# John Christopher Smith:

THE ENCHANTER;
OR,
LOVE AND MAGIC

A MUSICAL DRAMA.

As performed at the

Theatre-Royal in Drury-Lane.

(1760)

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## Preface

THE ENCHANTER; OR, LOVE AND MAGIC is a two-act musical afterpiece which was given its premiere on December 13, 1760, at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. The music was composed by John Christopher Smith, the younger (1712–95) to an anonymous libretto which was generally believed to have been written by David Garrick (1717–79). This attribution remains unproven. The little opera was immediately popular in the season leading up to Christmas. Full of fantasy, magic and exoticism, The Enchanter was the hit of the holiday season and received twenty performances over two years. In part, this success was owing to a young boy soprano who sang the role of Kaliel, a sorcerer's apprentice who shows the necessary bravery and wisdom to bring the story to a happy conclusion.

#### The Music

John Christopher Smith (christened: Johann Christoph Schmidt), the younger, was born in Anspach, Germany. His father was convinced by George Frederick Handel to move to London in 1716, where Schmidt served as Handel's treasurer and principal music copyist. Schmidt's wife and children followed him to London in 1720 where the family subsequently anglicized their surname. Their son displayed musical promise at an early age and William Coxe records that Handel provided the boy with training in his early years. This telling of history has been questioned by Alfred Mann, but Smith's early arrangements of works by Handel may point to some form of mentorship between the two. Further training in composition was provided by J.C. Pepusch (1667–1752) and Thomas Roseingrave (1690/91–1766). Ultimately, it was Handel's influence that came to dominate Smith music, perhaps too much so for one who lived until 1795. As Percy Young noted, "Smith was not the first to suffer the fate that goes with too a close relationship and loyalty to, a creative genius of the first order. In spite of his attempts to escape

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> William Coxe, Anecdotes of George Frederick Handel and John Christopher Smith with Select Pieces of Music Composed by J.C. Smith and Never Before Published, with a new introduction by Percy M. Young (London: 1799; reprint ed., New York: Da Capo Press, 1979), vii—viii and 42–44.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Alfred Mann, "Handel's successor: notes on John Christopher Smith the younger," *Music in Eighteenth-Century England: Essays in memory of Charles Cudworth*, 135–45. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1983), 138.

from constriction he was clearly marked as a Handelian." A fuller biography of Smith can be found elsewhere on this website.

Around 1754, Smith was introduced to David Garrick who convinced Smith to compose opera in English for the Drury Lane theatre. Two full-length operas based on Shakespearean plays followed: *The Fairies* (1755, based on *A Midsummer's Night Dream*) and *The Tempest* (1756). That Shakespeare would have served as the inspiration for these operas is hardly surprising given Garrick's pre-eminence as an actor in the Bard's plays. The librettist was not named, although it was assumed at the time that Garrick had a hand in their creation, something he denied.<sup>4</sup> Neither work was especially successful, although *The Fairies* did receive eleven performances over two seasons. Smith is alleged to have blamed the lack of success of his operas on Garrick's lacklustre productions.<sup>5</sup> The overtures to the two operas were published in separate parts and enjoyed considerable success as concert entities, especially at the concerts at the Vauxhall Gardens.<sup>6</sup>

#### The Enchanter Libretto

At the time of the premier, the London papers were quick to suggest Garrick as the author. The *Public Ledger* (January 2, 1761) addressed Garrick directly, pointing to a general acceptance of his authorship. Garrick was one of the finest actors of his generation, but hardly a profound poet. There are more than a few instances of tortured syntax in the libretto, a point not lost on contemporary audiences. The poem in the *Public Ledger* ("Occasioned by the new Musical Entertainment, called the Enchanter") includes the lines:

And now, in sweetest, happiest choice,

Enchants our souls with music's voice.

Can'st thou, who thus hast charm'd the town,

Think to escape the critic's frown?

Andrew McCredie suggests that Benjamin Stillingfleet (1702–71) was a more likely candidate for authorship of the libretto. If so, he appears to have kept his name well distant from the production.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Percy Young, introduction to Coxe, *Anecdotes of George Frederick Handel*, xviii.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Coxe, Anecdotes of George Frederick Handel, 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Roger Fiske, *English Theatre Music in the Eighteenth Century*. rev. ed. (London: Oxford University Press, 1986), 244.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Information about Smith's music at the Vauxhall concerts can be found in: Charles Cudworth, "The Vauxhall Lists," *The Galpin society Journal* 20 (March, 1967): 24–42, and Pamela McGairl, "The Vauxhall Jubilee, 1786," *The Musical Times* 137, no. 1726 (November 1986): 611–15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Andrew D. McCredie, "John Christopher Smith as a dramatic composer," *Music and Letters* 45, no. 1 (1964), 32.

Whomever might have written the libretto, the plot proved to be a winner. Much of its charm lay in the Turkish setting and the use of special effects and magic. Barbara Small observes that the setting was "novel for its time: 18th-century England exhibited a marked interest in things Eastern, particularly literature based on real or fictional Turkish tales and the mystique of the seraglio, and Smith's is the first extant opera in the English language to take advantage of the new trend."8

The libretto is concise, and is made even more so by a number of passages which the printed libretto indicates were omitted in the presentation. These passages are placed in boxes in the libretto which follows. As J. Merrill Knapp writes, "the swift and simple plot shows the triumph of beauty, youth, and virtue over magic, lust and arbitrary power." Although a predictable morality story, the exotic setting likely helped make the characters appear less stereotypical, although it must be said that they remain "types." The absence of character development was likely offset by the appeal of the boy soprano in the role of the apprentice. The plot progresses quickly and without subplots. 10 Moroc, an Enchanter, wants to woo the fair Zaida, but she is steadfast in her love for her husband Zoreb. Moroc decides that magic is the only answer to aid in his quest and he invokes a spirit-child named Kaliel to enchant Zaida. He and another spirit, Lyssa, attempt to lure Zaida into Moroc's web by means of various earthly delights, but she resists. Moroc appears with his famous Ebon wand and raises the funeral bier of Zaida's husband. This sight causes Zaida to want to end her life, and Moroc drops his wand in his attempt to prevent her suicide. Kaliel, having been converted to the cause of virtue, snatches the powerful wand and uses Moroc's magic against him. Zoreb is re-animated and he and Zaida celebrate their happiness.

#### The Performers

The singing of the principals appears to have given great pleasure. Isabella Vincent (née Burchell, 1734/5–1802) appeared at the Drury Lane theatre between 1760–67. She had previously achieved success at the Vauxhall summer concerts and was hired by Garrick in 1760 to appear in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Barbara Small, "Smith, John Christopher [Schmidt, Johann Christoph; Smith, John Christian], Oxford Music Online, https://www.oxfordmusiconline-com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> J. Merrill Knapp, "English Theatrical Music in Garrick's Time: *The Enchanter* (1760) and *May Day* (1775)," *The* Stage and the Page: London's "Whole Show" in the Eighteenth-Century Theatre, ed. Geo. Winchester Stone, Jr., 123-35. (Berkeley, Los Angeles and London: University of California Press, 1981), 127.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Such was the interest in the piece that several London newspapers published detailed synopses of the plot. That in the Lloyd's Evening Post (December 12–15, 1760) is particularly full.

The Beggar's Opera. She continued to appear in this work until her last year at Drury Lane. She was evidently a fine singer, if not in the same league as Charlotte Brent at the rival theatre in Covent Garden. Her acting, however, was often much criticized. The bass Samuel Champness (c.1732–1803) was heard in the part of Moroc. He was a favourite singer of Handel, often appearing in his oratorios. Champness sang every season at Drury Lane from 1755 to 1774, at which time he retired from the stage. His powerful voice made him particularly appropriate for strong, menacing characters. The tenor Thomas Lowe (1719–83) was also much associated with performances of Handel's oratorios in the 1740s and was a favourite singer at the Vauxhall Gardens. The part of Zorab was very brief, however, and gave Lowe little to do.

The greatest accolades were reserved for the boy soprano Master Michael Leoni (Myer Lyon, c.1750–97). He was German-born, but brought to London to sing at the Duke's Place Synagogue where he quickly attracted attention. The boy's range and agility at the time of his Drury Lane appearances must have been exceptional if he sang Smith's music well; there are testing high notes and examples of difficult passagework. The *Public Ledger* (December 15, 1760) wrote that "the appearance of Master LIONI [sic] added a double degree of novelty, —To attempt any description of the voice of this youth would be aiming at impossibility. —Let it then suffice to say, that inchanting as Mrs. *Vincent* was in *Zaida*, it might be considered as a point to puzzle an arithmetician, which of the two had the clearest, the higher note, the more perfect *sustenato*, or the more exstatic shake."

As late as 1771, he was still appearing at Master Leoni at Finch's Grotto Gardens. This would appear to indicate that he continued to bill himself as a boy soprano, at an age when this seems most unlikely. Appearing at Finch's establishment was not a prestige billing, and his London career in the theatres did not develop, likely owing to his lack of acting ability. An attempt to establish an English Opera Company in Dublin with Tommasso Giordani (1730/33–1806) quickly went bankrupt. Leoni fled the British Isles in 1787 to escape his creditors, and he spent the remainder of his life in Jamaica.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Olive Baldwin and Thelma Wilson, "Vincent [née Burchell; other married name Mills], Isabella (1734/5–1802)," Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, https://www.oxforddnb.com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Winton Dean, "Champness [Champness, Champneys], Samuel Thomas," *Oxford Music Online*, https://www.oxfordmusiconline-com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Fiske, English Theatre Music, 633.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Olive Baldwin and Thelma Wilson, "Leoni, Michael [Myer, Lyon]," *Grove Music Online*. 2001; Accessed 22 Jul. 2024. https://www-oxfordmusiconline-com.

#### This Edition

The work is clearly an opera and not just a play with music. Although the music for the recitatives, dances and choruses was not published and is consequently lost, it is apparent from the libretto that the opera contained both *secco* and *accompagnato* forms of recitative. The work was not all-sung, however, as has been suggested by J. Merrill Knapp. The printed libretto is careful to indicate when recitative was used and its type. Reflecting the longstanding British dislike for Italian-style *secco recitative*, a note in the printed libretto states its use had been avoided as much as possible because "recitative commonly appears the most tedious part of Musical Entertainment." In spite of this announcement, the amount of sung recitative clearly exceeds the number of passages that were spoken.

Smith adopted the popular *galant* stile for his music. Even though the overture is in the "French" tradition, the second section, traditionally contrapuntal, quickly becomes homophonic.<sup>17</sup> The arias are mostly brief, likely an acknowledgement that the work was an afterpiece and not a full-fledged opera. There is only one *da capo* aria (for the boy soprano Leoni), with the rest being binary or occasionally ternary. This is not to say that the music lacks difficulty. The music for Zaida and Kaliel feature extended ranges (b<sup>b</sup>–b<sup>b</sup>) and d–c'', respectively) and the coloratura passagework, while not long, still requires considerable flexibility.

