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PREFACE.

T has long been generally believed that Purcell composed the opera "Dido and Æneas" when only nineteen years of age, and although there can be little doubt that Purcell's genius was fully equal to such a task, the fact remains that he was twenty-two years old when called upon to provide the music of this opera for a special occasion. The erroneous belief was first promulgated by Sir John Hawkins in his "History of Music," where we find the following statement:—

"One, Mr. Josias Priest, a celebrated dancing master and a composer of stage dances, kept a boarding-school for young gentlewomen in Leicester Fields. The nature of his profession inclining him to dramatic representations, he got Tate to write, and Purcell to set to music, a little drama called 'Dido and Æneas.' Purcell was then of the age of nineteen, but the music of this opera had so little the appearance of a puerile essay, that there was scarce a musician in England who would not have thought it an honour to have been the author of it. The exhibition of this little piece by the young gentlewomen of the school, to a select audience of their parents and friends, was attended with general applause, no small part of which was considered as the due of Purcell."* The above narration of Hawkins has been generally accepted as correct, and we find it quoted in the Preface written by Professor Taylor for an edition of the opera published by the "Musical Antiquarian Society" in 1841. Mr. Husk has varied the Hawkins story in his article on Purcell in Grove's "Dictionary of Music," where he says, "In 1675, when only seventeen years of age, Purcell wrote the music to 'Dido and Æneas'; and 'the music was again performed in 1680,' but he does not support his new theory by any evidence or authority.

We may note that Dr. Burney's "History of Music" does not contain any reference to "Dido and Æneas"—all the evidence hitherto discovered tends to prove that the opera was composed in 1680. The London Gazette, November 25, 1680, has the following advertisement: "Josias Priest, dancing master, who kept a school of gentlewomen in Leicester Fields, is removed to the Great School House at Chelsey, that was Mr. Portman's. There will continue the same masters, and others, to the improvement of the said School." The library of the Sacred Harmonic Society, now happily preserved in the Royal College of Music, contains an original libretto of the opera, believed to be unique,† with the following title: "An opera perform'd at Mr. Josias Priest's boarding-school at Chelsey by young gentlewomen. The words made by Mr. Nat. Tate.‡ The music composed by Mr. Henry Purcell." In D'Urfey's "New Poems," an octavo volume published in 1690, there is the following: "Epilogue to the opera of 'Dido and Æneas,' performed at Mr. Priest's boarding-school at Chelsey. Spoken by the Lady Dorothy Burk."
Art's curious Garden thus we learn to know,
And here secure from nipping Blasts we grow,
Let the vain Pop range o'er you vile lewd Town,
Learn Play-house Wit, and vow 'tis all his own;
Let him Cock, Huff, Strut, Ogle, Lye, and Swear,
How he's admir'd by such and such a Player;
All one to us, his Charmes have here no power,
Our Hearts have just the Temper as before;
Besides to shew we live with strictest Rules,
Our Nurneyr-Door is charm'd to shut out Fools;
No Love-toy here can pass to private view,
Nor China Orange cram'd with Billet dew,
Rome may allow strange Tricks to please her Sons,
But we are Protestants and English Nuns,
Like nimble Fawns, and Birds that bless the Spring
Unscarr'd by turning Times we dance and sing;
We in hope to please, but if some Critic here
Fond of his Wit, designs to be severe,
Let not his Patience be worn out too soon,
And in few years we shall be all in Tune.

This doggerel written by Tom d'Urfey was evidently recited by one of the young gentlewomen of the school, and as she was Lady Dorothy Burk, we may infer that Mr. Priest's pupils were of the aristocratic class.

Priest was not only a celebrated dancing master and composer of dances for the stage, but appears also to have been professionally attached to the theatre in Dorset Gardens; we find his name specially recorded in connection with the production of "Macbeth" as altered by Davenant; also for "King Arthur," "The Prophetess," "The Fairy Queen," plays for which Purcell composed the music. A reference to the original libretto of "Dido and Aeneas" will show that Tate was not forgetful of Mr. Priest's professional avocations, every opportunity for introducing a dance being carefully utilised.

The music of "Dido and Aeneas" remained in MS. until 1841, when an edition was published by "The Musical Antiquarian Society," with prefaces by Professor Taylor and Mr. G. A. Macfarren. No libretto of the work was known at that time, and Macfarren wrote: "Unable to meet with a copy of the drama separate from the music, and the MS. scores to which I have had access, presenting but the mere words and the names of the characters who sing them, I have ventured to make such divisions of the Acts as were suggested to me by apparent musical climaxes and by the progress of the plot." In 1870 Dr. Rimbauld published an edition of the opera in vocal score; the libretto had then been discovered, and the Doctor availed himself of the opportunity of consulting it, with the result that he noted the omission of several pieces of music in the Antiquarian Society edition, but after diligent search failed to discover the missing music in the various MSS. he was able to consult. He therefore adopted the Act divisions which Macfarren had suggested.

