

A Treatise SINGING

Explaining in the most simple manner,

All the Rules for learning to sing by Note, without the Afsistance of an Instrument, with some Observations on Vocal Music, interspersed with Original Examples, Solfeggi, Airs, Due Hos &c. & Selected, & Compressed from the most Eminent Authors both Ancient and Modern, (particularly some Beautiful Vocal Pieces of Sacred Music, from the M.S.S of Tomellie, and Sacchini; neverbefore published. In the collection of the late Tames Harris.

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PREFACE.

IT is not my defign to enter into the different methods purfued by the various Writers on the fubject of Solmisation, as they would be too tedious and perplexing to the generality of Amateurs, who are defirous of becoming Singers with as little trouble as necessary, and for whom this Treatise is principally written. But my business has been to select, from the best Writers, every striking feature, that may tend to simplify and elucidate this Art.

In the progress of this Work, particularly in the following Observations on Vocal Music, I have generally made the Authors, whom I have quoted, speak for themselves, and (if I may so express it) tell their own story.

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In all polite and civilized nations, the early practice of Music was strongly recommended, as tending most powerfully to soothe the discordant passions, to influence the taste, and fix the morals of youth, by exalting and improving the human mind, and raising our nature to higher degrees of virtue. The ingenious Author of the Memoirs of Handel makes this interesting remark: "Too much reason is there for believing that the interests of religion and humanity are not so strongly guarded, or so firmly secured, as easily to spare those succours, or forego those affistances, which are administered to them by the elegant arts."—Avison, speaking of the pleasure received from musical sounds, says, "It is their peculiar and effential property, to divest the soul of every unquiet passion, to pour in upon the mind a filent joy, beyond the power of words to express, and to six the heart in a rational, benevolent, and happy tranquillity. The force of sound, in alarming the passions, is prodigious: thus, the noise of thunder, the shouts of war, the uproar of an enraged ocean, strike us with terror. So again, there are certain sounds natural to joy, others to grief or despondency, others to tenderness and love; and by hearing these, we naturally sympathize with those who enjoy, or suffer. And thus, by the power of Music, we are often carried into the sury of a battle, or a tempest; we are by turns elated with joy, or suck in pleasing forrow; roused to courage, or quelled by grateful terrors; melted to pity, tenderness, and love, or transported to the regions of bliss, in an extacy of divine praise." Milton was so sensible of the moral tendency of musical expression, that he ascribes to it the power of raising some praise-worthy emotions even in the Devils themselves.

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That Vocal Music has greatly the superiority, from Nature, over Instrumental, is universally allowed, as it receives additional aid from its ally Poetry.

Mr. Harris says on this subject, that "Music, when alone, can only raise affections, which soon languish and decay, if not maintained and fed by the "nutritive images of Poetry. There are sew to be found so insensible, I may say so inhumane, as, when good Poetry is justly set to Music, not in some degree to feel the force of so amiable an union; it is a force irressible, and penetrates into the deepest recesses of the soul. The ideas of Poetry must needs make the most sensible impression, when affections peculiar to them are already excited by Music, for here a double force is made co-operate to one end. Antoniotti says the union of Music and Poetry, when properly and judiciously adapted, acquire an extraordinary power, and become in a manner despotic over the human passions, and can excite the most associate satisfactions."

"It is in general true, that Poetry is the most immediate and most accurate interpreter of Music. Without this auxiliary, a piece of the best Music, heard for the first time, might be said to mean something, but we should not be able to say what. It might incline the heart to sensibility: but Poetry, or language, would be necessary to improve that sensibility into real emotion, by fixing the sancy upon some definite and affecting ideas. A sine Instrumental Symphony, well performed, is like an oration delivered with propriety, in an unknown tongue; it may affect us a little, but conveys no determinate feeling; we are alarmed, perhaps, or melted, or soothed, but it is very imperfectly, because we know not why:—The singer, by taking up the same air, and applying words to it, immediately translates the oration into our own language; then all uncertainty vanishes, the sancy is filled with determinate ideas, and determinate emotions take possession of the heart.

"Of all founds, that which makes its way most directly to the human heart, is the human voice: and those instruments that approach nearest to it are in expression the most pathetic, and in tone the most perfect. The notes of a man's voice, well tuned and well managed, have a mellowness, was variety, and energy, beyond those of any instrument; and a fine female voice, modulated by sensibility, is beyond comparison the sweetest, and most melting sound, in art or nature."

Dr. Beattie, page 152.

Mr. Bruce, in describing the Musical Instruments he found in Abyssinia, particularly the Theban Harp, judiciously observes, that "It should be a principal object of Mankind to attach the Fair Sex, by every means, to Music, as it is the only amusement that may be enjoyed to excess, and the heart remain virtuous and uncorrupted."

It is evident from the testimony of ancient Writers, that the art of singing by note, with accuracy and correctness, was esteemed an indispensable part of a liberal education.

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In respect to singing with Tase, Geminiani observes, that it doth not consist in frequently making some favourite passages, or graces, but in expressing with strength and delicacy the intention of the composer. Tase in a singer, says Dr. Gregory, consists in a knowledge of the composer's design, and performing it in a spirited and expressive manner, without any view of shewing the dexterity of his own execution. This expression is what design, and performing it in a spirited and expressive manner, without any view of shewing the dexterity of his own execution. This expression is what every one should endeavour to acquire; and it may easily be obtained by any person possessed of a moderate voice, and musical ear, who is willing to submit to the instruction of an intelligent Master.

That rules may be given towards obtaining this most desirable object, there is no doubt, although there is an old proverb mentioned by Tosi, that an hundred perfections are requisite in an excellent singer, but he that has a fine voice is possessed of ninety-nine of them.

To fing in tune, with a good intonation and expression, a proper regard to the time, and delivery of the words, are the chief constituents of a good taste in singing. However, the subsequent hints and observations on singing with taste and expression, will, I flatter myself, tend to encourage the state in singing. However, the subsequent hints and observations on singing with taste and expression, will, I flatter myself, tend to encourage the state in singing. However, the subsequent hints and observations on singing with taste and expression, will, I flatter myself, tend to encourage the school of this most pleasing and fashionable study.

The Voice should be formed in the most pleasing tone possible, and delivered steady and clear, without passing through the nose, or being choaked in the throat, which are two of the greatest imperfections a singer can be guilty of. The voice should likewise be perfectly in tune, for without an accurate intonation, it is impossible to sing well.

The lower notes should be sung firm, and great care must be taken to unite the natural voice with the falsetto or seigned voice, that they may not be distinguished; for if they are not carefully united, the voice will consequently lose much of its beauty; this may be done, by not forcing it too much on that part where the break is, as otherwise it will be of different registers. The high notes should by no means be sung too strong, but fixed sweetly on that part where the break is, as otherwise it will be of different registers. The high notes should be avoided: the scholar ought first to sing with plainness without any fluttering or tremulous motion. The two frequent curling of the notes should also be avoided: the should be very cautious that they are not and simplicity, avoiding all ornaments, or graces, till he is sufficiently qualified to use them; and then he should be very cautious that they are not

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improperly used; for if the composer has taste in what he writes, it will be unnecessary, and indeed not very easy, to add any graces that will make it more beautiful; but too often they may render the piece less perfect. The affectation of singing gracefully in young scholars has very often occasioned a false taste.

Holding the Book before the face should be avoided, that the tone of the voice may not be obstructed.

Taking breath in the middle of a word, is a great fault, and an error against nature; this may always be avoided by caution, as there can be no command of the voice, without a judicious management of the breath.

The Mouth should be moderately open, that the tones of the voice may come forth freely: the singer should always stand in a graceful posture, avoiding all grimaces, knitting the brows, and distortions of the head and body, particularly the mouth, which ought to be composed in a manner rather inclined to a smile, than too much gravity. Tosi recommends the scholar sometimes to sing before a looking-glass, in order to correct any bad habits.

The Words should be delivered distinct and plain, without any affectation, as Vocal Music is very little superior to Instrumental, unless it expresses the sentiment and passion of the Poetry, as well as the Music; which, says Dr. Burner, "like Man and Wife, or other affociates, are best asunder if they cannot agree; and on many occasions, it were to be wished that the Partnership were amicably dissolved." Mr. Jackson, on this subject, observes, that "the singer never appears to such advantage, as when he is expressing the united passion of the Poet and Musician."

In all compositions for more than One Voice, the parts should be sung with an equal degree of Forte and Piano, and strictly as they are written, carefully avoiding all flourishes, which only tend to interrupt the harmony of the piece. Tosi says, he remembers to have heard a samous Duetto torn into atoms, by two renowned singers, in emulation; the one proposing, and the other by turns answering; that at last, it ended in a contest, who should produce the greatest extravagances.

The three kinds of Voices described by Tosi, are the Voce di Petto, or full voice, which comes from the breast. The Voce di Testa, which strikes from the throat to the head. The Falsetto, or seigned Voice, which is intirely formed in the throat, and has more volubility than any, but is of no substance. Messa di Voce is the putting forth of the voice, and letting it swell by degrees from the softest Piano to the loudest Forte, and from thence returning, with the same art, from Forte to Piano. (See Plate 12.)

Anticipation; this word speaks for itself, and requires little or no explanation; it is a very useful and elegant grace in singing, as it anticipates the note, about to be struck, by which the tone is ascertained with more certainty and precision. This grace may be used in every interval, or distance in the octave.

Appoggiatura is a note added by the finger, for arriving more gracefully at the following note, either in rifing or falling. This term cannot well be expressed in the English language; the word is derived from appoggiare, to lean on; in this sense, you lean on the first, to arrive at the note intended; you dwell longer on the preparation, than on the note for which the preparation is made. This most beautiful grace, which so much adorns the art of finging, may oftener be used than any other, without tiring, and will always have a pleasing effect.

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The Bravura, or Song of Execution, which Tosi humorously translates the Hectoring Song, is called finging to the ear, and is full of divisions. This style, however, is of great consequence, and very often raises our admiration of the singer. The practising difficult passages, and divisions, will give the scholar a flexibility and command of voice, without which, some of the singer of execution cannot properly be sung. Geminiani, after hearing some favourite performer, on being asked if the performance was agreeable to his taste, candidly answered, "Your execution is exceedingly great, but you have not in the least affected me; my ears were entertained, but my heart was at rest." An elegant writer before cited, thus expresses himself: "But is it not agreeable to hear a florid song by a sine performer, though now and then the voice should be drowned amidst the accompaniments, and though the words should not be understood by the hearers, or even by the singer? I answer, that nothing can be very agreeable, which brings disappointment. In the case supposed, the tones of the voice might no doubt give pleasure; but from instrumental music, we expect something more, and from vocal music a great deal more, than mere sweetness of sound. From Poetry and Music united, we have a right to expect pathos, sentiment, and melody, and, in a word, every gratification that the tuneful art can bestow."

Cadence; this word comes from the Latin verb, cado, to fall; the cadence being the fall, or conclusion of a feries of melody, which terminates the whole, or part of a fong. Brossard fays, it is much the fame in a fong, as a period that closes the fense in a discourse. The cadences, or ad libitums of great singers, are generally more attended to than the airs which precede them, and, if judiciously made, often produce great applause, although the song be composed or sung but indifferently. The style of a cadence should always be derived from the character of the song, to which it should be strictly appropriate. It is a work, therefore, not only of judgment, but invention likewise; and public singers have, in truth, an arduous task to perform, when they are called on, in the course of an Opera or Oratorio, to produce so many cadences in so many various styles and manners.

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A Critic* of confummate taste is of opinion, that cadences are usually extended to an undue length, and in his critique on a celebrated singer, says, "He made two or three excellent closes, though they were rather too long. This fault is general throughout Rome and Naples, where such a solution long-winded licentiousness prevails in the cadences of every singer, as is always tiresome, and sometimes disgusting; even those of great performers need compression, and those made by performers of an inferior class want not only curtailing, but correction."

The Cantabile, or Pathetic. This expressive style of singing reaches the heart; from whence also it should originate in the singer, who should be so animated with the passion to be expressed, as to affect and charm the hearers. It does not consist in those difficulties of the art, which display florid graces, and intricate execution; "but such eloquence of sound, as steals upon the heart, and awakens its sweetest and best affections." Tosi says, "whosever pretends to obtain it, must hearken more to the dictates of the heart, than to those of art." One of its greatest ornaments is the stealing of time, which the Italians call tempo rubato. The same author observes, "The stealing of time in the pathetic, is an honourable thest, in one that sings better than others, provided he makes restitution with ingenuity; for whosever does not know how to steal the time in singing, is destitute of the best taste, and greatest knowledge."