## Sources

Unfortunately, no autograph score for the music survives. Two published scores were consulted for this edition. Such was the success of Smith's afterpiece that John Walsh released his score by January 12, 1761, according to the *Public Advertiser* for that day. This publication is in orchestral score and contains all of the songs, but omits the recitatives, two choruses and the music for two dances. The second published source contains the overture and Dead March in separate parts. The latter are contained in a collection called *Abel Arne and Smith's Six Favourite Overtures for Violins, Hoboys and French Horns, with a Bass for the Harpsichord and Violoncello*, published

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Knapp, "English Theatrical Music in Garrick's Time," 124.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The Enchanter; or, Love and Magic . . . (London: J. and R. Tonson, 1760), [iii].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Recorded by Mary Térey-Smith and Capella Savaria on Dorian CD 93251.

by Walsh in November of 1763.<sup>18</sup> While Smith borrowed from his earlier Italian operas for the overtures in *The Fairies* and *The Tempest*, the overture for *The Enchanter* appears to have been newly composed.<sup>19</sup>

#### Instrumentation

The 1761 score was published in a slightly reduced manner. It contains the music for four string parts, with two flutes, two trumpets, two French Horns and timpani required in a few movements. The published separate overture parts expand this total by inscribing the upper strings parts as being for "Violone e Hoboy." In the case of doubling parts such as these, the oboists would have been expected to modify their parts to make them conform to the range norms of their instrument. Bassoons are not mentioned, but their presence in the orchestras of the period as doubling instruments for the bass line could well be expected.

Typical of mid-eighteenth-century publications, the music for the violas is not consistently provided. The instrument is given independent parts, often more difficult than was the norm for the period, in most introductions, ritornellos, and postludes, but viola writing usually disappears when the singers enter the texture. Whether or not this was an indication for the violas to begin doubling the general bass line is not clear. Rests are given in the published full score when it is clear that Smith wanted the textures to be thinner, seemingly so that the singers could be heard more easily. Elsewhere, it is also possible that, when being used as a doubling instrument, the performers would have created their own part, appropriate to the instrument.

The bass parts in both published sources give some directions for reducing the texture at measures 10 through 17 in the overture. Here, the cellos are specified as the sole instruments in the bass line, presumably to the exclusion of double basses and any other low-pitched instruments that might have been used to double the line.

#### **Dynamics**

Smith's use of dynamic markings is inconsistent, with some of the aria setting given more indications than others. He largely used *piano* markings to reduce the orchestral volume when the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> William C. Smith and Charles Humphries, *A Bibliography of the Musical Works published by the Firm of John Walsh during the years 1721–1766* (London: The bibliographical society, 1968), 258. The collection was re-issued in 1765 with the addition of a third overture by Smith, *The Tempest*. The *Public Advertiser* on August 2, 1765.

<sup>19</sup> McCredie, "John Christopher Smith," 26–27, examines the composer's borrowings in some detail.

voices are heard. Similarly, the *forte* indications are present when the orchestra is heard alone. That Smith was aware of other dynamic markings is evident in the brief air, "Turn and see what Pleasures woo you." Here, the concluding *ritornello* begins *piano*, before moving to *mf* (m°.For.) and finally *ff* (Fortiss°). This likely indicates that Smith wanted a crescendo effect at this point. Editorial dynamic markings are indicated by brackets in the edition. These are suggestions only and the choice of dynamics in performance will be dependent upon the size of the performing group and the acoustical environment of the performing space.

## Tempo Markings

Tempo markings are provided only in a few instances; none are given in the French-style overture. A fairly brisk tempo in the opening section and the contrapuntal section which follows is in keeping with modern performance practice, as opposed to the outmoded practice of treating opening section of a French overture as being slow and ponderous. The editor has made suggestions for the tempi of some movements, indicated by brackets in the edition.

## **Editorial Notes**

There are very few errors in the published full score and much care was given to the appropriate values of the approgriaturas. This practice has been maintained in the present edition. In the case of the overture, primacy has been given the published full score. While much of the published full score is accurate, the bass line of mm. 7–11 of the duet "Would you taste the sweets of Love" is clearly wrong. This has been rewritten to make harmonic sense. The present edition retains the beaming as found in the published score, even when it does not conform to modern usage. Such beaming practices often indicated the phrasing.

Several differences can be found in the two sources for the overture: there are no tempo indications in the full score whereas the published parts contain the marking of Andante for the opening and Allegro for the second section. It is not known if these markings come from Smith or another hand. Other differences are few in number. At m. 23, the separate parts give a half note in all parts where the full score has a whole note. Elsewhere, missing accidentals have been shown in parenthesis and missing ties with dotted lines. In the air "Intruder Sleep in vain," there are no staccato signs in m. 37 of violin 1, and the other string parts at mm. 36–37. These have been added to parts for the sake of consistency. The viola part is editorial in "Sigh not your Hours away,"

mm.35–50 and 74–81. Staccato marks have been added editorially in the trio, "O hear her Sighs," for the sake of consistency; also, in the bass line at mm. 6–7, 14–16, m. 20, m. 22, m. 40, m. 48, and m. 50; the violin part at mm. 10–11, m. 20, m. 22, and m. 50.

Replacing the music not included in the published score required more complex editorial decisions. No attempt was made to recreate the missing recitatives since the work already had spoken dialogue. These recitative texts can be spoken in performance, much as many of the English operas of the period were performed. Replacing the missing dance music was not problematic. A gavotte from the overture was repeated at one point, and the horn pipe from Smith's *Tempest* score was inserted at the conclusion. The two missing choruses presented greater challenges. For the first, "O hear her Sighs," it was possible to construct a brief trio movement that borrowed from the previous air, since the chorus repeated a portion of the text from that air. Matters were less readily apparent in the final chorus, "How happy the Hour," since the text is not heard elsewhere. Fortunately, the published text fits very conveniently into the air, "Intruder Sleep in vain." As a result, it was possible to create a final ensemble that is completely based on Smith's own music.

Finally, the pronunciation of Zaida's name appears to have been given two syllables [Zi-da, with a long 'i' sound], rather than three [Zai-ee-da], as might be expected.

The Helmholtz pitch-classification is referenced in this introduction:



The libretto follows:

## Act 1, scene 1: A room in the Enchanter's Castle.

#### Moroc

<u>Recitative</u>: O Love, Destroyer Love, this Ravage cease, Or give me Conquest, or restore my Peace.

<u>Air</u>: I burn! I burn!— Where e'er I turn. Each Object feeds my Flame; The Hinds that whistle Care away,
The Birds that sing, the Beasts that play,
My Wretchedness proclaim. ["Shew what a Wretch I am!" in published libretto]

[Not included in the representation]: A Wretch of Reason and of Power, Who in this trying Hour Cannot conquer or retreat; Passion all my Pow'r disarms, *Moroc* yields to Woman's Charms, And trembles at her Feet.

## Scene 2: Moroc, Kaliel.

#### Moroc

<u>Recitative</u>: O *Kaleil! Kaliel!* Speak thou faithful Slave, What Hope?—Will *Zaida* yield?—Alas, I rave!

#### Kaliel

Recitative: Torn from her Lover's Arms,—The mournful Fair, Rejects your Vows, and cherishes Despair; Like a transplanted Flower, the blooming Spoil Droops in a foreign, tho' a richer Soil.

<u>Air</u>: In vain I try'd Each soothing Art, To swell her Pride Or melt her Heart.

In vain your Love, Your Pow'r display'd, Nor Pow'r could move, Nor Love persuade.

With lifted Eyes, She *Zoreb* calls, Then strikes her Breast! The Sighs that rise, The Tear that falls, Declare the rest.

#### Moroc

Obdurate Fair-one! What uncommon Mould Impress'd thy Mind—That Pleasure, Power, nor Gold Can soften or allure it;—take this Wand;—

[Gives a Wand to Kaliel]

Again persuade,—implore,—at thy Command Joys shall attend—While I with other Arms My Rival seek, and Hell shall aid my Charms.

Air: My Slaves below
Prepare, prepare!
Enchant the Foe,
Deceive the Fair:
Magic now with Magic views,
Moroc's Art, with Zaida's eyes [Sinks]

#### Scene 3: Kaliel alone.

#### Kaliel

<u>Air</u>: Fly airy sprites, Around her Fly: Sooth her with Delights, Charm her Ear, and Eye.

Make the Fair one kind, ["Fly swifter than the Wind," in the libretto] ["Let your Spells her Fancy bind," omitted in the score] Thro' her Senses reach [chain]her Mind. [Exit]

## Scene 4: a Garden belonging to the Enchanter.

## Zaida

<u>Air</u>: Intruder Sleep! In vain you try To hush my Breast, and close my Eye; The Morning Dews refresh the Flow'r, That unmolested blows; But ineffectual falls the Show'r Upon the canker'd Rose.

#### Scene 5: Zaida, Kaliel.

## Kaliel

Recitative: I let not Grief your Bloom destroy, Youth's fairest Blossoms spring from Joy, And Beauty's Cheek with Tints supply, Which nipt by Sorrow fade and die.

<u>Air</u>: Sigh not your Hours away, Youth should be ever gay; Ever should dance around Pleasure's enchanted Ground:

Reason invites you, Passion excites you, Raptures abound!

Spring shall her Sweets display, Nature shall vie with Art; No Clouds shall shade the Day, No Grief the Heart.

Love shall his Treasures bring, Beauty shall sport and sing, Free as the Zephyr's Wing, Soft as his Kiss,

[Not included]:
"Changing and Ranging
From Bliss to Bliss."

Free as the Zephyr's Wing, etc.

Come then sweet Liberty! Let us be ever free, What's *Life* without *Love*, what *Love* without *Thee*?

#### Zaida

Accompanied recitative: To Zaida's Ears thy Strains might sweetly flow, Had Zoreb's Air or Face her Bosom fir'd; No transient Passion caught her Heart,—Oh, no! Can Passion die, that Virtue has inspir'd?

Air: Whate'er you say, whate'er you do, My heart shall still be fix'd and true; The vicious Bosom Love deforms, And rages there in Gusts and Storms; But Love with us a constant Gale Just swells the Sea, and fills the Sail; Neither of Winds [n]or Waves the Sport, We rule the Helm, and gain the Port.

#### **Kaliel**

Recitative: Ye Votaries of Mirth and Love, In all your various Mazes move, Be frolick, changeable, and free, Charm her with sweet Variety: The happiest Union known on Earth, Is Mirth with Love, and Love with Mirth.

