

# 20. Music for a while

A song in *Oedipus*

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(1692?)

The first system of music shows a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is mostly rests, with a few notes in the final measure. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the bass clef and chords in the treble clef.

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Mu - sic, mu - sic for - a - while Shall all your - cares be -

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has lyrics: "Mu - sic, mu - sic for - a - while Shall all your - cares be -". The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns.

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

The third system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has lyrics: "- guile, - shall all, all, all, shall all, all, all, - shall all - your cares be -". The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns.

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- guile; Won - d'ring, won - d'ring how your pains — were

The fourth system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has lyrics: "- guile; Won - d'ring, won - d'ring how your pains — were". The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns.

\* etc.

This block shows an alternative reading for the piano accompaniment, marked with an asterisk. It features a different rhythmic pattern in the bass clef.

† All alternative readings as in c.27, Ua.34, and 31447.

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eas'd, — eas'd, — eas'd. — And dis - dain-ing to be - pleas'd Till A -

(a)

16

- lec - to free — the - dead, till A - lec - - to - free the dead From

(b)

19

their e - ter - - - nal, e - ter - - - nal

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22

bands; Till the snakes drop, drop, drop, drop, drop,

(a) (b)

\* See Notes.

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drop, drop, drop, drop from — her head, And the whip, and the whip from out her

28

hand. Mu - sic, mu - sic for a while Shall all your cares be

32

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

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