

# The Simerons Dance

from the Incidental Music of "The History of Sir Francis Drake"\*

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Vivace

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\* The play deals with Drake's adventures on the northeastern coast of South America during his expedition of 1572. He is allying himself with the "Symerons" or Cimaroons, escaped slaves of Surinam who had formed their own independent society. This part of the story is based on fact, though the author displaces the Cimaroons to Peru. Only one piece of music from the score of this play has survived: this "Symeron" dance composed by Matthew Locke.