## [Kaliel waves his Wand.]

# Scene 6: Lyssa enters with her Followers, as the Votaries of Mirth and Love.

## Lyssa

Air: When youthful Charms Fly Pleasure's Arms, Kind Nature's Gifts are vain; We should not save, What Nature gave, But kindly give again.

Tho' Scorn and Pride
Our Wishes hide,
And tho' the Tongue says, nay;
The honest Heart,
Takes Pleasure's Part,
Denying all we say.

The Birds in spring,
Will sport and sing,
And revel thro' the Grove;
And shall not we,
As blith[e] and free,
With them rejoice and love?

Let Love and Joy,
Our Spring employ,
Kind Nature's Law fulfil;
Then sport and play
Now whilst we may,
We cannot when we will.

[A Dance by the followers of Lyssa.]

#### Lyssa

Recitative: 'Tis thus we revel, dance and play, Life with us is Holyday:
Constancy would pall our Joys,
Varied Passion never cloys.

**Duet**: Lyssa and Zaida

**Lyssa**: Would you taste the Sweets of Love, Ever change, and ever rove, Fly at Pleasure, and away. Love's the Cup of Bliss and Woe,

Nectar if you taste and go, Poison if you stay.

Zaida: Would you taste the Sweets of Love,
Never change and never rove,
Fly from Pleasures that betray.
Love's the Cup of Bliss, and Woe,
Poison if you taste and go,
Nectar if you stay.

[Exeunt severally.]

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## Act 2, scene 1: a Garden; Zaida, Lyssa, and other female Spirits following.

#### Zaida

<u>Recitative</u>: Shame of thy Sex—begone—nor haunt me more.

#### Lyssa

Recitative:

Will Zaida's Bosom from a Woman hide,
What to conceal from Man, is Art and Pride?
Behold! Power's sovereign Charm to soften Hate,
What melts us most!—Variety and state!
[Waves her Wand, and the whole scene and decorations change.]

<u>Air</u>: Turn and see what Pleasures woo you, Let not Love in vain pursue you, Seize his Blessings while you may, Love has Wings and will not stay.

#### Chorus

Seize his Blessing whilst you may, Love has Wings, and will not stay.

#### Zaida

Accompanied Recitative: Deluders hence!—your Spells are weak, My Zoreb's stronger Spells to break; For him alone I draw my Breath, With him I could rejoice in Death.

[It thunders, grows dark, and the Garden shakes, All the women run off, but Zaida and Lyssa.]

## Lyssa

<u>Recitative</u>: 'Tis Past—the softer Passions take their Flight, *Moroc*, comes arm'd in Terrors and in Night! Destruction in his eye, and in his Hand, The Scepter of His Wrath—His Ebon Wand.

#### Scene 2: Moroc, Zaida, Lyssa.

#### Moroc

Accompanied Recitative: No more I come with Sighs and Pray'rs, A proud ungrateful Fair to sue: Revenge a Festival prepares, A Festival for Love and you!

#### Trio.

**Lyssa**: O hear her Sighs, believe her Tears, The Heart may change that pants with Fears.

**Zaida** (to Moroc): Hear not my Sighs, nor trust my Tears, My Heart may pant, but not with Fears: His Treasure lost, the Miser mourns.

**Lyssa**: More Treasure found, his Joy returns.

**Moroc**: Hence Jealousy and love-sick Cares! Vengeance now my Bosom tears [tares]!

[Not included in the presentation]:

**Lyssa**: The Joys of Power will here attend thee! **Zaida**: The Joys of Love with *Zoreb* fend me!

Lyssa: With him your Heart new Woes would prove.

**Zaida**: I fear no Woes with him I love. **Moroc**: Away with Love and fond Desires—

Vengeance rage with all thy Fires.

#### Moroc

Recitative: Lyssa, depart!—this is no Hour for Joy, I come not now to pity; but destroy—
[Exit Lyssa, etc.]

To Zaida's Arms her Lover I resign; He's dead, and dying thought you mine, For Him alone you draw your Breath, With him you shall rejoice in Death! [Dead March]

Scene 3: a Tomb rises from the Ground, in which *ZOREB* lies, *KALIEL* standing by him with his Wand on his Breast.

#### Zaida

Accompanied recitative: My Zoreb—dead!—then Sorrow is no more:

Now let the Lightning flash, the Thunder roar!

Air: Back to your Source weak, foolish, Tears.

Away, fond Love, and Woman's Fears;

A nobler Passion warms:

The Dove shall soar with Eagle's Wing,

From Earth I spring,

And fly to Heav'n, and Zoreb's Arms.

[Offers to stab herself; Moroc runs to prevent her,

And in his Fright drops his Ebon Wand, which Kaliel takes up.]

#### Moroc

Hold, desp'rate Fair—

[Takes away the Dagger.]

No more will I employ

Love's softer Arts, but seize, and force my Joy.

[Takes hold of her.]

#### Zaida

Help, heav'nly Pow'rs!

#### Moroc

What Pow'r can *Moroc* fear?

#### Kaliel

The Pow'r of Virtue—which I now revere!

With thy own Arms thy guilty Reign I end,

No longer Moroc's Slave, but Zaida's Friend,

Thus do I blast thee—As the Thunder's Stroke

Blasts the proud Cedar—All thy Charms are broke.

[Kaliel strikes Moroc with the Wand, and he sinks.]

#### Scene 4: Zaida, Kaliel and Zoreb.

#### Zaida

How shall I thank the Guardian of my Fame? [kneels to Kaliel]

#### Kaliel

Rise, Zaida!—Peace!—more thanks shall Kaliel claim.

Behold thy *Zoreb* dead to mortal View,

The Spells dissolv'd, shall wake to Life, and you.

Accompanied Recitative: This magic Wand, in Moroc's Hand

Did wound, oppress:

In Kaliel's Hand, this magic Wand

Shall heal, and bless.

Air: O faithful Youth,
To shake thy Truth,
Nor more shall Fiends combine:
Now gently move,
To meet that Love,
That Truth which equals thine.

[While the Symphony is playing, Zoreb rises gradually from the Tomb.]

Not included in the presentation:

Zoreb, Air: What Angel's Voice, what sweet enchanting Break.

Calls hapless Zoreb from the Bed of Death?

In Terror's Gloom,

Night's awful Womb,

My Soul imprison'd lay,

But now I wake to Day,

Too weak my Pow'r to bear this flood of Light,

For all Elyzium opens to my Sight.

[looks rapturously on Zaida]

#### Zaida

O Zoreb!—O my Lord!—My bosom Guest! Transport is mute! My eyes must speak the rest.

#### Zoreb

And do I wake to Bliss, as well as Life! 'Tis more than Bliss!—'tis Zaida—'tis my Wife.

#### Kaliel

In Fate's mysterious Web this Knot was wove: Thus Heaven rewards your Constancy and Love. [joins their Hands]

#### Zoreb, Zaida

<u>Duet</u>: No Power could divide us, no Terror dismay,

No Treasures could bribe us, no Falsehood betray:

No Demons could tempt us, no Pleasure could move,

No Magic could bind us, but the Magic of Love.

**Zoreb**: The Spell round my Heart was the Image of You;

Then how could I fail to be constant and true?

Zaida: The Spell round my Heart was the Image of You;

Then how could fail to be constant and true?

#### Kaliel

Recitative: Hence ye wicked Sprites away!

Passion yields to Reason's Sway:

Purer Beings of the Air

Hover round and guard this Pair:

Love and Innocence appear!

Love and Virtue triumph here. [Waves his Wand]

## Scene 5: Enter Shepherds, Shepherdess, etc.

#### Kaliel

Air: Ye Sons of Simplicity,

Love and Felicity,

Ye Shepherds who pipe on the Plain;

Leave your Lambs and your Sheep,

Our Revels to keep,

Which Zoreb and Zaida ordain.

Your Smiles of Tranquillity,

Hearts of Humility,

Each City-bred Passion destroy: ["Each Fiend of the Bosom destroy:" in published libretto]

For Virtue and Mirth

To Blessing give Birth,

Which Zoreb and Zaida enjoy.

#### Chorus:

How happy the Hour,

When Passion and Pow'r

No longer united, no longer oppress:

When Beauty and Youth

With Love, and with Truth!

For ever united, for ever shall bless.

A Dance of Shepherds, Sheperdesses, etc. etc.

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# THE ENCHANTER;

OR

## LOVE AND MAGIC

Moroc, the Enchanter (Bass)

Kaliel, Attendant Spirit (Boy Soprano)

Zoreb, contracted to Zaida (Tenor)

Zaida (Soprano)

Lyssa (Soprano)

**SATB** Chorus

2 Oboes (ad libitum)

2 Flutes

2 Trumpets

2 Horns

Tympani

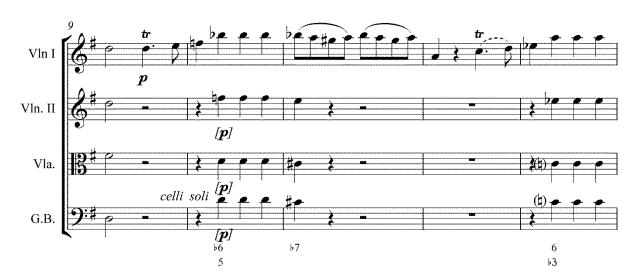
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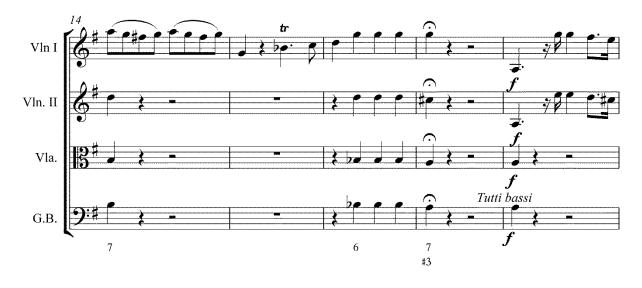
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## Overture