Concord, or Confonance, is the relation of mufical founds, that are agreeable to the ear, whether applied to harmony or melody; for notes that are pleafing to the ear, and are harmoniously combined, will be equally so, when taken in succession.

Discord, or Dissonance, is the effect of musical sounds, in themselves disagreeable; although concords receive an additional lustre by a proper interposition of a discord, which gives a zest, as Dr. Burney expresses it, without which the auditory sense would be as much cloyed, as the appetite, if it had nothing to feed on but sweets; and Malcolm says, discords in music are what strong shades are in painting.

The Forte and Piano may very properly be called the Chiaro Scuro, or light and shade of singing; for as these are to the eye, so are the Forte and Piano to the ear. Although the voice should, in practice, be thrown out round and full, yet the scholar ought to have the command of it, so as to be able to make the Piano with ease and certainty; for nothing relieves the ear so much as a judicious mixture of the Forte and Piano.

"Equable founds, like smooth and level surfaces, are in general more pleasing than such as are rough, uneven, or interrupted; yet, as the slowing curve, so effential to elegance of sigure, and so conspicuous in the outlines of beautiful animals, is delightful to the eye, so notes gradually swelling,

^{*} Dr. Burney's Present State of Music in Italy, Page 365.

and gradually decaying, have an agreeable effect on the ear, and on the mind; the former tending to rouse the faculties, and the latter to compose them; the one promoting gentle exercise, and the other rest." Beattie.

Harmony is the agreeable refult of an union of feveral different musical founds, heard at one and the same time, which, together, have an agreeable effect on the ear. As a continued succession of musical sounds produces melody, so does a combination of them produce harmony.

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Melody, is the effect of different mufical founds, gracefully arranged, or difposed, in proper fuccession, by which it is distinguished from Harmony; though these two are frequently consounded. It is generally believed that the ancients used only simple Melody, in their musical performances, of which such extraordinary accounts are given; and in these, the effects were produced by a great number of voices and instruments, frequently singing and playing together, in Unisons and Octaves. The Canto Fermo, or plain Chant, and melodies of the Romish Church, said to be introduced by Pope Gregory the Great, are remains of the ancient Greek Music, which have been written in manuscript Missals (or Mass Books), without parts, and chanted in unisons and octaves. This is a strong presumptive proof that the ancients never used counterpoint, for the melodies of these compositions are so flow, and simple, as to be more capable of receiving harmony, and seem to require it, more than any others. Dr. Burner on Melody says, "an elegant and graceful Melody, exquisitely sugney a fine voice, is sure to create delight, without instrumental affistance." The same Author observes, that "neither Melody, nor Harmony, alone, can constitute good Music, which consists in the union of both; and Melody without Harmony, "or Harmony without Melody, is as imperfect as a man with one arm, or one leg, to whom Nature has originally given two." Padre Mersennus observes, that "the generality of mankind are more attentive to pure Melody, than to Concertos, or pieces of many different parts, which they readily observes, that "the generality of mankind are more attentive to pure Melody, than to Concertos, or pieces of many different parts, which they readily observes, that "the generality of mankind are more attentive to pure Melody, than to Concertos, or pieces of many different parts, which they readily

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"quit, in order to have a fimple air fung by a good voice, because they can more easily distinguish the beauty of a single part, or voice, than of harmonic relations; without taking into the account the beauties of poetry, which are certainly more easily comprehended in a single part, than when it is accompanied by two or more parts, moving in different proportions of time."

Recitative; this ftyle or manner of finging borders on declamation; of confequence, more regard is to be had to the pagion or expression of the subject, than that to regular time; although it is always written in true measure, the singer may use his own judgment in the performance of Recitative, according to the sense and force of the words. It is generally used to express some action or passion; or to relate some story, introductory either to a song, chorus, &c. More depends on the singer in this style, than in any of the others, for if the spirit both of the poet and composer is not given with sense, and particularly without affectation, or too much chanting, the performer is more likely to defeat the desired effect; and what was designed to be interesting and expressive, will become quite the reverse. The singer ought to bear in mind, that here he has sentiments to express, as well as sounds; he should perfectly understand what he says, as well as what he sings, and not only modulate his notes with the art of a musician, but also pronounce his words with the propriety and energy of a public speaker.—Handel seems super-eminent in this species of composition, as the Author of his Memoirs observes, "without attempting to explain the causes of the forcible expression, and overpowering pathos, which breathe in many passages "of his Recitative, I will only alledge these effects of music to shew that its true use, and greatest value, is to heighten the natural impressions of Religion and Humanity."

The Trillo, or Shake,* is indifpenfably requifite in a public finger, and may be acquired by pains and perfeverance. There are two forts of Shakes, viz. the Shake Major, and the Shake Minor; the first is made by a whole tone, and the second by a half tone. This grace ought to be practised very flow at first, and requires great application; the Shake should not be too often heard, and never too long, nor ever on holding notes, as here the Messa di Voce claims the preference, for "where passion speaks, all shakes and graces ought to be filent; leaving it to the sole force of a beautiful expression, "to persuade." All ornaments and embellishments in singing should be used very sparingly, and whenever introduced, they ought to proceed from the character and sentiment, both of the Music and Poetry.

* See PLATE 12.

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The four different Voices are,

The SOPRANO, or TREBLE;
The CONTR'ALTO, or COUNTER TENOR;

The TENOR; and The BASS.

Each Voice has its peculiar ftyle.

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The Tenor is very often capable of both the Pathetic and Bravura.

The Bass is the most dignissed, but ought not to be so boisterous as it is generally practised. It has always been a matter, not to be accounted for by Professor of Music, why the deepest Bass Voices should, in general, sing in a Falsetto, and with greater taste than in their natural voices, and that the Contralto should have the least Falsetto of either of the other voices. The fact is however certain, for if a Treble part is wanted in a Quartetto, and there is no Soprano Voice, the Bass is generally called to sing it.

Although Guido Aretino improved and completed the Scale of Music, (See Plate 1,) yet the Art of Solmisation was never perfect, until the late introduction of the fyllable Si, to the seventh note in the octave; which, notwithstanding it was known to Professors for many years, and mentioned by Grassenau, Rameau, Nares, and others, yet no one had courage till very lately, to introduce it. By this, the stumbling-block is removed, and the scale is now complete; as every note in the octave has a syllable applied to it; and it is with great considence I pronounce, that the art of singing by note, from this cause, is greatly facilitated.



These Monosyllables, Ut, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Guido Aretino, a Benedictine Monk, in the eleventh Century, took from a strophe or stanza of a Latin Hymn, written in honor of St. John Baptist, from which he chose the first and sixth syllable of every verse.

Ut queant laxis Resonare sibris
Mira gestorum Famuli tuorum,
Solve polluti Labii reatum:

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They are also comprized in this line by Angelo Berardi, viz.

Ut, Relivet Miserum Fatum Solitosque Labores.

These syllables were applied to the Hexachord, or six notes in the scale; but as there are seven original sounds in music, there wanted a seventh syllable, which is now added, viz. Si.

The eight notes have now each a fyllable, thus:

We reckon the eighth found, but in truth there are only feven; as the octave, or eighth note, is only a repetition of the same note (as it were) as the first, and called by the same alphabetical names, viz.

The French, in general, never alter the Sol-Fa with the key, as the Italians and English do, but always keep Ut, or Do, on the first ledger line; which makes it imperfect in any but the natural key of C. For Mi, Fa, and Si, Do, are, and always should be, the half tones in every Major Key. Therefore, if you sing in any Major Key but C. you must carry your Sol-Fa with you, and six Do on the key note, by which the names of all the other notes in the octave are regulated; so that where Flats or Sharps are marked at the cleffs, Fa is always the last Flat, and Si the last Sharp. This may

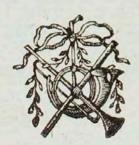
feem, at first, rather difficult, and I should not advise the scholar to attempt it, until perfect in the natural key; but when he is accustomed to apply the words of the Sol-Fa to the different intervals in the octave, and finds that Mi and Fa, and Si Do, are always the half tones, he will be forry to change them for the French method, by which they would become generally whole tones, and thereby totally invert the whole System of Solmisation. It is supposed that Guido's reason for calling his first note Γ gamma, was either to shew, that the Greeks were the inventors of Music, or that he thereby meant to record himself, this being the first letter of his name. If I might be allowed to hazard a conjecture, may not the Italians probably have changed the Ut into Do, as a compliment to Guido, being part of his name?

I have often found that the most expeditious method of teaching to sing by note, (when scholars are capable of reasoning on musical sounds), was by applying figures to the natural succession of eight notes, instead of the Sol-Fa; although I certainly would recommend young pupils to choose the Sol-Fa, applying figures to the natural succession of eight notes, instead of the Sol-Fa; although I certainly would recommend young pupils to choose the Sol-Fa, as the notes will be more articulate, and the voice, by that method, must consequently be delivered clearer, and they will have a longer time to understand, and digest it. Yet, I have always found the use of figures to be more easily comprehended by grown persons, who are generally puzzled and embarassed by the Sol-Fa.

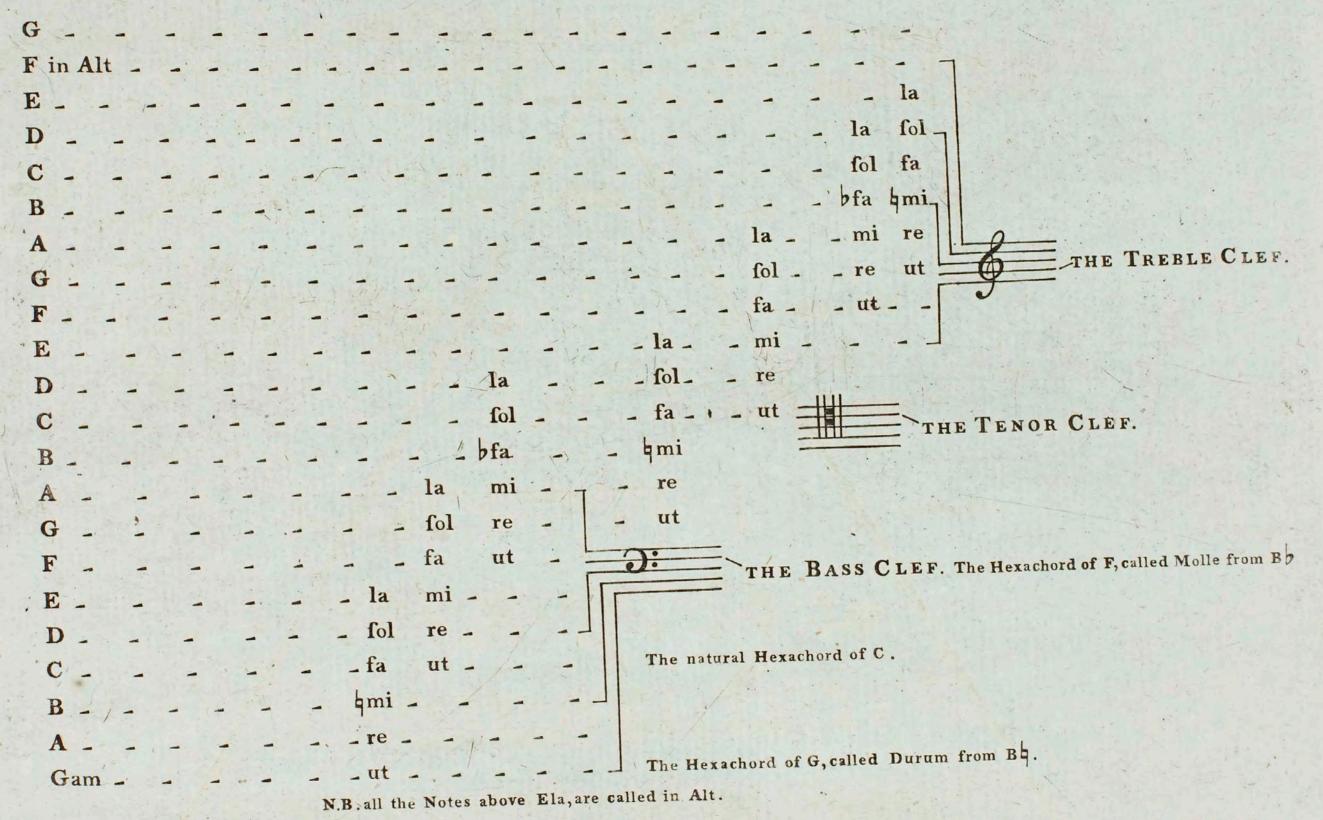
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The scholar, therefore, is left to his choice, either to practise by Figures, or Sol-Fa, as the advantage of both methods will readily be seen in the first rules and examples, annexed to these observations. Even moderate abilities, if joined to readiness of inclination, and persevering industry, will, in process of time, overcome the various difficulties attached to this, and all other elegant and liberal arts.