A few years since I was so fortunate as to secure a MS. score of the opera, written probably in Purcell's time, and also an old set of instrumental and vocal parts which had been used in performance. These I have collated with a fine MS. score written by John Travers,* about 1720, kindly placed at my disposal by the Rev. Sir F. A. G. Ouseley. The MSS. supply the missing music;† now first printed in complete score. It is worthy of remark that the whole of the solo parts, excepting that for the tenor, Aeneas, are written with the G clef, a significant reminder that the music was composed for performance by "Young Gentlemen." Dido's attendant is named Belinda, agreeing with the printed libretto. A remark made by Sir John Hawkins would lead us to believe that he had never seen an authentic copy of the opera. He says: "The song in the 'Orpheus Britannicus,' 'Ah, Belinda,' is one of the airs in it ('Dido and Aeneas'). In the original opera the initial words are 'Ah, my Anna!'" My own and the Rev. Sir F. A. G. Ouseley's scores give various stage directions, marks of time and expression; these are few and always in English. To these others are now added, in Italian, to distinguish them from Purcell's.

Professor Taylor, in his Preface to "Dido," speaks of the surprising originality of Purcell, of his quick and accurate perception of the use and power of music regarded as a dramatic agent; these qualities are very discernible in the recently discovered MS. scores of the opera, for we find that Purcell made many of his scenes continuous; in this, as in other details, showing himself far in advance of his age and contemporaries. In producing a perfect

* Travers, an excellent musician and composer, was originally a chorister in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, afterward a pupil of Dr. Greene and Dr. Pepusch; he latter bequeathed to him one half of his large and valuable library. Travers was Organist of the Chapel Royal at the time of his decease, 1758. He was then about 55 years of age.† Purcell probably did not set the Prologue to music. We know that on other occasions he exercised similar discretion in the treatment of stage dramas.
opera, without spoken dialogue, but including recitative, air, duet, chorus, and descriptive instrumental movements, he had no model to work upon. It is true that Sir William Davenant gave a performance or entertainment at Rutland House on the 21st of May, 1656, described by Wood as an Italian Opera. Hawkins refers to Wood's statement, which he says "is much to be doubted." As a matter of fact, the description was most inaccurate. The entertainment was published in a small octavo volume, probably on November 21, 1656, but with the printed date 1657. A copy of this rare little book is in my own library. It is evident that the entertainment consisted chiefly of long-spoken monologues, divided by instrumental music. There are only two vocal pieces—songs with chorus—in the whole work. It is entirely in English, not Italian. This seems to have been a trial venture of Davenant to re-introduce stage representations, which had been sternly repressed by the Puritans. He soon attempted a more lengthened and a more dramatic entertainment, "The Siege of Rhodes." This may have been performed in 1656, but probably in the following year 1657. The libretto was published in August, 1656, and it is evident from the address "to the Reader," prefixed to the work, that at the time of publication it had not been performed. In a letter addressed by Davenant to Sir Bulstrode Whitelock, the Lord-Keeper, dated September 3, 1656, he says: "When I consider the nicety of the times, I fear it may draw a curtain between your Lordship and our Opera; therefore I have presumed to send your Lordship, hot from the press, what we mean to represent, making your Lordship my supreme judge, though I despize to have the honour of inviting you to be a spectator." There can be no doubt that Davenant adopted the title Opera for his entertainments because he dared not call them stage plays, and for like reason he made them as musical as possible. When at length he found the authorities and the public ready to tolerate plays and tragedies without music he continued to call them operas. Sir G. Macfarren, in "Muscical History," says that the "Siege of Rhodes" was a regular opera, and retained the stage until some years after the Restoration, and addsuce this statement as a refutation of the commonly-received opinion that Puritan influence brought about a decadence of music in England. This inference is scarcely warranted by facts. The first edition (1656) of the "Siege of Rhodes" is full of interest, and describes with minute detail every circumstance connected with its performance, even the very size of the stage (11 feet high, 15 feet deep), the various scenes, &c.

The several characters in the piece delivered their lines in a sort of monotone or chant, described by Aubrey in his "Miscellanies," as "stilo recitativo," and referred to by Dryden, who says "the 'Siege of Rhodes' was the first opera we ever had in England; there is this difference between opera and tragedy, that the one is a story sung with proper action, the other spoken. He must be a very ignorant player who knows not there is a musical cadence in speaking, and that a man may as well speak out of tune as sing out of tune."

The "Siege of Rhodes" was enlarged to nearly double its size within three years of its first publication, and transformed into a play; subsequently the author made further additions, and it was in this altered state that it "retained the stage after the Restoration." The music for the first representation of the "Siege of Rhodes" was composed by Henry Lawes, Captain Henry Cook, Matthew Locke, Dr. Charles Colman, and Mr. George Hudson, but it is significant that none of the music has survived to our times.

Purcell's predecessors, Lawes, Laniere, Locke, and Banister had each written detached recitatives, but none of them had attempted the composition of a perfect opera, and it is curious that not one of Purcell's contemporaries, with the exception of Lewis Grabu, followed the model given in "Dido and Æneas." Grabu, in 1657, set to music Dryden's opera "Albion and Albianus," entirely discarding spoken dialogue. This work is sometimes erroneously cited as the first opera performed in England; it had no success, and if we couple this fact with the recollection that Purcell himself never produced another opera, we may conclude that the times were not then ripe for true music-drama or opera.

