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from HWV 74
Ode for the Birthday of Queen Anne (HWV 74) is a secular cantata composed by George Frideric Handel to a libretto by Ambrose Philips, of which the first line, "Eternal source of light divine", provides an alternative title for the work. It was probably composed during January 1713 for a performance on 6 February 1713 (which did not occur). The cantata celebrates Queen Anne’s birthday, and the accomplishment of the Treaty of Utrecht (negotiated by the Tory ministry of Anne in 1712) to end the War of the Spanish succession.
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with double warmth thy beams display,

with double warmth thy beams display and with distinguish'd glory shine,

and with distinguish'd glory shine to add a lustre to this day,

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