THE GAMUT OR SCALE OF GUIDO.



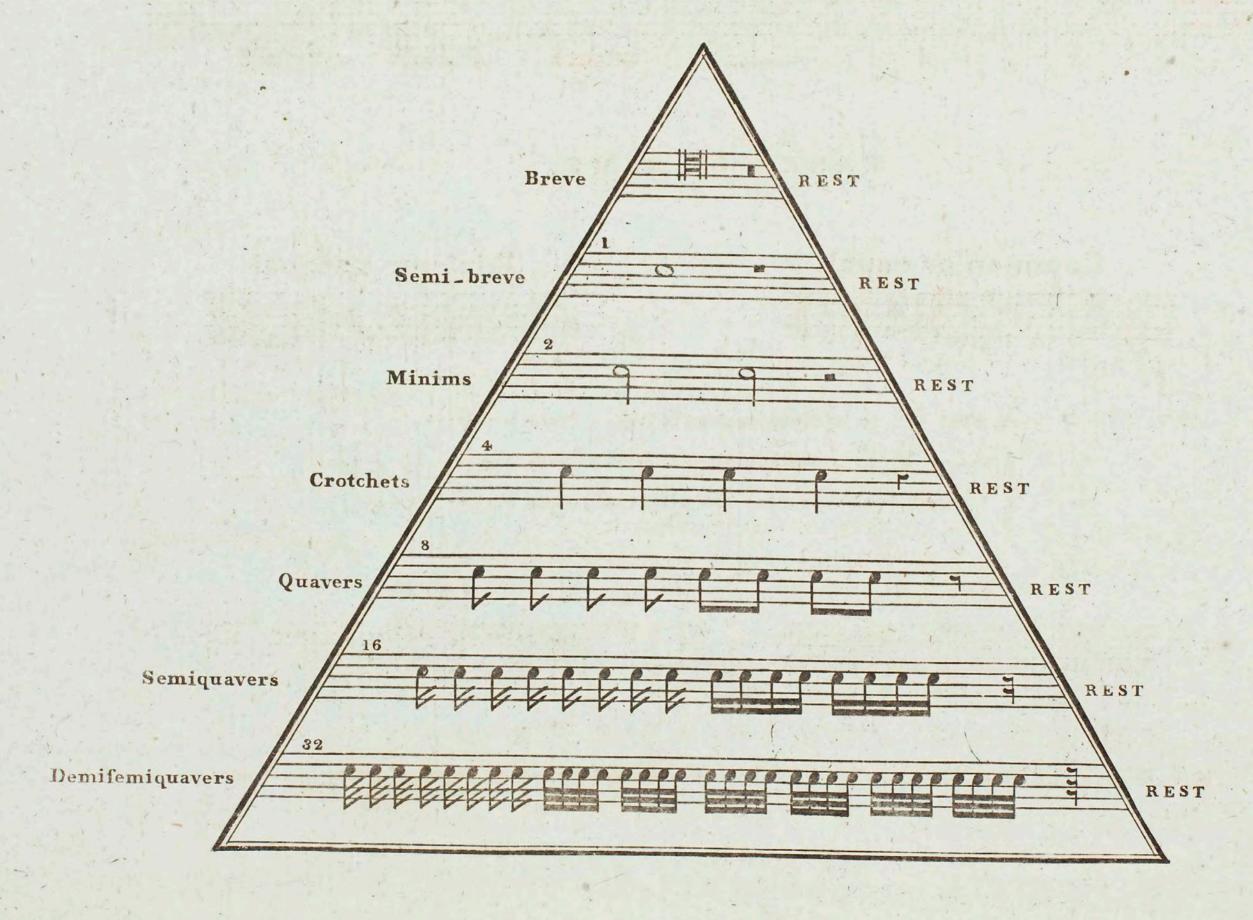
The Scale of Music was improved and divided into three Series or Columns, and called Hexachords by GUIDO ARETIN a Monk of AREZZO in TUSCANY, in the ll. Century.

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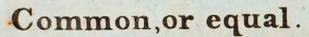
NOTES AND RESTS.

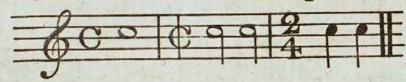


A Point, or Dot, after a Note makes it half as long again.

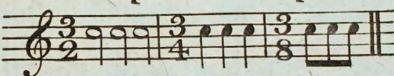


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Triple, or unequal.

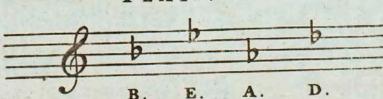


- A Flat (b) to a Note makes it half a Note lower.
- A Sharp (#) to a Note makes it half a Note higher.
- A Natural (4) takes away the effect of either Flat, or Sharp.

SHARPS.



FLATS.



N.B. Sharps and Flats, at the head of the Clef, are always placed in regular order as above.

The Scholar is first to raise this Scale of the Hexachord, or a succession of six Musical Intervals, and then to descend by the same Notes, remembring that from MI to FA or (3 to 4) is only half a tone; the others whole tones.



THE RULE FOR SPELLING OR PROVING DISTANCES.



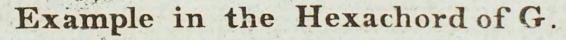
N. B. The Scholar, after some practice, should sing these Intervals without the intermediate Notes.

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The three different Hexachords, agreeable to the GUIDONIAN fystem, by which it will be feen that DO, is always placed on the Key Note.



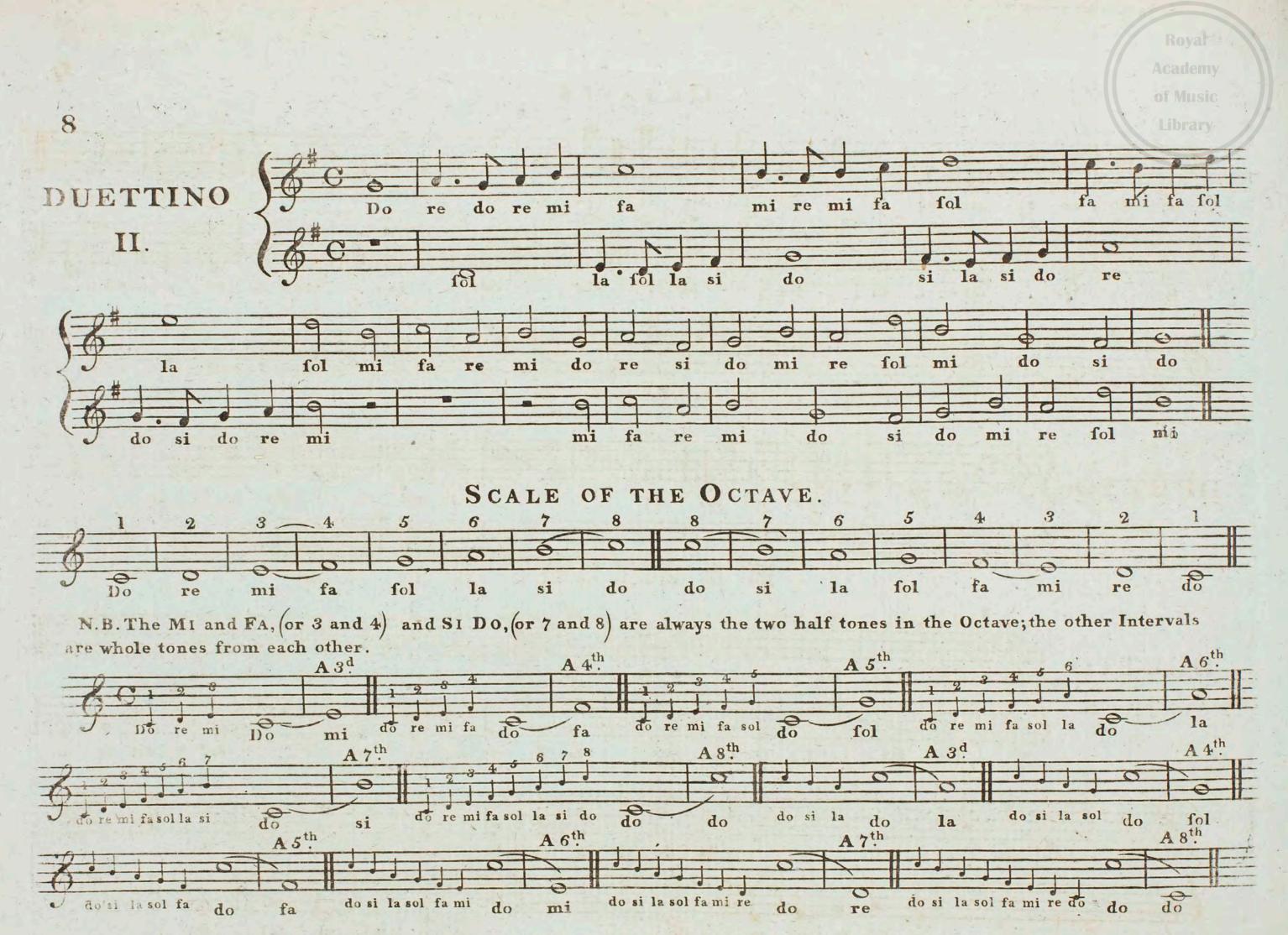




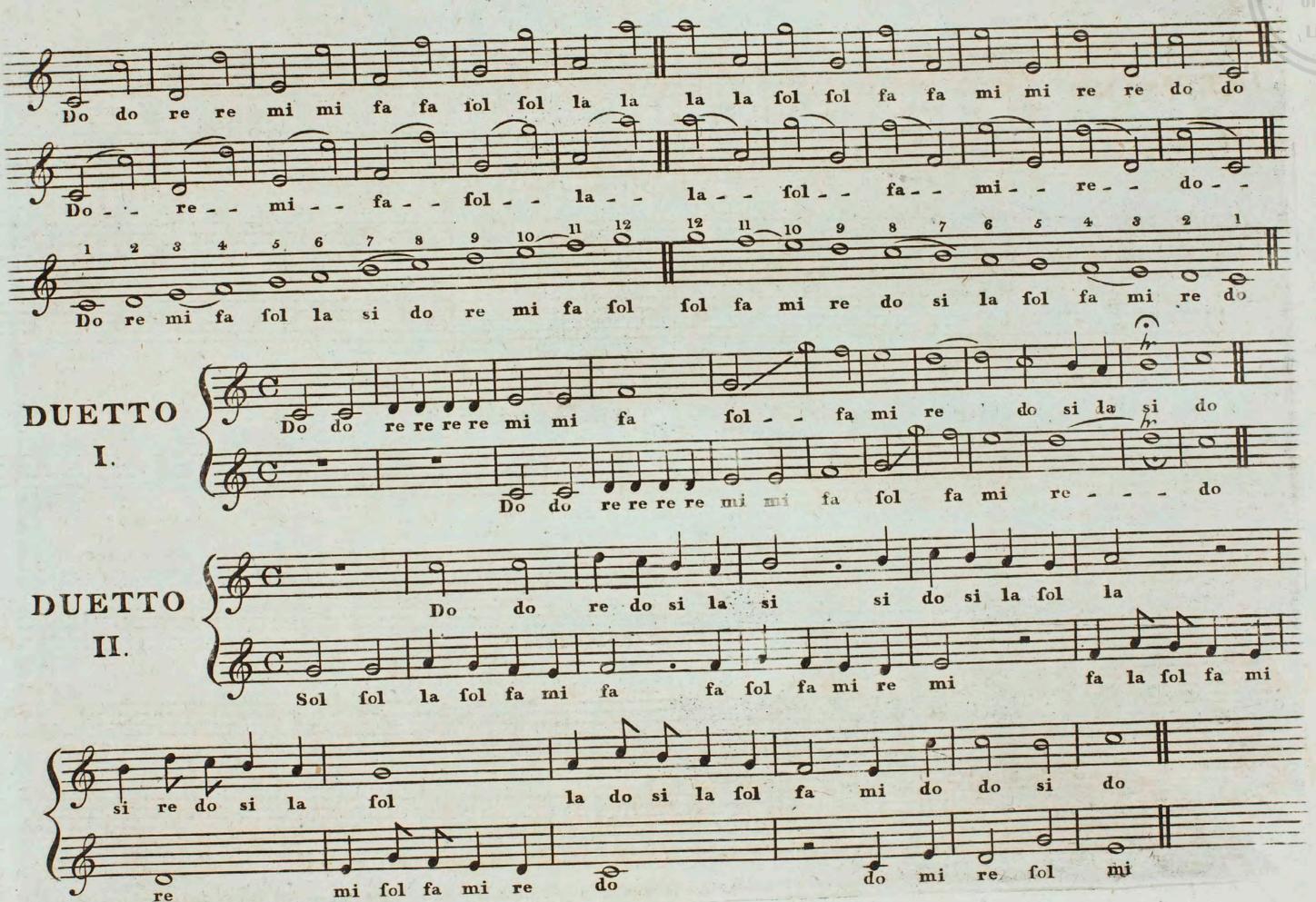


Thus far the Solmifation, according to the GAMUT of GUIDO, is perfect; we now proceed to the introduction of another Syllable SI, to the 7th Note in the Octave; by which the Scale is made complete, as every Note has a different Syllable applied to it.





