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AN INTRODUCTION TO PSALMODY.

THERE are seven primitive degrees of sound, which are placed or represented on five lines with their spaces, called a Stave,	Space ab
These lines and spaces are designated by the seven first	Fourth f
letters of the alphabet; A, B, C, D, E, F, G. Nature has divided voices into at least four kinds, varying in	Third fp Third lir Second f
acuteness or gravity. The Treble is the highest, and of consequence will always lead, or be heard above the rest; the Counter is the next	Second I First space
lower, the Tenor next, and the Bass the lowest. These are designated	First line Space be The
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is placed on the fecond line, which is G; the Counter Cliff on the	any one
third line, which is C; the Bass Cliss on the fourth line, which	then th
is F.—The Cliffs are called by the names of the letters which they represent, and the letters on the other lines and spaces are reckoned	Sharne
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The names, fa, fol, la, fa, fol, la, mi, are given to the feven original founds, to affift the memory in retaining a just recollection of the relation they bear to each other. Having the fyllable mi affixed to any one of the lines or spaces, the other names follow in this order, Above mi is twice fa, fol, la, and below mi is twice la, fol, fa, and then there is mi again.

To transpose the mi to different places in the stave, Flats b b and sharps * * are used.

The mi is on B, when there are no Flats or Sharps at the beginning of the stave.

If there be a Flat on B, mi is on E.

If there be one on B, and E, mi is on A.

If there be one on B, E, and A, mi is on D.

If there be one on B, E, A, and D, mi is on G.

If there be a Sharp on F, mi is on F.

If there be one on F, and C, mi is on C.

If there be one on F, C, and G, mi is on G.

If there be one on F, C, G, and D, mi is on D.

A Natural 4 restores a note made slat or sharp to its original sound. A Flat, placed before a note, depresses or sinks it half a

tone; and a Sharp raises it half a tone.

Every eighth found and letter is the fame: and in every oftave or eight notes there are two femitones, which are always between mi and fa, and la and fa; or, where there are no Flats or Sharps, between B and C, and E and F.

There are two keys or modes of the octave, a major and minor mode; which are so called in consequence of the third degree above the key note or tonic being a greater or lesser third.

Where there is no Flat or Sharp, the major mode of C, or the

minor mode of A, prevails.

If B be flat, the major mode of F, or the minor mode of D, prevails.

If B and E be flat, the major mode of Bb, or the minor mode of

G, prevails.

If B, E, and A be flat, the major mode of Eb, or the minor mode of C, prevails.

If B, E, A, and D be flat, the major mode of Ab, or the minor

mode of F, prevails.

If F be sharp, the major mode of G, or the minor mode of E,

prevails.

If F and C be sharp, the major mode of D, or the minor mode of B, prevails.

If F, C, and G be fharp, the major mode of A, or the minor mode of F*, prevails.

If F, C, G, and D be sharp, the major mode of E, or the minor

mode of C*, prevails.

The fixth and feventh degree in the ascending minor octave are naturally sharped. Every Sharp or Natural that is not necessary to express this sharp fixth or seventh, and every Flat, has the same tendency to alter the mi, when placed in the middle of a tune, as it has when placed at the beginning. See the Essay on Modulation annexed.

There are notes of different shapes, that express different relative degrees of duration. 'A Semibreve -O- is the longest now in use; a Minim = is half the length of a Semibreve; a Crotchet half the length of a Minim; a Quaver half the length of a Crotchet; a Semiquaver half the length of a Quaver; a Demisemiquaver half the length of a Semiquaver. Or, in other words, a Semibreve is equal in duration to two Minims, four Crotchets, eight Quavers, fixteen Semiquavers, or thirty-two Demisemiquavers. A Semibreve Rest -- a Minim Rest a Crotchet Rest _ a Quaver Rest _ a Semiquaver Rest _ a a Demifemiquaver Rest - are marks of silence, and have the fame duration as the notes whose names they bear.

A Ledger-line _____ is added when notes afcend or defcend beyond the stave.

A Point at the right hand of a note original length.

The Figure 3, placed over or under any three notes

reduces them to the duration of two of the fame kind without the figure.

A bar is the space between two lines drawn across the stave

and there are characters called moods of time, that determine the quantity of notes that are contained in each bar.

The first mood of common time _____ has a semibreve, or its quantity in other notes, in each bar; and sour beats are used to regulate its movement.

The fecond mood of common time has a femibreve, or its quantity, in a bar; and is beat in the fame way as the former, but quicker.

The third mood of common time or has the fame

quantity of notes in a bar as the two former; has two beats in a bar, and is quicker than the last mentioned mood.

The fourth mood of common time $\frac{2}{4}$ has a minim, or its quantity, in a bar; has two beats to a bar, and is a little quicker than the third mood.

The first mood of triple time _____ has a pointed semibreve, or its quantity, in a bar; and has three beats to a bar.

The fecond mood of triple time has a pointed minim, or its quantity, in a bar; and is beat the fame way, a little quicker.

The third mood of triple time _____ has a pointed crotchet, or its quantity, in a bar; is beat a little quicker than the former.

The first mood of compound time has fix crotchets, or their quantity, in a bar; and has to each bar two beats.

The fecond mood of compound time _____ has fix quavers, or their quantity, in a bar; and beat in the fame way as the first.

When figures are used as moods of time, they express what fractional part of a semibreve is contained in a bar.

A Double Bar ____ fhows the end of a strain.

A Repeat or :S: shows what part is to be fung twice.

A Slur connects fo many notes together as are fung to one fyllable.

A Hold of denotes that the note over which it is placed should be

founded longer than ufual.

The figures 1, 2, placed at the end of a tune or strain, show that only as far as the note under figure 1, is sounded before the repeat;

and that after the repeat the note under figure 1 is skipped, and that under figure 2 sounded: when there is a slur over them, after the repeat both are sounded.

Apogiaturas are small notes, that have no duration

but what is borrowed from the notes to which they are attached. European composers of former times used them as their fize indicates, as mere gliding notes, on which there was as little stress as possible to be laid; but modern composers have made them longer than the principal, which has a direct tendency to make good old music appear quaint and puerile.

Staccated notes or are to be fung as distinctly and emphatically as possible.