The choruses in "Dido and Æneas" are remarkable for their melodiousness and suitability of stage purposes. The number commencing "In our deep vaulted cell" was evidently performed by two sets of singers, one in view of the audience and the other behind the scenes, an effective novelty, which must have been a delightful surprise at the first representation of the opera. The final chorus is particularly beautiful, forming an appropriate close to "Dido's" death scene, in which she sings one of the most pathetic songs ever composed. In this song, as in numerous other numbers in the work, the composer voluntarily fettered his genius by composing his melodies and harmonies to a ground-bass. This learned device

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* Rutland House was situated at the North-east corner of Charterhouse Square.
† Athen. Oxon. Vol. II., col. 472.
‡ The first Day's Entertainment at Rutland House, by Declamations and Musick; After the manner of the Ancients. By Sir W. D. London: Printed by J. M. for H. Herringshaw, and sold at his shop at the Anchor, in the New-Exchange, in the Lower Walk. 1657.
was a favourite one with Purcell, and it is curious to note that the ground of Dido's song is nearly identical with that afterward used by J. S. Bach to the "Crucifixus" in his B minor Mass.

Purcell's original orchestration is for two violins, viola, bass, and harpsichord. Some of the recitatives are accompanied by the stringed orchestra, in other cases the recitatives and also some of the airs have an accompaniment for the harpsichord alone. We can well imagine that the space available at Mr. Priest's boarding-school made the scanty orchestration a necessity in this particular instance; in other works composed for the theatre Purcell sometimes wrote for three hautboys, trumpets, bassoons, and drums. Dr. Rimbault hazarded a conjecture that the part of Belinda was written for a male alto, and that at the first performance the composer, who possessed a beautiful alto voice, and was an accomplished vocalist, sang and performed it himself. The discovery of the MSS. from which this edition has been prepared has dissipated that myth; Belinda's part is written for a high soprano, and it is far more probable that Purcell presided at the harpsichord, and supplied the necessary filling up accompaniment. What that was like it is impossible to say, but, judging from harmonies and progressions which we find in Purcell's music,* we may be quite sure that it was replete with fancy and beauty.

The author of the libretto, Nahum Tate, born in Dublin in 1652, is chiefly remembered as the co-author with Nicholas Brady of a metrical version of the Psalms of David. He was associated with Purcell on several other occasions in the production of odes and pieces for the stage.

"Dido and Æneas" was occasionally performed at "The Ancient Concerts," also by the old "Purcell Society," and recently revived by the "Bach Choir," when the music was performed as here printed. Some of the pieces have at times been divorced from the work and introduced into stage plays, without regard to their appropriateness; for example, "Fear no danger" was thrust into Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure," as may be seen from a copy of the music of the duet published in 1700.

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* The Motet "Jehovah quam multo," published for the Bach Choir, by Novello should be examined by all who are interested in Purcell and his wondrous harmonies.
THE PURCELL SOCIETY,

FOUNDED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1876, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DOING JUSTICE TO THE MEMORY OF HENRY PURCELL; FIRSTLY, BY THE PUBLICATION OF HIS WORKS, MOST OF WHICH EXIST ONLY IN MANUSCRIPT; AND SECONDLY, BY MEETING FOR THE STUDY AND PERFORMANCE OF HIS VARIOUS COMPOSITIONS.

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In his remarks upon Henry Purcell, Dr. Burney said:—

"While the Frenchman is proud in the praises of a Lulli and a Rameau; the German in that of a Handel and a Bach; and the Italian of a Palestrina and a Pergolesi; not less is the pride of an Englishman in pointing to a name equally dear to his country; for Purcell is as much the boast of England in music as Shakespeare in the drama, Milton in epic poetry, Locke in metaphysics, or Sir Isaac Newton in mathematics and philosophy. As a musician he shone not more by the greatness than by the diversity, by the diversity than the originality of his genius; nor did the powers of his fancy prove detrimental to the solidity of his judgment. It is true that some musicians of eminence had appeared in this country previously to him, but the superior splendour of his genius eclipsed their fame. We hear with pleasure of Tallis, Gibbons, and Blow; but upon the name of Purcell we dwell with delight, and are content to identify with him the musical pretensions of our country."

These weighty utterances may be taken as still representing in substance the opinion of English musicians with regard to Henry Purcell. But while the advance of time abates nothing of that reverence for his genius and pride in his achievements which are the inheritance of the master's countrymen, it unquestionably increases the obligation under which we all lie to do justice to his memory in a more practical way. The fame of Purcell is no longer confined to England. It has spread to every country where the art is cherished, and pages might be filled with eloquent tributes to his genius written by foreign pens. One only will suffice as an example, and it shall be that of a Frenchman. In his Les Clavecinistes de 1637 à 1799, M. Amédée Méreaux says:—

"We have here a name which is not anything like as well known as it deserves to be; it is that of a great musician whose career in the musical world left traces of remarkable progress. Nevertheless the musical world, if it has not wholly forgotten him,
has not paid the tribute justly due to his celebrity. 