The above is recommended as a daily Lesson, by which the Scholar will soon be able to raise and fall these Intervals without the assistance of the intermediate Notes.



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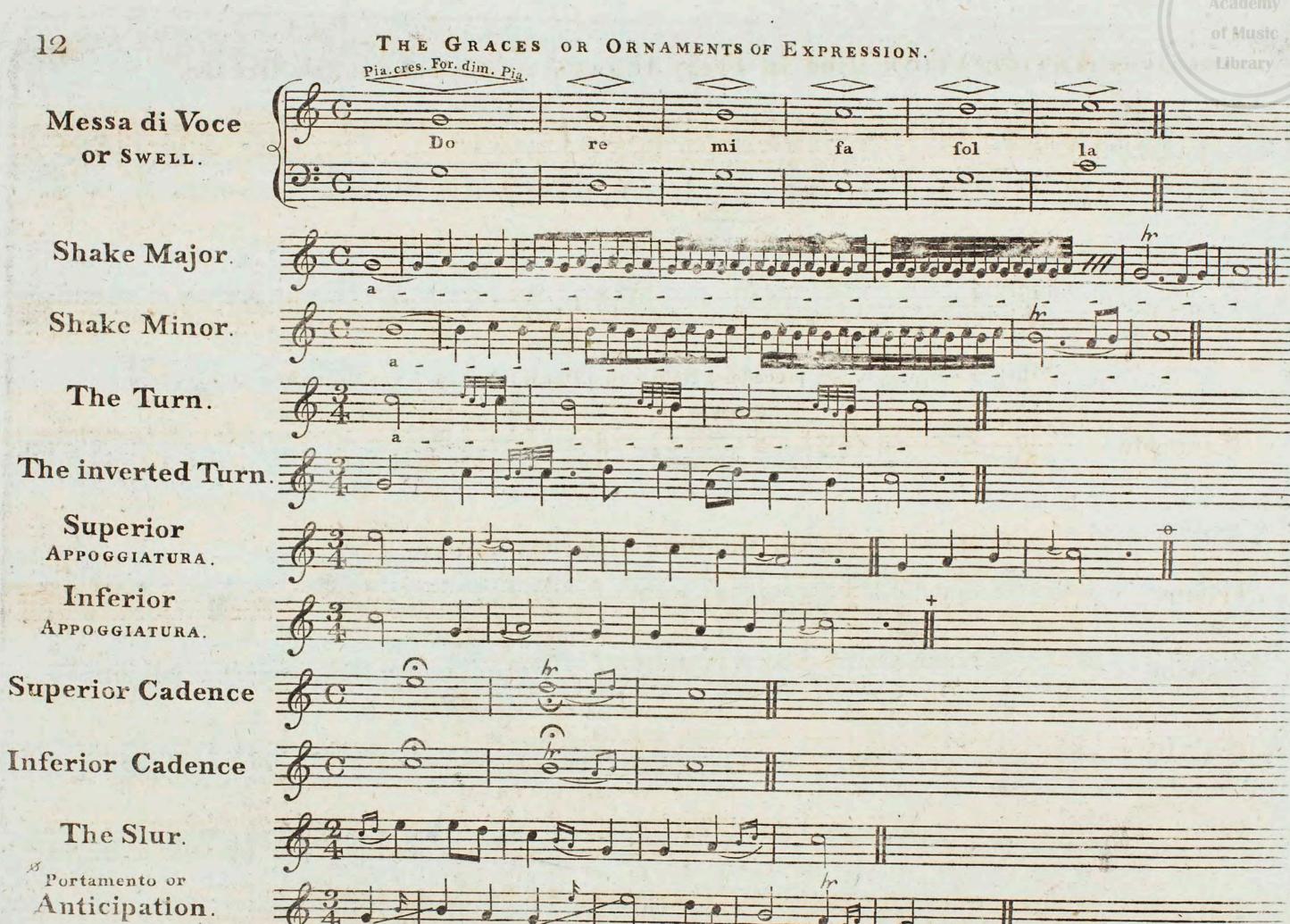
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This DUETTO in the Minor Key of A, is given as an Example to shew that the Solfaing is not altered, but remain the same, as in its relative Major Key C. Should the Scholar be desirous of studying more difficult, or more scientific Examples, I beg leave to recommend a selection of Solfeggi, lately Published by S. W. PARSONS.