Mezzo staccated notes are those that are sourced and staccated, and should be sung distinct and slowing.

A Trill denotes that there should be a warbling of the voice in performing the notes over which it is placed.

A Brace shows how many parts are fung together.

A Close thows the end of a tune.

On Singing.

Music always indicates the manner in which it should be performed; and though good music may be rendered wretched stuff by bad performance, bad music is not entitled to good performance, nor can it ever be made interesting to delicate or cultivated ears, while it is destitute of those qualities that inspire the performer and interest the hearers. Due attention should be paid to the terms of direction that are placed over music. Singing loud when piano is directed, and soft when it is not, should be equally avoided.

The movement should correspond with the subject of the words, whatever mood of time is operating.

The major octave afcending and defcending.

The minor oftave afcending and descending.



Intervals in the major octave.





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CALLING the seven primitive sounds by the names, fa, fol, la, fa, fol, la, mi, was practifed in England long since, and prevails universally in the United States. In Italy, the syllables, do, re, mi, fu, fol, la, si; and in France, ut, re, mi, fa, fol, la, si, are used for the same purpose. In Germany the letters are used as they are given in the Massachusetts Compiler.

Rouffeau observes, in his Dictionary of Music, that each nation has a kind of music, peculiar to its particular language; and it is so in respect to the names given by different nations to the seven sounds of the octave. Our syllables are perhaps as well adapted, in that respect, as those of Italy or France; but it is to be regretted that we have not, like them, an appropriate one for each of the seven sounds. But innovations instead of ancient usages and received customs, never meet with countenance from the public, unless they propose some improvement more effential than can be derived from such an alteration. Sensible of this, I have endeavoured to bring my reasonings and illustrations in this Essay, home to our particular habits; by doing which, if I yield useful instruction, the design will be accomplished.

A PRACTICAL ESSAY ON MODULATION;

(DESIGNED FOR PSALMODISTS;)

Improving and applying the received fyllables, mi, fa, fol, la.

HERE is in a melody, or succession of single sounds, and confequently in a harmony, or combination of melodies, a constant tendency to an alteration of its pitch, a rising fifth and sourth; the reasons of which are contained in the principles of Tonics, in respect to the production of sound, its reception into the ear, and its effect on the auditory organs.*

Take any succession of sounds which embrace eight notes, with the seventh of the key or mode of C major, and repeat them a fifth higher without calling them by the usual names, and the semitones which in the mode of C major are between B and C, and E and F, will naturally fall between B and C, and F and G; or, in other words, the key or mode will be altered from the major mode of C, to the major mode of G. To represent this change, a sharp becomes necessary on F; which, by sharping that letter, makes a whole tone between E and F, which was before a half tone, and a semitone between F and G, which was before a whole tone.

We have it plainly and explicitly inculcated, that between mi and fa, and la and fa, are semitones. These syllables serve to represent to the mind the degrees of sound with the semitones, as before mentioned. If we still call F fa, after it is sharped, and B mi, as we do when it is not, we subvert the tendency of these syllables to convey to the mind the different sounds or notes in the octave; for the semitones will in that case fall between mi and fa, and fa and sol; but if we call the sharped F mi, we shall preserve and cultivate this essential habit of associating the names of the notes with their distances or degrees; for the semitones will then come where it is designed they should, between mi and fa, and la and fa.

Take any fuccession of founds which embrace an octave, with its fourth and seventh in the mode of C major, and repeat them a fourth higher, and the semitones which were between B and C, and E and F, will fall between A and B, and E and F. To represent this change, a stat becomes necessary on B. If we call B mi still, and

[.] See my new formula of mulical ratios.

F fa, the femitones which ought to be between mi and fa, and la and fa, will be between la and mi, and la and fa: but if we call the B which is flatted fa, and E mi, the femitones will be, as it is proper they should, between mi and fa, and la and fa.

It will be observed, that a generation of keys by rifing fifths is expressed by sharps, and every additional sharp raises the pitch or key a fifth. Thus, the first sharp is on F, and represents the major mode of G a fifth above C, and the minor mode of E a fifth above A. The fecond fharp is on C, a fifth above F, and reprefents the major mode of D a fifth above G, or the minor mode of B a fifth above E. The third sharp is on G, a fifth above C, and represents the major mode of A a fifth above D, or the minor mode of F a fifth above B .- And fo every additional sharp raises the key or expresses its transposition a fifth higher; and for every additional fharp, there is the same necessity for altering the mi, that there is in the case of F sharp. When F and C are sharped, the semitones, which in case of F sharp are between B and C, and F and G, are altered: fharping C makes a whole tone between B and C, and a femitone between C and D; and if we were to call mi in F, we should labour under the same difficulty as is represented in the first remove by fliarps, the femitones will fall between mi and fa, and fa and fol; but if we call the sharped C mi, we shall remedy this evil, and the femitones will still be between mi and fa, and la and fa. And fo it will be with every additional fharp, even to the twentyfourth, though no more than four are necessary in vocal music.

A generation of keys by falling fifths, or (what is much more according to nature) rifing fourths, is expressed by flats. Thus, the tirst flat is on B, which makes the major mode of F a fourth above C, and the minor mode of D a fourth above A. The second flat is on E, a fourth above B, and represents the major mode of Bb a fourth above F, and the minor mode of G a fourth above D. The third flat is on A, a fourth above E, and represents the major mode

of Eb a fourth above Bb, and the minor mode of C a fourth above G. When B and E are flatted, the femitones, which in cafe of Bb are between A and B, and E and F, are transposed to between A and B, and D and E. Flatting E makes a whole tone between E and F, which was before a half tone, and a half tone between D and E, which was before a whole tone. If we call mi in E when E is flat, we shall have a whole tone between la and mi, and fa and fol, as is noticed in the first remove by flats; but if we call mi in A, we shall preserve the habit of founding the semitones between mi and fa, and la and fa. And so it will be with every additional flat, even to the twenty-fourth, though no more than four are necessary in vocal music.

Having explained and enforced the necessity of changing the names of the notes, and shown that any modulation may be justly performed by so doing, I shall proceed to give examples of different changes or modulations which are used.