**Henry Purcell** is one of the artistic glories of England. He is, without doubt, the most able and most fertile of all the English composers."

When the genius of our countryman is thus asserted in other lands; when his music, as in the case of M. Méréaux's volumes, is printed for the use of foreign connoisseurs, and especially when foreign writers point significantly to the neglect which Purcell suffers, it is time for us to consider what practical measures of appreciation and homage can be taken. The thought, however, is no new one. While the national tongue has for more than a century and a half lavished praises upon Purcell, the national conscience has been uneasy at the bestowal of a barren honour and nothing more. Hence the attempts made from time to time to bring his works within reach. In 1788 Goodison made a gallant effort to print such of the master's MS. compositions as were then available, and actually succeeded in publishing, in a more or less complete form, The Tempest, Indian Queen, Ode for Queen Mary, Christ Church Ode, an Organ Voluntary, several Anthems, and The Yorkshire Feast, together with portions of Ædipus and King Arthur. But the time was not ripe for such an enterprise. Only about 100 subscribers supported Goodison, and he had to retire from the field. Forty years passed before Purcell found another champion of this practical order. In 1828 Vincent Novello began the publication of the master's sacred music, and carried it on with such energy that in 1832 he had given to the world what was then thought to be a complete collection. It is impossible to look back upon Novello's achievement without admiration for the research which made it possible, and without gratitude for the service rendered to English music. But justice was done only to one phase of Purcell's genius. Great though the master was as a composer for the Church, he was, perhaps, greater as a writer for the stage and of secular music generally. To prove this—to reveal the treasures which ever since his death have been lying hidden, to the detriment alike of his own fame and the repute of his country—is a manifest obligation, the time for the discharge of which has fully come. But to this end there must be a widely extended co-operation, for the work to be done is great. Of the amazing number of secular compositions bearing Purcell's name very few have been published. He himself printed but four—the "Sonatas of three Parts" (1683); the "Ode for St. Cecilia's Day" (1684); Dioecesis (1691), and The Fairy Queen (1692). Under the auspices of his widow there were given to the world—"Lessons for the Harpsichord" (1696); "Aires for Theatre" (1697); a second set of "Sonatas," in four parts (1697); and the collection entitled "Orpheus Britannicus" (1698). Add to these portions of the music to Don Quixote, the works published by Goodison, and the three—King Arthur, Boudica, Dido and Aeneas—issued by the Musical Antiquarian Society, and the tale of printed secular works is complete. But how much remains? Purcell is known to have written music for nearly fifty Dramas, while his Odes and Choral Songs still in MS. number twenty-four. Moreover, since the completion of Novello's edition of the master's sacred music, discoveries of high importance have been made. A folio volume known to be in the Royal Library, but sought in vain by Vincent Novello, has come to light. It is described by Burney as "Purcell's Compositions: A Collection of Original Manuscripts in His Own Handwriting"; and contains Anthems with Symphonies and instrumental parts, and also Odes and miscellaneous Songs. At York Minster several other volumes of Sacred Music have been happily discovered. The task of completing the noblest possible monument to our English master—viz., the publication of his Complete Works—is thus shown to be a heavy one. But the Purcell Society enters upon it with a well-founded trust in the sympathy and support of the musical public. For that the Committee now appeal, desiring to enrich the available treasures of English art, and to wipe away a national reproach by doing justice to one of whom the nation has abundant reason to be proud.
ODES AND WELCOME SONGS BY PURCELL.

CHIEFLY IN MS.

1. "A Song to Welcome Home His Majesty from Windsor, 1680."
2. "A Welcome Song for His Royal Highness on his return from Scotland, 1680."
3. "A Welcome Song for the King, 1681."
4. "A Welcome Song for the King on his return from Newmarket, October 21, 1682."
5. "A Welcome Song for the King, 1683."
6. "Ode on the Marriage of Prince George with Lady Anne, 1683."
7. "Ode for St. Cecilia's Day, November 22, 1683." (Printed by Playford in the following year.)
8. "A Welcome Song on the King's return to Whitehall after his Summer Progress, 1684."
9. "A Welcome Song for the King, 1685."
10. "A Welcome Song for the King, 1687."
11. "A Welcome Song for the King, 1688."
12. "The Yorkshire Feast Song, 1690." (Printed by the Purcell Society.)
13. "A Song that was performed at Mr. Maidwell's (a Schoolmaster), on the 7th of August, 1689. The Words by one of his Scholars."