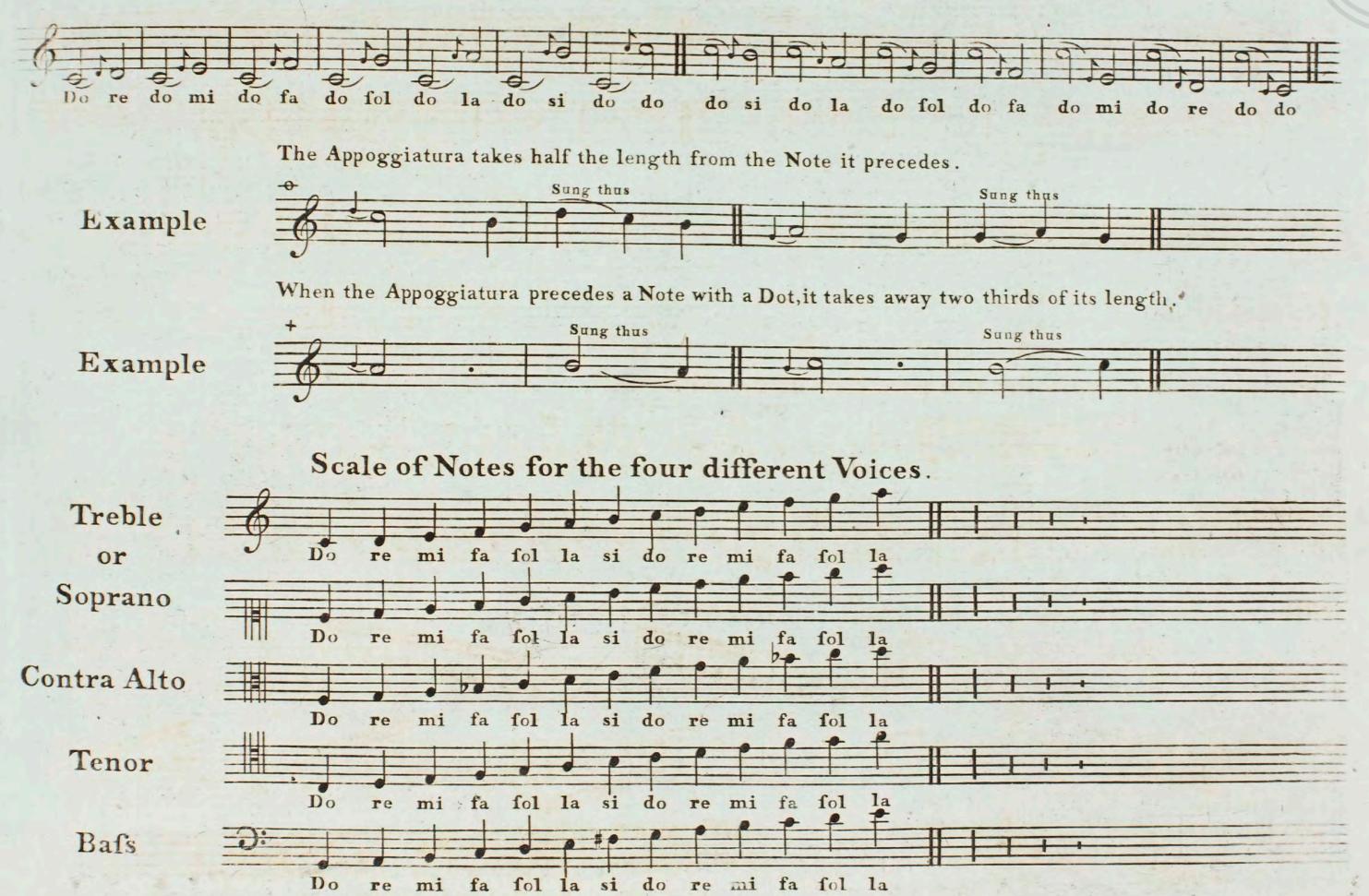


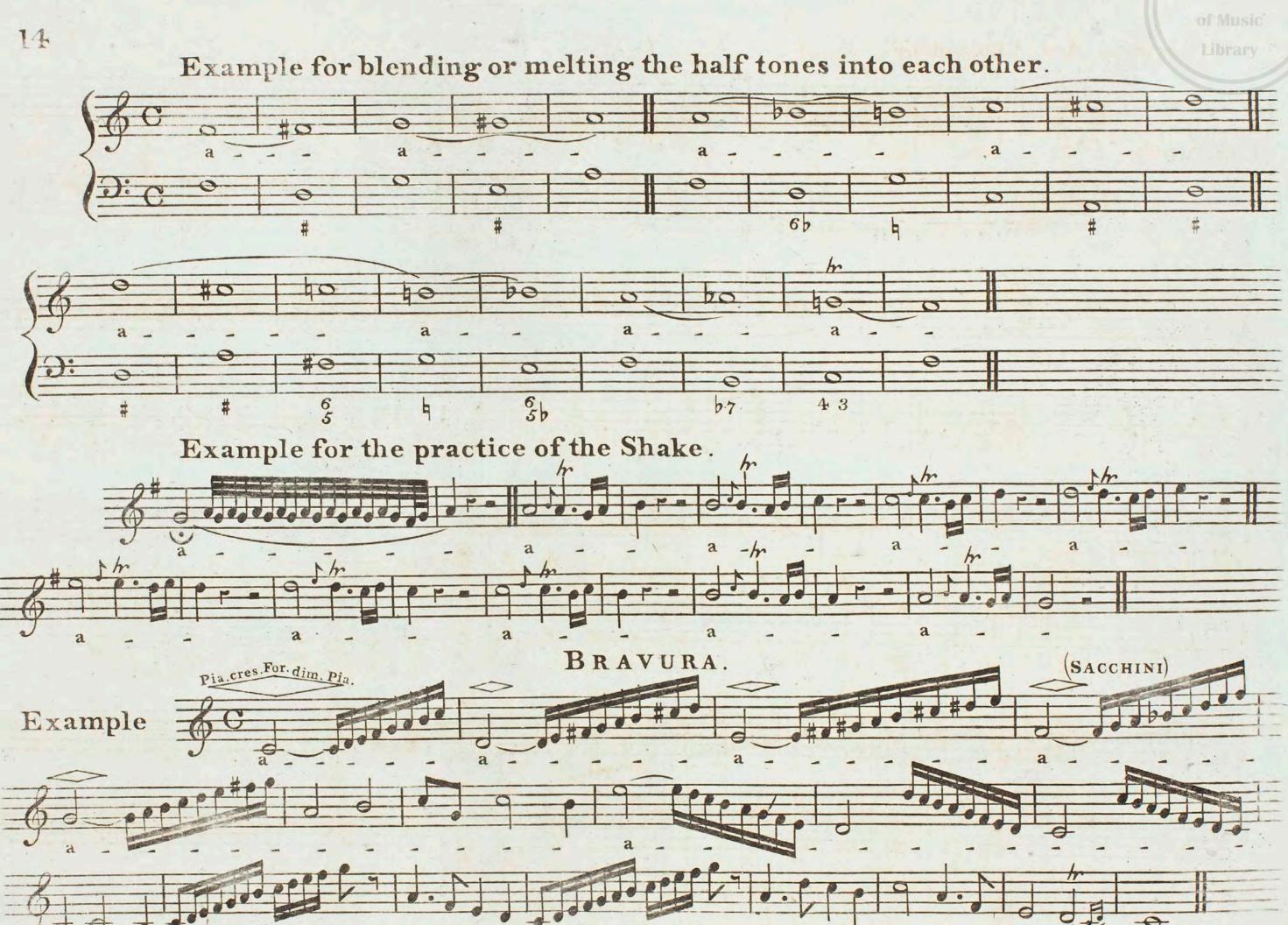
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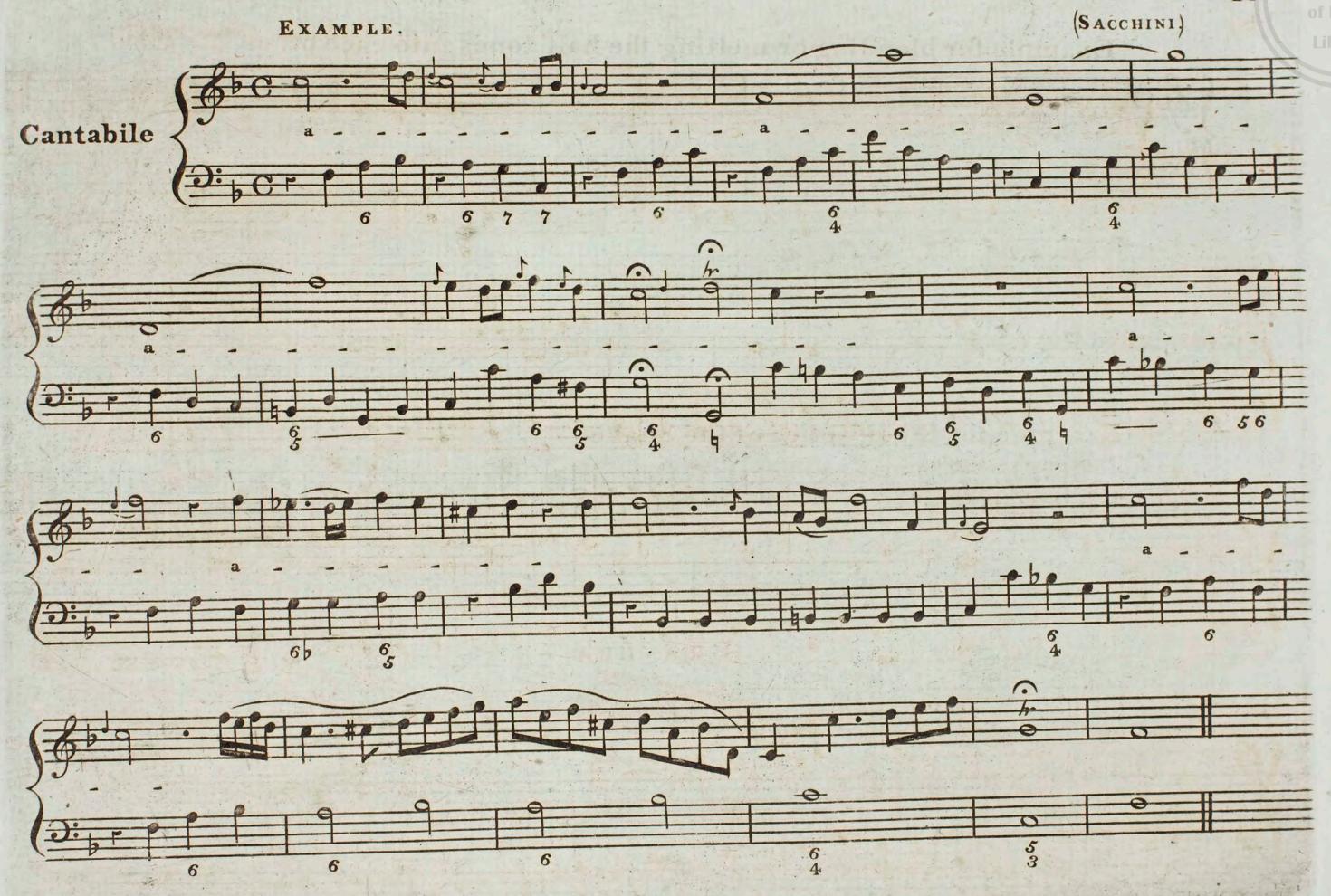
NB. this last Grace, (Anticipation) may be used with great effect, in the preceding Duetto Nº 6 (Canon)

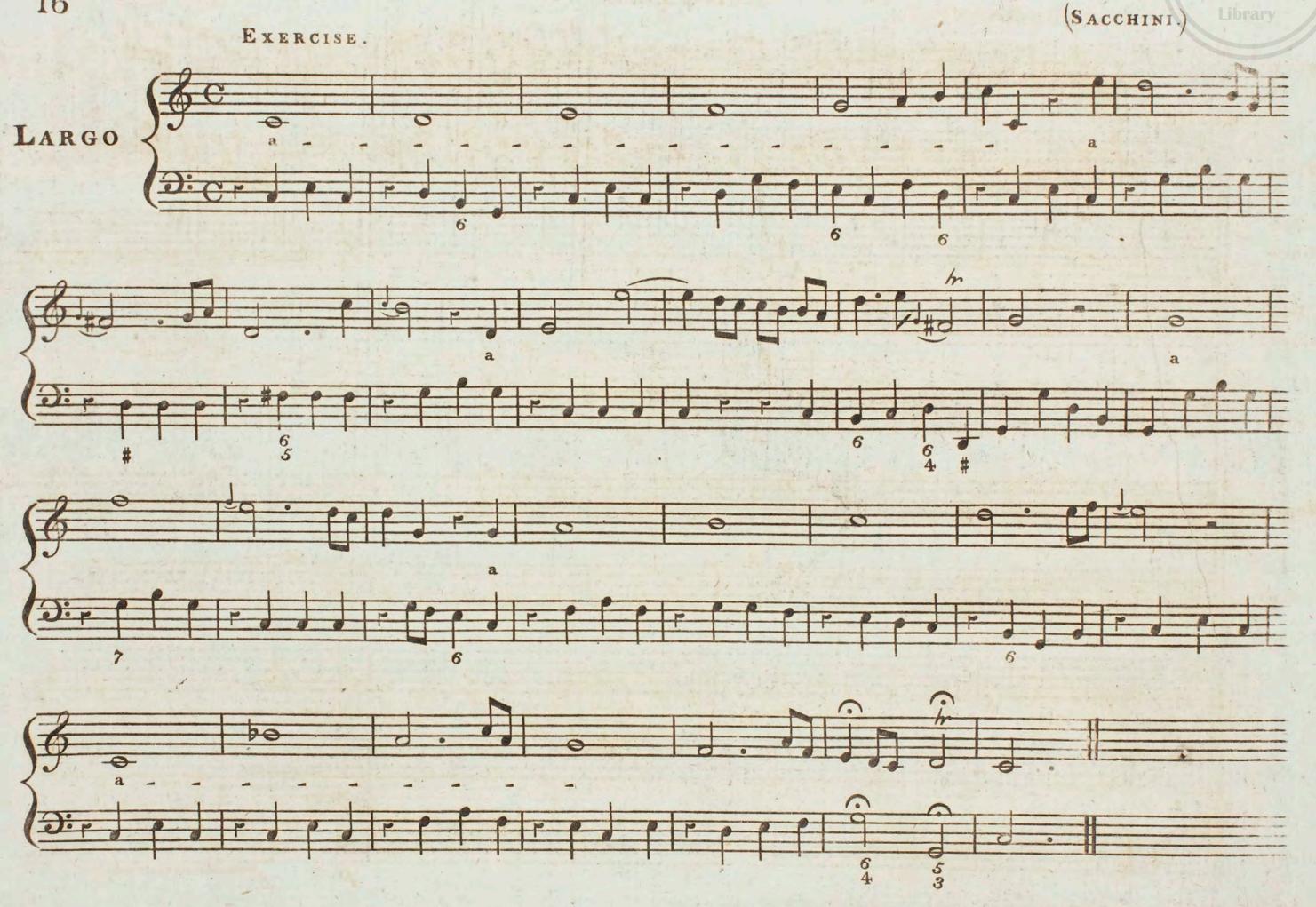
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PORTAMENTO OF ANTICIPATION used in every Interval or distance in the Octave.









