

Verdi Prati

Opera Alcina HWV 34, London 1735

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dolce Ver - di pra-ti, sel-va'a - me - ne, per - de re - ta la bel - tà. Va - ghi fior

The first system of the musical score is in 3/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The melody is in a minor key. The lyrics are: *dolce* Ver - di pra-ti, sel-va'a - me - ne, per - de re - ta la bel - tà. Va - ghi fior.

13

The second system of the musical score starts at measure 13. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system.

25

per - de re-te la bel - tà

The third system of the musical score starts at measure 25. It concludes the piece with a final cadence. The lyrics for this system are: per - de re-te la bel - tà.

Verdi prati, selve amene,
perderete la beltà.
Vaghi fior, correnti rivi,
la vaghezza, la bellezza,
presto in voi si cangerà.

Verdi prati, selve amene,
perderete la beltà.
E cangiato il vago oggetto,
all'orror del primo aspetto
tutto in voi ritornerà.

Verdant pastures, leafy woodlands,
all your beauty will decay.
Perfumed flowers, clear flowing rivers,
though you invite me and delight me,
tis your fate to fade away.

Verdant pastures, leafy woodlands,
soon your beauty will decay;
What I loved and longed to cherish
is as dust, destined to perish
and return to barren clay.