14. "A Welcome Song at the Prince of Denmark's Coming Home."
15. "Ode to King William, 1692."
16. "Ode on King William's Birthday."
17. "A Queen's Birthday Song, 1692."
18. "Ode on Queen Mary's Birthday, April 29, 1691."
19. "Ode on Queen Mary's Birthday, 1692."
21. "Ode on Queen Mary's Birthday, 1693."
22. "Ode for the New Year, 1694."
23. "Ode for Queen Mary's Birthday, 1694."
24. "Commemoration Ode, performed at Christ Church, Dublin, January 9, 1694." (Printed by Goodison.)
27. "Ode for St. Cecilia's Day," no date. Beginning, "Raise the voice, all instruments obey."
28. "Ode by Mr. Cowley," no date. Beginning, "If ever I more riches did desire."

OPERAS AND DRAMAS.

1. Epsom Wells.
3. The Libertine.
4. Circe.
5. Abelazar.
6. Timon of Athens. (Printed by the Purcell Society.)
7. Theodosius; or, the Force of Love.
8. Diogo and Eneas. (Printed by the Purcell Society.)
9. The Virtuous Wife.
10. Tyrrannick Love.
11. A Fool's Preyment.
12. The Tempest.
13. Disonian; or, the Prophetess.
15. Amphitryon.
17. The Gordian Knot Untied.
19. Distressed Innocence.
20. The Indian Queen.
21. The Indian Emperor.
22. Ædipus.
23. The Fairy Queen.
25. The Old Bachelor.
26. The Richmond Heiress.
27. The Maid's Last Prayer.
29. The first part of Don Quixote.
30. The second part of Don Quixote.
31. The Married Beau.
32. The Double Dealer.
33. The Fatal Marriage.
34. The Canterbury Guests.
35. The Mock Marriage.
36. The Rival Sisters.
37. Oroonoko.
38. The Knight of Malta.
40. The third part of Don Quixote.
41. The Spanish Fryer.
42. The Marriage Hater.
43. The Campaigners.
44. The Conquest of Grenada.
45. The Old Moor and the New.
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Perform'd at
Mr. JOSIAS PRIEST's Boarding-School at
CHELSEY.

By Young Gentlewomen.
The Words Made by Mr. NAT. TATE.
The Musick Composed by Mr. HENRY PURCELL.

The PROLOGUE.

Phæbus Rises in the Chariot,
Over the Sea, The Nereids out of the Sea.

Phæbus, From Aurora's Spicy Bed,
Phæbus rears his Sacred Head.
His Courser Advancing,
Curvetting and Prancing.

1. Nereid, Phæbus strives in vain to Tame 'em,
   With Ambrosia Fed too high.

2. Nereid, Phæbus ought not now to blame 'em,
   Wild and eager to Survey
   The fairest Pageant of the Sea.

Phæbus, Tritons and Nereids come pay your Devotion
Cbo. To the New rising Star of the Ocean.
    Venus Descends in her Chariot,
    The Tritons out of the Sea,
    The Tritons Dance.

Nereid, Look down ye Orbs and See
    A New Divinity.

Phæ. Whole Luflre does Out-Shine
    Your fainter Beams, and half Eclipses mine,
    Give Phæbus leave to Prophecy.
    Phæbus all Events can see.
    Ten Thousand Thousand Harmes,
    From such prevailing Charmes,
    To Gods and Men muft instantly Enfue.

Cbo. And if the Deity's above,
    Are Victims of the powers of Love,
    What muft wretched Mortals do.

Venus) Fear not Phæbus, fear not me,
    A harmless Deity.
(2)

These are all my Guards ye View,  
What can these blind Archers do.

Phæ.  Blind they are, but strike the Heart,  
What Phæbus say's is always true.

Ven.  They Wound indeed, but 'tis a pleasing smart.  
Earth and Skies address their Duty,  
To the Sovereign Queen of Beauty.

All Resigning,
None Repining

At her undisputed Sway.

Cho.,  To Phæbus and Venus our Homage we'll pay,  
Her Charms blest the Night, as his Beams blest the day.

The Nereids Dance.  (Exit)

The Spring Enters with her Nymphs.  (Scene the Grove.

Ven.  See the Spring in all her Glory,

Cho.,  Welcomes Venus to the Shore.

Ven.  Smiling Hours are now before you,  
Hours that may return no more.  (Exit, Phæ. Ven. Soft Musick

Spring,  Our Youth and Form declare,  
For what we were designed.  
'Twas Nature made us Fair,  
And you must make us kind.  
He that fails of Addressing,  
'Tis but J ust he should fail of Possessing.

The Spring and Nymphs Dance.

Shepherdesses,  Jolly Shepherds come away,  
To Celebrate this Genial Day,  
And take the Friendly Hours you vow to pay.  
Now make Trial,  
And take no Denial.

Now carry your Game, or for ever give o're.

The Shepherdesses and Shepherdesses Dance.

Cho.  Let us Love and happy Live,  
Possess those smiling Hours,  
The more auspicious Powers,  
And gentle Planets give.  
Prepare those soft returns to Meet,  
That makes Loves Torments Sweet.

The Nymphs Dance.

Enter
Enter the Country Shepherds and Shepheardesses.

He,    Tell, Tell me, prithee Dolly,
        And leave thy Melancholy,
        Why on the Plaines, the Nymphs and Swaines,
        This Morning are so Jolly.