Observe that the music in the examples begins in the major mode of C, without either flat or sharp, and the changes of the key, or otherwife the modulations, are expressed by accidental flats and sharps; and that there may be no difficulty in knowing by what name to call the notes, I have placed under each note the first letter of the fyllables, fa, fol, la, or mi, by which it should be called.

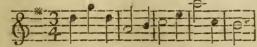
The first change is from the major of C to the minor of G, which alteration is according to the generation of keys by rising fifths, and is represented by the sharp on F in the fourth bar in the secondo, which has the same effect as if each of the three staves had a sharp set on F, at the same place in the bar: and so it is in any change which is operated by what are somewhat improperly called accidental states, sharps, or naturals, except when sharps or naturals are the signs of the sharp sixth and seventh of the ascending minor mode, and immediately succeeding the major mode, in the same position of the octave, as in the third brace, sourth bar, where the major mode

of C precedes the minor of A, and the same position of the octave when the melody ascends; here the sharp fixth does not appear, but the sharp G represents the sharp seventh of the minor mode of A. Some good and correct authors observe the sharp sixth and seventh of the minor mode, descending as well as ascending, but it is not deemed proper when descending.

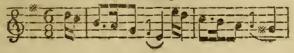
The fecond change, which commences the fixth bar of the first stave, is a generation by an ascending fourth, and is indicated by a flat on B, which has likewise the same effect, in altering the mi, the senitones, and the key, in all the parts, as if it was on each stave at

the fame place.

The fixth, feventh, and eighth bars, and the ninth, tenth, and eleventh bars, of the first brace or score, in the primo and bass, have the same succession of sounds one note higher, or otherwise, in the last mentioned three bars the same succession is repeated one note higher than they are in the first. This repetition of a passage a note higher, is called a Rosalia, and sometimes is produced without a change of mode, as,



and fometimes by a change from the major to the minor mode of the next related octave by an afcending fourth, as,



but most commonly when a change by a rising fourth is succeeded by one by a rising fifth, as in the example I have given.

A change is often effected from the major mode to the minor of the rifing fifth, as in the feventh bar of the fecond brace in the examples; and likewife from the major to the minor of the rifing fourth, as in the examples, fecond bar, fecond brace.

The fame laws govern in the modulations of the minor mode as do in the major mode, as described in the beginning of this Essay.

See the ninth bar of the third brace in the examples.

A change may be produced from the major mode to the minor of the fame letter or found, as is in the eleventh bar of the fecond brace of the examples; and the minor may be changed to the major of the fame letter, as in the last bar and fecond brace in the examples.

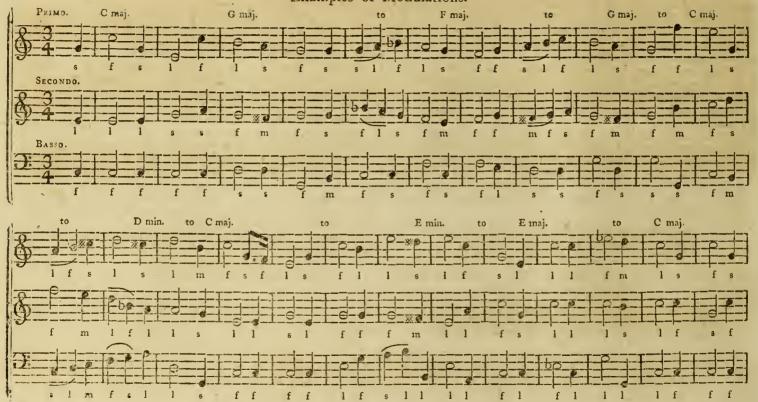
It is by modulation that the greatest and most astonishing effects are produced. A long continuation in one key wearies and depresses the mind, and produces somewhat the same sensation as a monotonous delivery in an orator; while a masterly modulation surprises and pleases at every change, and insufes into the mind every delicious emotion that it is capable of enjoying.

Pfalmody is more particularly indebted to modulation for its most fublime effects; in obedience to its influence—

" Devotion lifts to heaven a purer eye,

" And bleeding pity heaves a fofter figh."

Examples of Modulations.





A DICTIONARY OF MUSICAL TERMS.

ADAGIO, very flow. Affettuoso, or. Con Affetto, tenderly. Air, the principal and leading part. Allegretto, a little brifk. Allegro, brifk. Allegro ma non troppo, brisk, but not too fast. Alto, or Alius, the Contra Tenor. Andante, distinct, exact. Andantino, very exact and flow. Anthem, a portion of scripture set to music. Bis, denotes a repeat. Cadences are closes in music, similar in effect to flops in reading. Canon, a regular and exact fugue, in either the unifon, fifth, or eighth. In these pieces one finger begins alone, and when he comes either to the end of his part, or to a repeat,

Cantabile, an extempore cadence made by the principal performer, while the others stop. Canto, or Cantus, the Treble.
Capella, a chapel or church; as, Alla Capella,

if written on one stave, a second begins,

then a third in like manner, and fo of all

in church flyle.

Chorus, full, all the voices. Con Furia, with boldness.

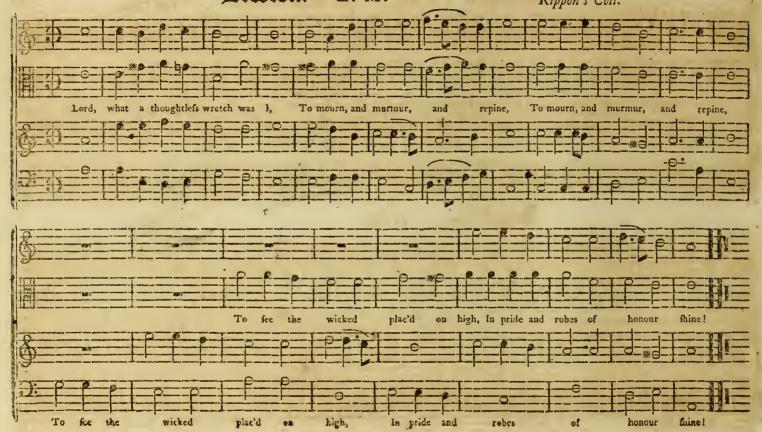
the rest.