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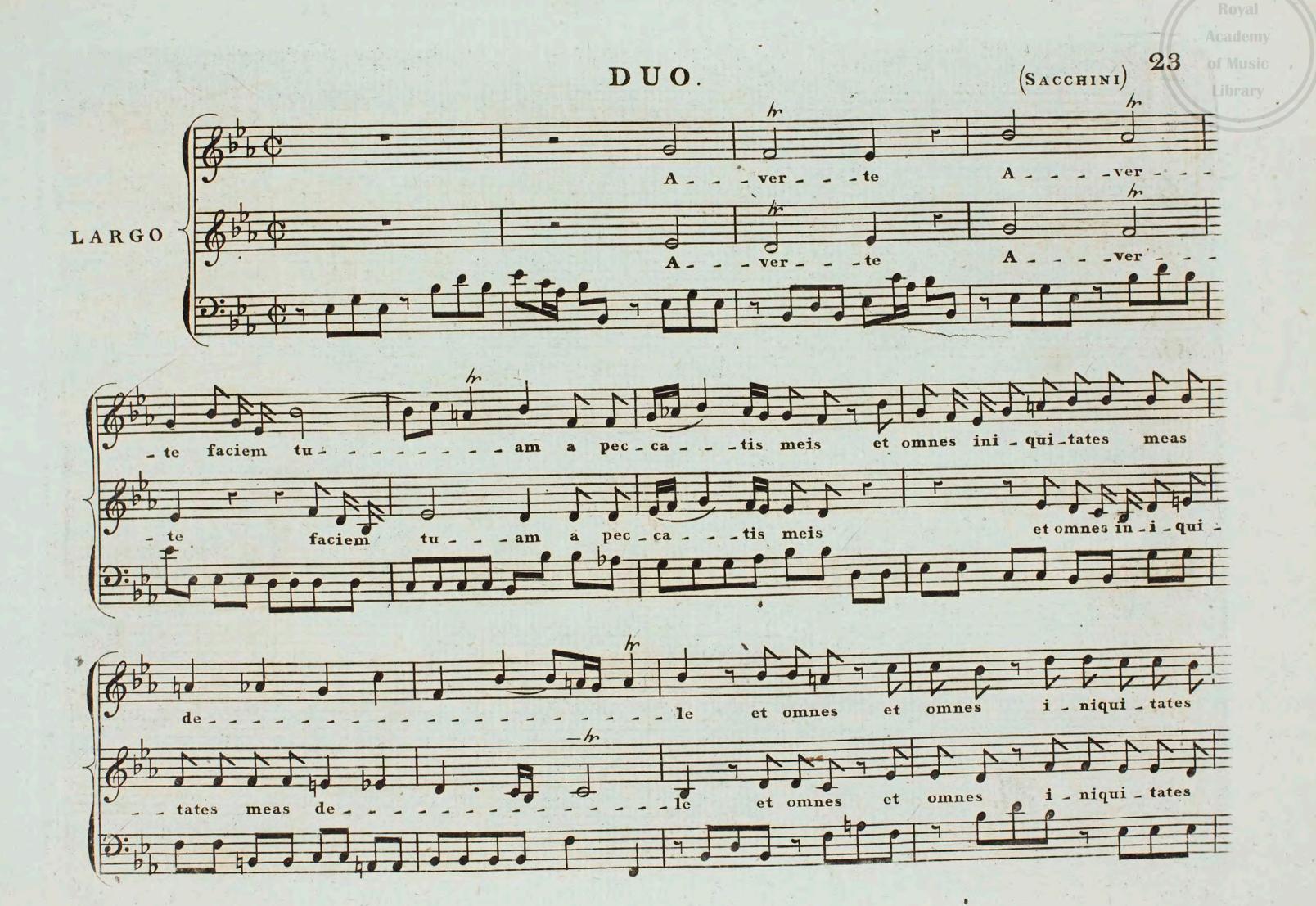
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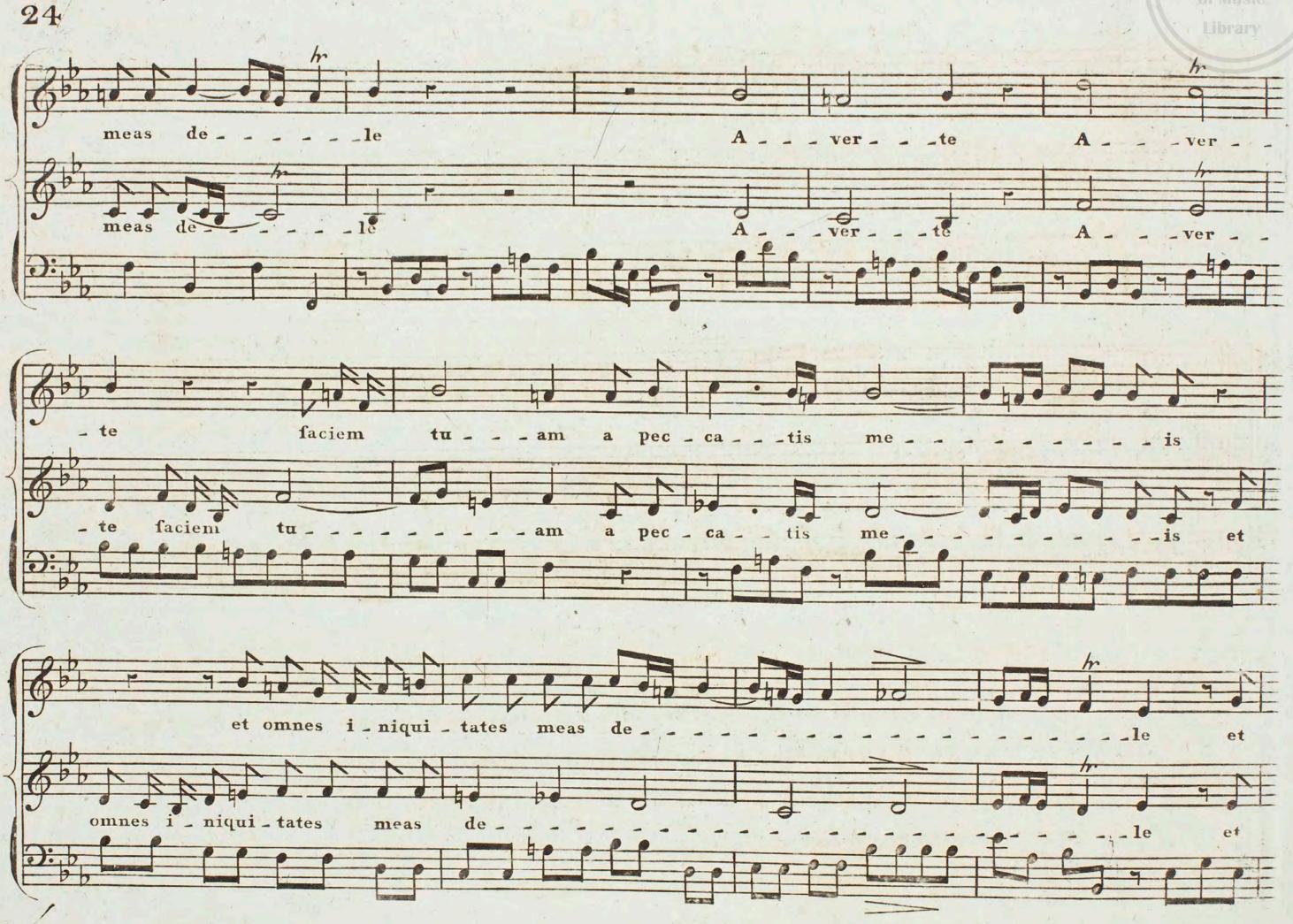
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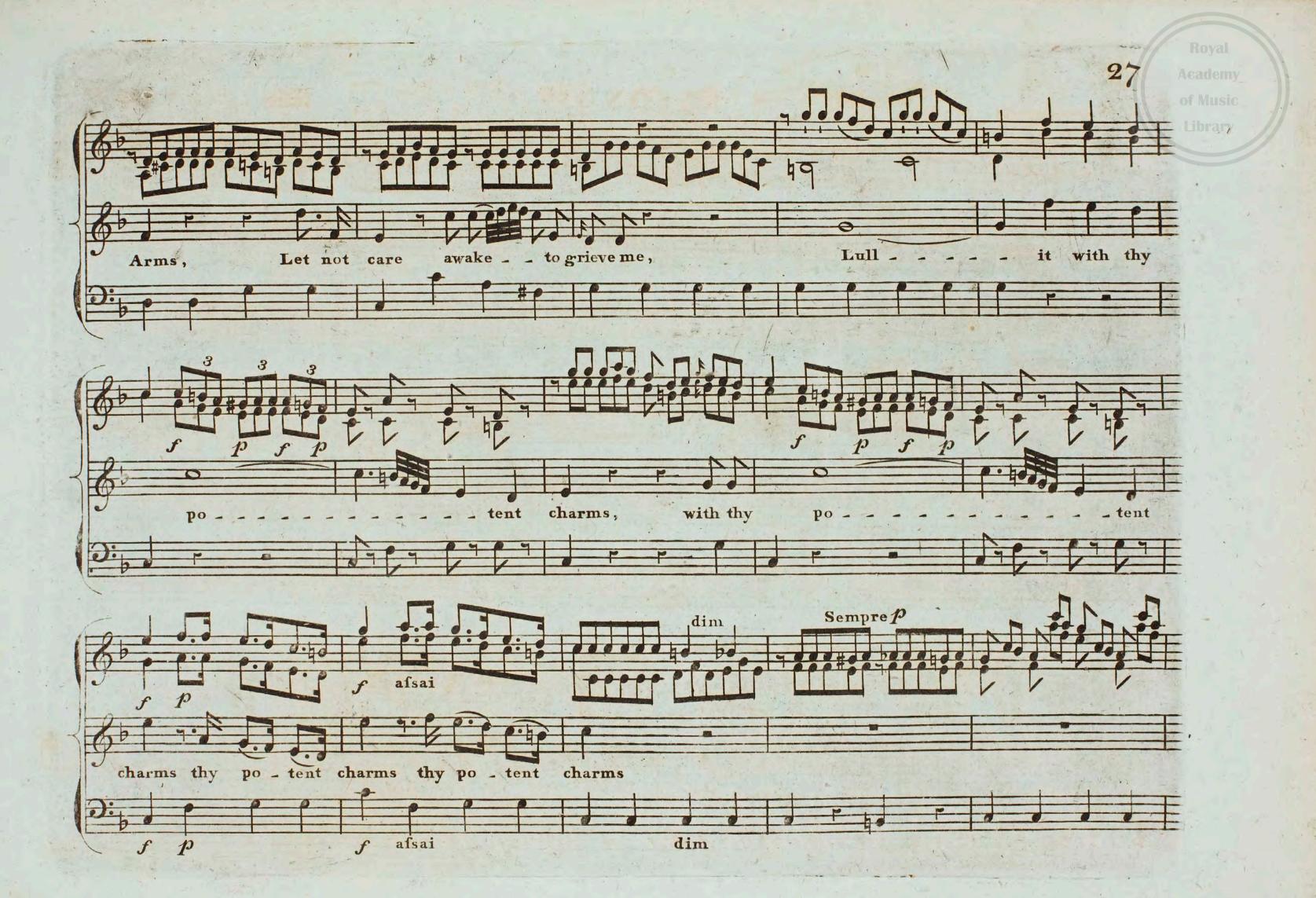


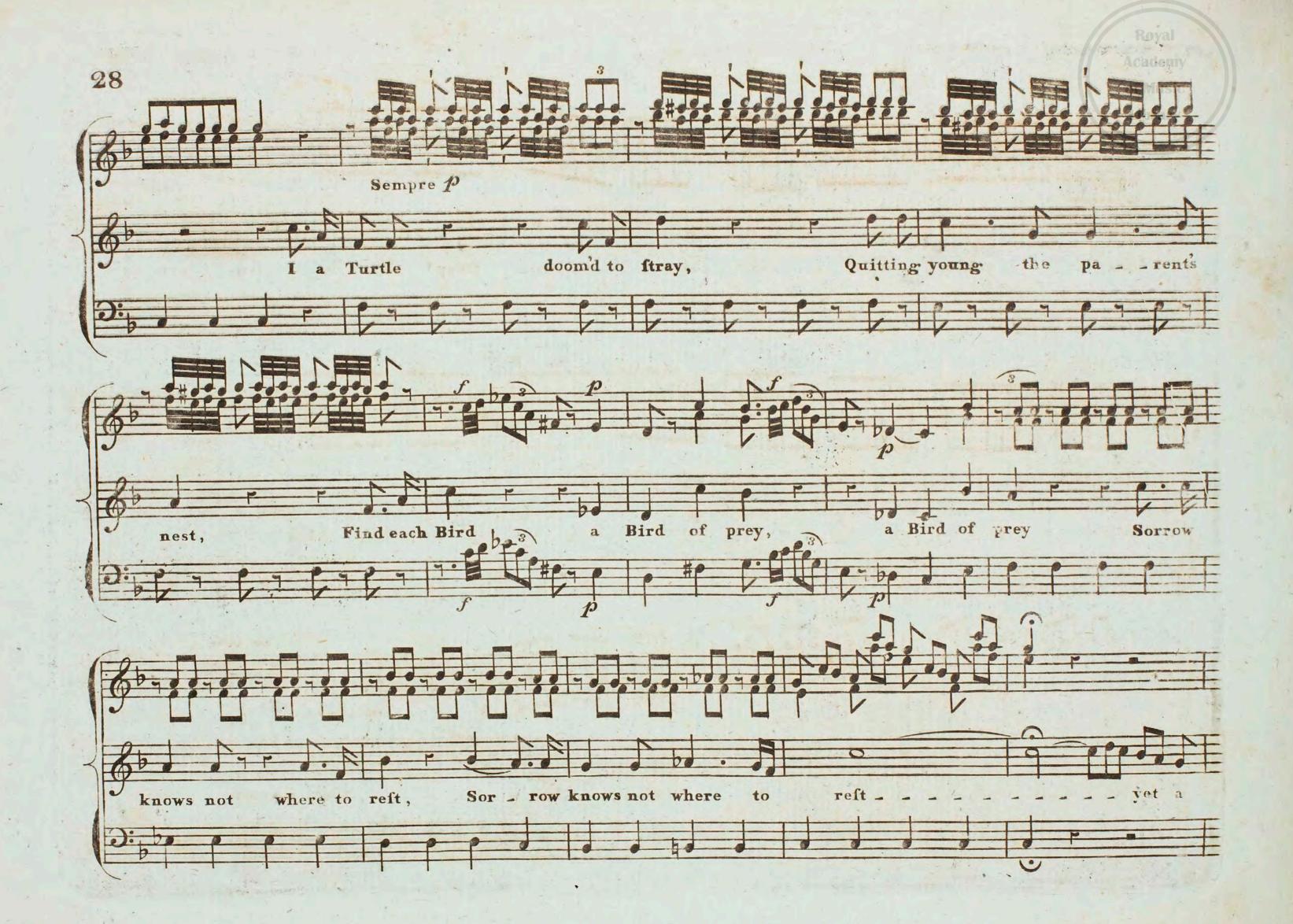
N.B. This beautiful DUO is part of a Miserere, presented to the late

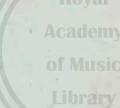
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Miserere was performed at the Funeral of Sacchini in PARIS, by order of the late Queen of France.