She,   By Zephyres gentle Blowing,
        And Venus Graces Flowing,
        The Sun has bin to Court our Queen,
        And Tired the Spring with wooing.

He,    The Sun does gild our Bowers,
She,    The Spring does yield us Flowers,
        She tends the Vine,
He,    He makes the Wine,
        To Charm our happy Hours.

She,    She gives our Flocks their Feeding,
He,    He makes 'em fit for Breeding.
She,    She decks the Plain,
He,    He fills the Grain,
        And makes it worth the Weeding.

Cho,   But the Jolly Nymph Thetis that long his Love soughed,
        Has Fluftrid him now with a large Morning's draught.
        Let's go and divert him, whilst he is Mellow,
        You know in his Cups he's a Hot-Headed Fellow.

The Country's Maids Dance.    [Exit.

ACT the First,
Scene the Palace
Enter Dido and Belinda, and Train.

Bel.   Shake the Cloud from off your Brow,
        Fate your wishes do Allow,
        Empire Growing,
        Pleasures Flowing,
        Fortune Smiles and so should you,
        Shake the Cloud from off your Brow,

Cho.    Banish Sorrow, Banish Care,
        Grief should ne're approach the Fair.

Dido,  Ah! Belinda I am preft,
        With Torment not to be Confest.
        Peace and I are Strangers grown,
        I Languish till my Grief is known,
        Yet woud not have it Gueft.

A 2.    Grief
Bel. Grief Encreasing, by Concealing,
Dido Mine admits of no Revealing.
Bel. Then let me Speak the Trojan guest,
Into your tender Thoughts has prest.
2 Women, The greatest blessing Fate can give,
Our Cartbage to secure, and Troy revive.
Cho. VVhen Monarchs unite how happy their State,
They Triumph at once on their Foes and their Fate.
Dido, VVhence could so much Virtue Spring,
VVhat Stormes, what Battels did he Sing.
Anchises Valour mixt with Venus’s Charmes,
How soft in Peace, and yet how fierce in Armes.
Bel. A Tale so strong and full of wo,
Might melt the Rocks as well as you.
2 Women, VVhat stubborn Heart unmoved could see,
Such Distreß, such pity.
Dido, Mine with Stormes of Care oppreß,
Is Taught to pity the Distreß.
Mean wretches grief can Touch,
So soft so sensible my Breast,
But Ah! I fear, I pity his too much.
Bel. Fear no danger to Enfue,
2 Women, The Hero Loves as well as you.
Cho. Ever Gentle, ever Smiling,
And the Cares of Life beguiling.
Cupid Strew your path with Flowers,
Gathered from Elixirian Bowers.

Dance this Cho.
The Baske.

Aeneas Enters with his Train.

Bel. See your Royal Guest appears,
How God like is the Form he bears.
Æn. VVhen Royal Fan shall I be blest,
VVith cares of Love, and State distreß.
Dido. Fate forbids what you Enfue,
Æneas has no Fate but, you.
Let Dido Smile, and I’ll defie,
The Feeble stroke of Destiny.

Cupid
**Cho.**  
*Cupid* only throws the Dart.  
That's dreadful to a Warrior's Heart.  
And she that Wounds can only cure the Smart.

**Æn.**  
If not for mine, for Empire's sake,  
Some pity on your Lover take.  
Ah! make not in a hopeless Fire,  
A Hero fall, and *Troy* once more Empire.

**Bel.**  
Pursue thy Conquest, Love—her Eyes,  
Confess the Flame her Tongue Denies.

*A Dance Gittar's Chacony*

**Cho.**  
To the Hills and the Vales, to the Rocks and the Mountains  
To the Musical Groves, and the cool Shady Fountains.  
Let the Triumphs of Love and of Beauty be Shown,  
Go Revel ye *Cupid's*, the day is your own.  
*The Triumphant Dance.*

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**ACT the Second,**  
**Scene the Cave.**  
**Enter Sorcerers.**

**Sorc.**  
Weart Sifters you that Fright,  
The Lonely Traveller by Night.  
Who like dismal Ravens Crying,  
Beat the Windowes of the Dying.  
Appear at my call, and share in the Fame,  
Of a Mischiefe shall make all *Carthage* to Flame.  
*Enter Inchanters.*

**Incha.**  
Say *Beldam* what's thy will,  
Harms our Delight and Mischief all our Skill,

**Sorc.**  
The Queen of *Carthage* whom we hate,  
As we do all in prosperous State.  
'Ere Sun set shall most wretched prove,  
Deprived of Fame, of Life and Love.

**Cho.**  
Ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, &c.

**Incha.**  
Ruin'd e're the Set of Sun,  
Tell us how shall this be done.

**Sorc.**  
The *Trojan* Prince you know is bound  
By Fate to seek *Italian* Ground,  
The Queen and He are now in Chafe,  
Hark, how the cry comes on apace.  
But when they've done, my trusty Elf  
In form of *Mercury* himself.  
As sent from *Love* shall chide his stay,  
And Charge him Sail to Night with all his Fleet away.  
Ho, Ho, ho, ho, &c.  
*[Enter 2 Drunken Saylors, a Dance]*

**B.**  
But
Sorc.  But e're we, we this perform.
We'll Conjure for a Storm
To Mar their Hunting Sport,
And drive 'em back to Court.