Crescendo, to swell the found. Da Capo, or D. C. to repeat and conclude Prestissimo, very quick. with the first part. Decani and Cantoris, the two fides of a choir. Diminuendo, to diminish the found. Dolce, fweet and foft. Duo, Duetto, for two voices or instruments. Fagotto, the Baffoon part. Fine, the end of a piece or book. Forte, or F. loud. Fortishmo, or FF. very loud. Fuga, or Fugue, a piece in which one or more parts lead, and the others follow in regular intervals. Gratiofo, gracefully, with tafte. Grave, the flowest time. Larghetto, pretty flow. Largo, Lentemente, or Lento, flow. Ligature, a flur. Mastoso, flow, firm, and bold. Moderato, moderately. Mottetto, a kind of Latin anthem. Organo, the organ part. Piano, or P. foft. Pianissimo, or PP. very foft. Piu, prefixed to a word, increases its force.

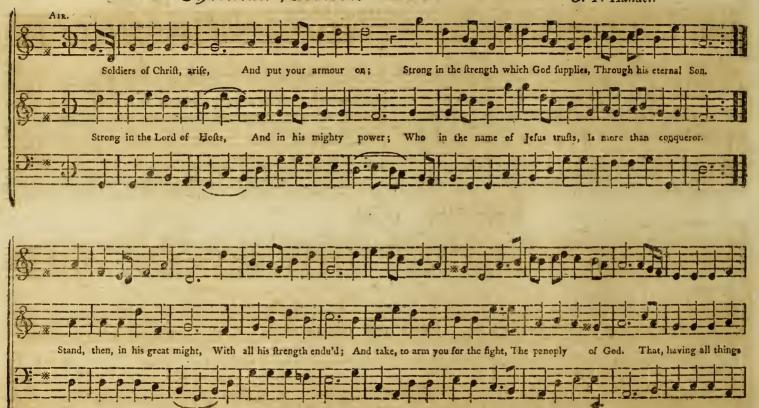
Poco, the contrary of Pin.

Presto, quick. Primo, the first part. Quartetto, a piece in four parts. Recitative, a kind of musical recitation between speaking and finging. Ritornello, fee Symphony. Secondo, the fecond part. Semi-Chorus, half the voices. Siciliano, a flow graceful movement in compound time. Solo, for a fingle voice or instrument. Soprano, the Treble. Spiritofo, or Con Spirito, with spirit. Staccato, very distinct and pointed. Symphony, passages for instruments. Tempo, time; as, A Tempo, or Tempo Giusto, in true time, &c. Thorough Bass, the instrumental Bass, with figures for the Organ. Trio, a piece in three parts. Unison, when two or more parts found the fame note of an octave. Verle, one voice to a part. Vite, quick. Vivace, with life and spirit. Volti Subito, turn over quick.