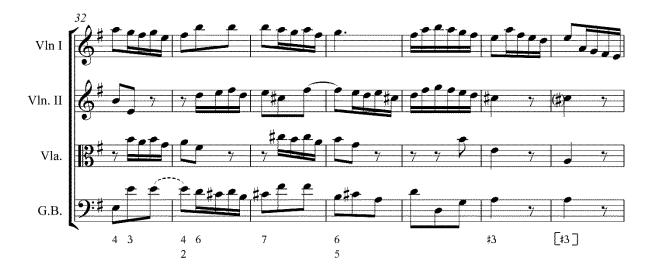


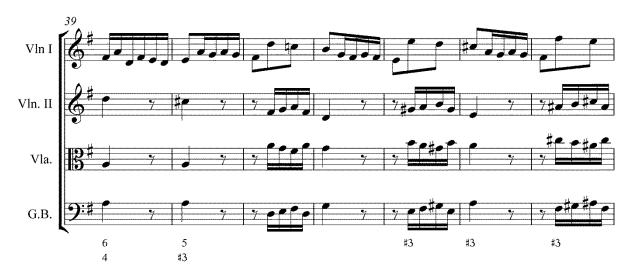


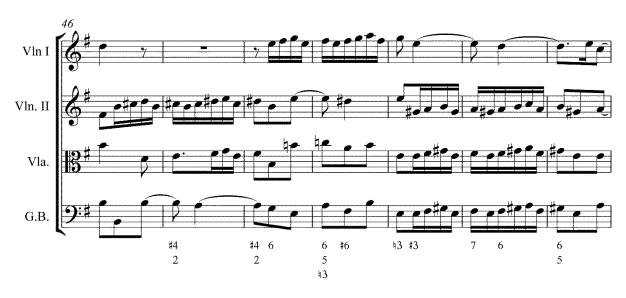


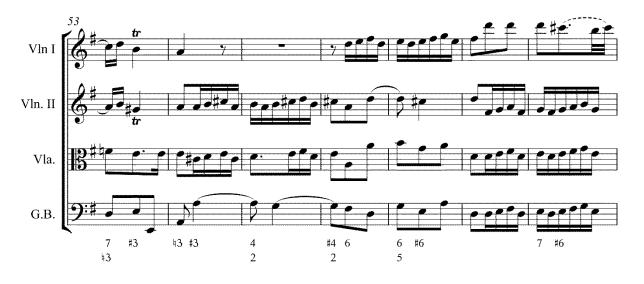


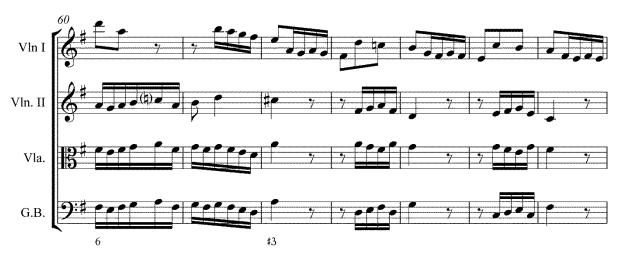


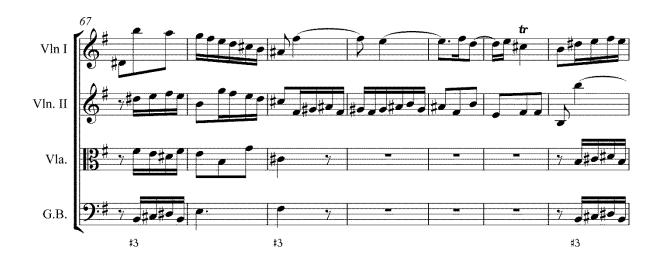


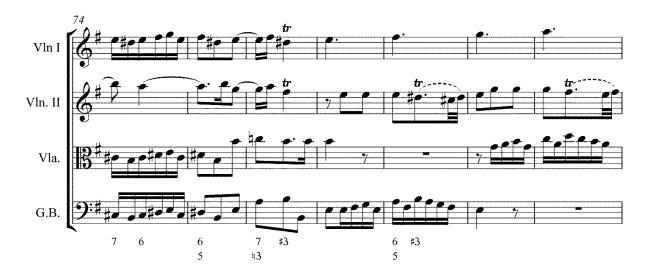


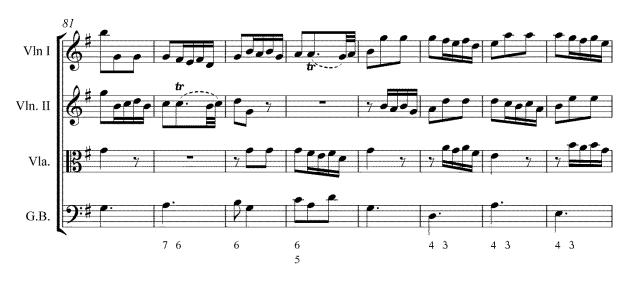


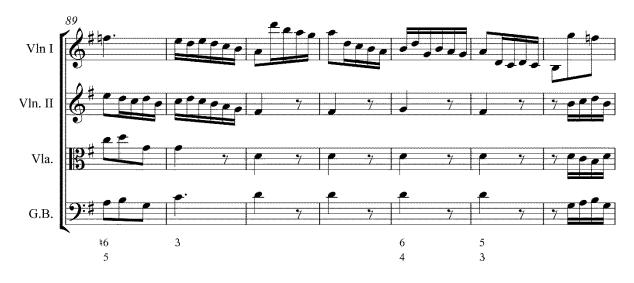


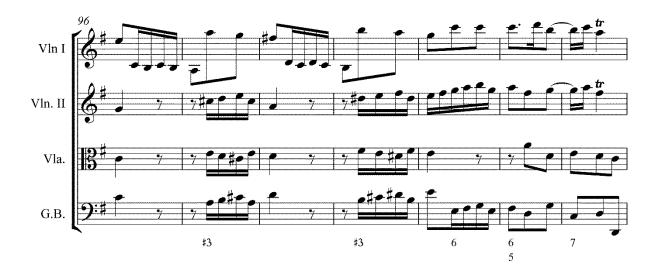




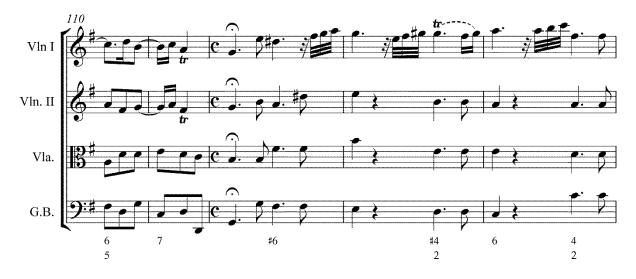


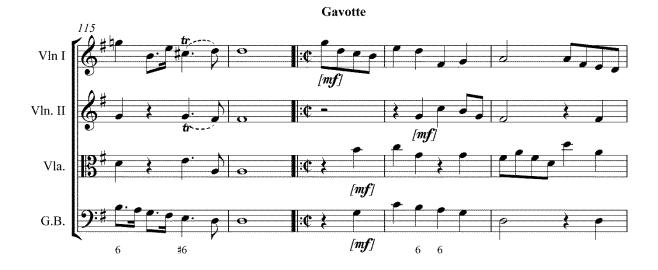




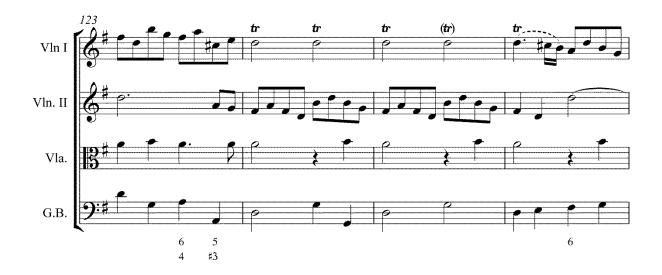






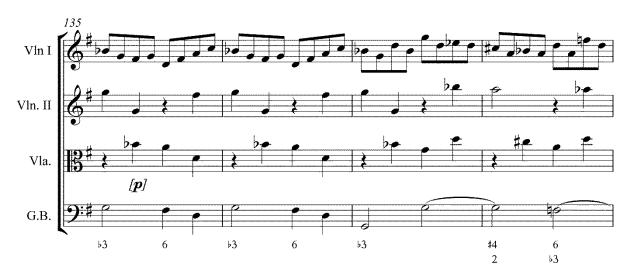


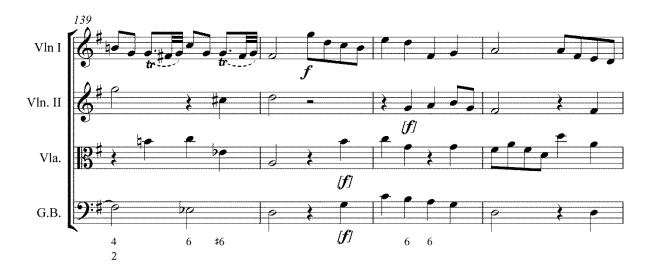




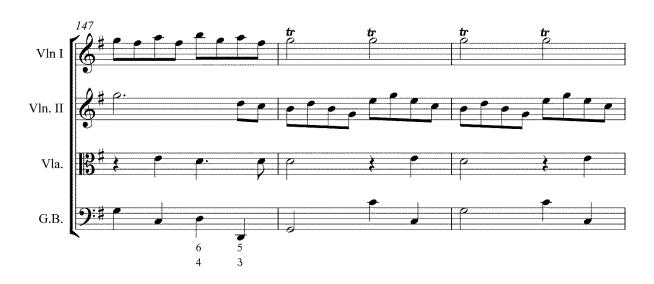


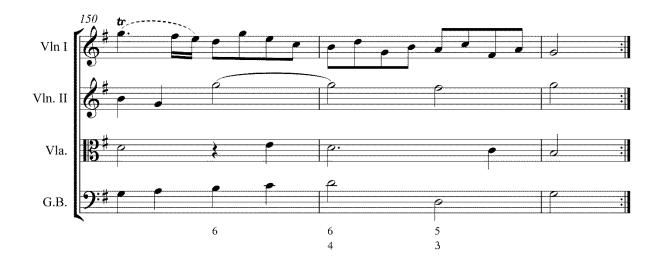












Act 1, scene 1: A room in the Enchanter's Castle.

## Moroc

<u>Recitative</u>: O Love, Destroyer Love, this Ravage cease, Or give me Conquest, or restore my Peace.

Air: I burn! I burn!—
Where e'er I turn.
Each Object feeds my Flame;
The Hinds that whistle Care away,
The Birds that sing, the Beasts that play,
My wretchedness proclaim.

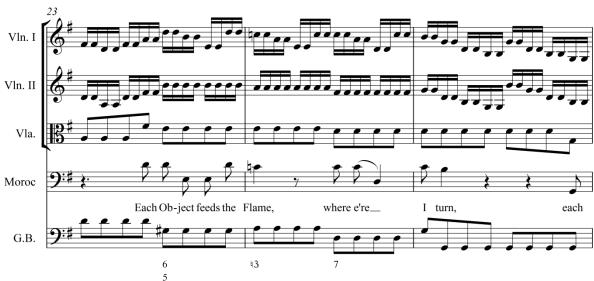
















Scene 2: Moroc, Kaliel.

#### Moroc

<u>Recitative</u>: O *Kaleil! Kaliel!* Speak thou faithful Slave, What Hope?—Will *Zaida* yield?—Alas, I rave!