Cho.  In our deep-Vaulted Cell the Charm we'll prepare,
Too dreadful a Practice for this open Air,

Echo Dance.
Inchantresses and Faires.

Enter Æneas, Dido and Belinda, and their Train.

Scene the Grove.

Bel.  Thanks to these Love'some Vailes,
Cho.  These desert Hills and Dales.
So fair the Game, so rich the Sport,
Diana's self might to these Woods Refort.

Gitter Ground a Dance.

2d Wom.  Oft she Visits this Loved Mountain,
Oft she bates her in this Fountain.
Here Acteon met his Fate,
Pursued by his own Hounds,
And after Mortal Wounds.

Discovered, discovered too late.

A Dance to Entertain Æneas, by Dido Vemon.

Æneas,  Behold upon my bending Spear,
A Monsters Head stands bleeding.
With Tushes far exceeding,
The gods did Venus Huntsmen Tear.

Dido.  The Skies are Clouded, hearth how Thunder
Rends the Mountain Oaks asunder.
Haft, haft, to Town this open Field,
No Shelter from the Storm can yield.

{ The Spirit of the Sorceress descends
to Æneas in likeness of Mercury.

Spir.  Stay Prince and hear great Joves Command,
He summons thee this Night away.

Æn.  To Night.

Spir.  To Night thou must forfake this Land,
The Angry God will brook no longer stay,
Joves Commands thee wait no more,
In Loves delights those precious Hours,
Allowed by the Almighty Powers.
To gain th' Hesperian Shore,
And Ruined Troy restore.

Æn.  Joves Commands shall be Obey'd,
To Night our Anchors shall be weighed,

But
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But ah! what Language can I try,
My Injured Queen to pacify.
No sooner she resigns her Heart,
But from her Armes I'm forc'd to part.
How can so hard a Fate be took,
One Night enjoy'd, the next forsook.
Your be the blame, ye Gods, for I
Obey your will—but with more Ease cou'd dye.

_The Sorceress and her Inchantresses._

_Cho._
Then since our Charmes have Sped,
A Merry Dance be Led
By the Nymphs of _Carthage_ to please us.
They shall all Dance to eafe us.
A Dance that shall make the Spheres to wonder,
Rending those fair Groves asunder.

_The Groves Dance._

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ACT the Third,
_Scene the Ships._

_Enter the Saylors._

_The Sorceress and her Inchantresses._

_Cho._
Come away, fellow Saylors your Anchors be
Time and Tide will admit no delaying. (weighing,
Take a Bouze short leave of your Nymphs on the Shore,
And Silence their Morning,
With Vows of returning.
But never intending to Visit them more.

_The Saylors Dance._

_Sorc._
See the Flags and Streamers Curling,
Anchors weighing, Sails unfurling.
_Phoebus_ pale deluding Beames,
Guilding more deceitful Streams.
Our Plot has took,

_The Queen forsook, ho, ho, ho._
_Elifas_ ruin'd, ho, ho, ho, next Motion,
Must be to forme her Lover on the Ocean.
From the Ruines of others our pleaure we borrow,
_Elifas_ bleeds to Night, and _Carthage_ Flames tomorrow.

_Cho._
Destruction our delight, delight our greatest Sorrow,
_Elifas_ dyes to Night, and _Carthage_ Flames to Morrow.

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_A Dance._

Enter
Enter Dido, Belinda, and Train.

_Dido_ Your Counsel all is urged in vain,
To Earth and Heaven I will Complain.
To Earth and Heaven why do I call,
Earth and Heaven conspire my Fall.
To Fate I Sue, of other means bereft,
The only refuge for the wretched left.

_Bel._ See Madam where the Prince appears,
Such Sorrow in his Looks he bears, [Æneas Enters

Æn. As wou'd convince you 'till he's true,
What shall loft Æneas do.
How Royal fair shall I impart,
The Gods decree and tell you we must part.

_Dido_ Thus on the fatal Banks of Nile,
Weeps the deceitful Crocodile.
Thus Hypocrites that Murder Act,
Make Heaven and Gods the Authors of the Fact.

Æn. By all that's good,
_Dido_ By all that's good no more,
All that's good you have Forforned.
To your promis'd Empire fly,
And let forsaken _Dido_ dye.

Æn. In spite of _Jove's_ Command I stay,
Offend the Gods, and Love obey.

_Dido_ No faithles Man thy course pursu's,
I'm now resolv'd as well as you.
No Repentance shall reclaim,
The Injured _Dido_ slighted Flame.
For 'tis enough what c're you now decrees,
That you had once a thought of leaving me.

Æn. Let _Jove_ say what he will I'll stay.
_Dido._ Away [Exit Æn.

To Death I'll fly, if longer you delay.
But Death, alas? I cannot shun,
Death must come when he is gone.