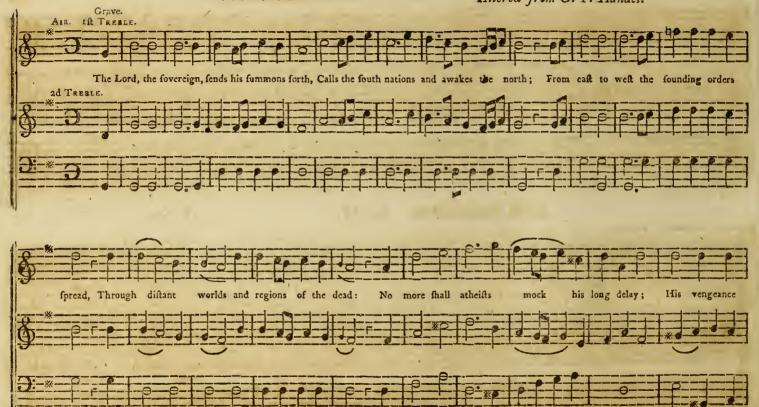


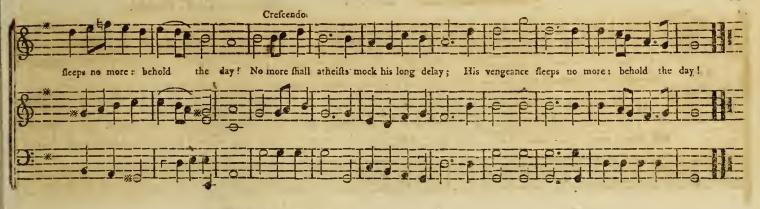




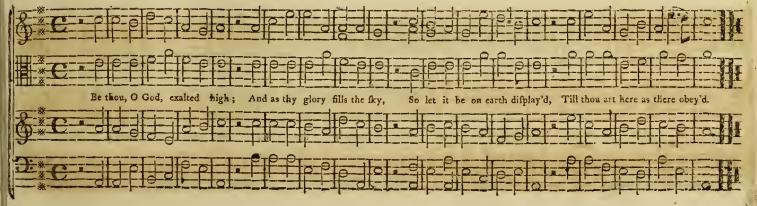


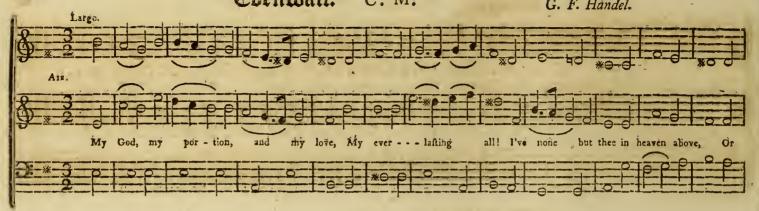


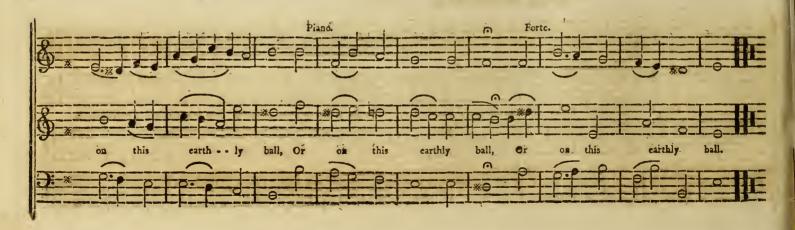


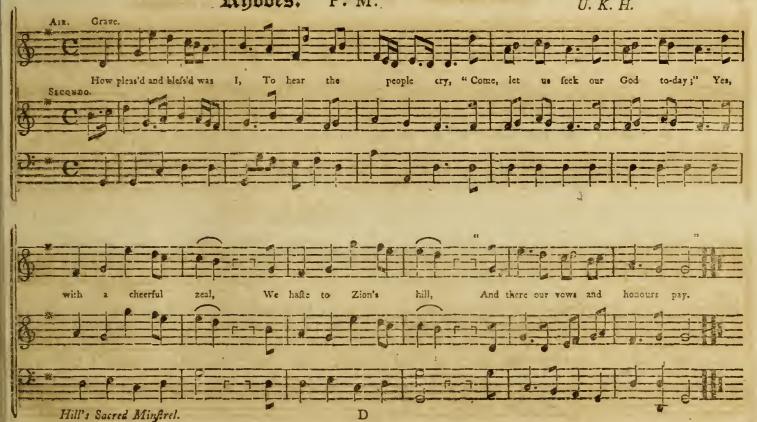


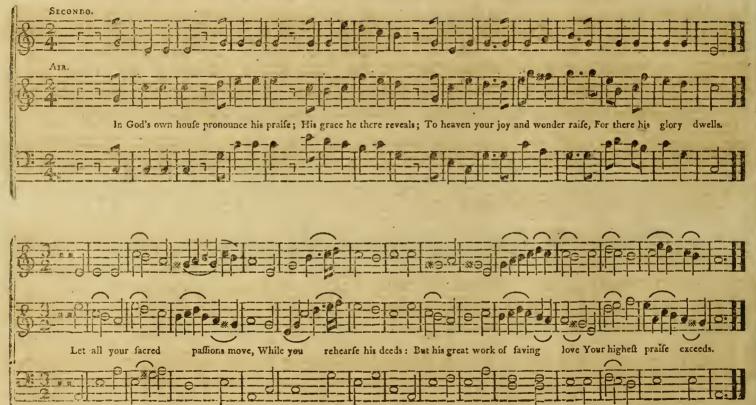
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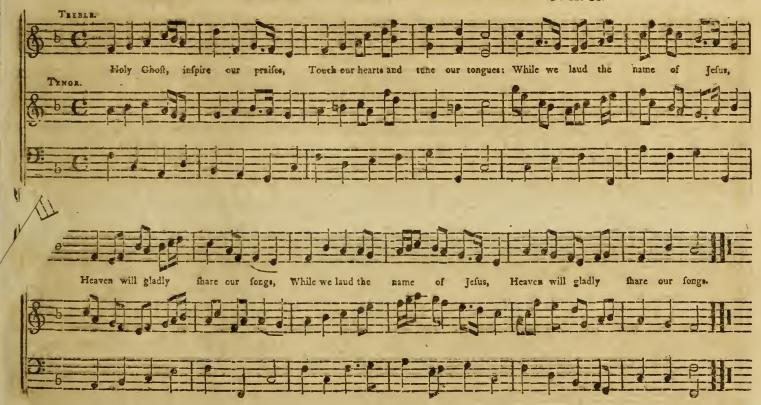








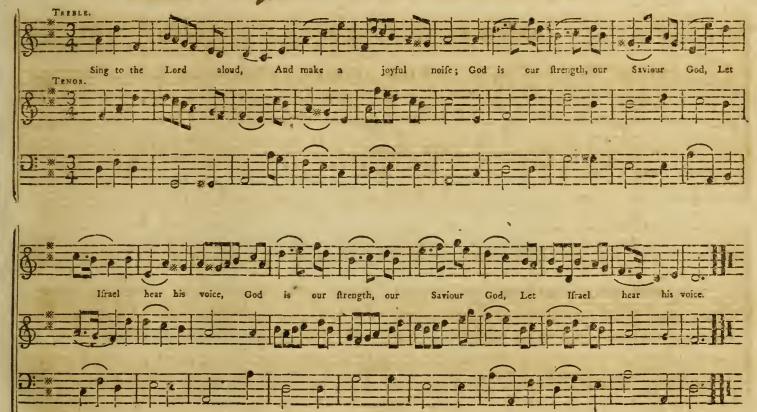




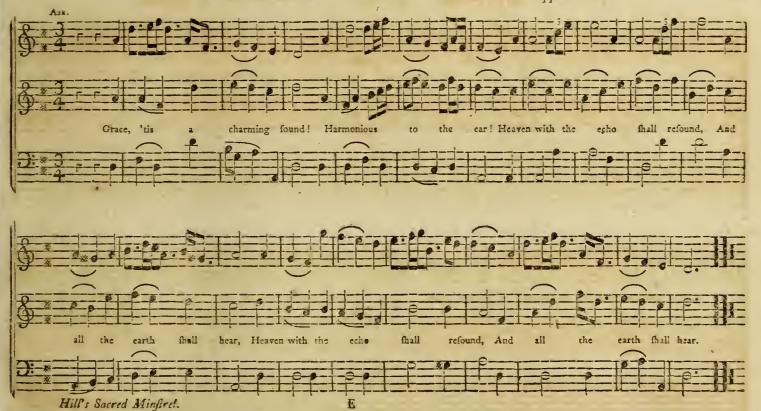
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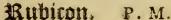