## Kaliel

Recitative: Torn from her Lover's Arms,—The mournful Fair, Rejects your Vows, and cherishes Despair; Like a transplanted Flower, the blooming Spoil Droops in a foreign, tho' a richer Soil.

<u>Air</u>: In vain I try'd Each soothing Art, To swell her Pride Or melt her Heart.

In vain your Love, Your pow'r display'd, Nor Pow'r could move, Nor Love persuade.

With lifted Eyes, She *Zoreb* calls, Then strikes her Breast! The sighs that rise, The Tear that falls, Declare the rest.









#### Moroc

Obdurate Fair-one! What uncommon Mould Impress'd thy Mind—That Pleasure, Power, nor Gold Can soften or allure it;—take this Wand;—

[Gives a Wand to Kaliel]

Again persuade,—implore,—at thy Command Joys shall attend—While I with other Arms

My Rival seek, and Hell shall aid my Charms.

Air: My Slaves below
Prepare, prepare!
Enchant the Foe,
Deceive the Fair:
Magic now with Magic views,
Moroc's Art, with Zaida's eyes [Sinks]







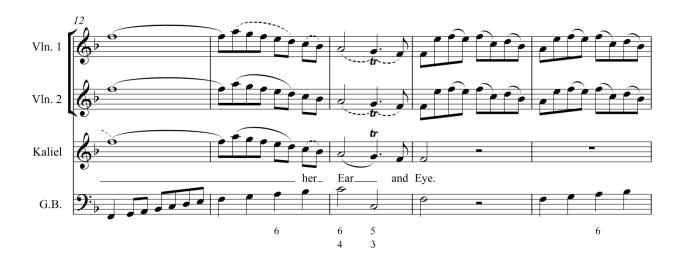
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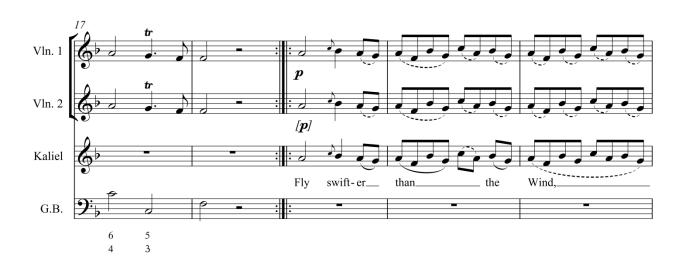
### Kaliel

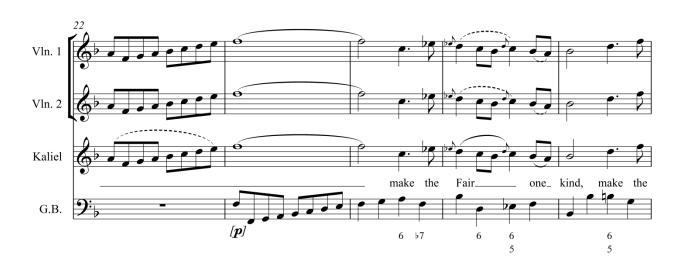
<u>Air</u>: Fly airy sprites, Around her Fly: Sooth her with Delights, Charm her Ear, and Eye.

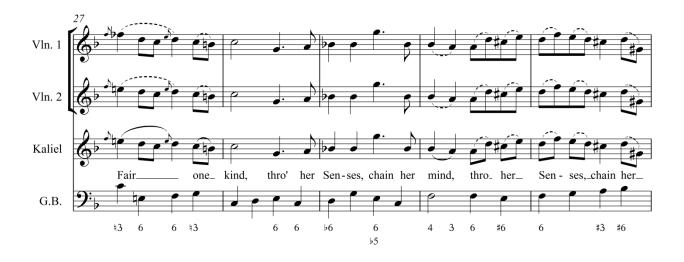
Make the Fair one kind, Fly swifter than the Wind Make the Fair one kind, Thro' her Senses reach chain her Mind. [*Exit*]



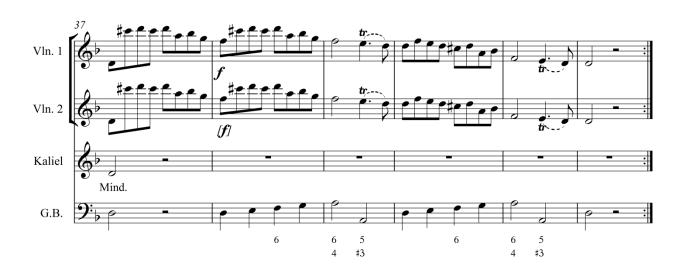












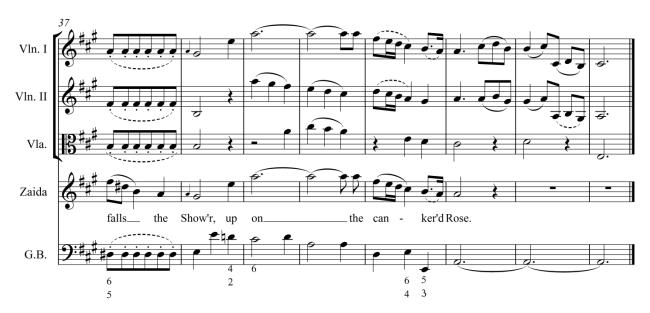
# Scene 4: a Garden belonging to the Enchanter.

## Zaida

Air: Intruder Sleep! In vain you try
To hush my Breast, and close my Eye;
The Morning Dews refresh the Flow'r,
That unmolested blows;
But ineffectual falls the Show'r
Upon the canker'd Rose.







Scene 5: Zaida, Kaliel.

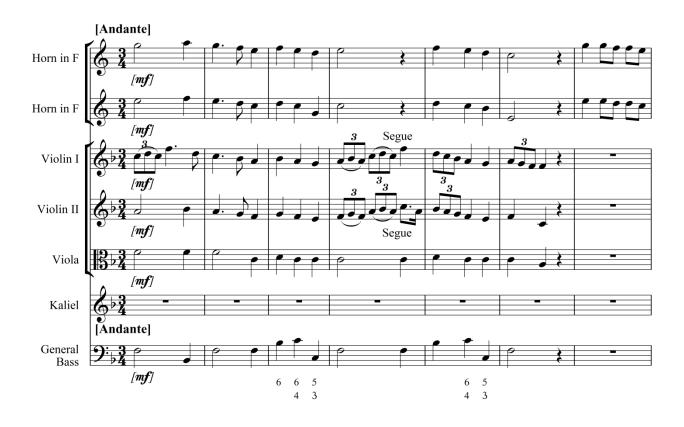
#### Kaliel

Recitative: I let not Grief your Bloom destroy, Youth's fairest Blossoms spring from Joy, And Beauty's Cheek with Tints supply, Which nipt by Sorrow fade and die.

Air: Sigh not your Hours away, Youth should be ever gay; Ever should dance around Pleasure's enchanted Ground:
Reason invites you,
Passion excites you,
Raptures abound!

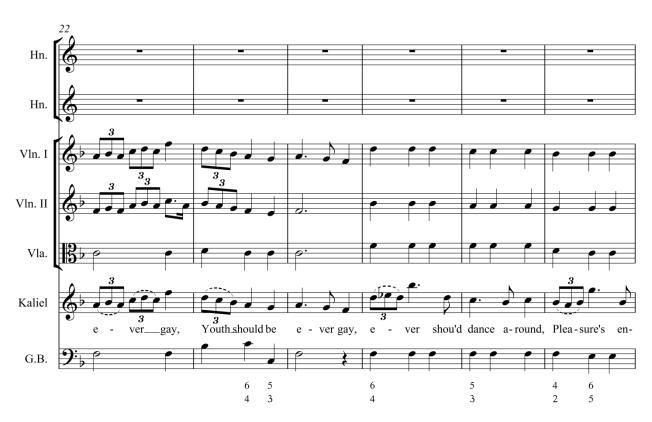
Spring shall her Sweets display, Nature shall vie with Art; No Clouds shall shade the Day, No Grief the Heart.

Love shall his Treasures bring,
Beauty shall sport and sing,
Free as the Zephyr's Wing,
Soft as his Kiss,
Free as the Zephyr's Wing, etc.
Come then sweet Liberty!
Let us be ever free,
What's *Life* without *Love*, what *Love* without *Thee*?

