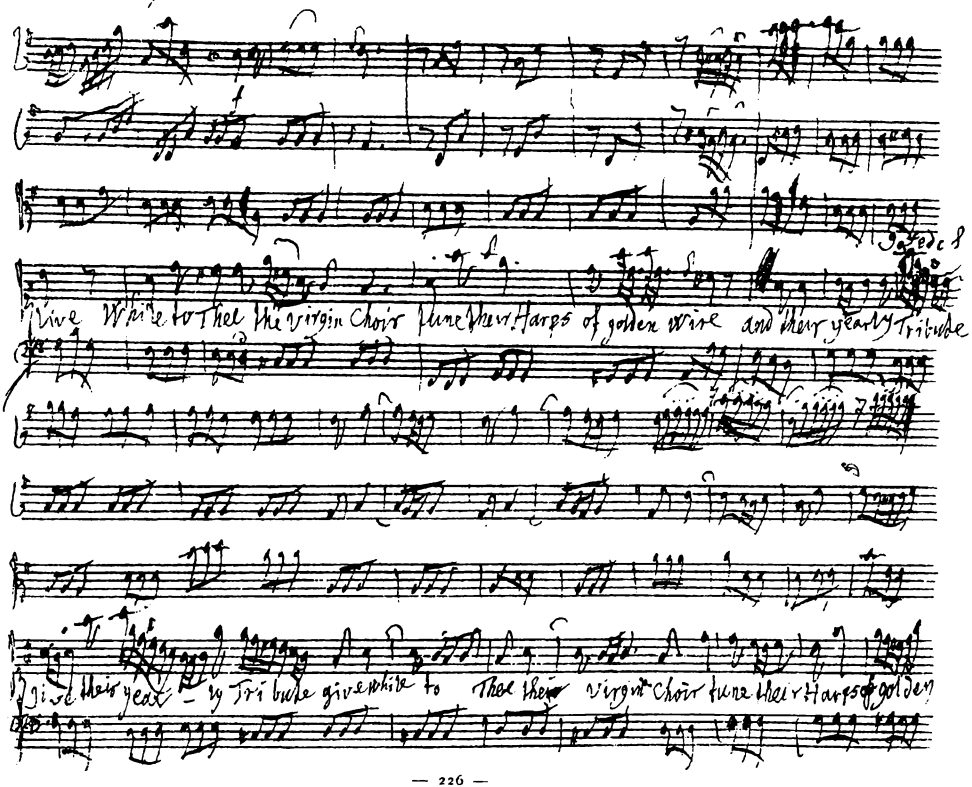
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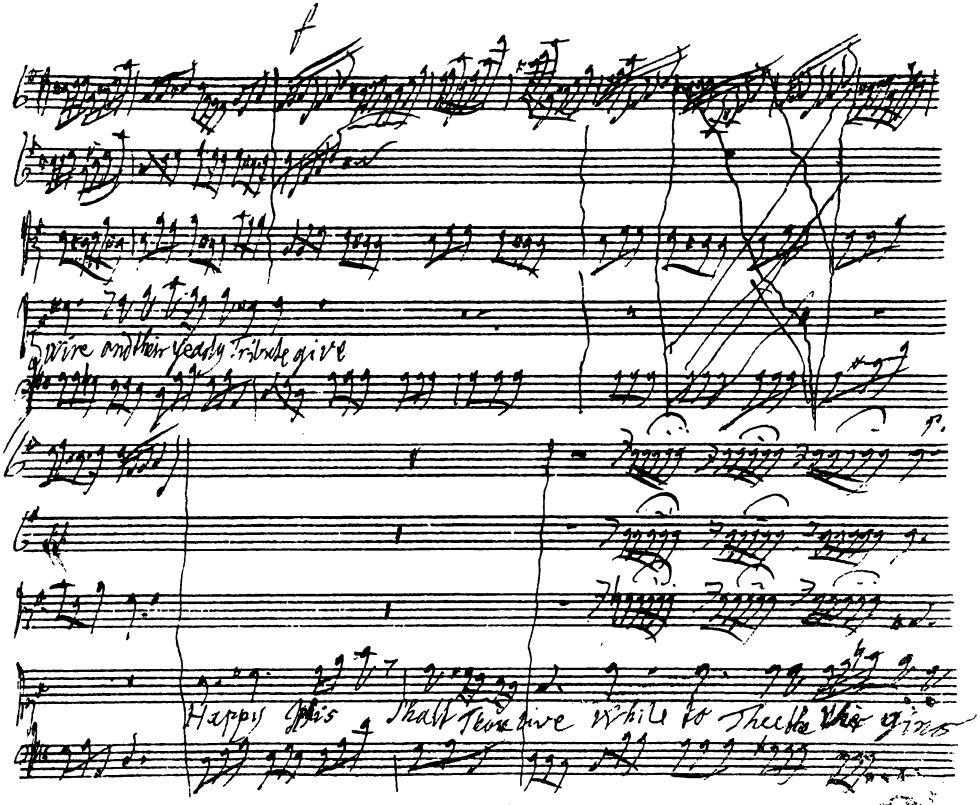
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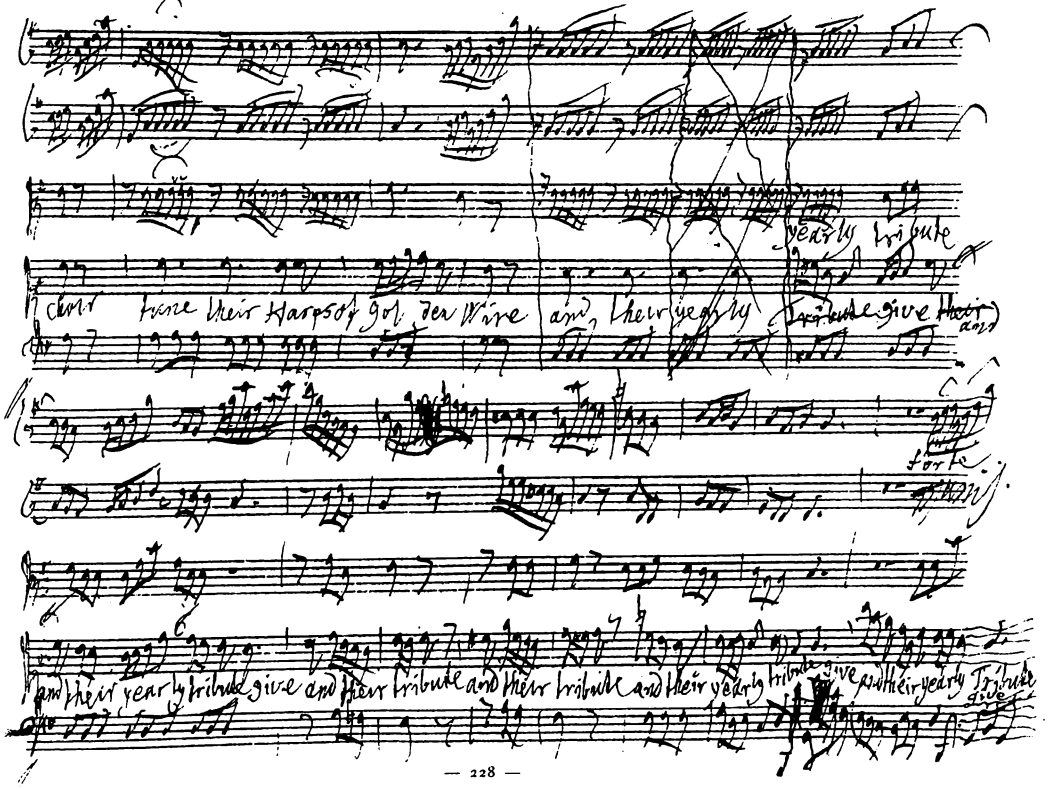
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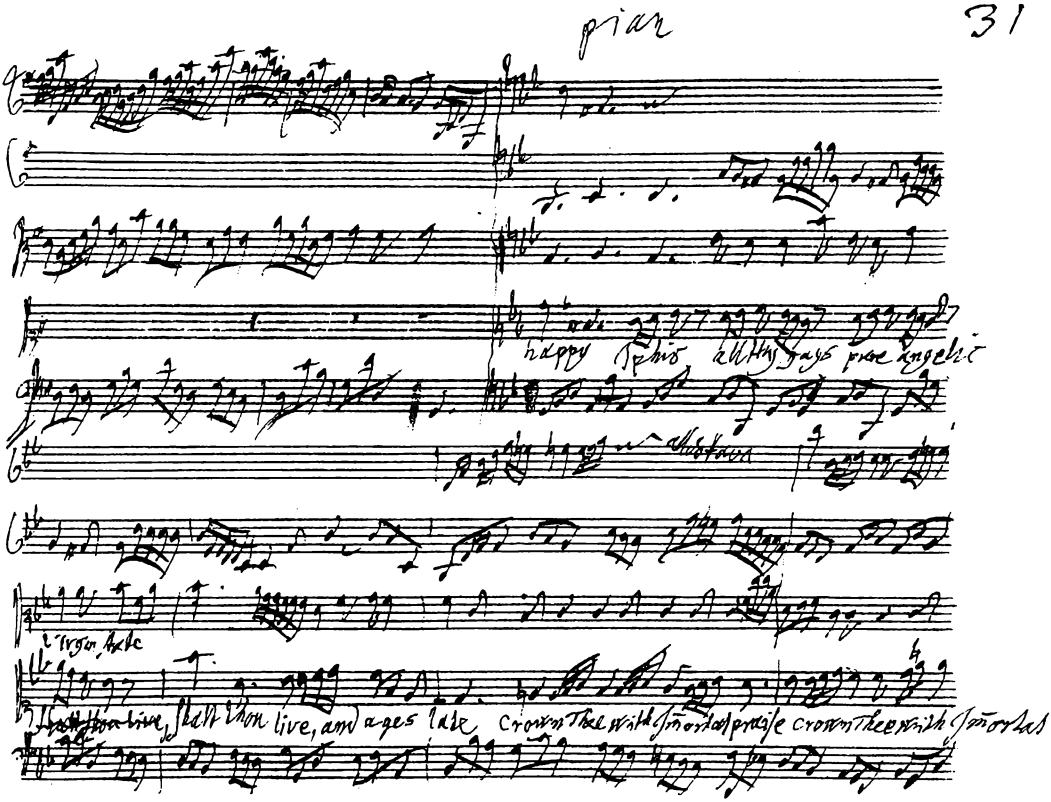
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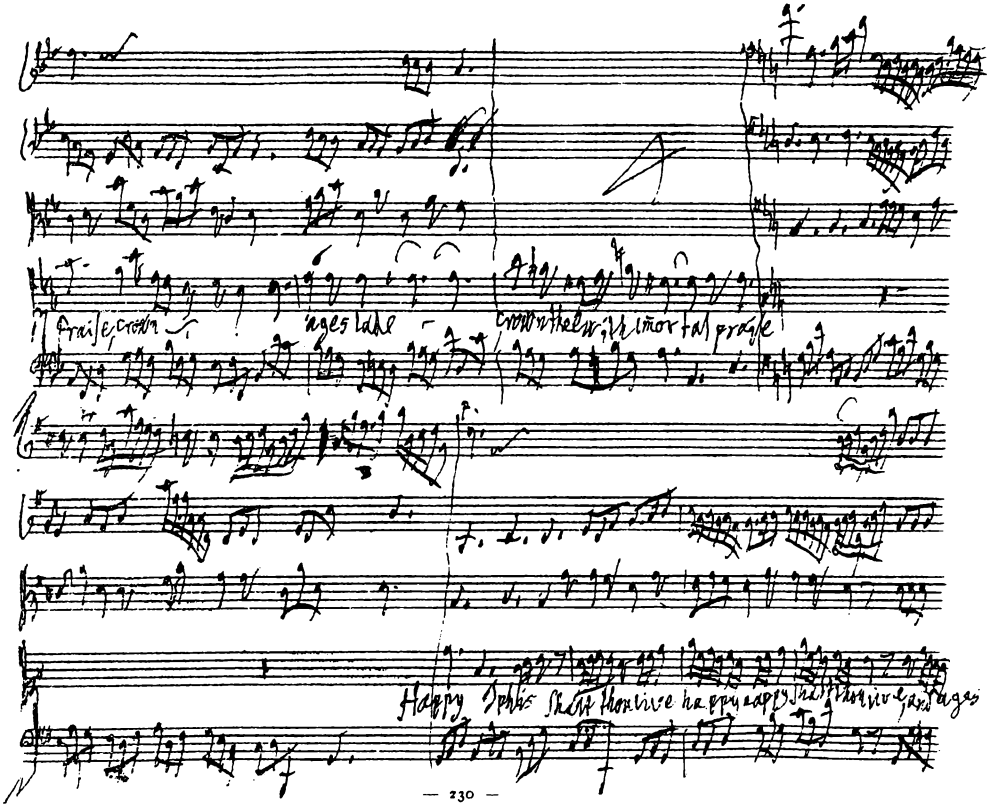
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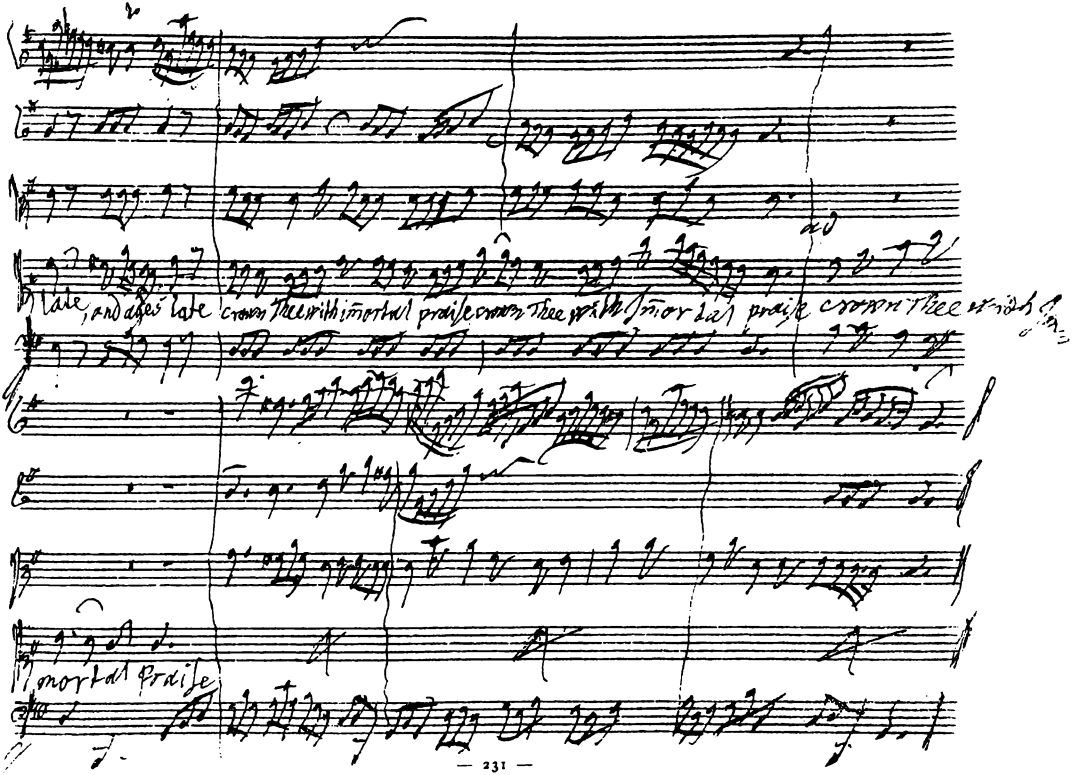
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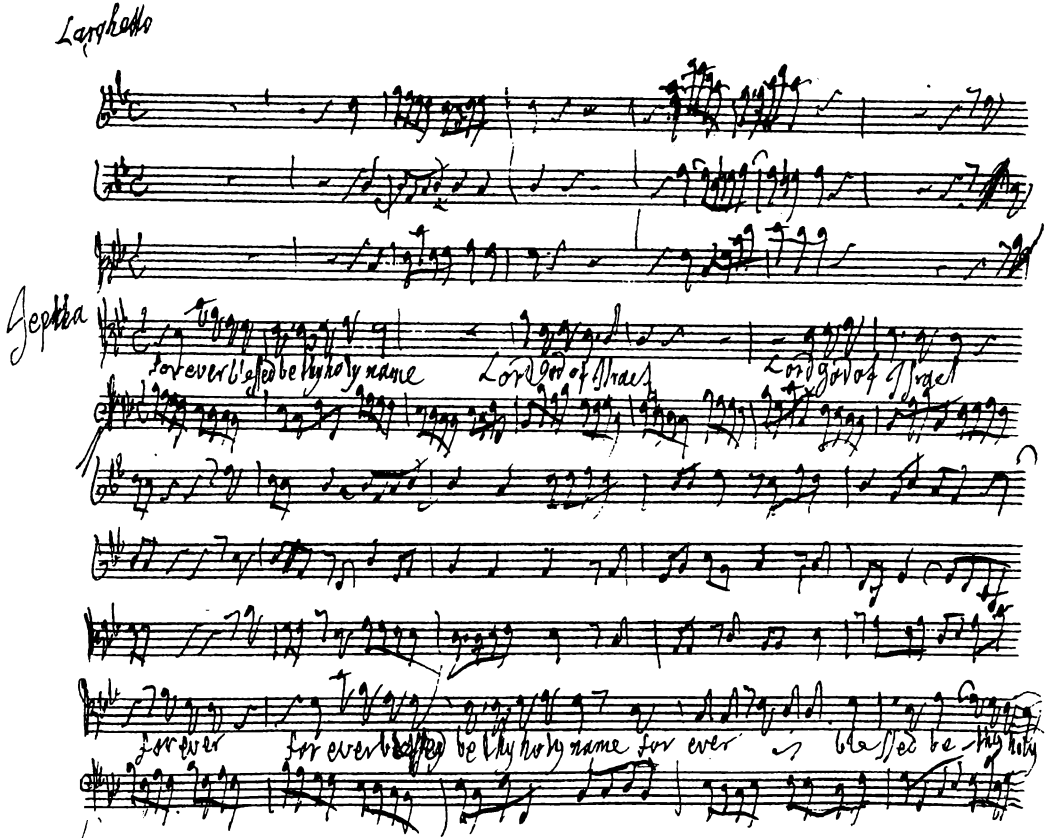