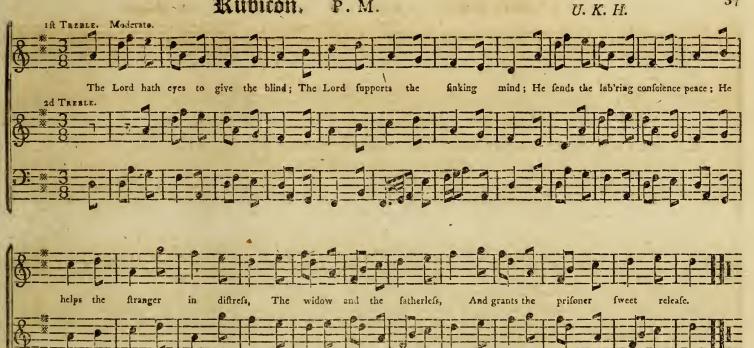




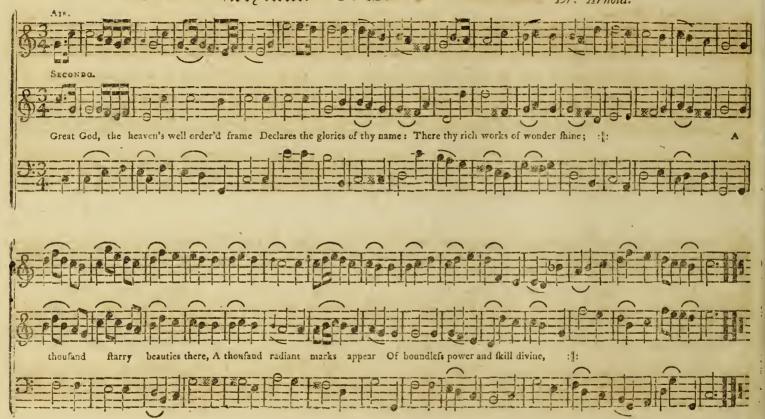








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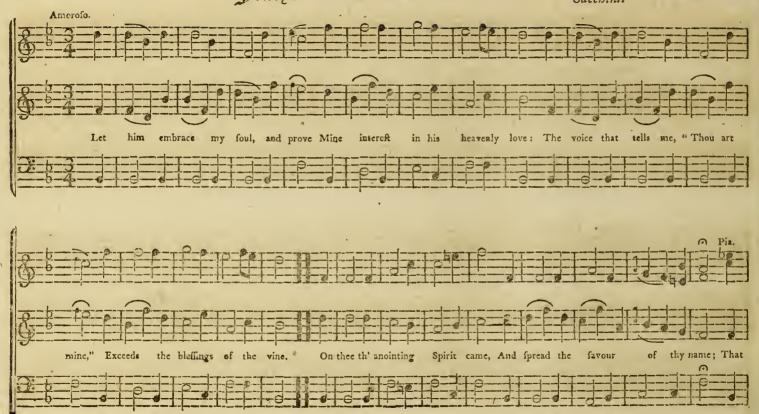
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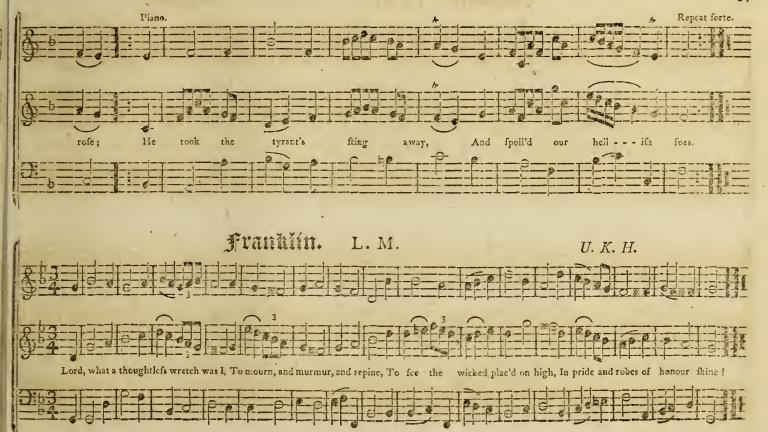