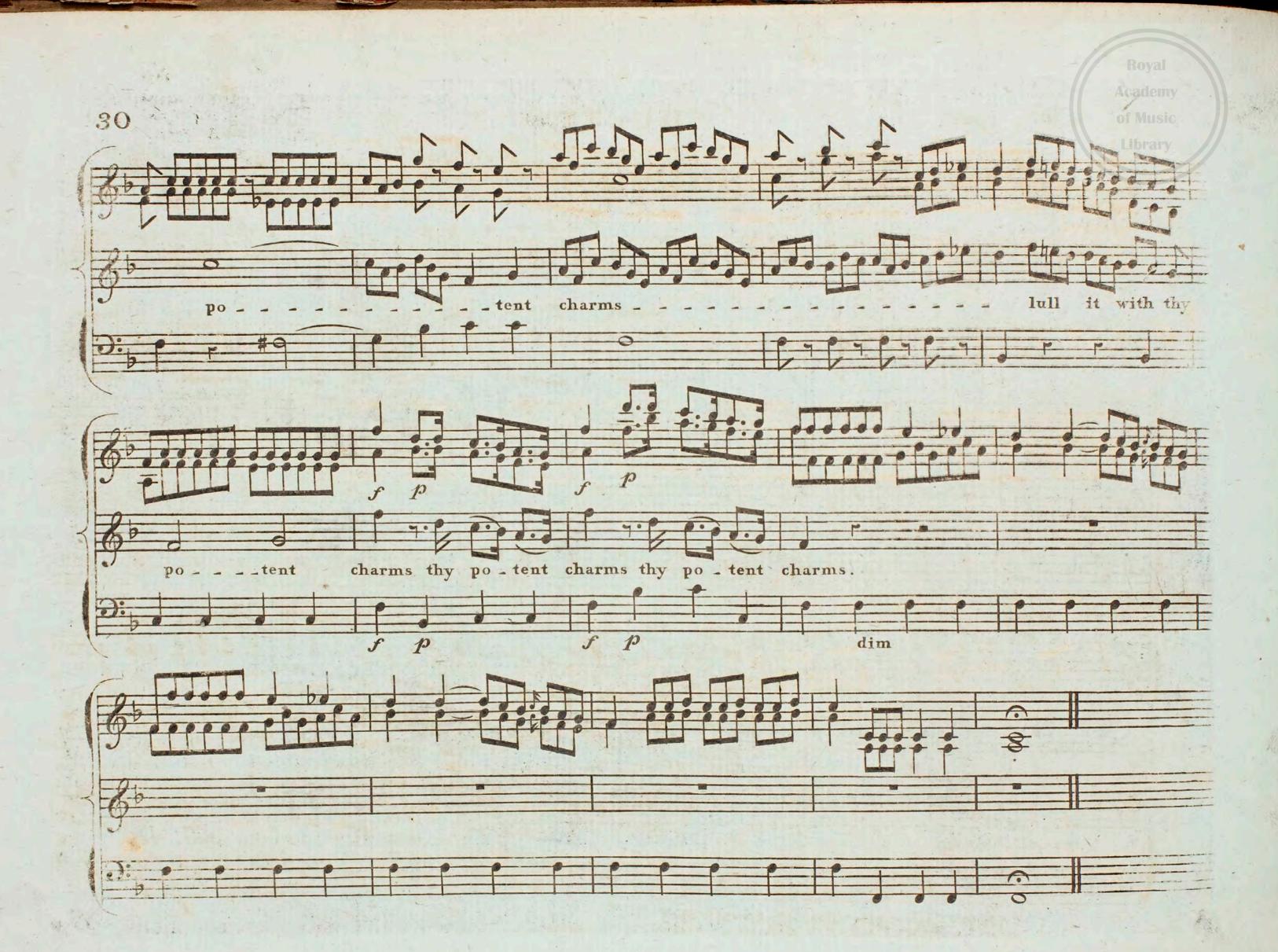




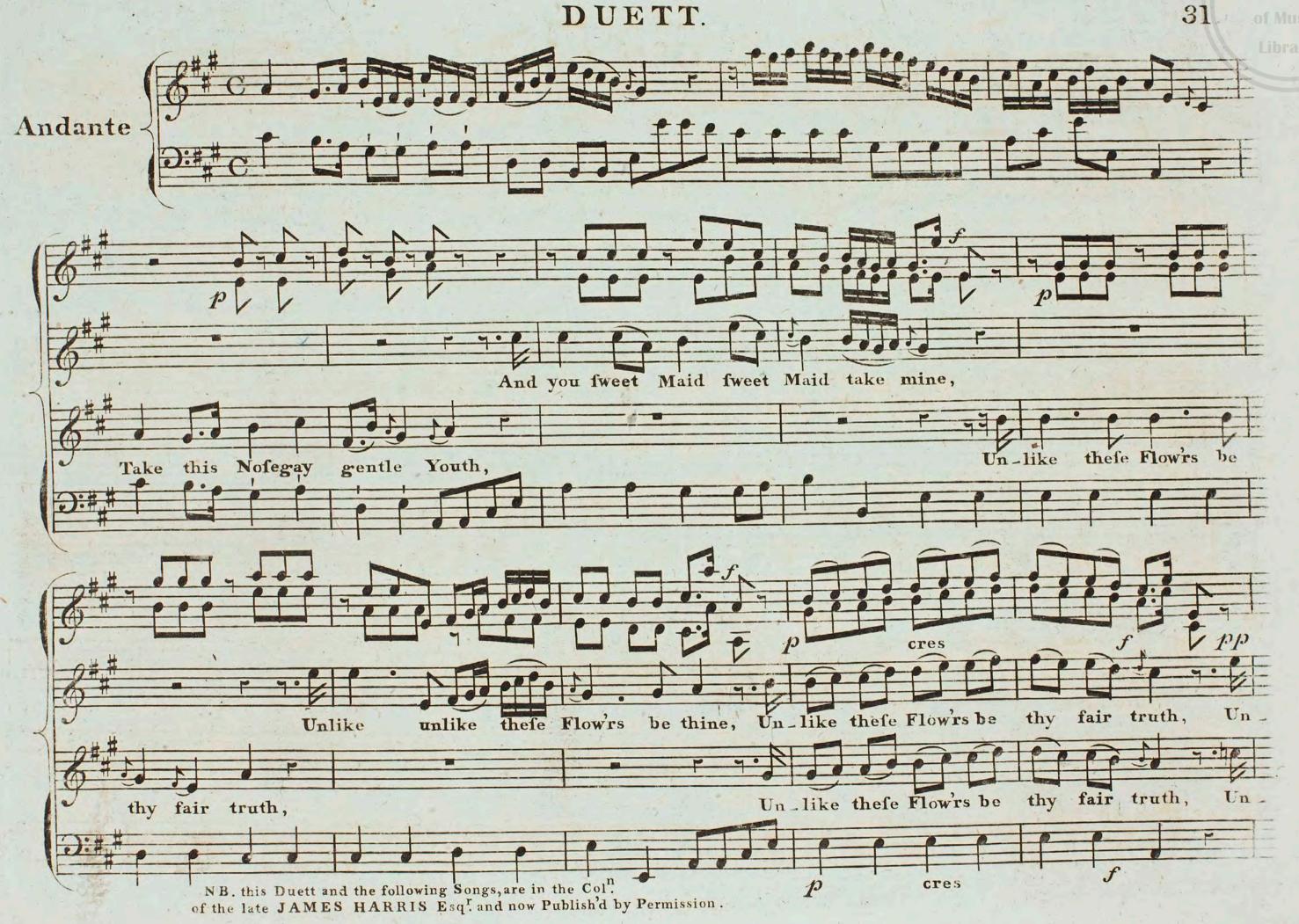
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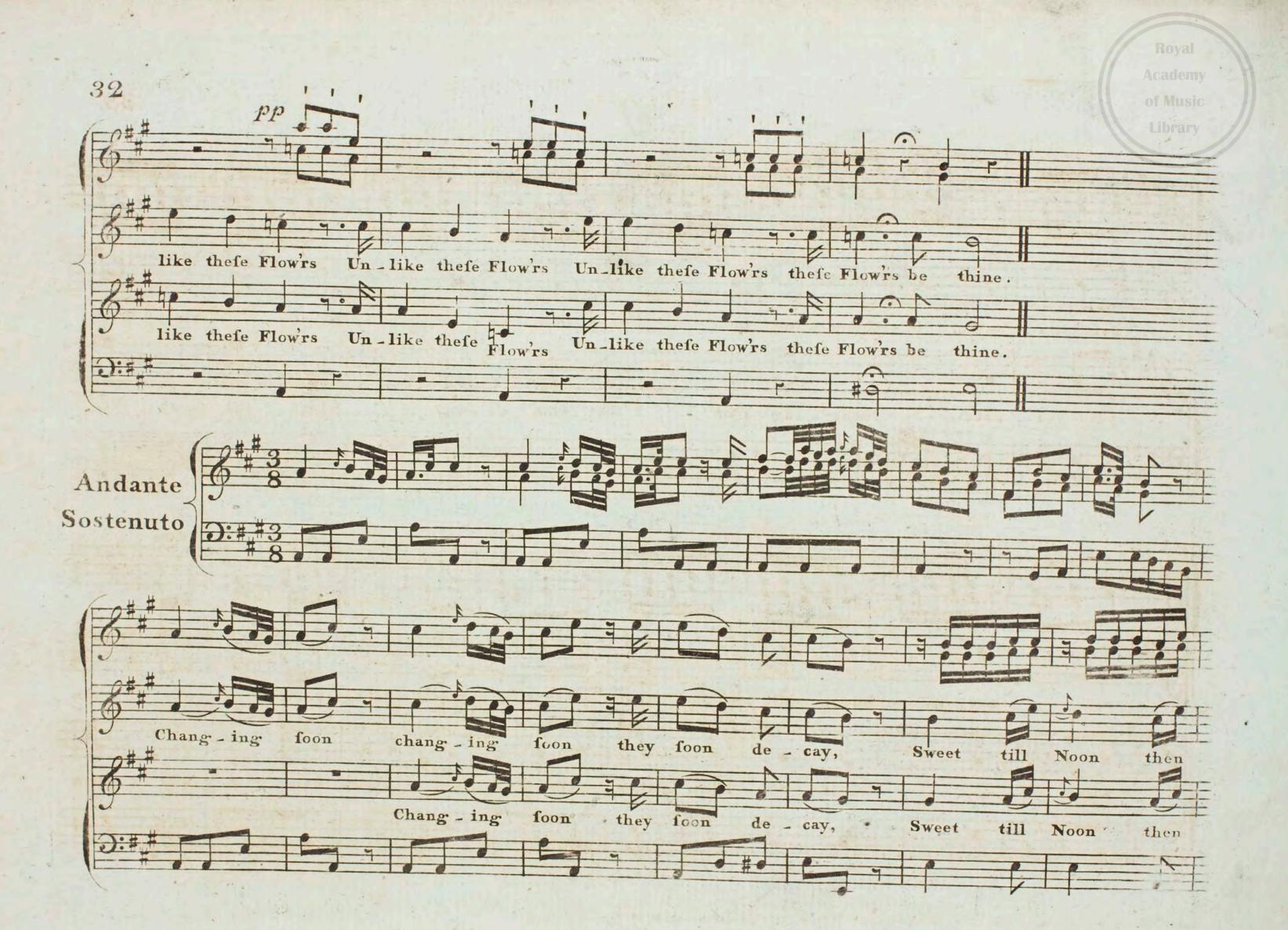
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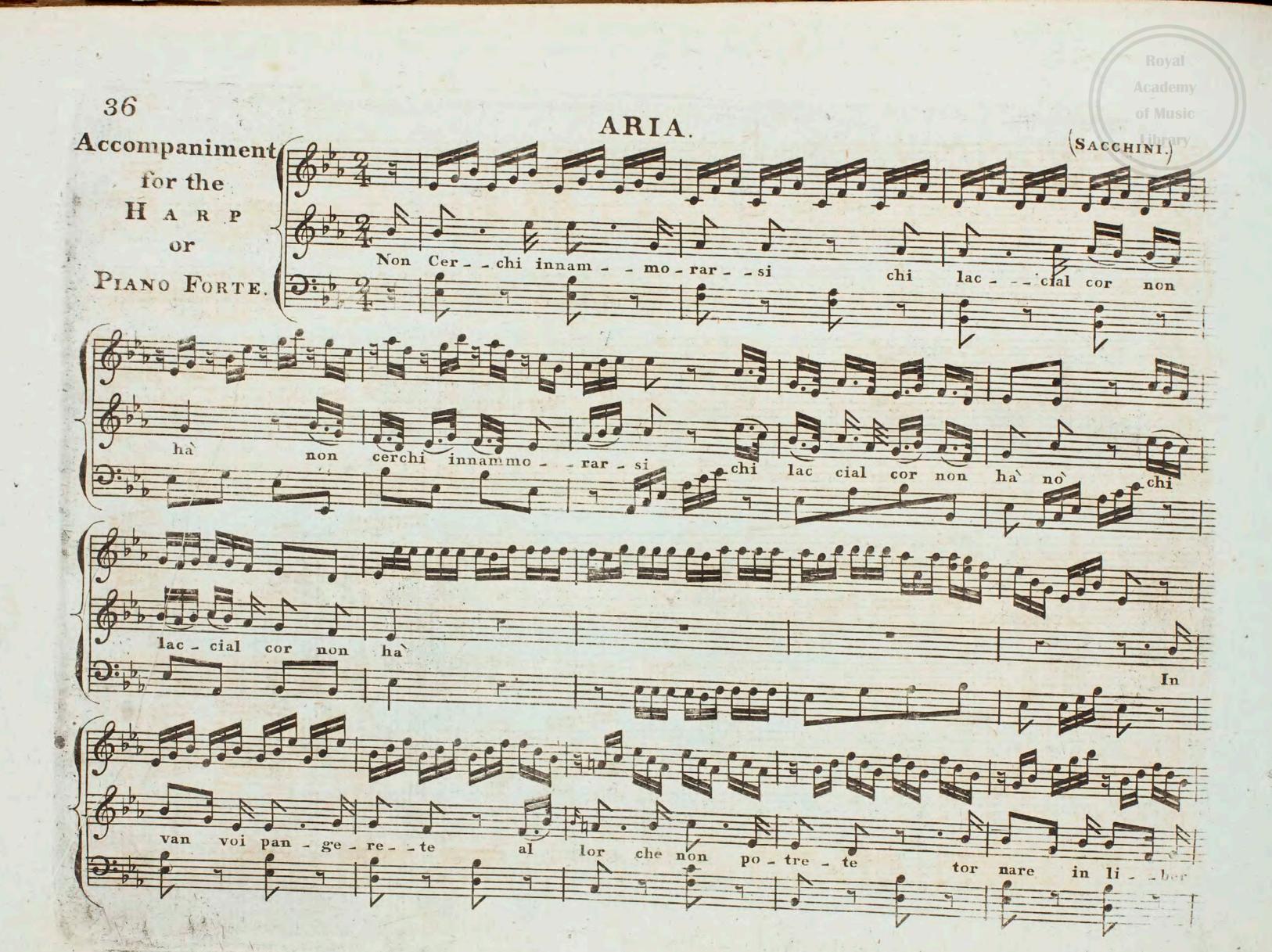