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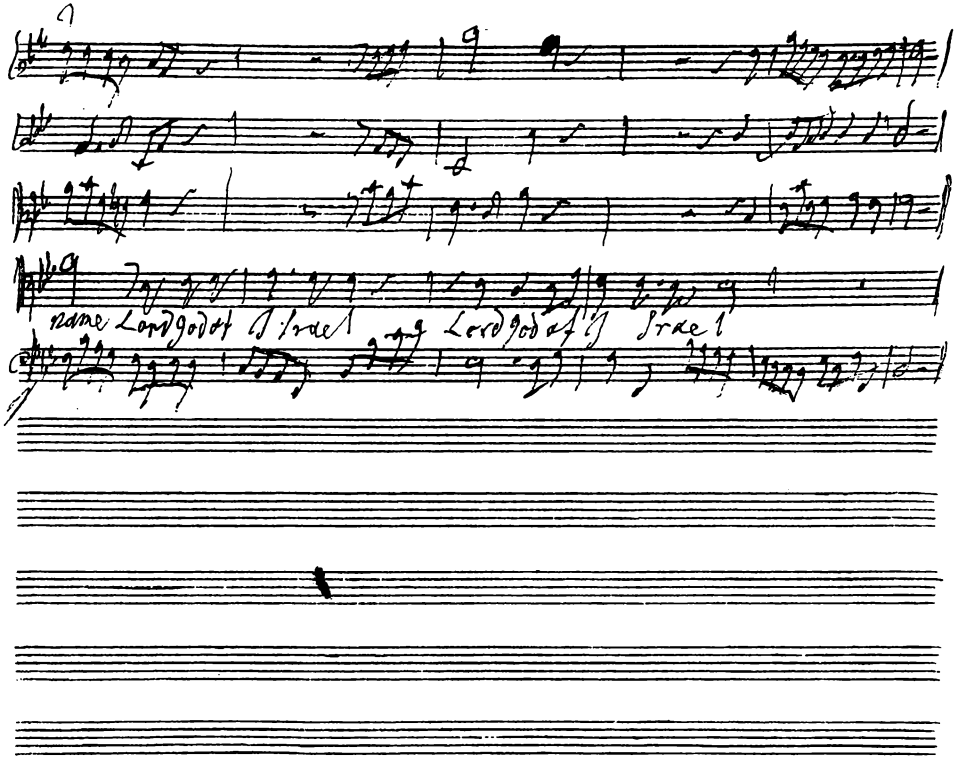
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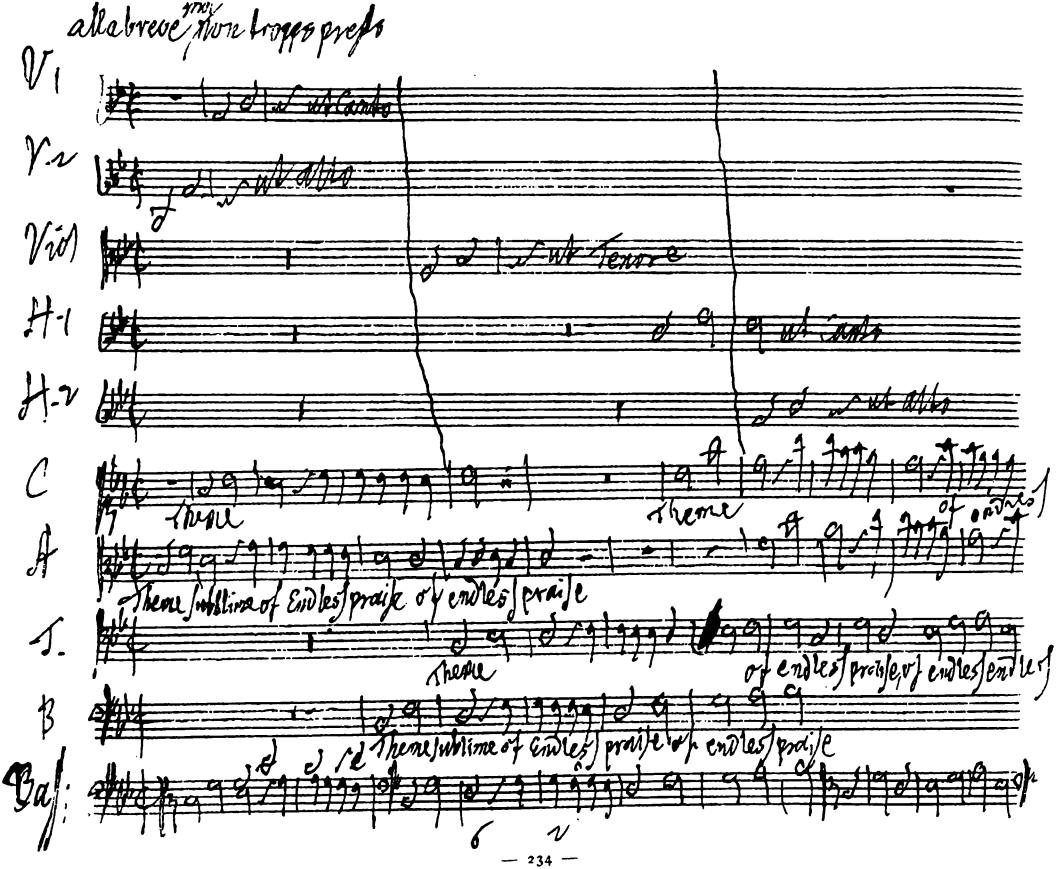
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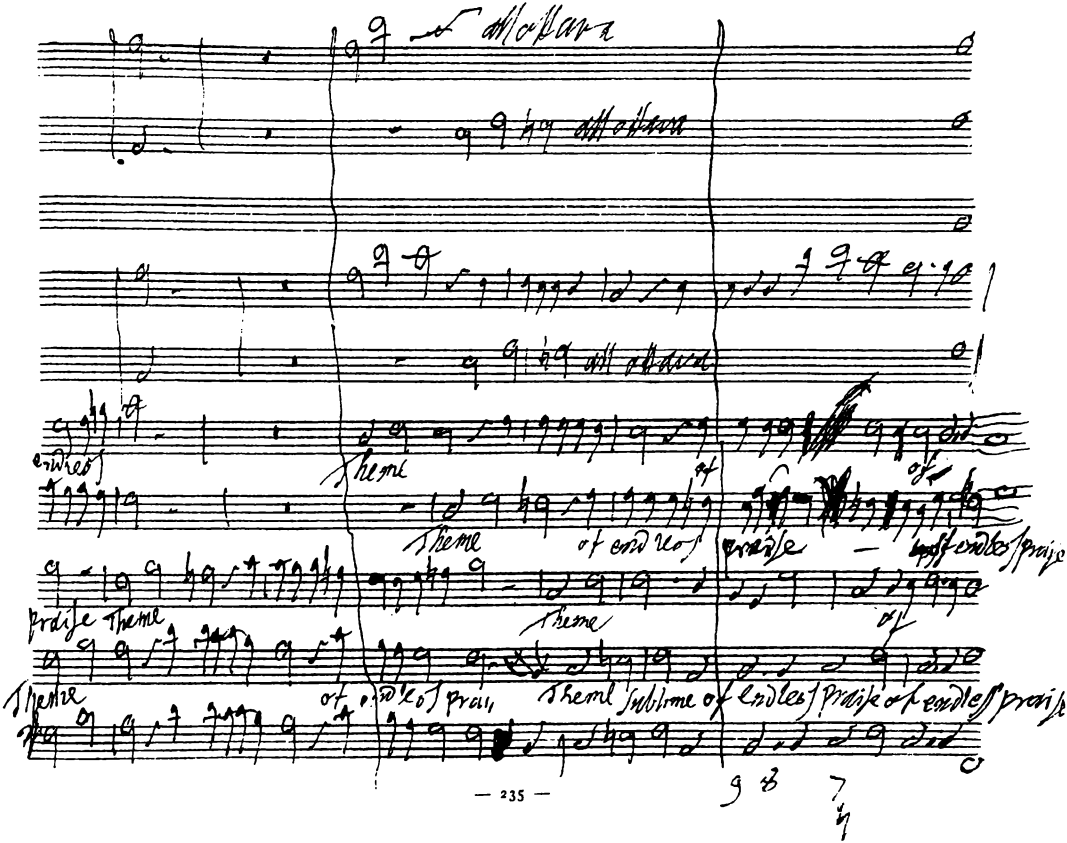
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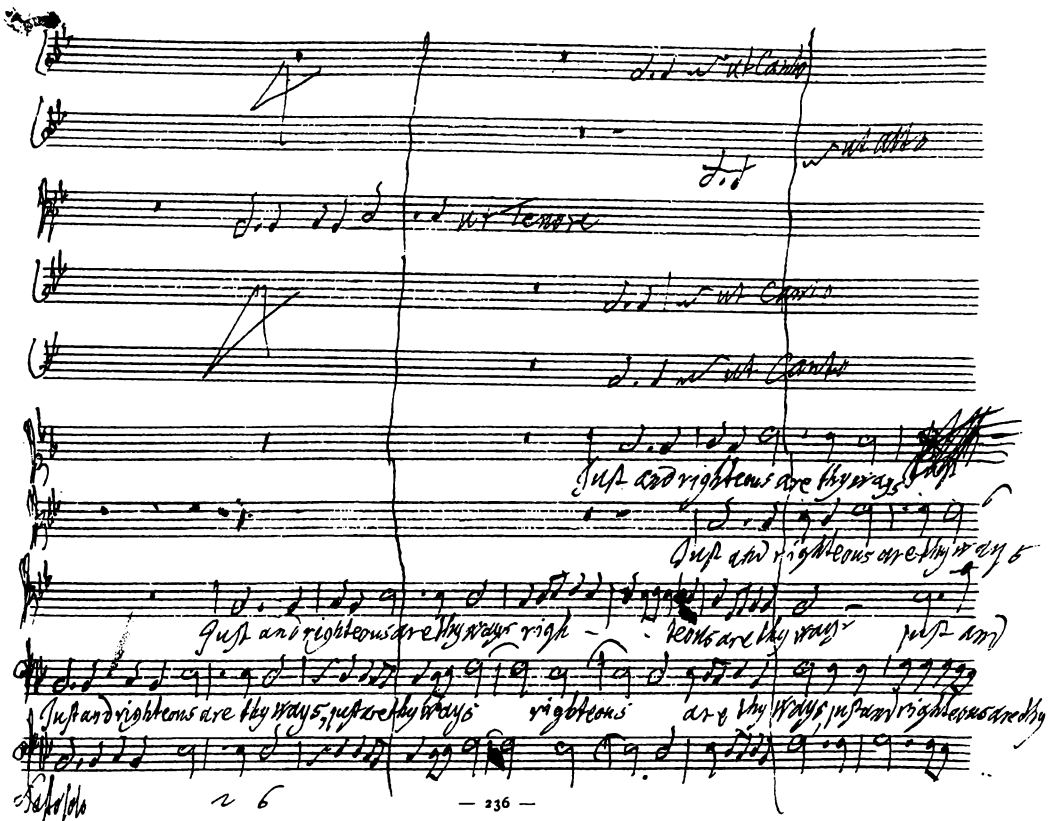
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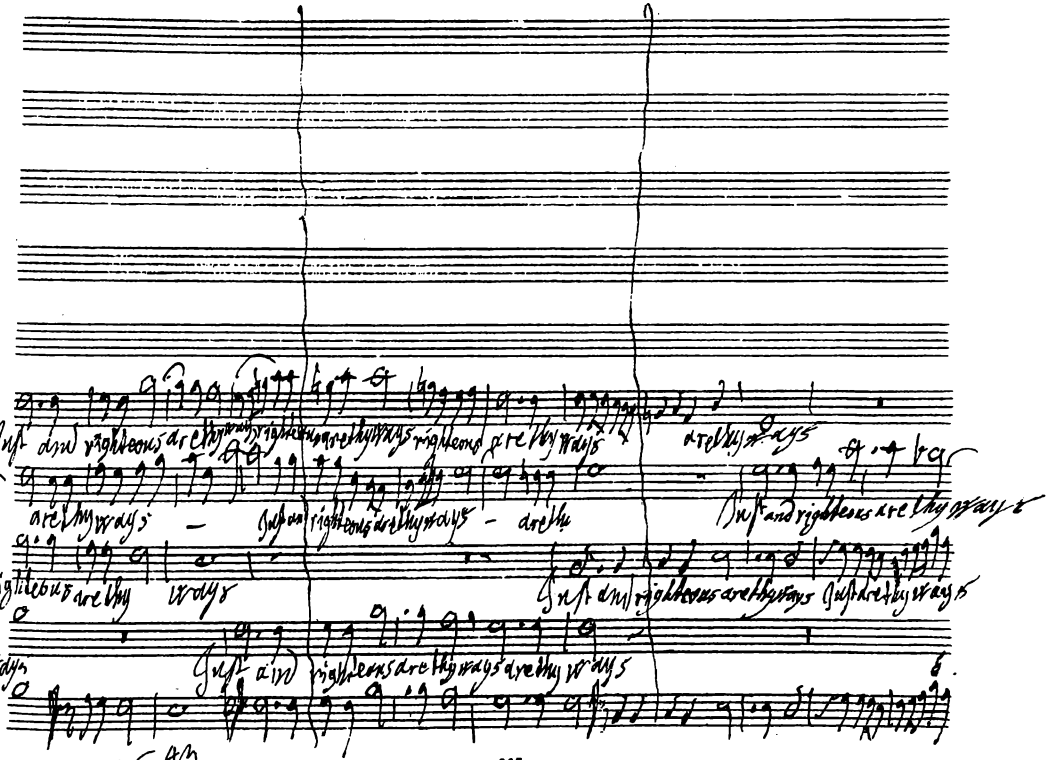
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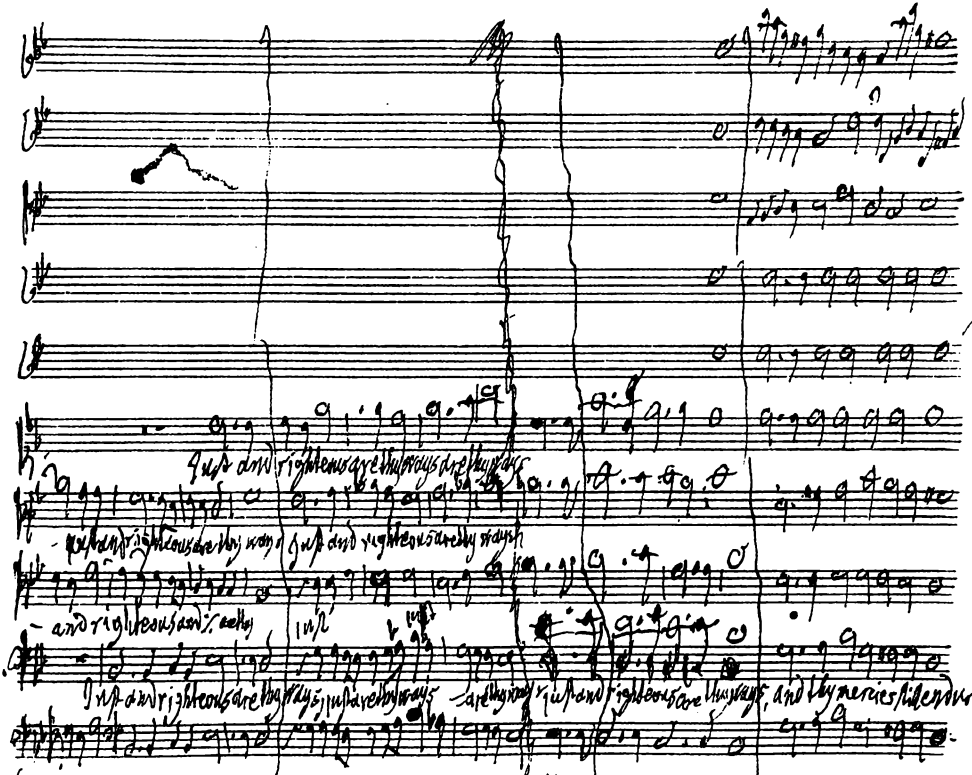
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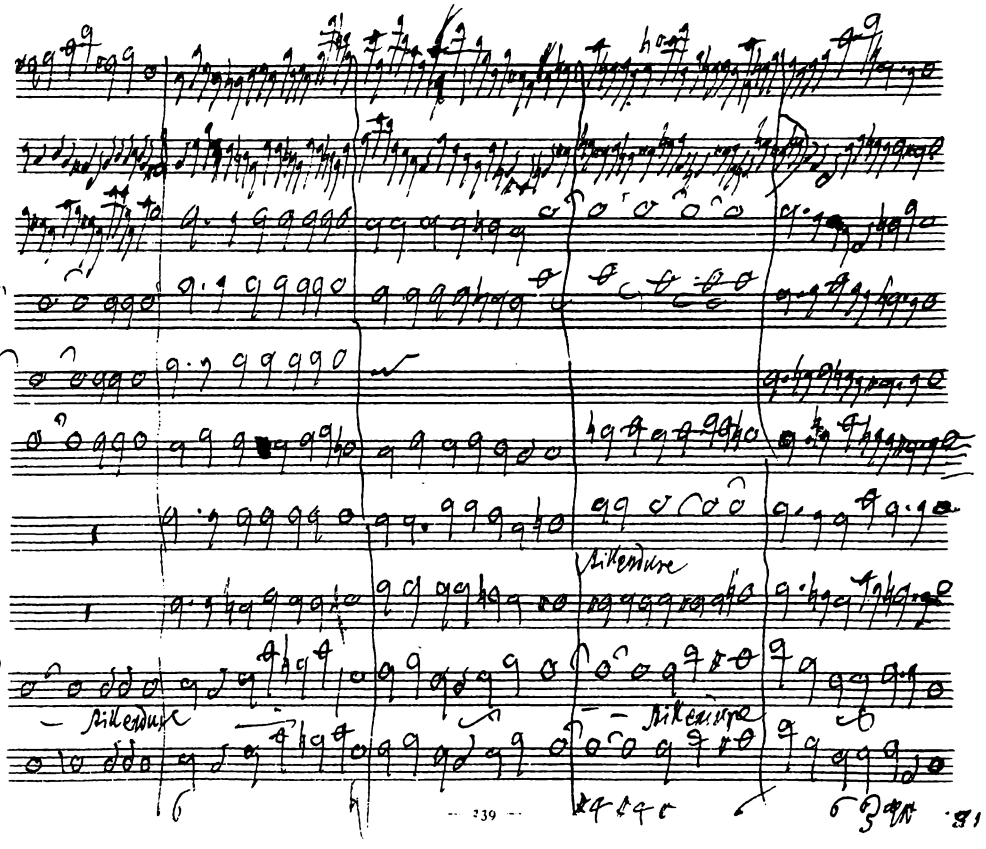