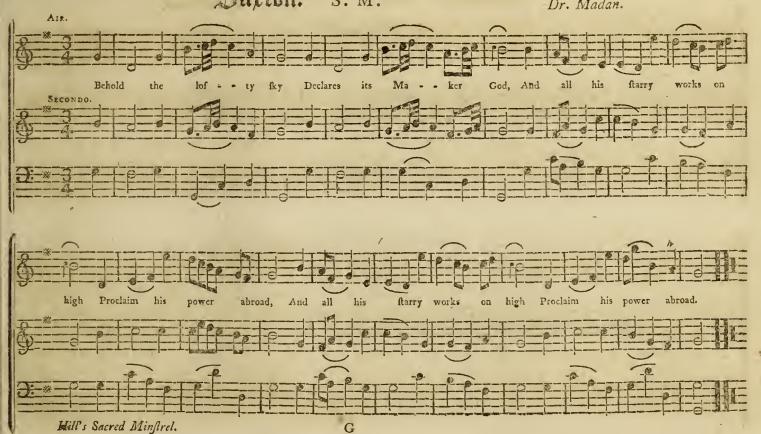


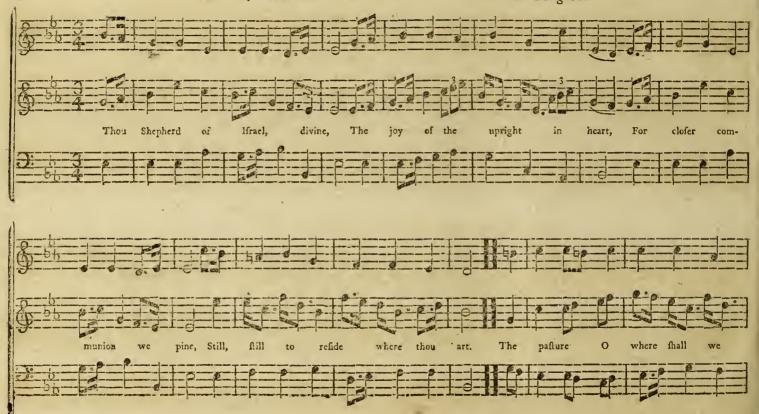


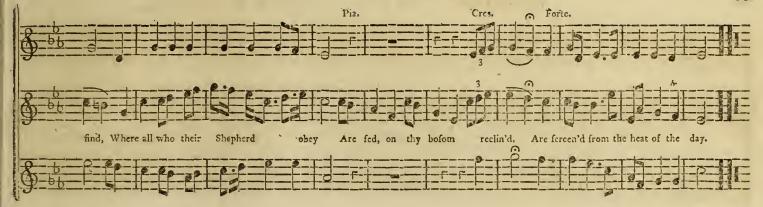




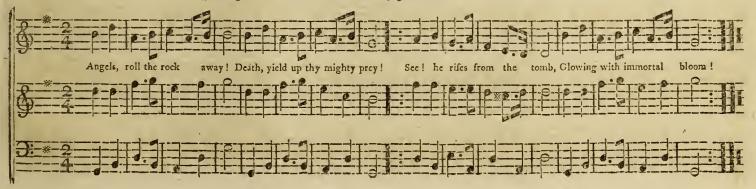
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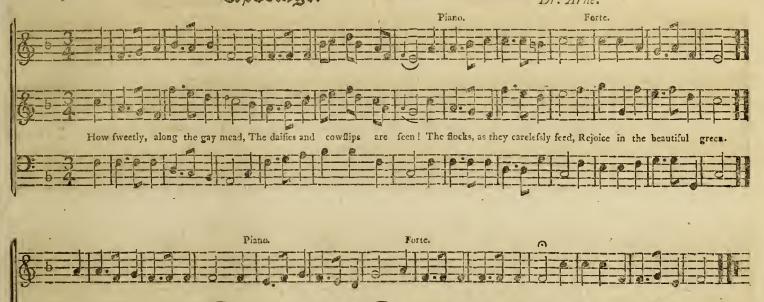


Pleyel's German Hymn. 78.









The vines that encircle the bowers, The herbage that springs from the sod, Trees, plants, cooling fruits, and sweet flowers, All rife to the praise of my God.

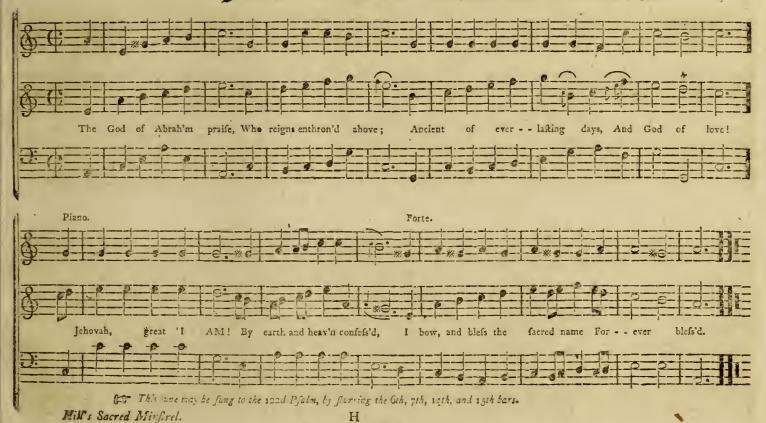




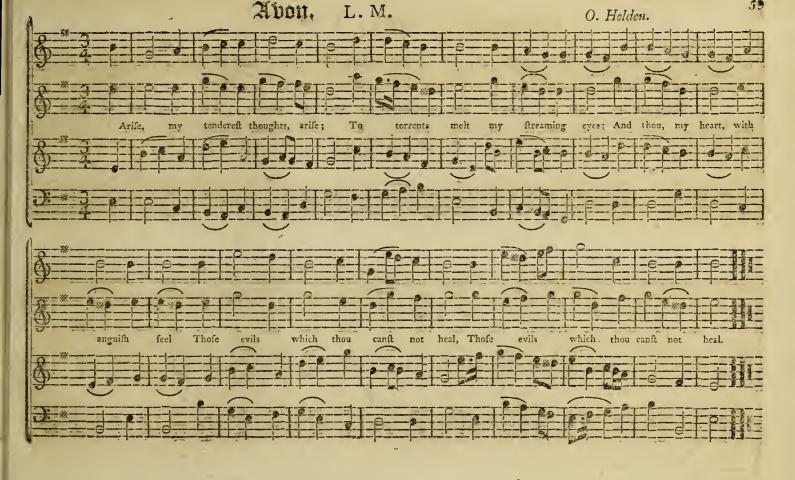
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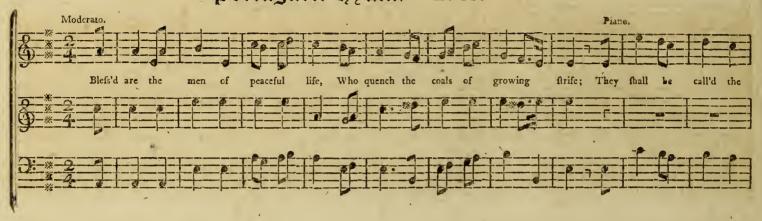








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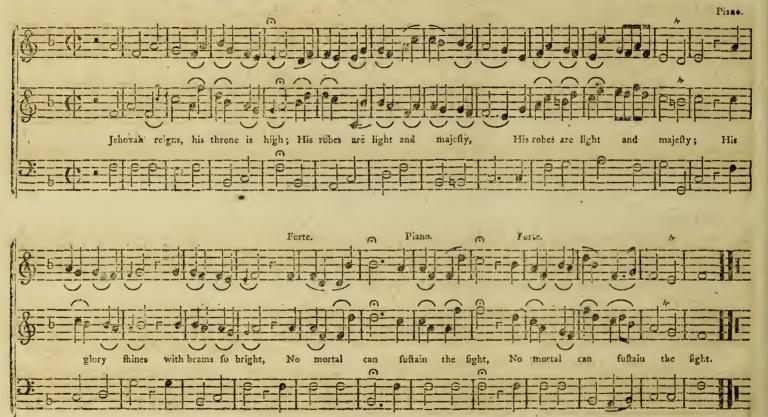