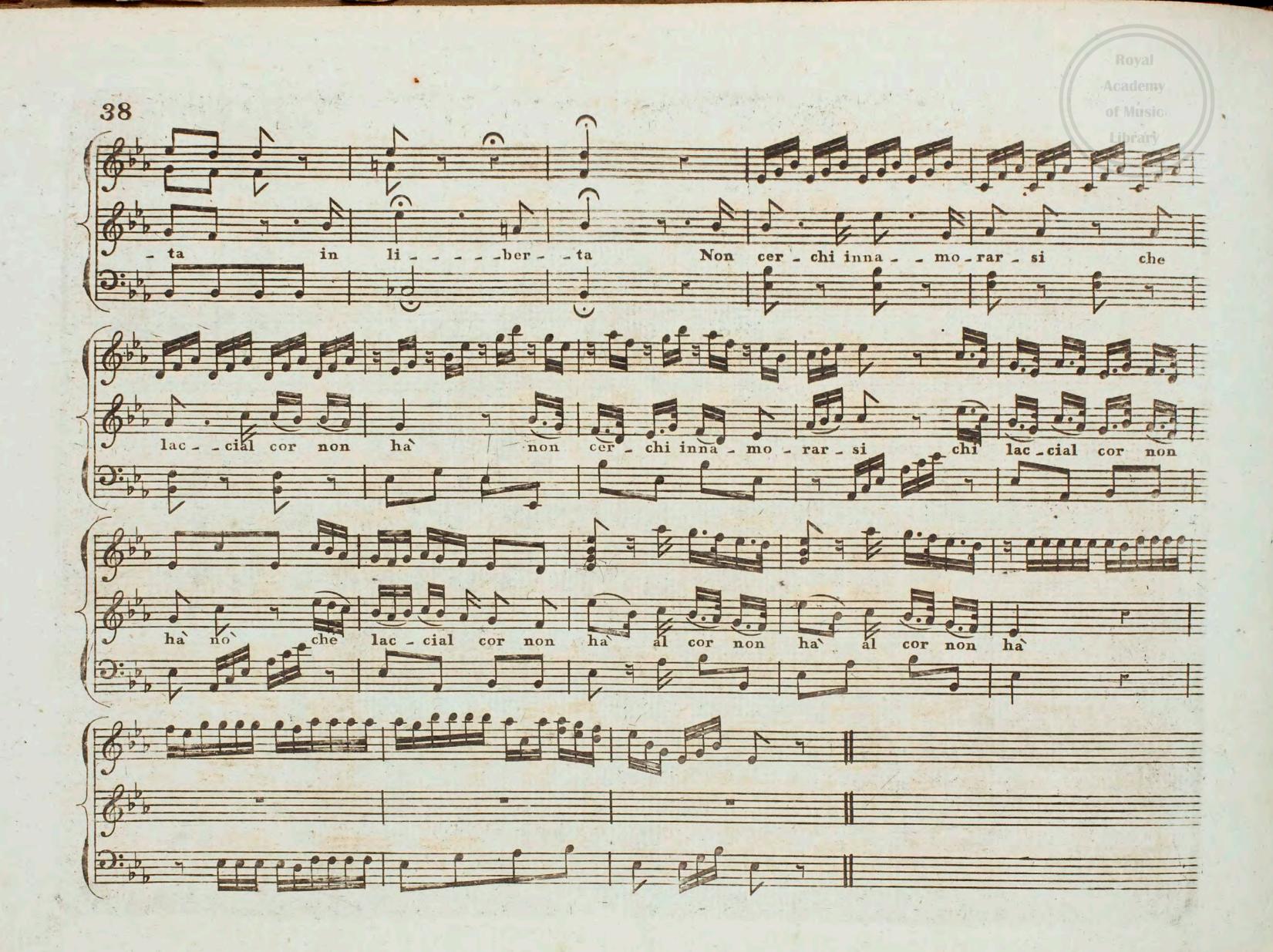


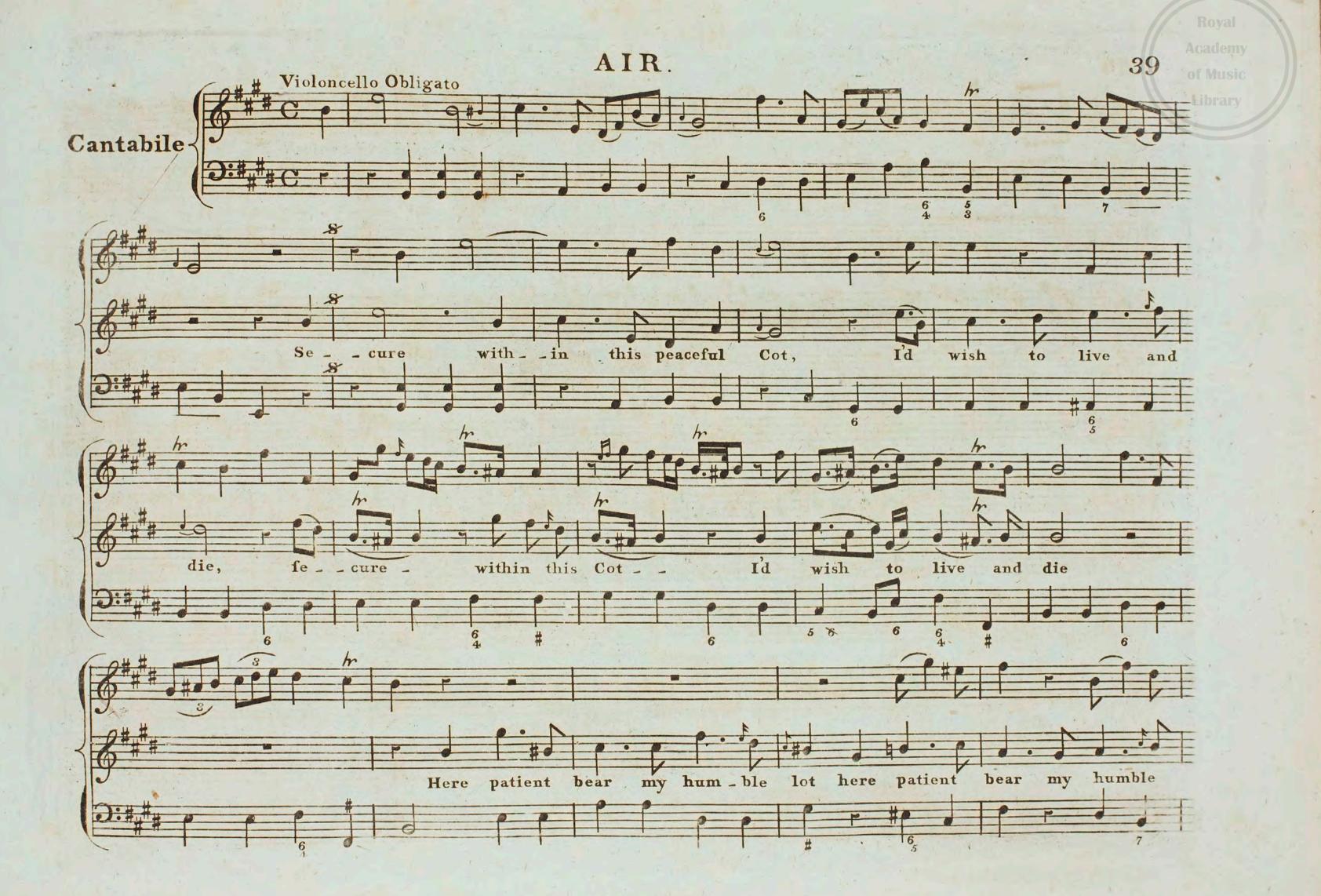






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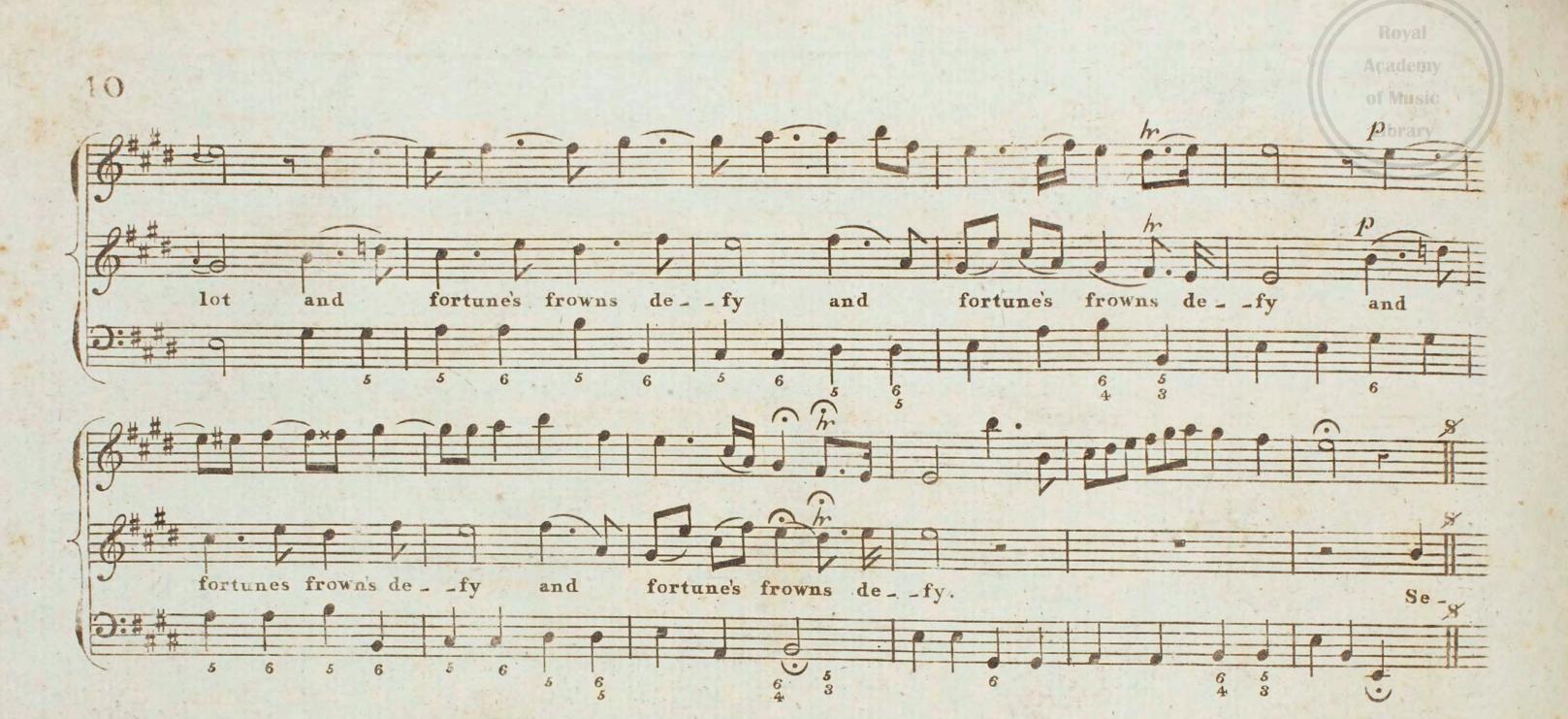
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Secluded thus, devoid of care,

The call of Heavn I'd wait

Then filent pass, its bliss to share,

O may that be my fate!