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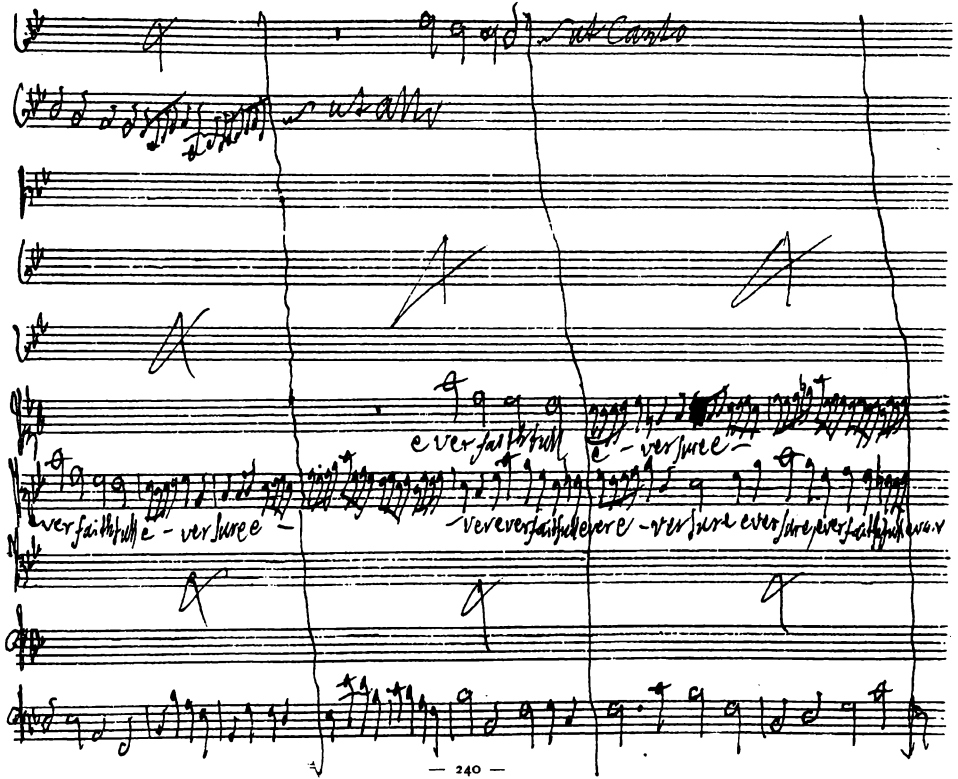
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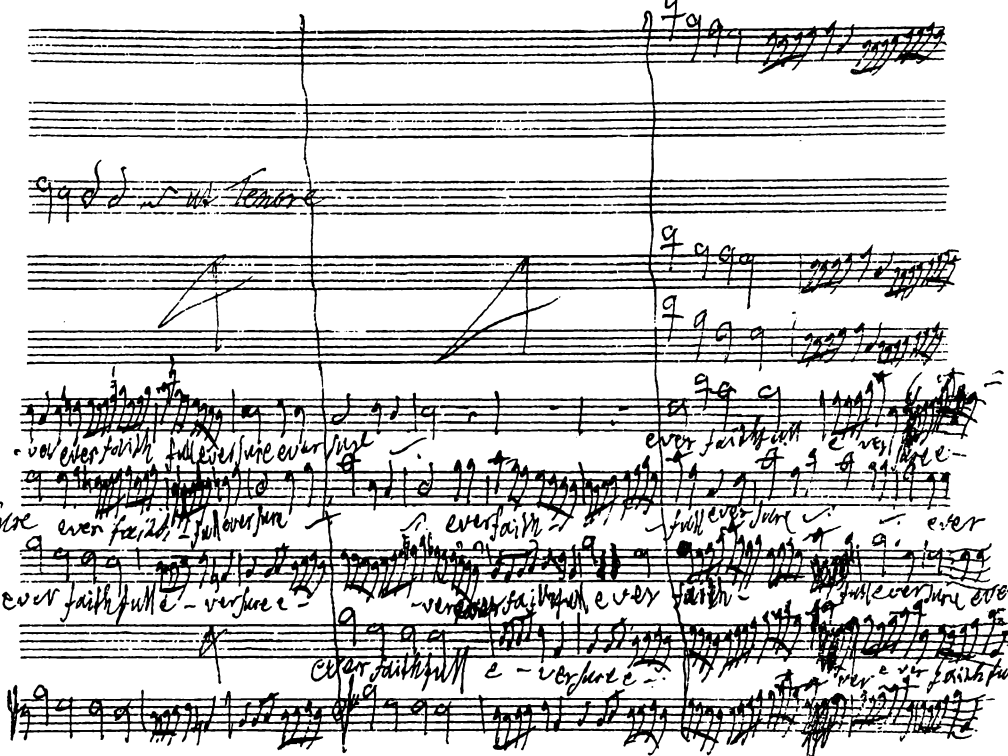
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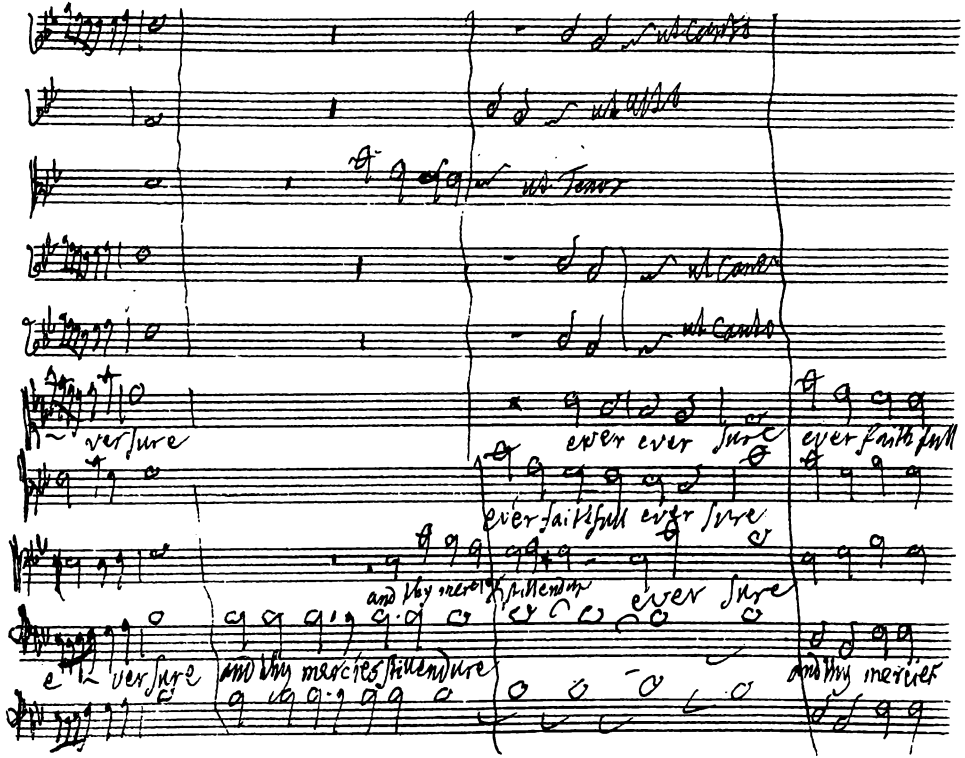
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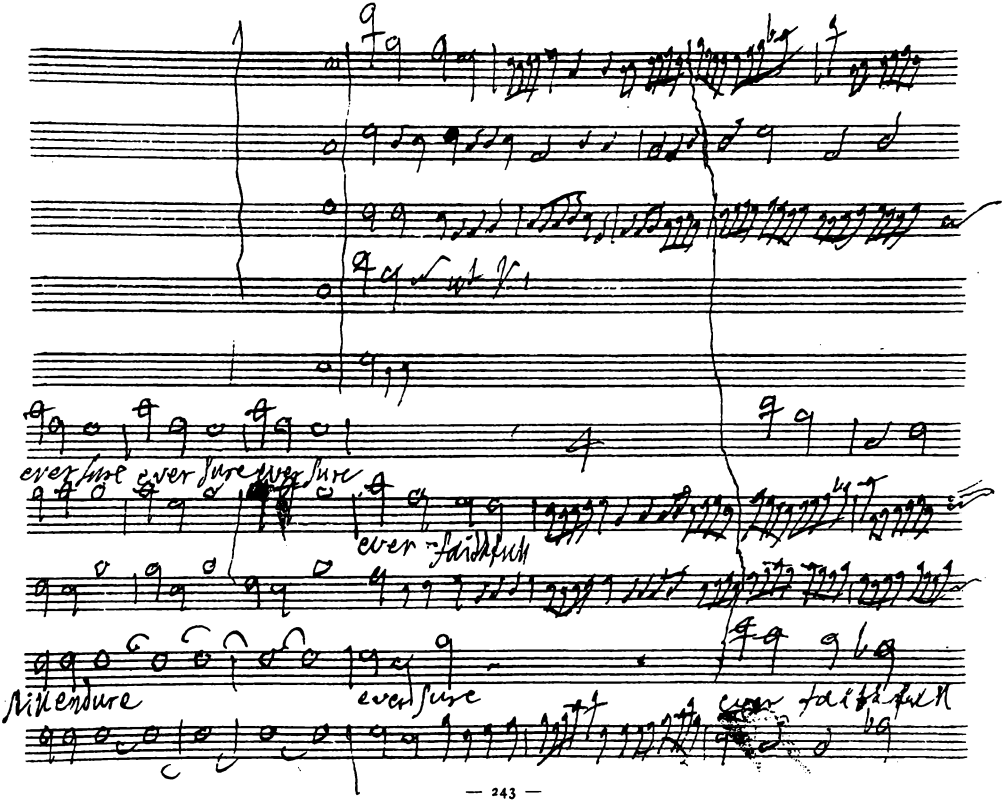
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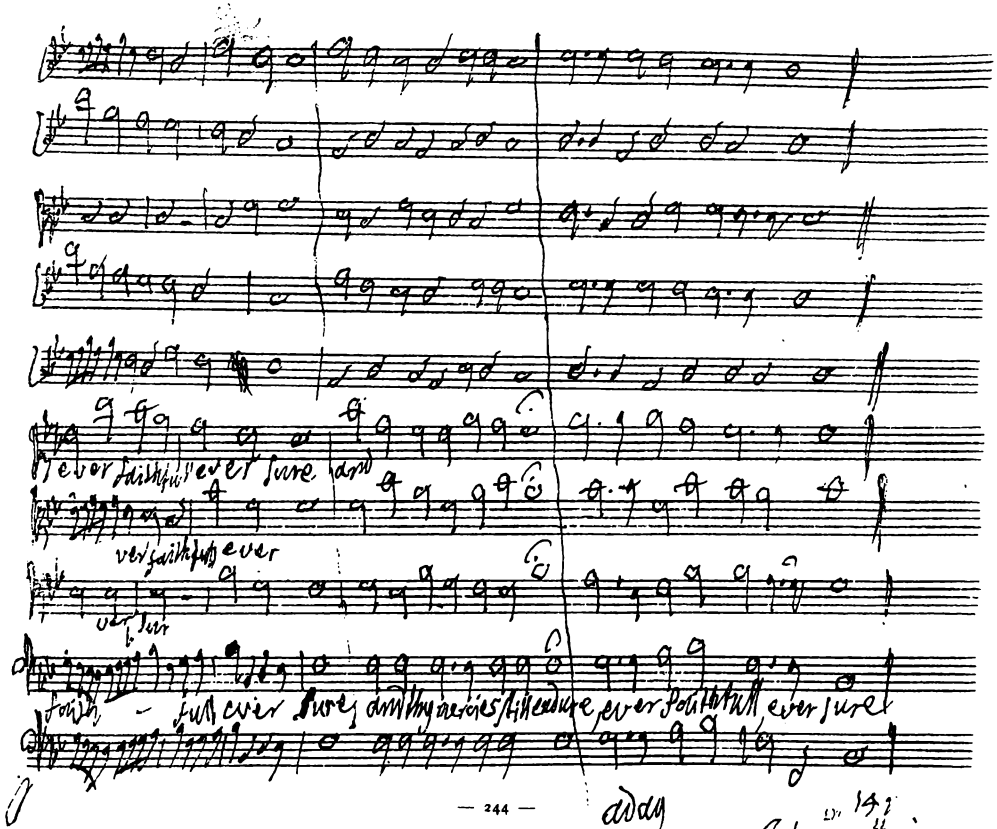
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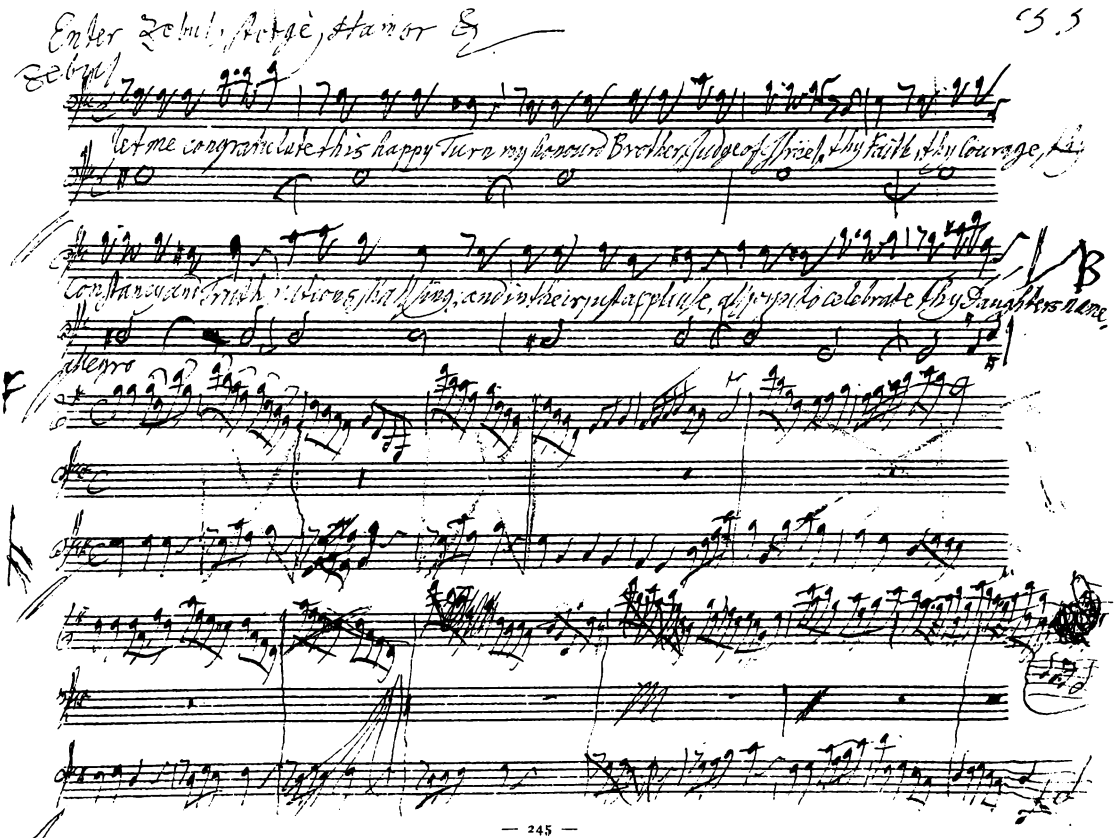