_Cho._ Great minds against themselves Conspire,
And shun the Cure they most desire.

_Dido._ Thy Hand _Belinda_ - darkness shades me,
On thy Bosom let me rest,
More I would but Death invades me.
Death is now a Welcom Guest,
When I am laid in Earth my wrongs Create.
No trouble in thy Breast,
Remember me, but ah! forget my Fate.

_Cho._ With drooping Wings you _Cupids_ come,
To scatter Roses on her Tomb.
Soft and Gentle as her Heart,
Keep here your Watch and never part.

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ACT I.

Scene. The Palace. Enter Didon, Belinda, and train.

No. 1. SCENA and CHORUS.

Allegretto grazioso.

Soprano.

BELINDA.

Shake the cloud from off your brow, Fate your wishes doth allow;

Empire growing, Pleasures flowing, Fortune smiles and so should you.

Shake the cloud from off your brow, shake.
No. 2. SONG.

Soprano.

Basso.

PIANO.

Ah! ah! ah! Belinda, I am prest with torment, Ah, ah, ah, Belinda, I am prest with torment not to be confess, Ah, ah, ah, Belinda, I am prest with torment, Ah, ah, ah, Belinda, I am prest with
prest with torment not to confess,
Peace and I are

strangers grown, Peace and I are strangers, strangers grown. I

 languish till my grief is known, I languish,

 languish till my grief is known, Yet would not, yet would not, would not
No 3. RECIT.

Soprano.

BELINDA.

Mine admits of no revealing.

Grief increases by conceal-ing

Then let me speak,

Basso.

PIANO.

a tempo

The Trojan guest into your tender thoughts has pressed; The greatest blessing

Fate can give, Our Car-thage to secure and Troy revive, The greatest

blessing Fate can give, Our Car-thage to secure and Troy revive.
No. 4. CHORUS.

Moderato.

Soprano. When monarchs unite, how happy their state, They triumph at once, o'er their foes and their fate.

Alto. When monarchs unite, how happy their state, They triumph at once, o'er their foes and their fate.

Tenor. When monarchs unite, how happy their state, They triumph at once, o'er their foes and their fate.

Bass. When monarchs unite, how happy their state, They triumph at once, o'er their foes and their fate.

Basso. When monarchs unite, how happy their state, They triumph at once, o'er their foes and their fate.
No. 5. RECIT.

Soprano.

What storms, what battles did he sing?

Basso.

Anchises' valour mixt with Venus' charms, How soft, how soft in peace, and yet how fierce, how fierce in arms? A tale so strong and full of woe Might melt the rocks as well as you. What
stub-born heart un-mov'd could see
Such distress, such pi-ety? Mine with

storms of care opprest Is taught to pi-ty the dis-
trest. Mean wretch-es grief can touch So soft, so sen-si-ble my

breast; But ah! but ah! I fear I pi-ty him too much.
N. 6. DUET and CHORUS.

BELINDA.

Soprano.

Fear no danger to ensue, The Hero loves as well as you,

Soprano.

Fear no danger to ensue, The Hero loves as well as you,

Basso.

Fear no danger to ensue, The Hero loves as well as you,

PIANO.

Fear no danger to ensue, The Hero loves as well as you,

Ev'ry gentle, ev'ry smiling, And the cares of life beguiling,
Fear no danger to ensue, The Hero loves as well as you.

Cupid's strewn your paths with flowers, Gather'd from Elysian bowers.
CHORUS.

Fear no danger to ensue, The Hero loves as well as you,

Fear no danger to ensue, The Hero loves as well as you,

Fear no danger to ensue, The Hero loves as well as you,
Cupids strew your path with flowers, Gather'd from Elysian bowers,

Fear no danger to ensue, The Hero loves as well as you.
Nos. 7. RECIT.

BELINDA.

See, see, your Royal guest appears; How God-like is the form he bears! When, when, Royal fair, shall I be blest, With cares of love and state dis-

DIDO.

-trest? Fate forbids what you pursue. Æneas has no fate but you!

Let Did o smile and I'l deny The feeble stroke of destiny.
No. 9. RECIT.

Tenor. ENEAS
If not for mine, for Empire's sake Some pity on your lover take; Ah!

Basso.

Ah! make not, in a hopeless fire, A hero fall, and Troy once more expire.

PIANO.

No. 10. AIR.

Allegro moderato.

Viol. I. f

Viol. II.

Allegro moderato.

F BELINDA.

Pursue thy conquest, love, pursue thy conquest, love, pursue thy conquest, love.
No. 11. CHORUS.

Allegro assai.

Soprano.

To the hills and the vales, to the rocks and the mountains, To the

Alto. To the hills and the vales, to the rocks and the mountains, To the

Tenor. To the hills and the vales, to the rocks and the mountains, To the

Bass. To the hills and the vales, to the rocks and the mountains, To the

Allegro assai.

musical groves and the cool shady fountains, Let the

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Let the triumphs, let the
Triumphs of love and of beauty be shewn, To the hills and the vales, to the rocks and the mountains, To the musical groves and the cool shady