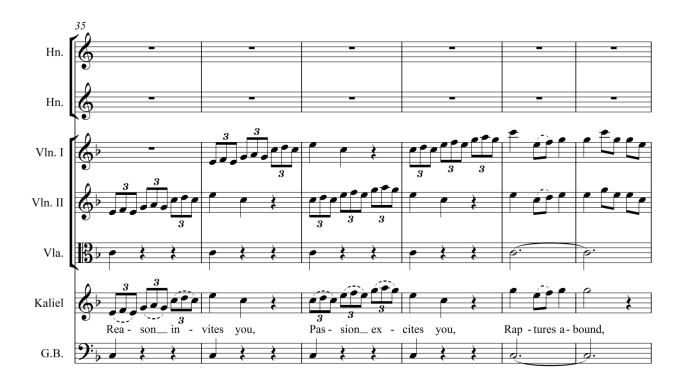


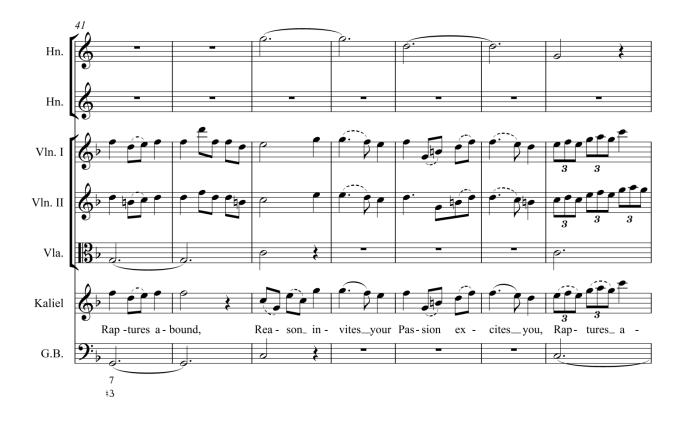




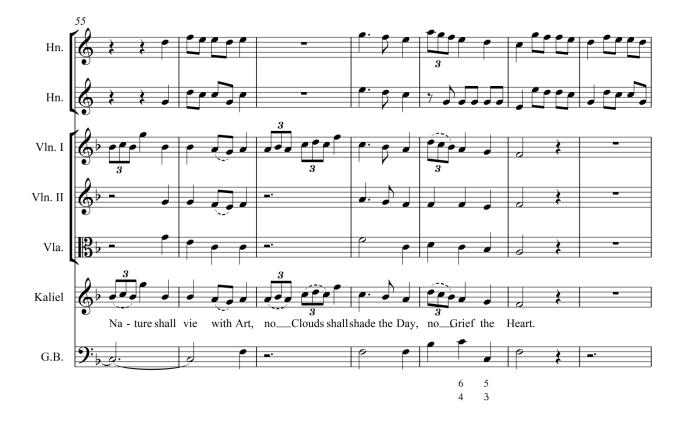




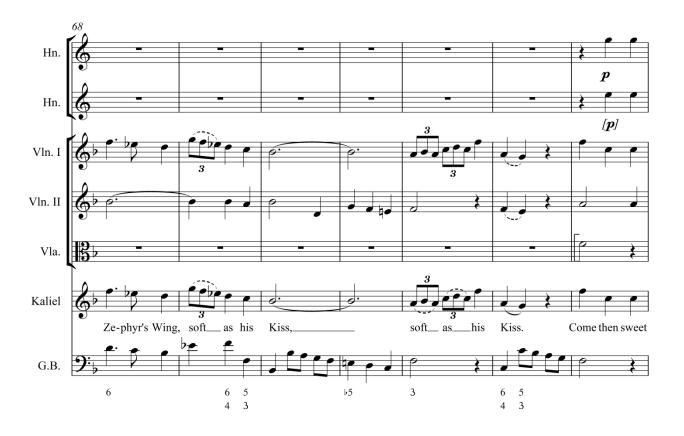
















### Zaida

Accompanied recitative: To Zaida's Ears thy Strains might sweetly flow, Had Zoreb's Air or Face her Bosom fir'd; No transient Passion caught her Heart,—Oh, no! Can Passion die, that Virtue has inspir'd?

Air: Whate'er you say, whate'er you do, My heart shall still be fix'd and true; The vicious Bosom Love deforms, And rages there in Gusts and Storms; But Love with us a constant Gale Just swells the Sea, and fills the Sail; Neither of Winds [n]or Waves the Sport, We rule the Helm, and gain the Port.









## Kaliel

Recitative: Ye Votaries of Mirth and Love, In all your various Mazes move, Be frolick, changeable, and free, Charm her with sweet Variety: The happiest Union known on Earth, Is Mirth with Love, and Love with Mirth.

[Kaliel waves his Wand.]

Scene 6: Lyssa enters with her Followers, as the Votaries of Mirth and Love.

### Lyssa

Air: When youthful Charms
Fly Pleasure's Arms,
Kind Nature's Gifts are vain;
We should not save,
What Nature gave,
But kindly give again.

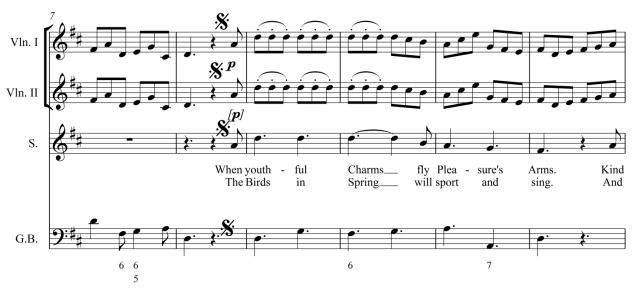
Tho' Scorn and Pride
Our Wishes hide,
And tho' the Tongue says, nay;
The honest Heart,
Takes Pleasure's Part,
Denying all we say.

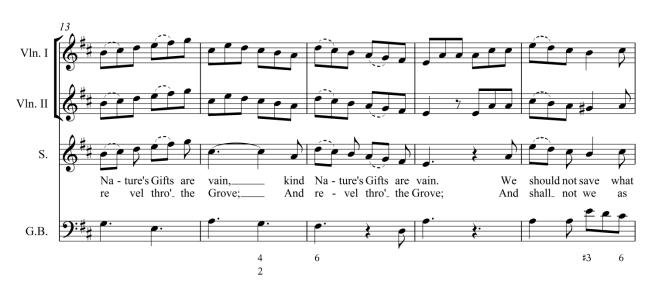
The Birds in spring,
Will sport and sing,
And revel thro' the Grove;
And shall not we,
As blith[e] and free,
With them rejoice and love?

Let Love and Joy, Our Spring employ, Kind Nature's Law fulfil; Then sport and play Now whilst we may, We cannot when we will.

[A Dance by the followers of Lyssa.]



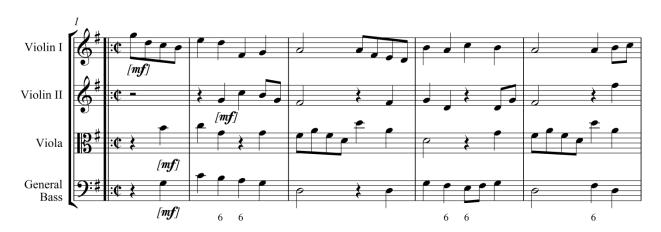




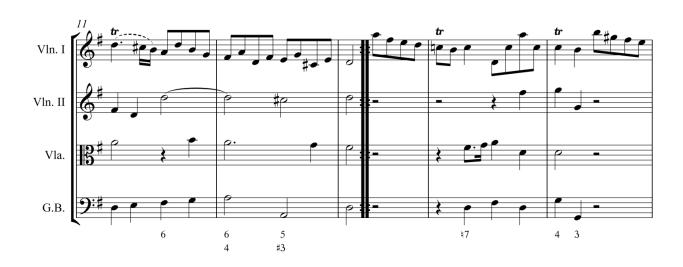


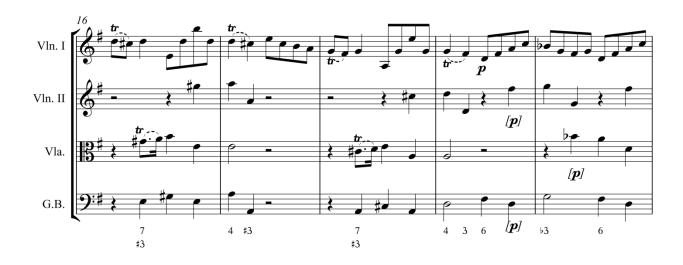


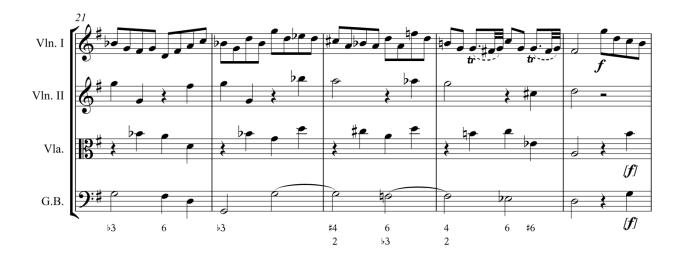
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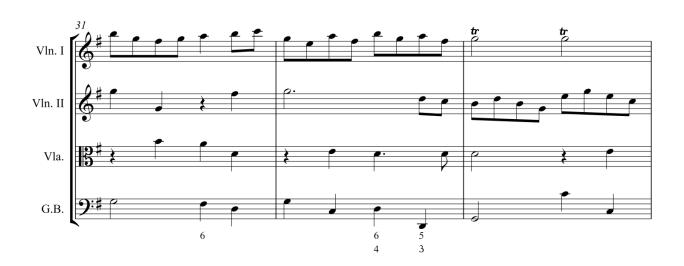


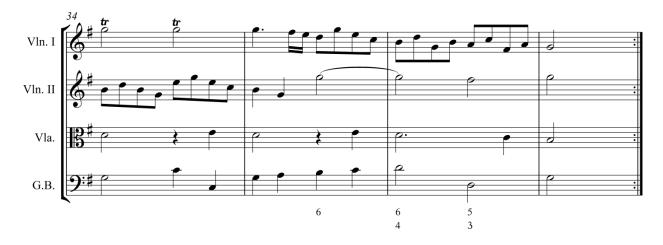












## Lyssa

Recitative: 'Tis thus we revel, dance and play, Life with us is Holyday: Constancy would pall our Joys, Varied Passion never cloys.

### **Duet: Lyssa and Zaida**

Lyssa: Would you taste the Sweets of Love, Ever change, and ever rove, Fly at Pleasure, and away. Love's the Cup of Bliss and Woe, Nectar if you taste and go, Poison if you stay.

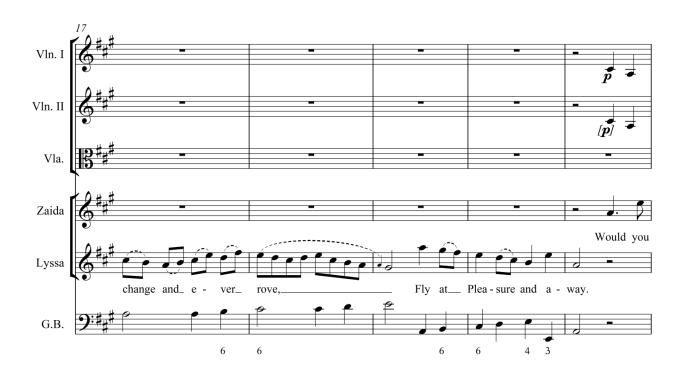
Zaida: Would you taste the Sweets of Love, Never change and never rove, Fly from Pleasures that betray. Love's the Cup of Bliss, and Woe, Poison if you taste and go, Nectar if you stay.

[Exeunt severally.]







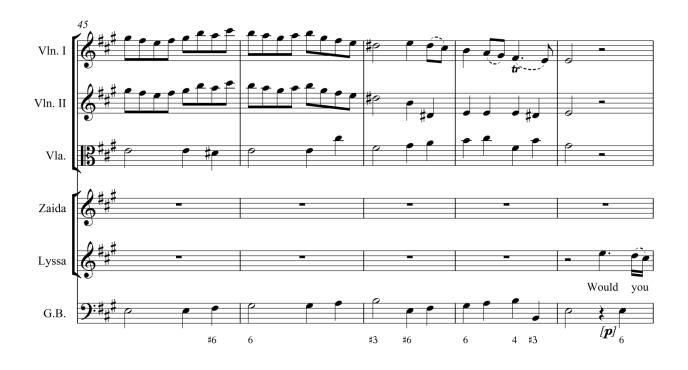


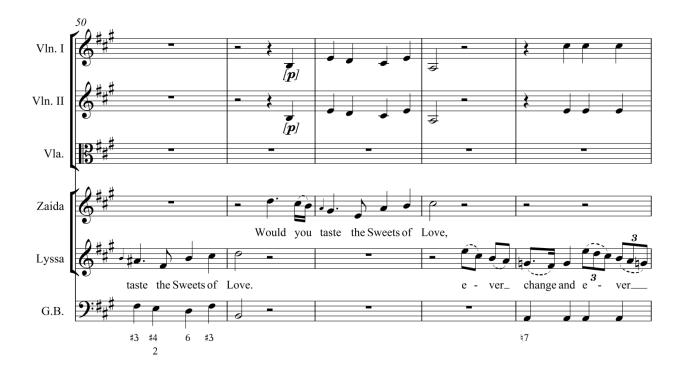
























End of Act 1

# Act 2, scene 1: a Garden Zaida, Lyssa, and other female Spirits following.

## Zaida

Recitative: Shame of thy Sex—begone—nor haunt me more.