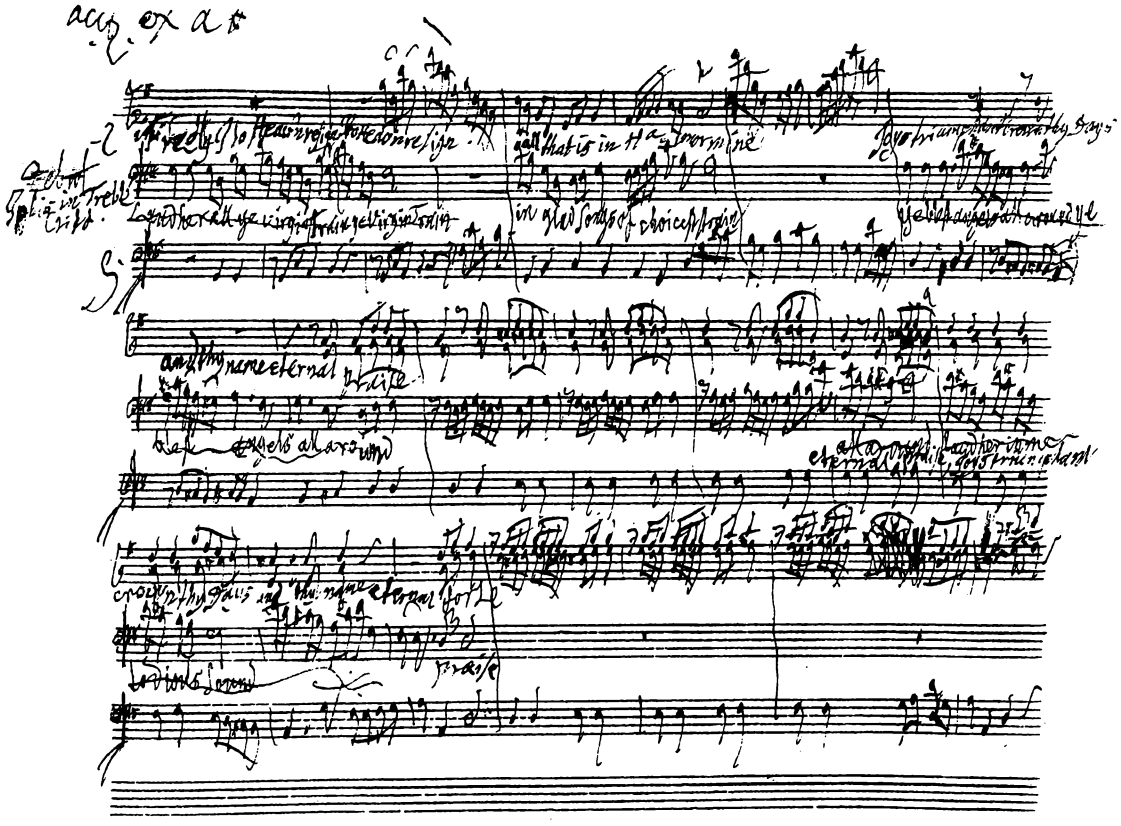
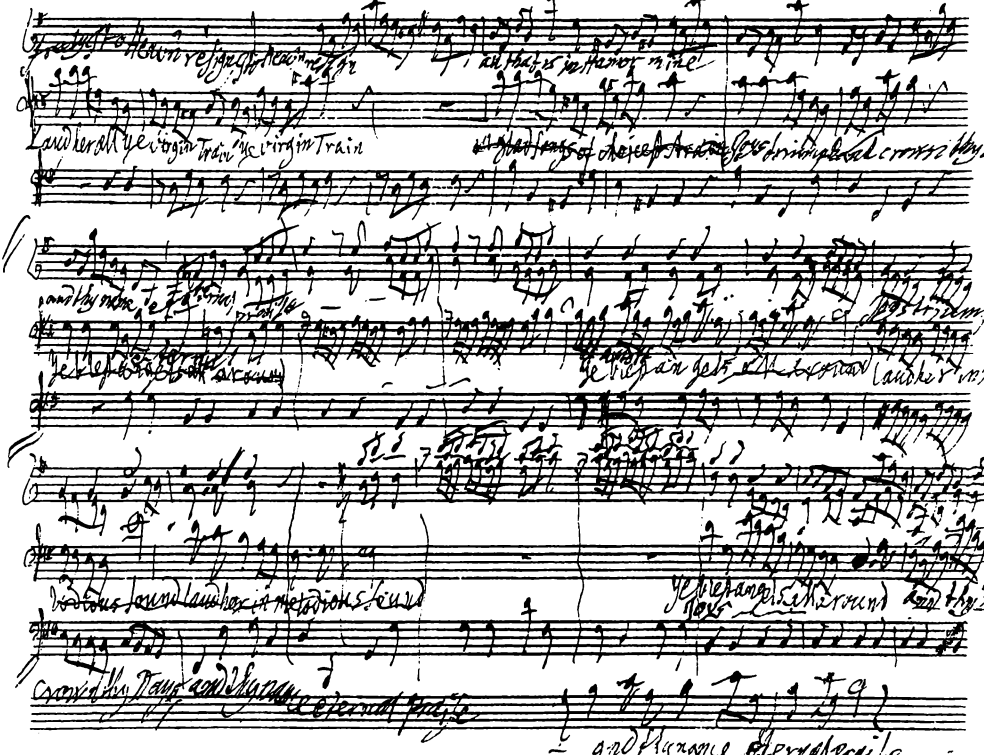

Enter Zebul, Gaal, Hamor &c
Zebul
Let me congratulate this happy Turn my honoured Brother, Judge of Israel, thy Faith, thy Courage, &c
Allegro

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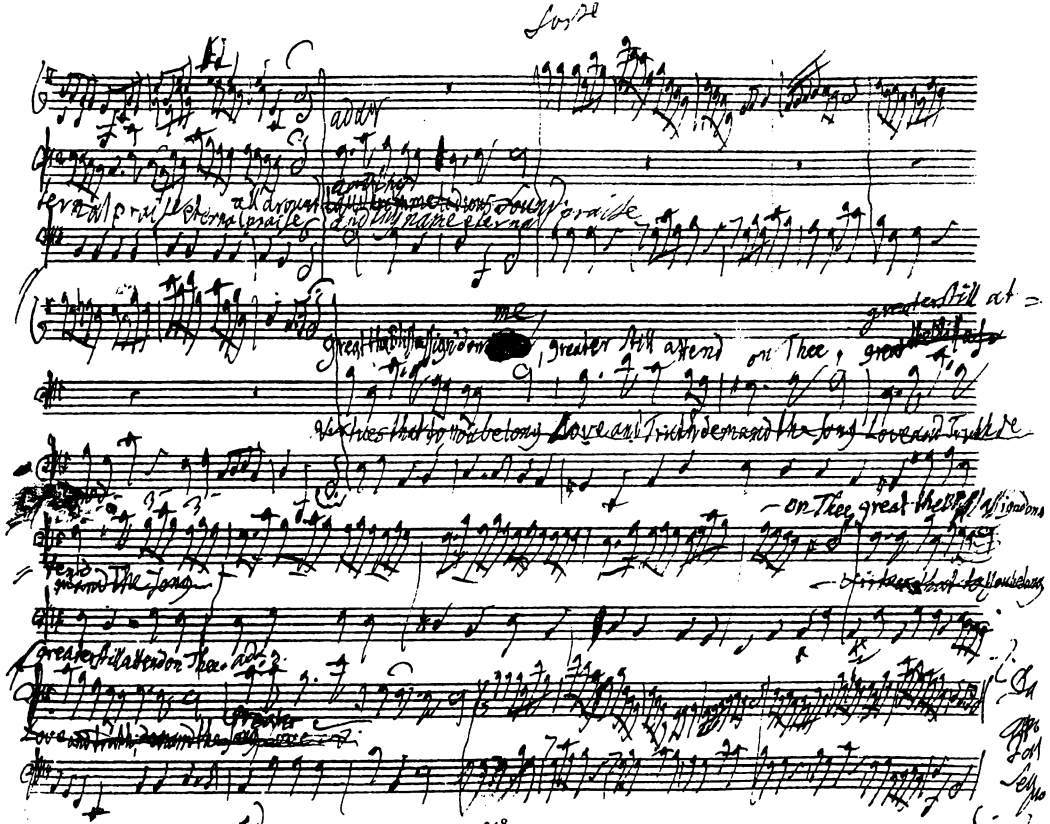
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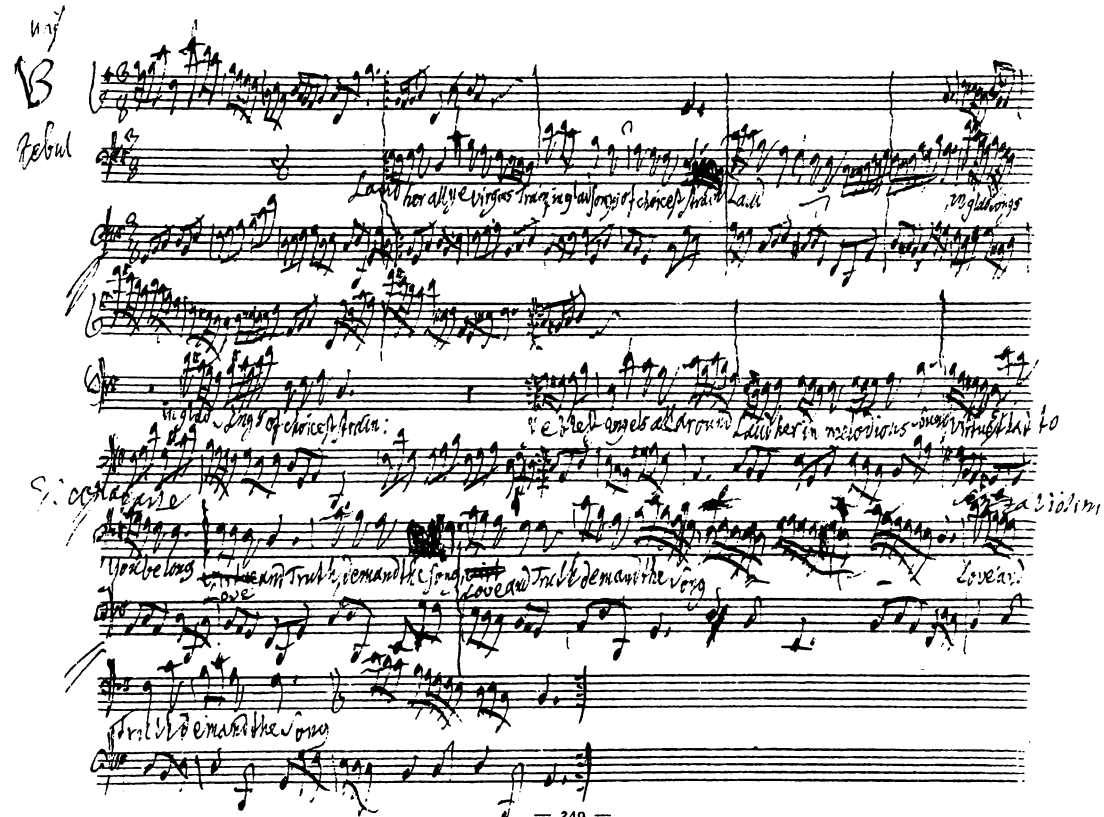
Laud her all ye virgins tracing glad songs of choicest strain
Laud her in melodious
Love and Truth demand the song
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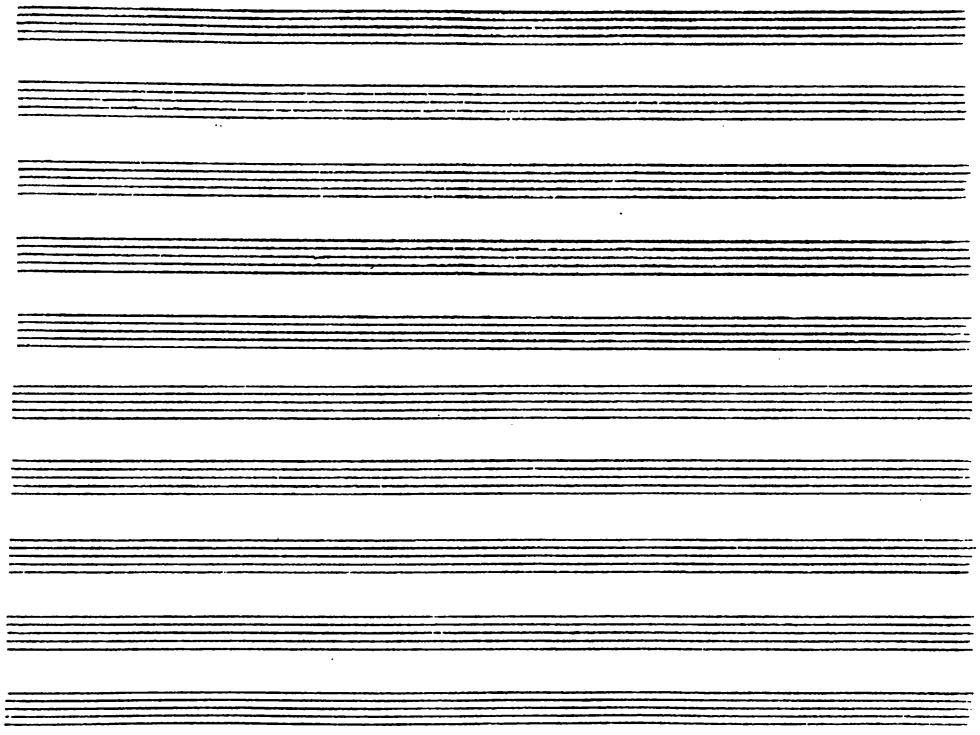

