

The Blessed Virgin's Expostulation

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Soprano

Tell me, tell me, some, - some pi - ty-ing an - gel tell, quick-ly, quick - ly, quick-ly

Harpsichord

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say, Where, where does my soul's sweet _____ dar - ling stay? In ti - ger's,

Hpschd.

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or more cru-el, more cru - - - - el, cru-el He - rod's _ way? O!

Hpschd.

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O! ra-ther, ra-ther let his lit-tle, lit-tle foot - steps press Un - re - gar - ded

Hpschd.

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through the wil - der - ness, Where mild - er, mild - er, where mild - er

Hpschd.

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sa-va-ges re-sort: The de-sert's sa - fer, the de-sert's sa-fer than a ty - - - -

Hpschd.

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- - - - - rant's court. Why, why, fai-rest ob-ject of my love, Why,

Hpschd.

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S 29 why — dost thou from my long - ing eyes re - move? _____ Was it, was it a

Hpschd.

S 32 wak - ing dream that did fore - tell Thy wond - rous birth, thy wond - rous, wond - - - rous, wond - rous

Hpschd.

S 35 birth? no vi - sion, no, no, no, no, no vi - sion from a - bove? Where's Ga - briel, where's

Hpschd.

S 39 Ga - briel now that vi - si - ted my cell? I call, I call, I call, I call, I call Ga - briel,

Hpschd.

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Ga-briel, Ga-briel, Ga-briel, he comes not; Where's Ga-briel now that vi-si-ted my

Hpschd.

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cell? I call, I call, I call Ga-briel, Ga-briel, Ga-briel, Ga-briel, he

Hpschd.

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comes not; flatt'-ring, flatt' - ring hopes, — fare - wel, — fare - well, — fare -

Hpschd.

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well, — flatt' - ring hopes, — fare - well. Me Ju - dah's — daugh - ters

Hpschd.

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once ca - ress'd, Call'd me of mo - thers the most, the

Hpschd.

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most, the most bless'd; call'd me of mo - thers the

Hpschd.

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most, the most, the most, the most bless'd;

Hpschd.

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Now fa - tal change, now fa - tal change of mo - thers, of mo - thers most, most dis - tress'd, of

Hpschd.

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Allegro

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mo-thers most, — most — — — dis-tress'd. How, how, how shall my soul its

Hpschd.

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mo - - - - - tions — guide, how, how, how shall my soul its mo -

Hpschd.

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- - - - - tions — guide, guide, How, how, how,

Hpschd.

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how shall I stem, how shall I stem the va - - - - - rious, va - rious

Hpschd.

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Hpschd.

tide, Whilst faith and doubt my la - - - - -

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Hpschd.

1 2 tempo 70

- b'ring thoughts di - vide? vide? For whilst of thy dear, dear sight be -

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Hpschd.

guil'd, I trust the God, but oh! I fear, but oh!

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Hpschd.

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oh! I fear the child.