## Lyssa

Recitative:

Will Zaida's Bosom from a Woman hide,

What to conceal from Man, is Art and Pride?

Behold! Power's sovereign Charm to soften Hate,

What melts us most!—Variety and state!

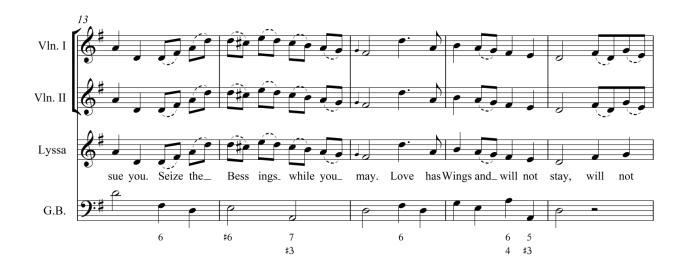
[Waves her Wand, and the whole scene and decorations change.]

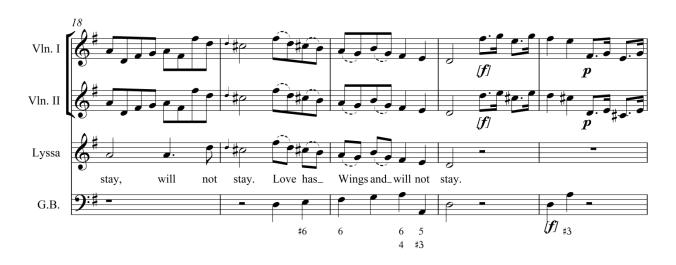
<u>Air</u>: Turn and see what Pleasures woo you, Let not Love in vain pursue you,

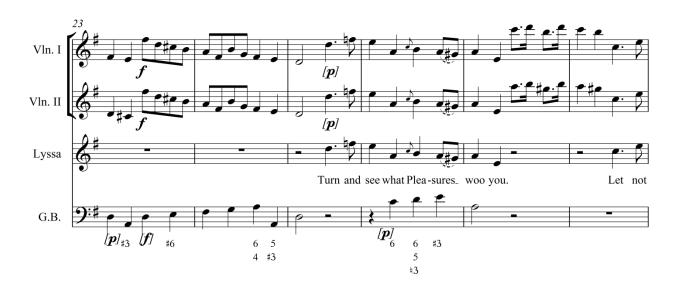
Seize his Blessings while you may,

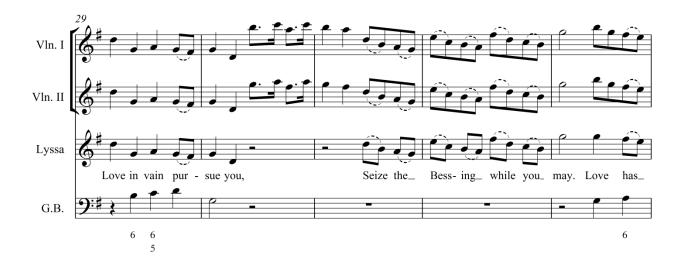
Love has Wings and will not stay.





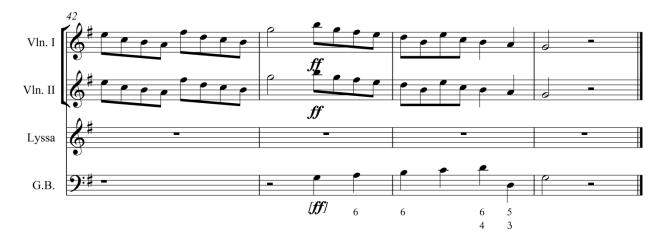






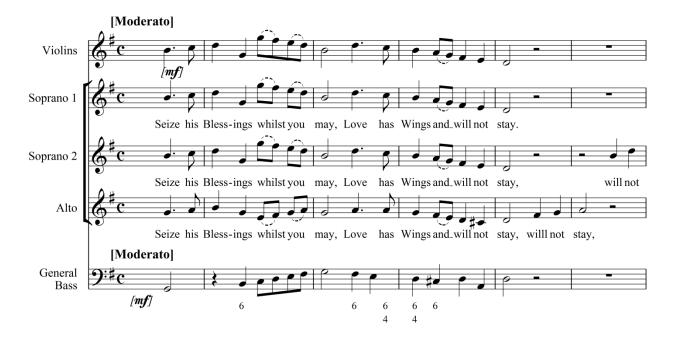






## Chorus

Seize his Blessing whilst you may, Love has Wings, and will not stay.





#### Zaida

Accompanied Recitative: Deluders hence!—your Spells are weak,

My Zoreb's stronger Spells to break;

For him alone I draw my Breath,

With him I could rejoice in Death.

[It thunders, grows dark, and the Garden shakes, All the women run off, but Zaida and Lyssa.]

## Lyssa

<u>Recitative</u>: 'Tis Past—the softer Passions take their Flight,

Moroc, comes arm'd in Terrors and in Night!

Destruction in his eye, and in his Hand,

The Scepter of His Wrath—His Ebon Wand.

## Scene 2: Moroc, Zaida, Lyssa.

#### Moroc

Accompanied Recitative: No more I come with Sighs and Pray'rs,

A proud ungrateful Fair to sue:

Revenge a Festival prepares,

A Festival for Love and you!

#### Trio.

Lyssa: O hear her Sighs, believe her Tears,

The Heart may change that pants with Fears.

Zaida (to Moroc): Hear not my Sighs, nor trust my Tears,

My Heart may pant, but not with Fears:

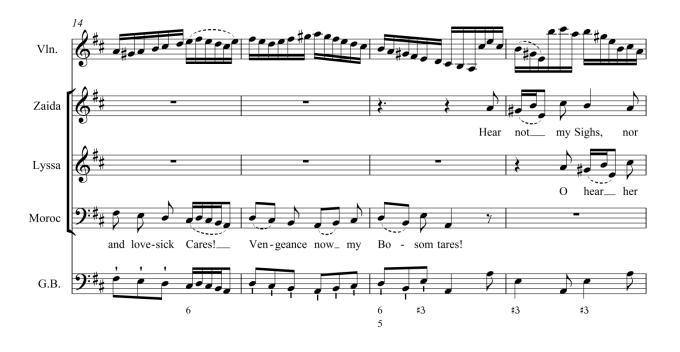
His Treasure lost, the Miser mourns.

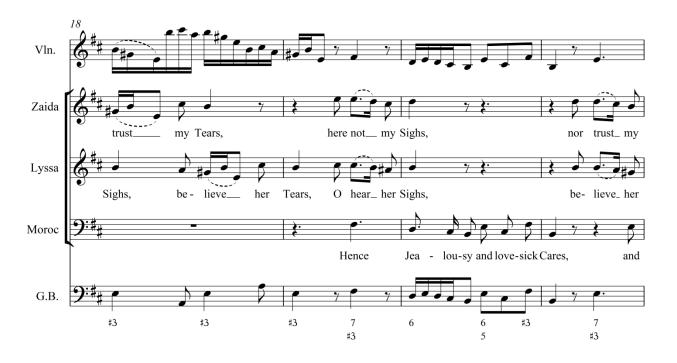
Lyssa: More Treasure found, his Joy returns.

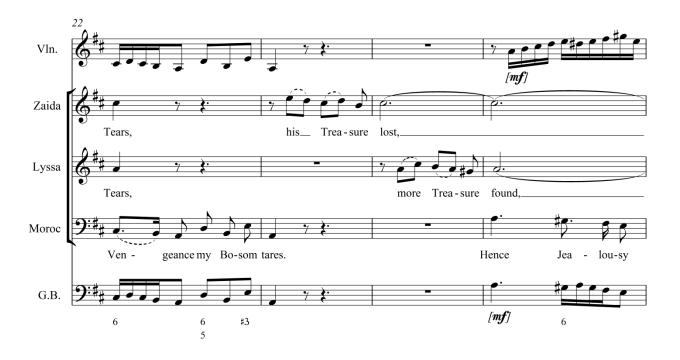
Moroc: Hence Jealousy and love-sick Cares!

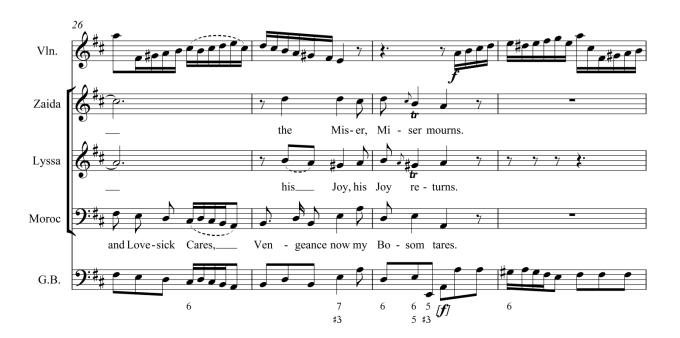
Vengeance now my Bosom tears [tares]!

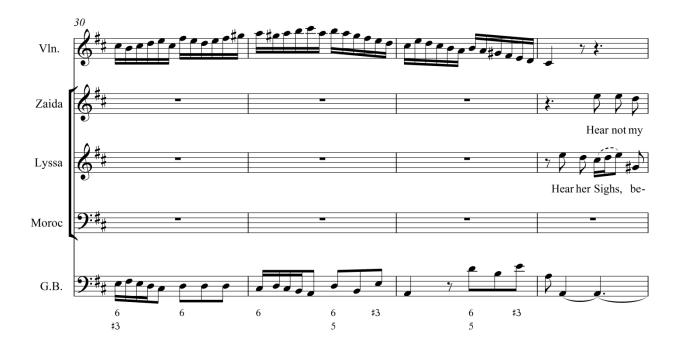










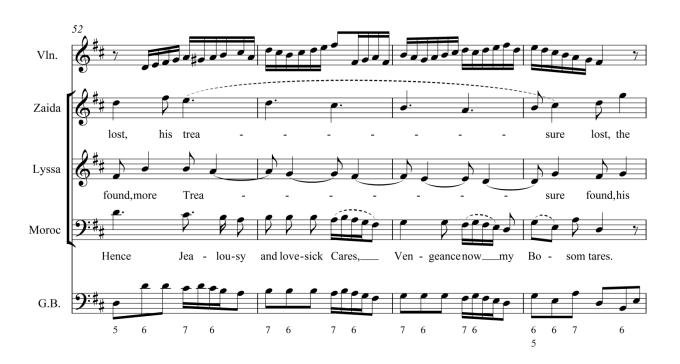














## Moroc

Recitative: Lyssa, depart!—this is no Hour for Joy, I come not now to pity; but destroy—

[Exit Lyssa, etc.]