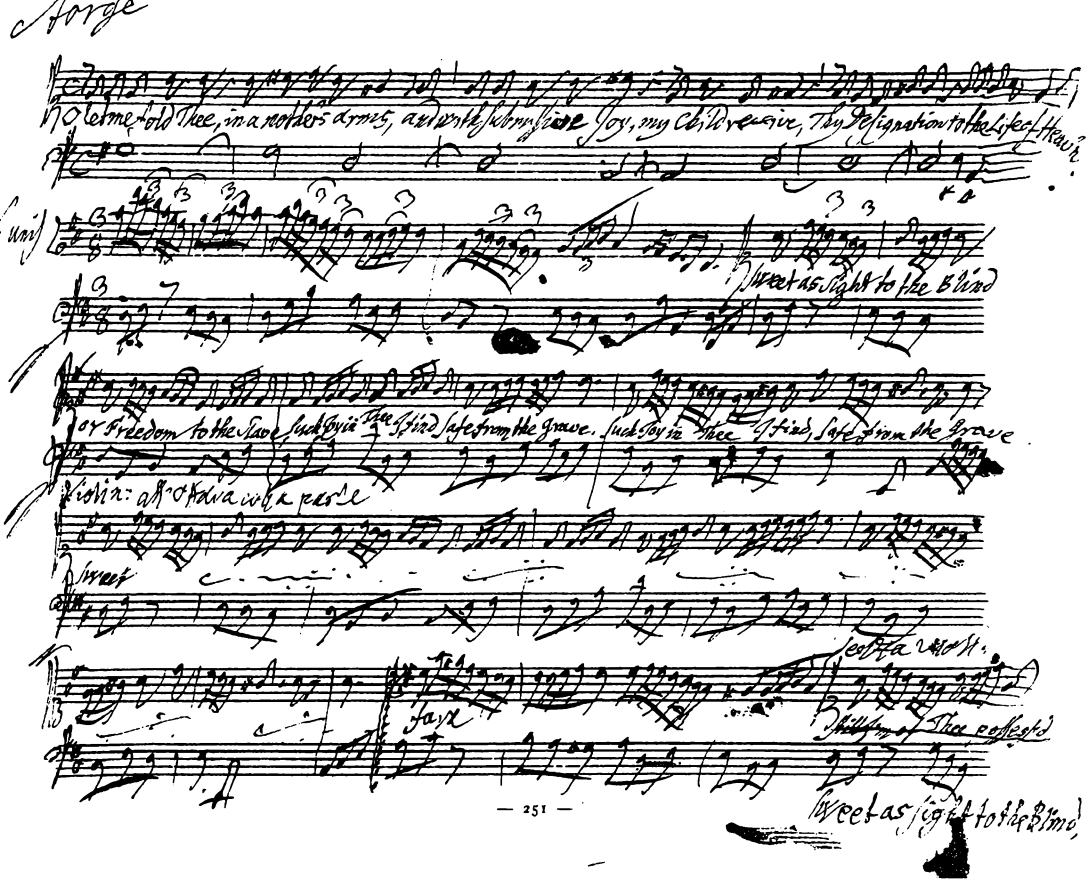
Largo
O let me fold Thee, in a mothers arms, and with the fond fire Joy, my Child receive, Thy Resignation to the Lifeless Heav'n
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Sweet as Sight to the Blind
For Freedom to the Slave such Joy in Thee I find, Safe from the Grave. such Joy in Thee I find, Safe from the Grave
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Jaya
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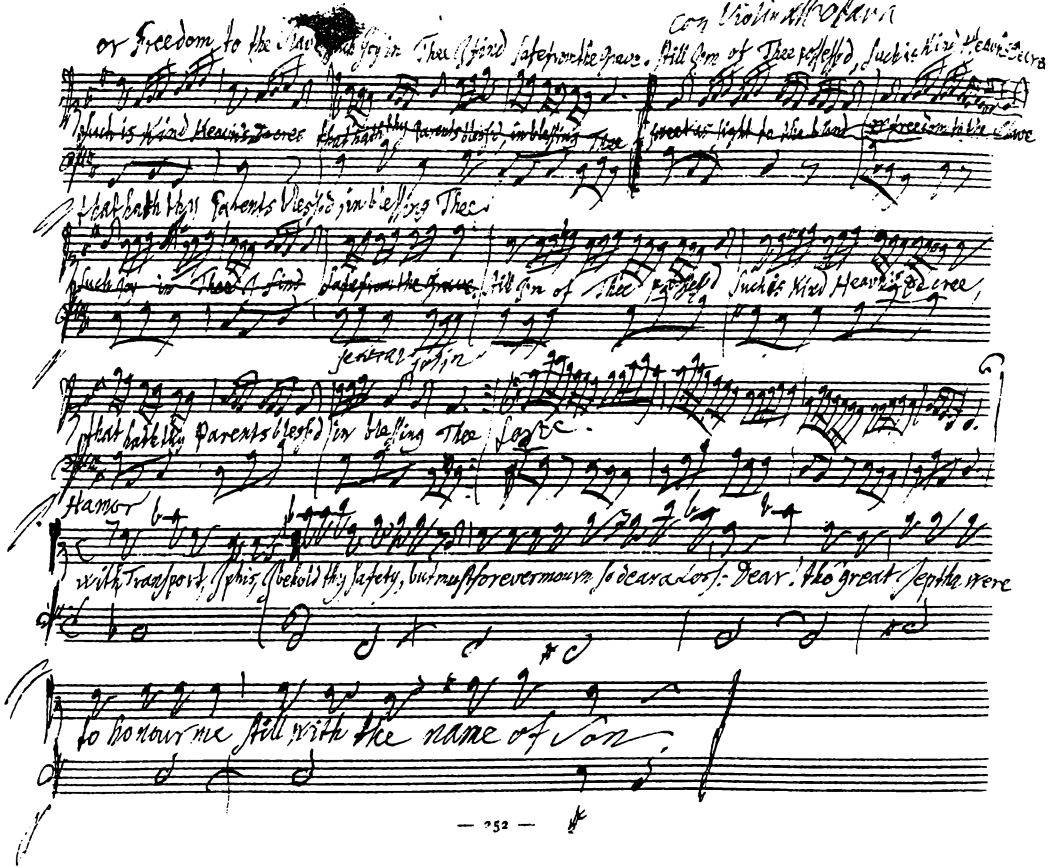
Con Violini all'Ottava
or freedom to the Slave
Joy in Thee (Sion) Safety in the Grave.
