

ART SONG TRANSPOSITIONS

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Musick for a while

from *Oedipus*, Z. 583 | Librettist: John Dryden (1631-1700), Nathaniel Lee (1653?-1692)

in C minor



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The piano introduction consists of two staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady bass line with quarter notes.

Mu - sick, Mu - sick for a while shall all your Cares be-

The first vocal line begins at measure 4. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are: "Mu - sick, Mu - sick for a while shall all your Cares be-". The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as the introduction.

-guile, shall all, all, shall all, shall

The second vocal line begins at measure 7. The melody continues with the lyrics: "-guile, shall all, all, shall all, shall". The piano accompaniment remains consistent.

all, shall all your Cares be - guile: wond - - -

The third vocal line begins at measure 9. The melody concludes with the lyrics: "all, shall all your Cares be - guile: wond - - -". The piano accompaniment concludes with a final cadence.

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- 'ring, wond - - - 'ring how your Pains _____ were

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eas'd, _____ eas'd, _____ eas'd _____ and dis - dain - ing _____ to be _____ pleas'd, till A -

16

- lec - to free _____ the _____ Dead, till A - lec - - -

18

- to _____ free _____ the _____ Dead, from their E - ter - - -

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nal, E - ter - - - - - nal

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Band; till the Snakes drop,

24

drop, drop, drop, drop, drop, drop, drop, drop

26

from _____ her ___ Head; and the Whip, and the Whip ___ from ___ out her ___

28

Hand; Mu - sick, Mu - sick for a

31

while shall all your cares be-guile; shall all, all, shall all, all,

34

all, shall all your cares be - guile; all, all, all,

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all, all, all, all shall all your cares be - guile.