To Zaida's Arms her Lover I resign; He's dead, and dying thought you mine, For Him alone you draw your Breath, With him you shall rejoice in Death!

# [Dead March]







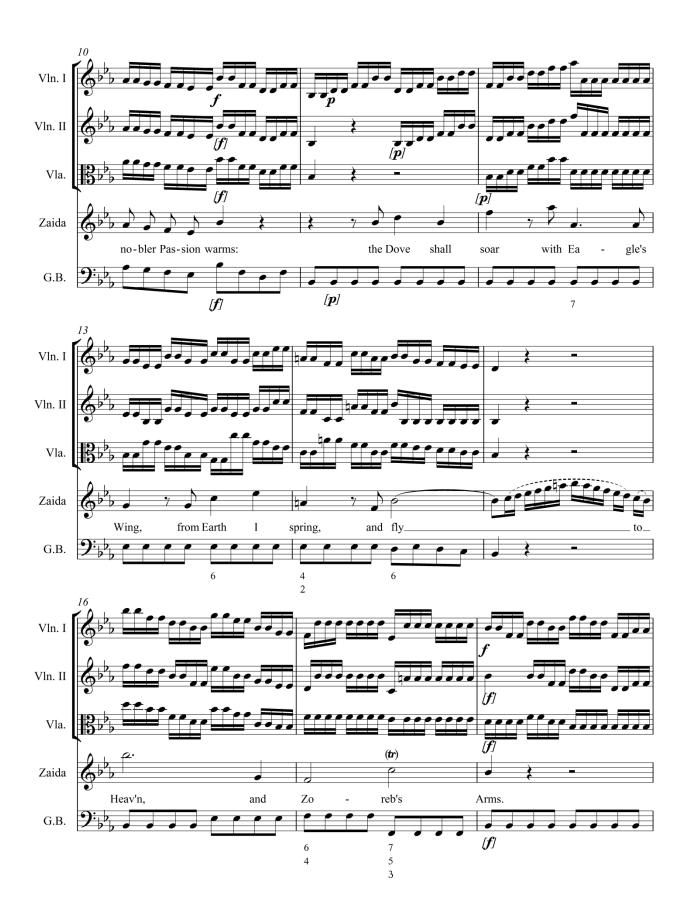
Scene 3: a Tomb rises from the Ground, in which *ZOREB* lies, *KALIEL* standing by him with his Wand on his Breast.

## Zaida

<u>Accompanied recitative</u>: My *Zoreb*—dead!—then Sorrow is no more: Now let the Lightning flash, the Thunder roar!

Air: Back to your Source weak, foolish, Tears. Away, fond Love, and Woman's Fears; A nobler Passion warms: The Dove shall soar with Eagle's Wing, From Earth I spring, And fly to Heav'n, and Zoreb's Arms.











[Offers to stab herself; Moroc runs to prevent her, And in his Fright drops his Ebon Wand, which Kaliel takes up.]

#### Moroc

Hold, desp'rate Fair—

[Takes away the Dagger.]

No more will I employ

Love's softer Arts, but seize, and force my Joy.

[Takes hold of her.]

#### Zaida

Help, heav'nly Pow'rs!

#### Moroc

What Pow'r can Moroc fear?

#### Kaliel

The Pow'r of Virtue—which I now revere!
With thy own Arms thy guilty Reign I end,
No longer *Moroc's* Slave, but *Zaida's* Friend,
Thus do I blast thee—As the Thunder's Stroke
Blasts the proud Cedar—All thy Charms are broke.

[Kaliel strikes Moroc with the Wand, and he sinks.]

#### Scene 4: Zaida, Kaliel and Zoreb.

#### Zaida

How shall I thank the Guardian of my Fame?

[kneels to Kaliel]

## Kaliel

Rise, *Zaida!*—Peace!—more thanks shall *Kaliel* claim. Behold thy *Zoreb* dead to mortal View, The Spells dissolv'd, shall wake to Life, and you.

Accompanied Recitative: This magic Wand, in *Moroc's* Hand Did wound, oppress: In *Kaliel's* Hand, this magic Wand Shall heal, and bless.

<u>Air</u>: O faithful Youth, To shake thy Truth, Nor more shall Fiends combine: Now gently move, To meet that Love, That Truth which equals thine.

[While the Symphony is playing, Zoreb rises gradually from the Tomb.]



## Zaida

O *Zoreb!*—O my Lord!—My bosom Guest! Transport is mute! My eyes must speak the rest.

#### Zoreb

And do I wake to Bliss, as well as Life! 'Tis more than Bliss!—'tis Zaida—'tis my Wife.

## Kaliel

In Fate's mysterious Web this Knot was wove: Thus Heaven rewards your Constancy and Love. [Joins their Hands]

## Zoreb, Zaida

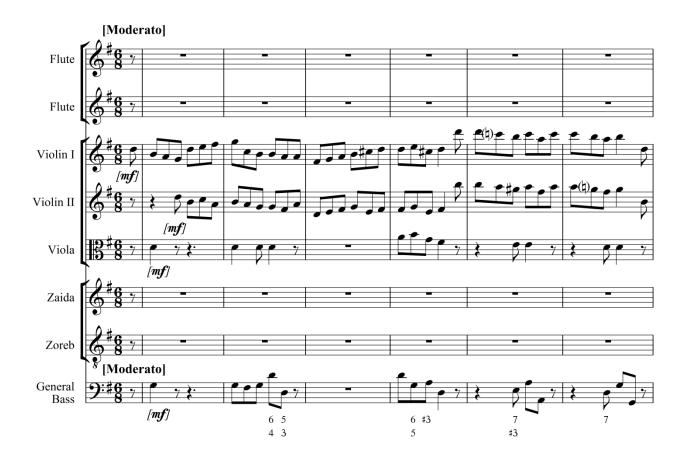
<u>Duet</u>: No Power could divide us, no Terror dismay, No Treasures could bribe us, no Falsehood betray: No Demons could tempt us, no Pleasure could move, No Magic could bind us, but the Magic of Love.

**Zoreb**: The Spell round my Heart was the Image of You;

Then how could I fail to be constant and true?

Zaida: The Spell round my Heart was the Image of You;

Then how could fail to be constant and true?











## Kaliel

Recitative: Hence ye wicked Sprites away!

Passion yields to Reason's Sway:

Purer Beings of the Air

Hover round and guard this Pair:

Love and Innocence appear!

Love and Virtue triumph here.

[Waves his Wand]

## Scene 5: Enter Shepherds, Shepherdess, etc.

## Kaliel

Air: Ye Sons of Simplicity,

Love and Felicity,

Ye Shepherds who pipe on the Plain;

Leave your Lambs and your Sheep,

Our Revels to keep,

Which Zoreb and Zaida ordain.

Your Smiles of Tranquillity,

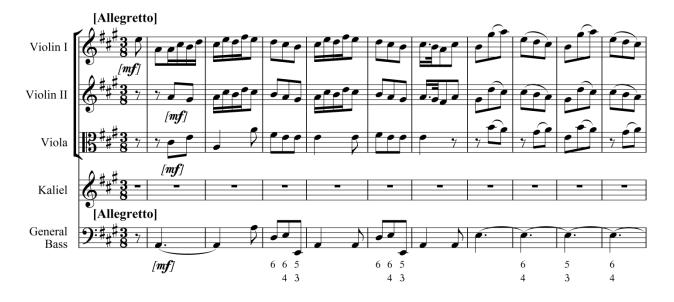
Hearts of Humility,

Each City-bred Passion destroy: ["Each Fiend of the Bosom destroy:" in published libretto]

For Virtue and Mirth

To Blessing give Birth,

Which Zoreb and Zaida enjoy.



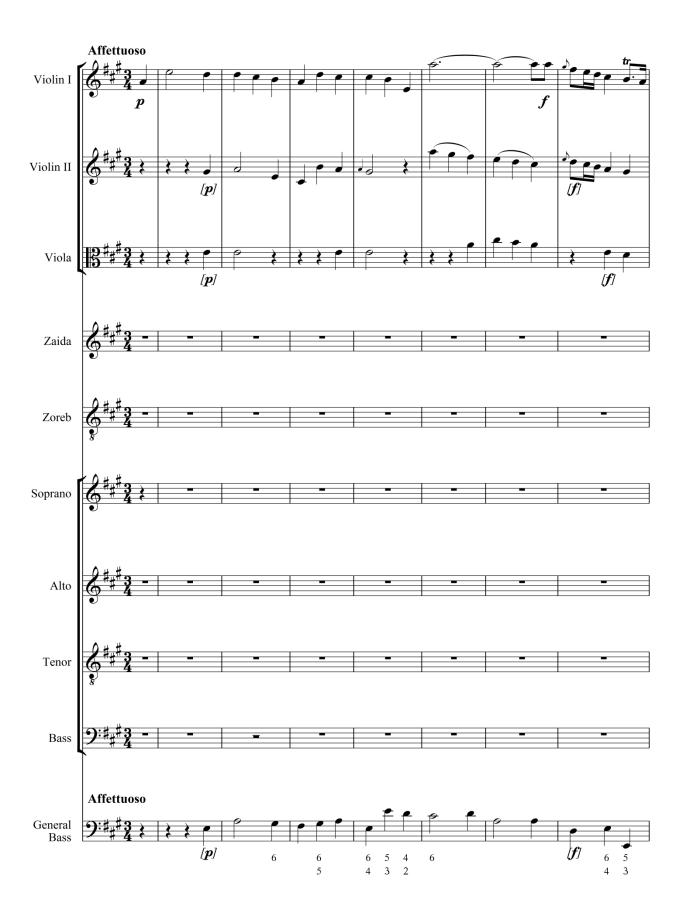






# **Chorus**:

How happy the Hour, When Passion and Pow'r No longer united, no longer oppress: When Beauty and Youth With Love, and with Truth! For ever united, for ever shall bless.













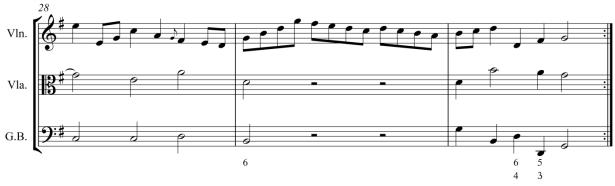
A Dance of Shepherds, Sheperdesses, etc. etc.











**FINIS**