Still One of Thee possess'd such Heav'n-born Pow'r
Such is Kind Heav'n's Decree
that hath thy Parents blest, in blessing Thee
great in Light to the blind
or Freedom to the Slave
Heart hath thy Parents blest, in blessing Thee
such Joy in Thee to find
Safety in the Grave.
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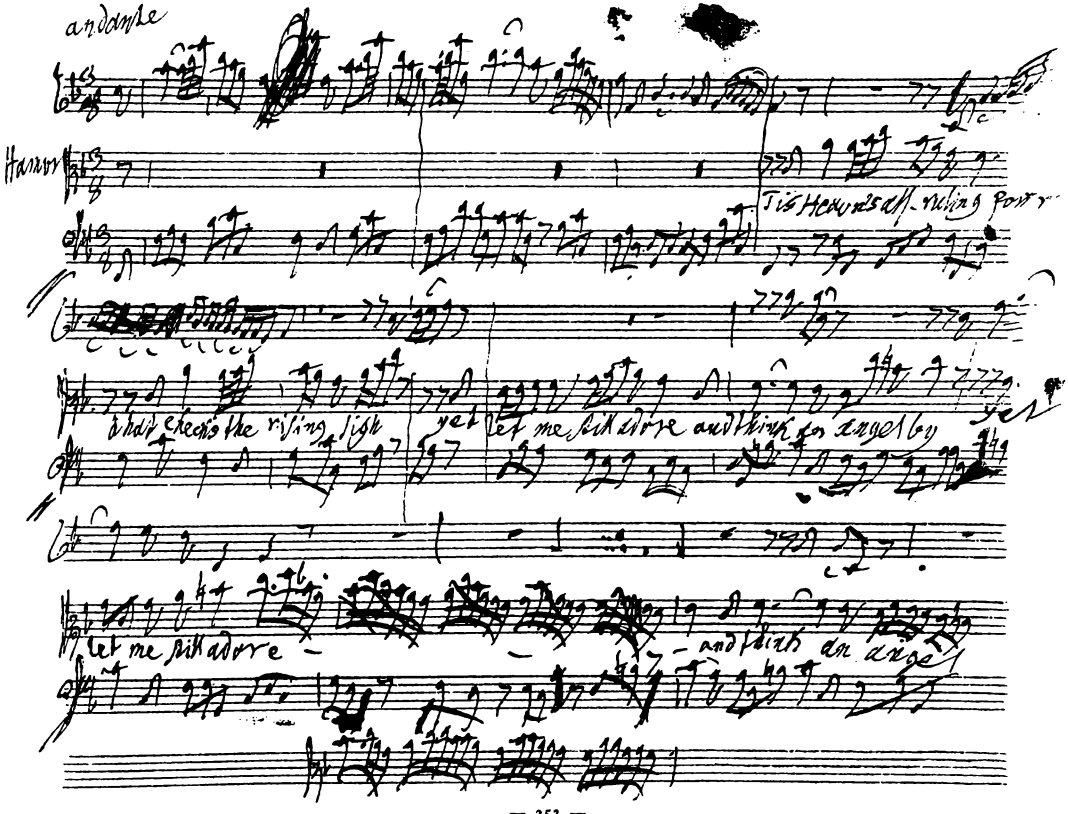
Hamor
with Transport, Sephis, Behold thy Safety, but must forever mourn so dear a Loss: Dear! the great Sepha were
to honour me still with the name of Son.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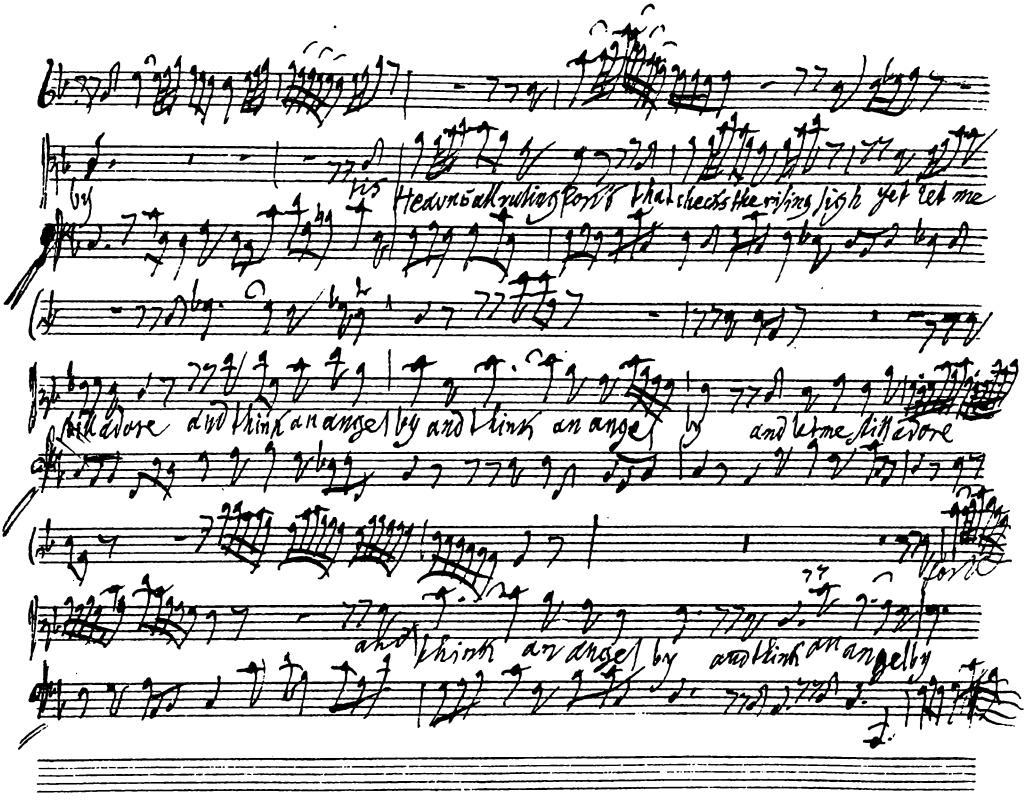
that checks the rising sigh
yet let me sit adore and think for angel boy
let me sit adore
and think for angel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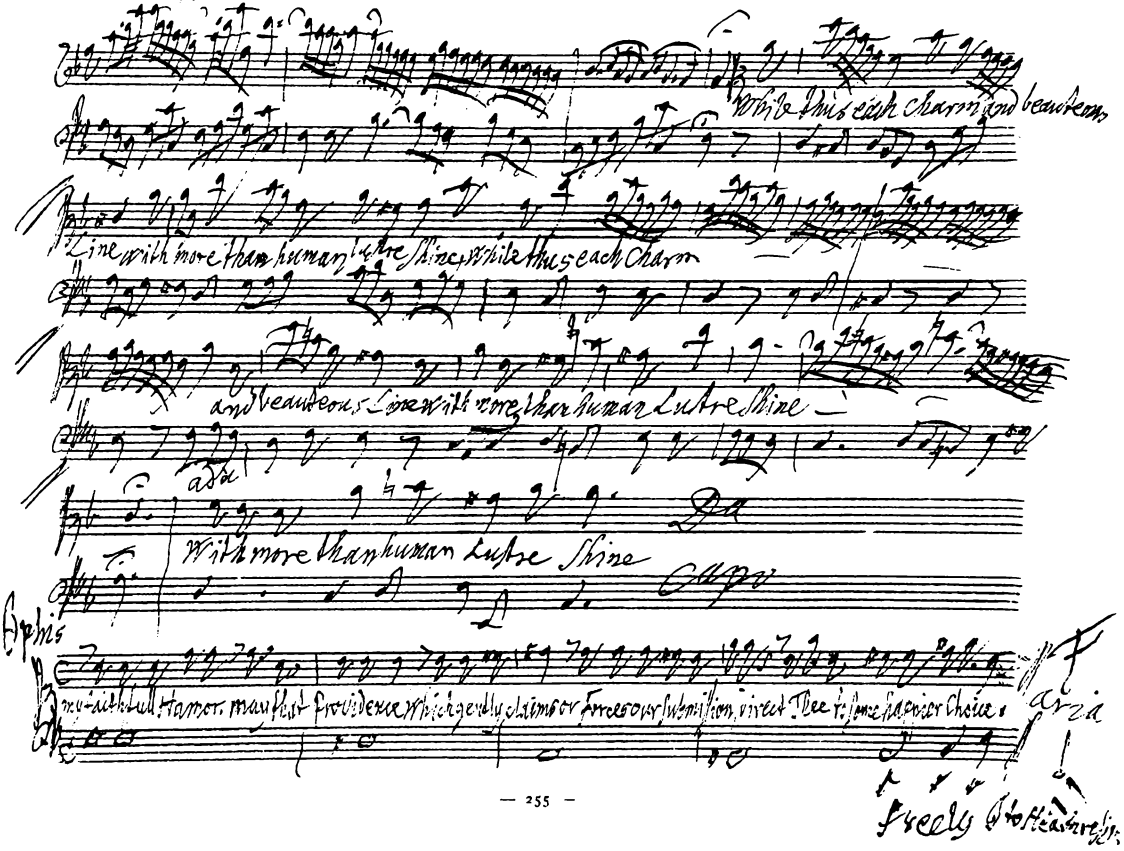