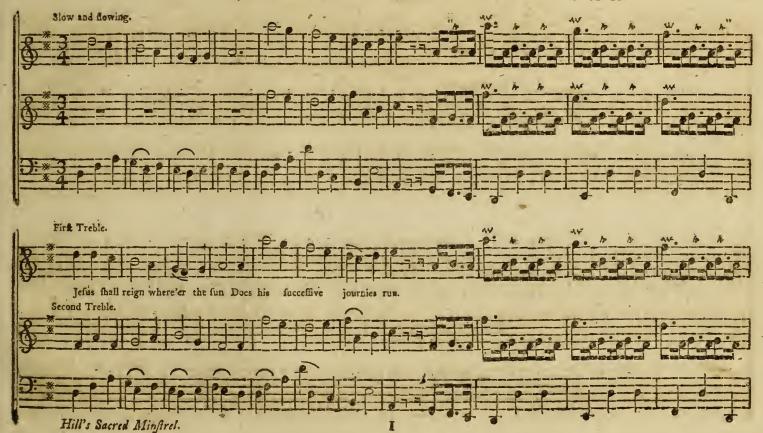


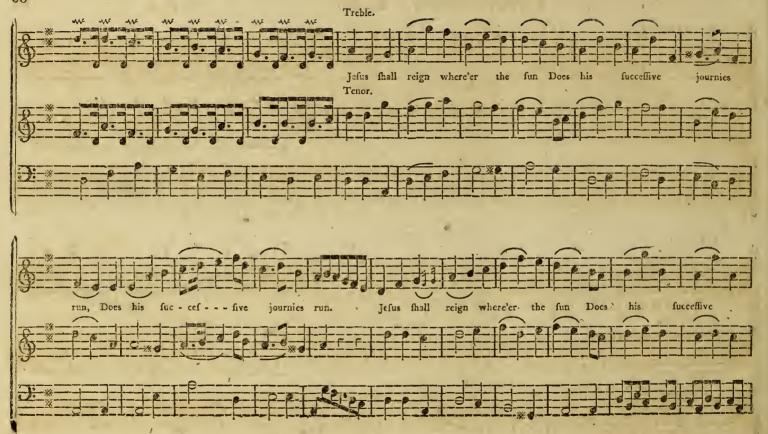






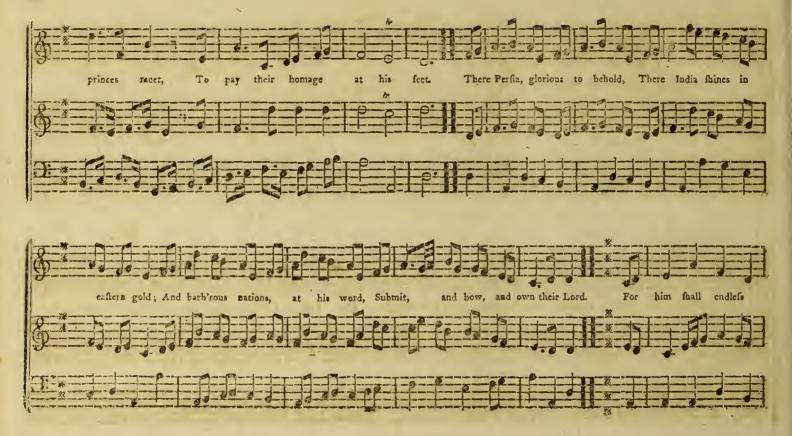


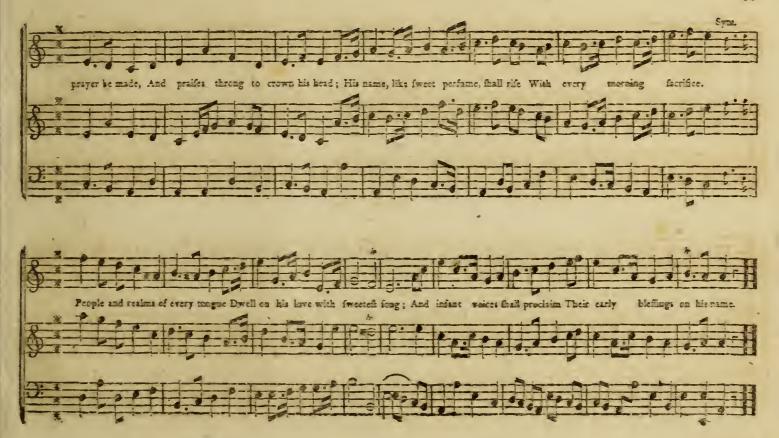




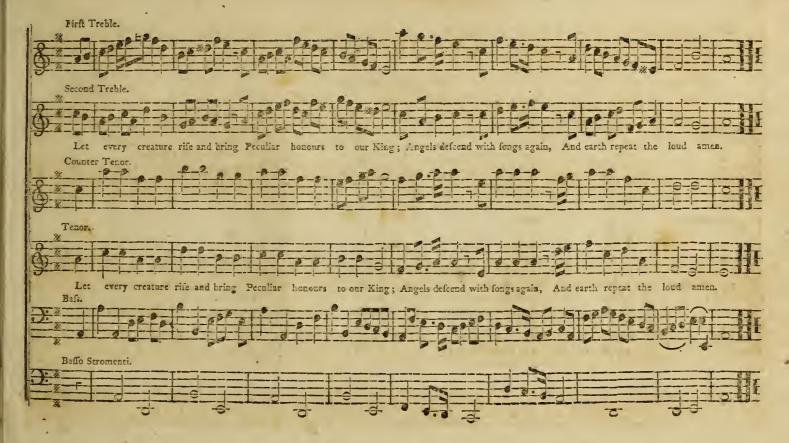






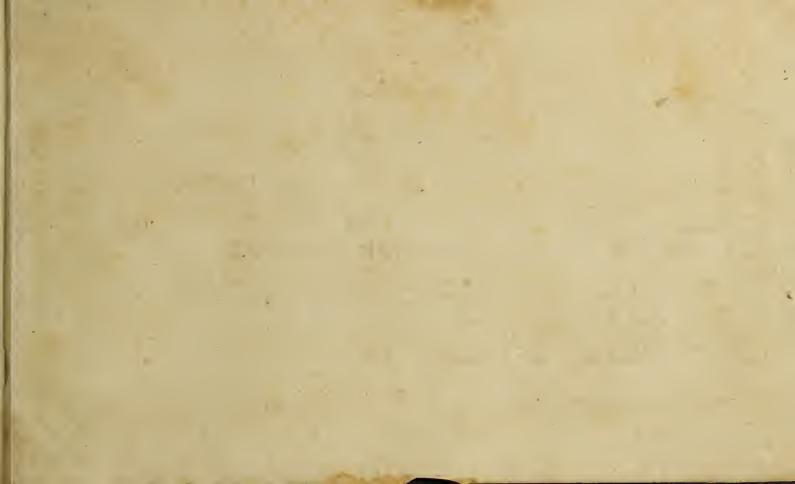






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