

# Leva l'ancore

Mercury's aria from the opera "la Didone"

Libretto by Giovanni Francesco Busenello (1598-1659)

Francesco Cavalli (1602 – 1676)

Mercurio  
Recitative

E-ne-a, che fai, che pen-si? E - ne-a, tu dor - mi? L'in-ce-ne-ri-ta Tro-ia o-mai ti

des-ti, l'im-pe-ra-tri-ce I - ta-lia i tuo ni ap-pres-ti, on-de ab-bian fi - ne i tuoi le tar - ghi e nor - mi.

Gio-ve dio del-le co-se a te mi man-da per-ch'io sgri-di i tuoi fal li, i tuoi fu - ro - ri. Al-la men-sa deg

li o-zi,e-deg-li a-mo - ri hai tran-go-i-a - ta u-na mor tal be-van - da. Las-ci-via fo - le, e

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smo-de-ra-to af-fet - to ef - fe-mi-a - ro il bran-do tuo fe - ro - ce. tu non ris-pon-di, no? scam pa tua

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vo - ce a sep-pel - lir si en-tro all'-a - vel del pet - to. Tu, quel tro - ia-no, tu quel pi-o, quel for - te,

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che di glo - ria al-la co-te a-guz-zò l'ar - mi, che fu de-co-ro ai bron - zi, e pom-pa ai mar - mi, e per tri - on - fo in-ca-te-nò la

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mor - te. Or im-bel - le guer - rie - ro, e dru-do vi - le le li - bi-di-ni stan - chi, e'l no - me

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guas - ti, et ob - li - a - ti i mi-li-tar con-tras - ti sof fri in brut-to su-dor gio - go ser - vi - le.

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As - ca - nio il tuo fig - liol, che in sé rac-chiu - de de' pos - te - ri gli scet - tri, e le co -

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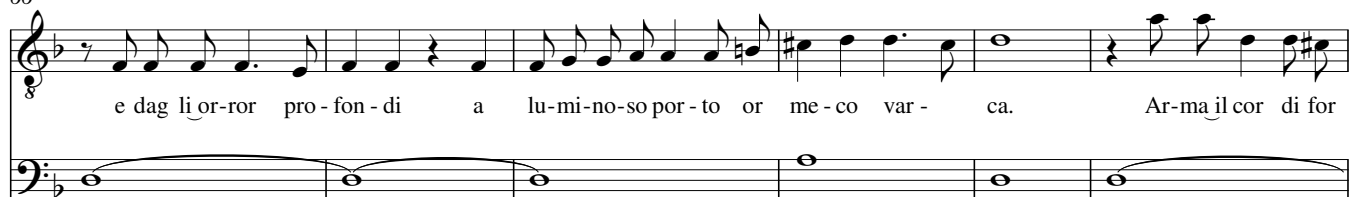
ro - ne, og-gi frau-da-to vien per tua ca-gio - ne, e l'er-ror tuo le di lui glo - rie es - clu - de.

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Non af-fet-to di pa-dre o di mo-nar-ca ti chia-ma a com-man-dar pro-vin-ce, e mon - di; dai cie-chi a - bis - si,

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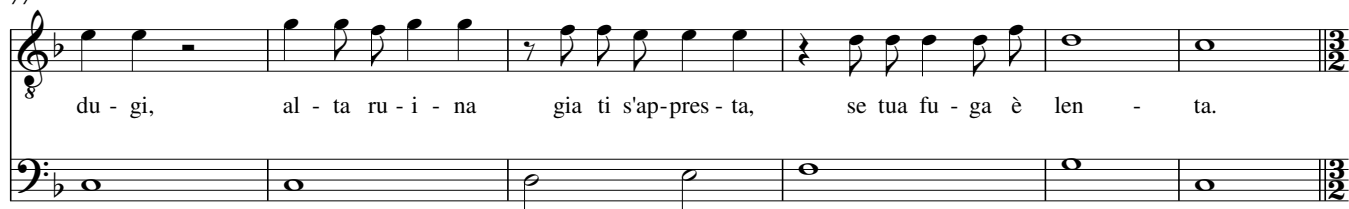
e dag li or-ror pro - fon - di a lu-mi-no-so por - to or me - co var - ca. Ar-ma il cor di for

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tez - za, e ti ram-men - ta, cha'l-tro ve il ciel l'al-tez-ze tue des - ti - na, tron-ca il fi - lo al in -

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du - gi, al - ta ru - i - na gia ti s'ap-pres - ta, se tua fu - ga è len - ta.

tua fa-lan-ge spie - ghi al ven - - to i li - ni; per tuoi noc-chier s'ac -

cor - da - no i des - ti - ni, Net - tun sa - rà il

pi - lo - ta al gran vi - ag - gio.

104 Ritornello

This musical system covers measures 104 to 108. It features five staves: two treble clefs, two alto clefs, and one bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The music is a ritornello, characterized by a repeating melodic motif in the upper staves and a more active bass line. Measure 104 begins with a repeat sign. The notation includes various note values such as half notes, quarter notes, and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. A sharp sign is visible in measure 105 on the first staff.

109

This musical system covers measures 109 to 112. It continues the five-staff arrangement. The melody in the upper staves shows more variation, including some rests and longer note values. The bass line remains active, providing a harmonic foundation. The notation includes half notes, quarter notes, and eighth notes.

113

This musical system covers measures 113 to 116. It concludes the section with a double bar line. The melody in the upper staves features a final cadence, with notes held over into the final measure. The bass line also concludes with a final note. The notation includes half notes, quarter notes, and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together.

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Aria, second verse.

8 Van - ne, van - ne in I - ta - lia, ch'a te sol \_\_\_\_\_ fa vo - ti, per par-to -

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8 rit - e al-la tua pro - - - - le i reg - ni; la ter ra, e'l ciel sa -

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8 ran - no an - gus - ti seg - ni, le pal - - me

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8 per ca - pir de tuoi ne - po - ti.

138 Ritornello

This musical system contains measures 138 through 142. It is marked 'Ritornello'. The score is written for five staves: two treble clefs, two alto clefs, and one bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). Measure 138 begins with a repeat sign. The melody in the first treble staff features a sequence of eighth and quarter notes, with a sharp sign appearing in measure 140. The accompaniment in the other staves consists of sustained notes and rests.

143

This musical system contains measures 143 through 146. The notation continues on the same five-staff system. Measure 143 starts with a repeat sign. The first treble staff has a melodic line with a sharp sign in measure 144. The other staves provide harmonic support with various note values and rests.

147

This musical system contains measures 147 through 150. Measure 147 begins with a repeat sign. The first treble staff has a melodic line that ends with a sharp sign in measure 149. The system concludes with a double bar line in measure 150. The notation follows the same five-staff layout and key signature as the previous systems.

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Aria, third verse.

Or vi-go-ro-so mo-vi e'l co-re, e'l pie-de, e da

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cep-pi l'ar-bi-trio dis-ca-te-na; del va-no la-gri-

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mar chiu-di la ve-na, co-si t'im-

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pon chi'l tut-to in-ten-de, e ve-de.