and think an angel by and think an angel by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Line with more than human Lustre shine, while thus each Charm
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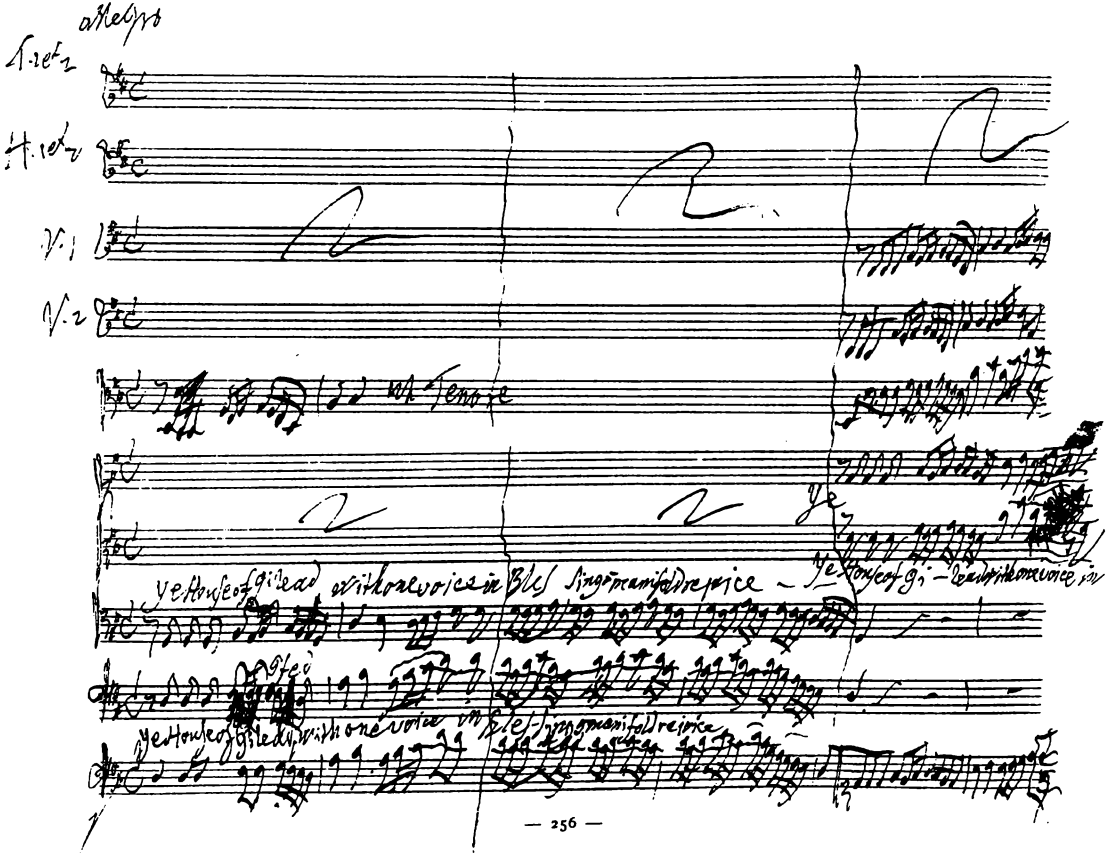
Aria
Freely submissive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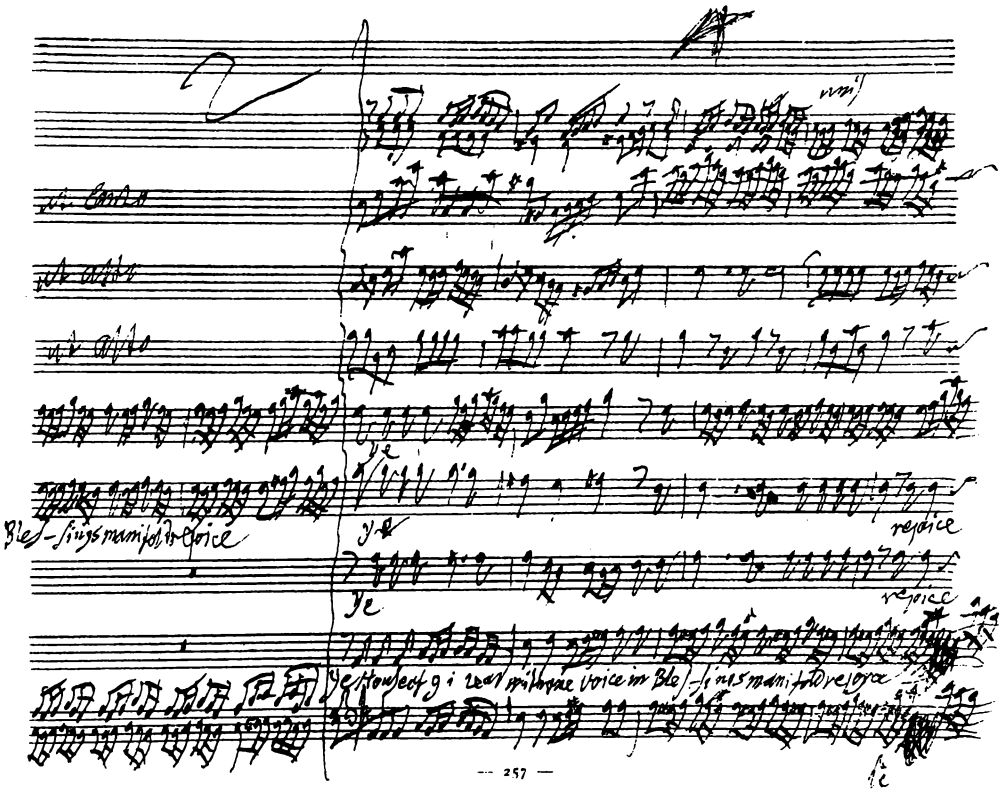
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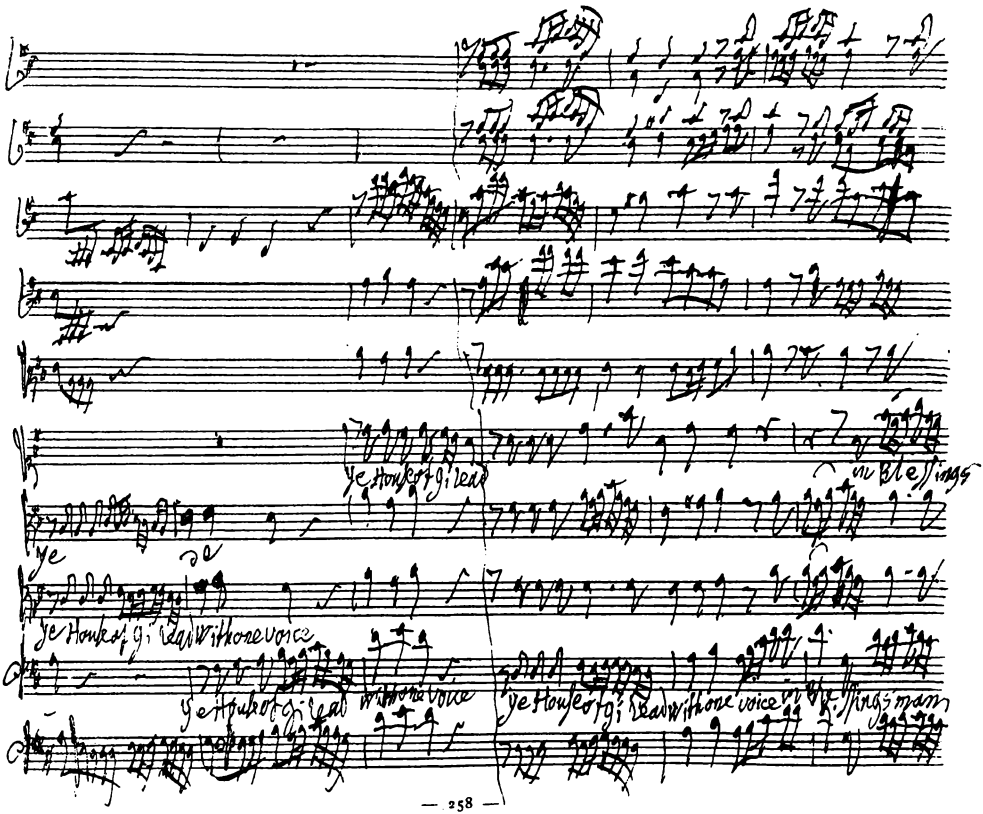
Ye powers of great voice in Ble-ssings manifold voice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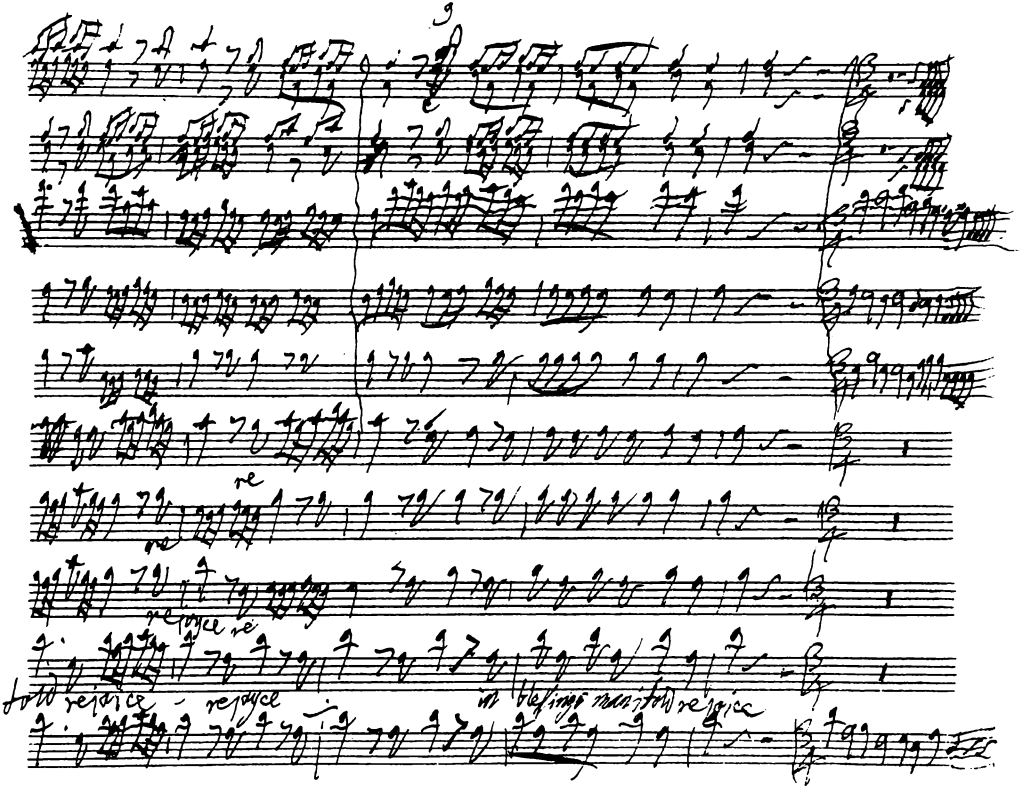
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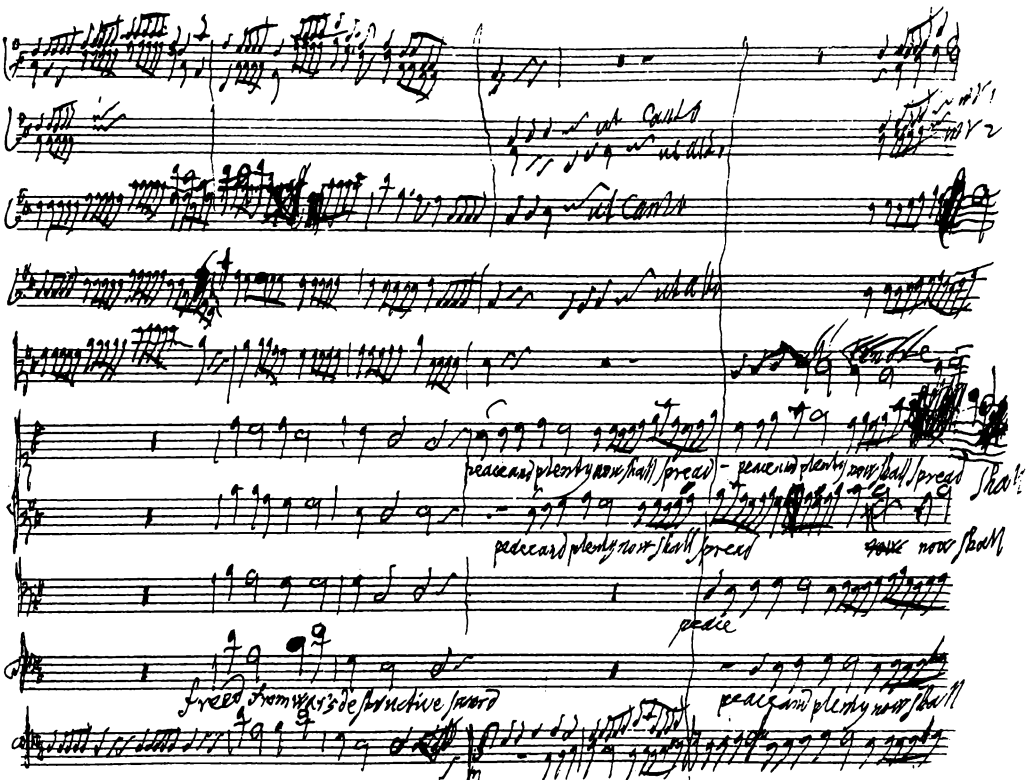
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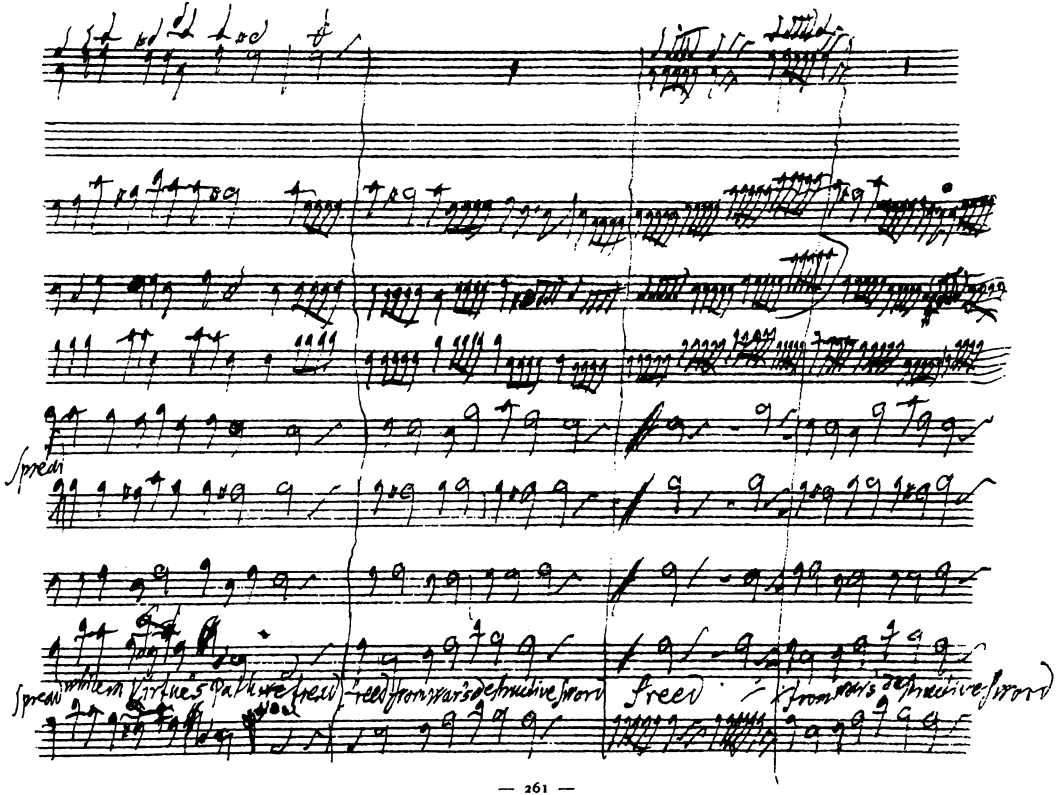
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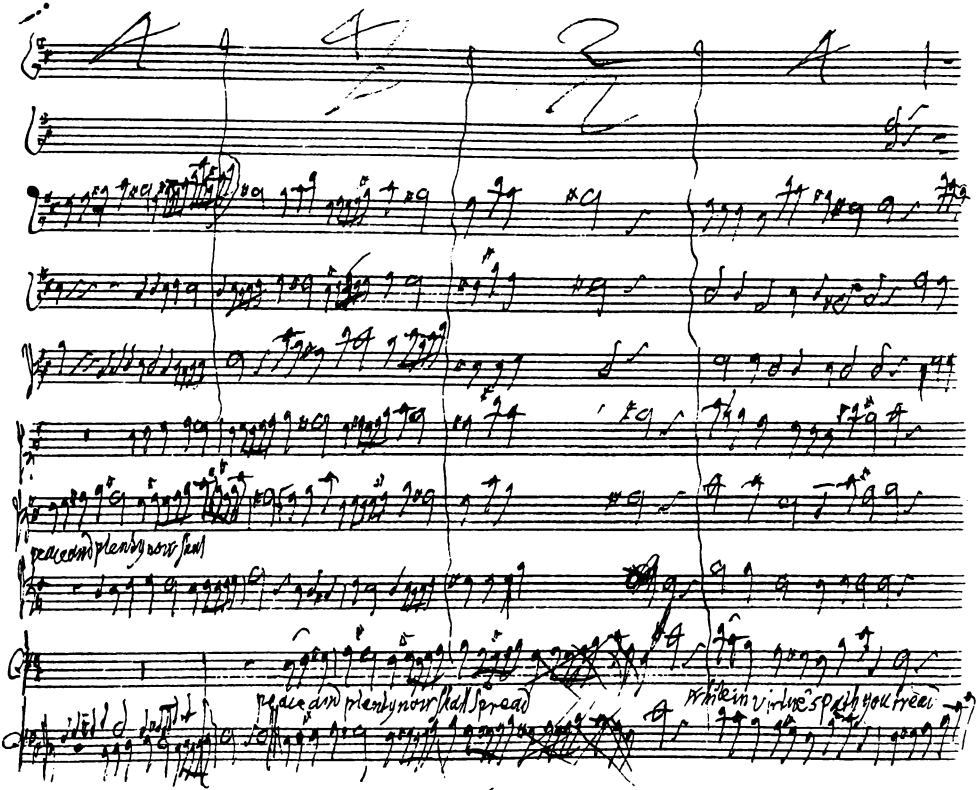
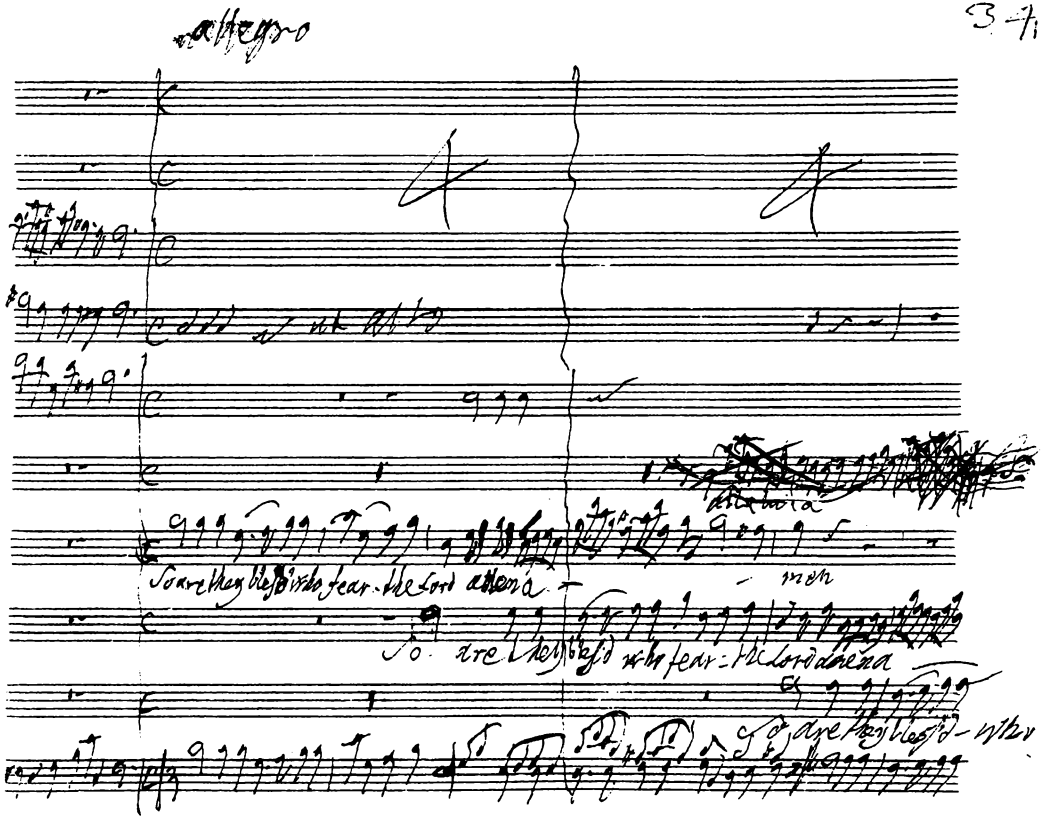

peace and plenty nourish all your trees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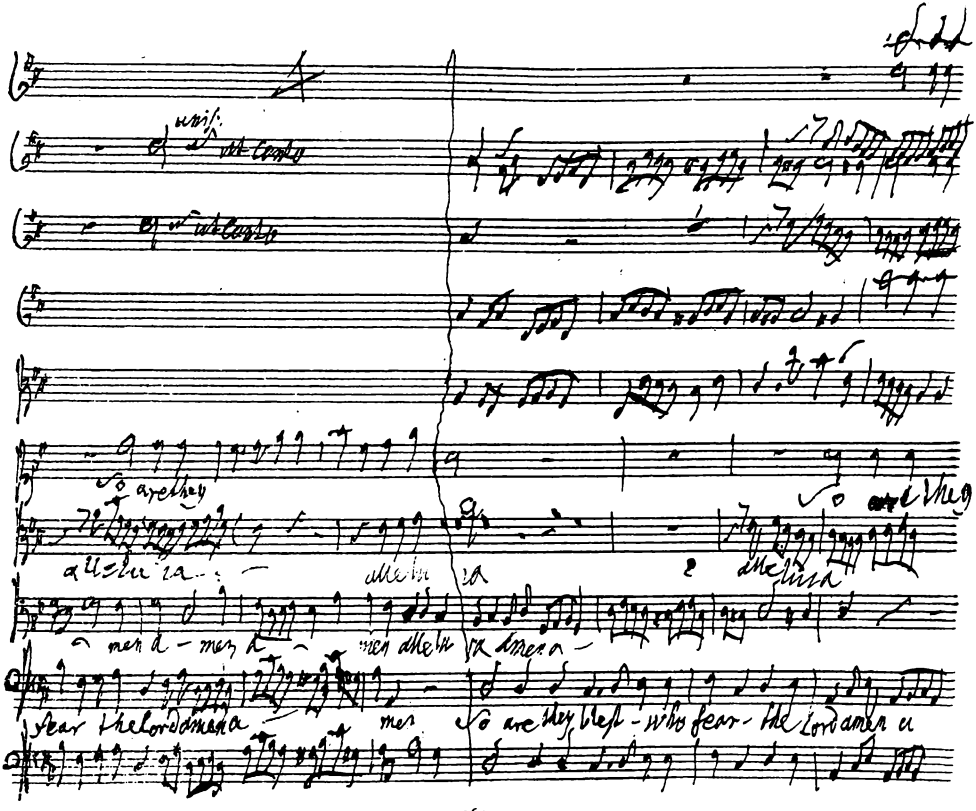
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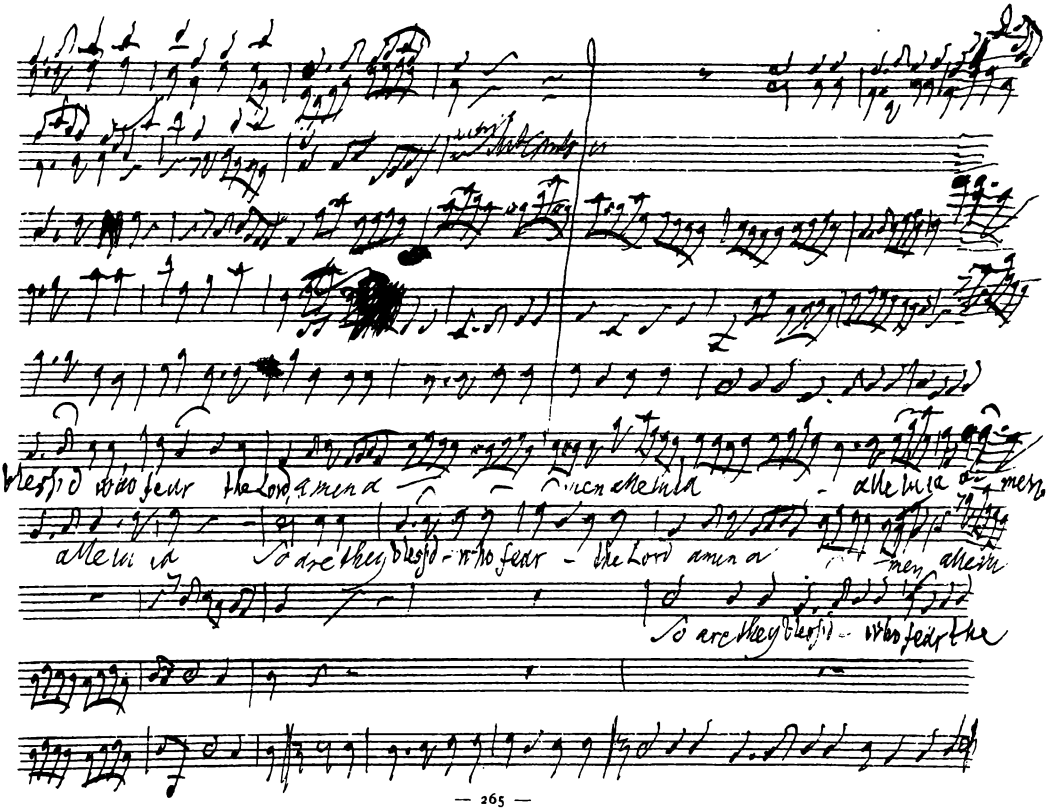
men allelu ia
men
O are they blest - who fear - the Lord amen
fear the Lord amen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So are they blessed - who fear - the Lord amen a
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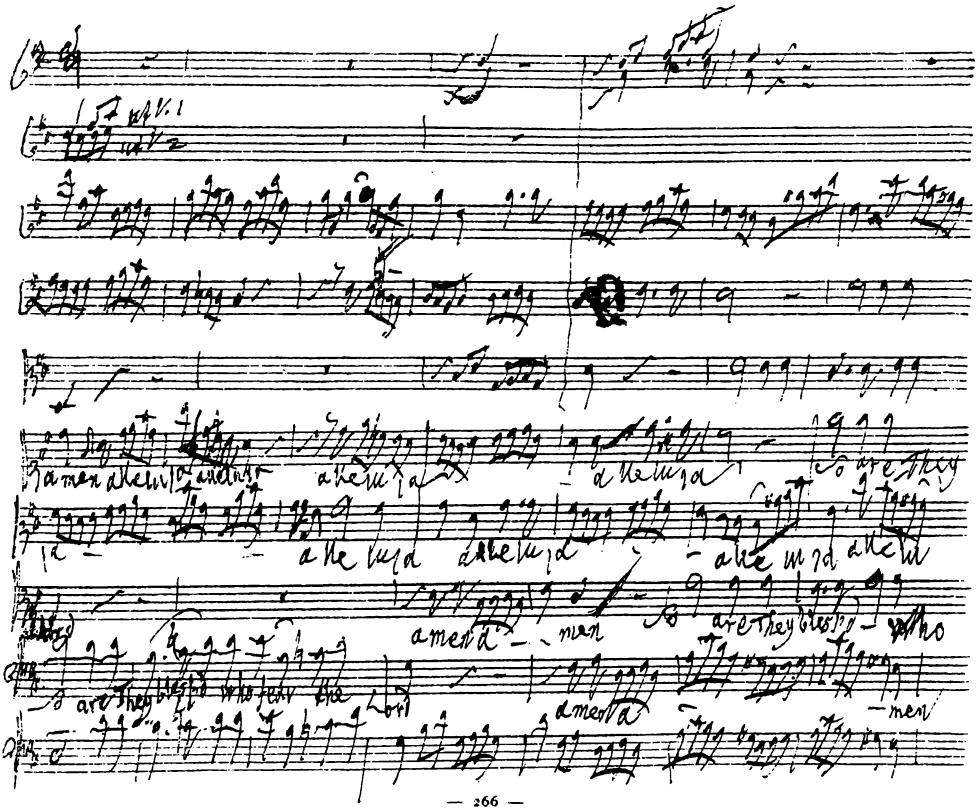
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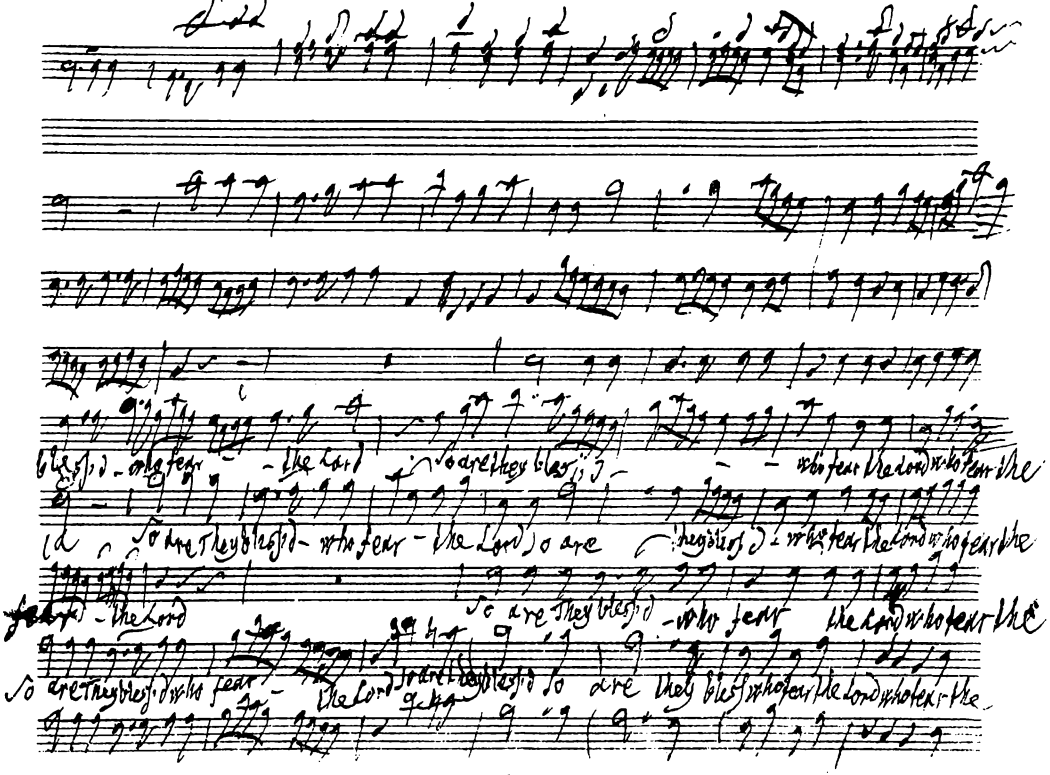
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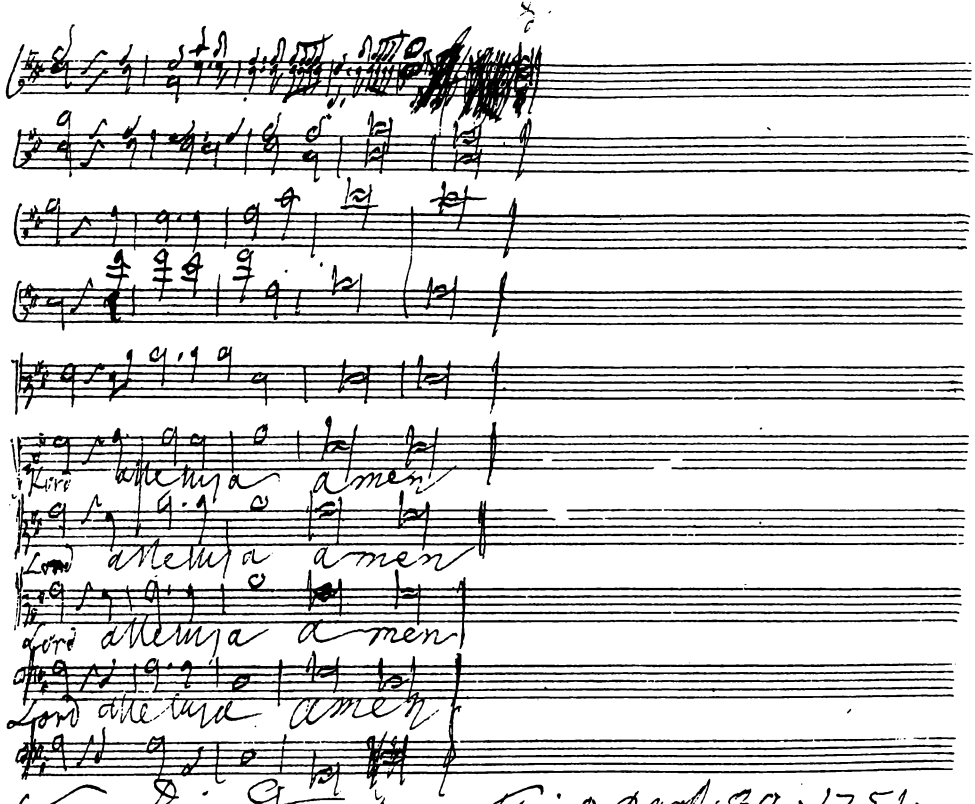
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