

W35 Carlo Francesco Pollarolo, *Gl'inganni felici* (1696), Act I, scenes 6-7,  
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Scena 6:<sup>a</sup>

Clistene e detti

Clistene: *Daughter, on your brow*      *I plant a kiss of affection and celebration.*      Agarista: *Why such joy, Father?*

Fi- glia, sù la tua fron- te ba- cio d'affet- to e d'al- le- grez- za im- pri- mo. Pa- dre e qual

4 Clistene: *Heaven makes you a bride today.*      Agarista: *Alas, what do I hear?*      Brenno: *Great joy*

gio- ia? Il cie- lo og- gi spo- sa ti fe- ce. Ai- me che a- scol- to? Fa la gran gio- ia im-

7 makes her face turn pale. Clistene: *If within the confines of the royal palace*      I kept you, until now, because out of jealousy,

pal- li- di- re il vol- to. Se tra l'an- gu- stie del re- a- le al- ber- go ti cu- sto- dij si- n'or ge- lo- sa, or-

10 now I leave you at liberty. Agarista: *Although it makes my prison even more confining,*      I would live with you in peace.

mai ti la- scio in li- ber- tà. Ren- di più an- gu- sta la mia pri- gion pur ch'i- o te- co men' vi- va in pa- ce.

14 I prefer my father to a husband. Brenno: *Mad silliness!* Agarista: *Father, it grieves me too much to leave you.*

Più che lo spo- so il ge- ni- tor mi pia- ce. Fol- le sem- pli- ci- tà! Trop- po m'è gra- ve pa- dre il la- sciar- ti. Io

18 First, I... Clistene: *Ah, do not trouble me with your vain sorrow.*      Agarista: *If Armidoro is not mine,*      I want no other.

pri- ma... Ah non tur- ba- mi col tuo va- no cor- do- glio. Se mi- o non è Ar- mi- do- ro al- tri non

21 Brenno: *Do not worry. The ladies carry on that way: first they say no, then they say yes.* Clistene: *Know that your*  
*vo- glio. Non t'at- tri- star: le don- ne u- san co- sì: pri- ma di- con' di no, poi fan di sì. Sap- pi che tuo con-*

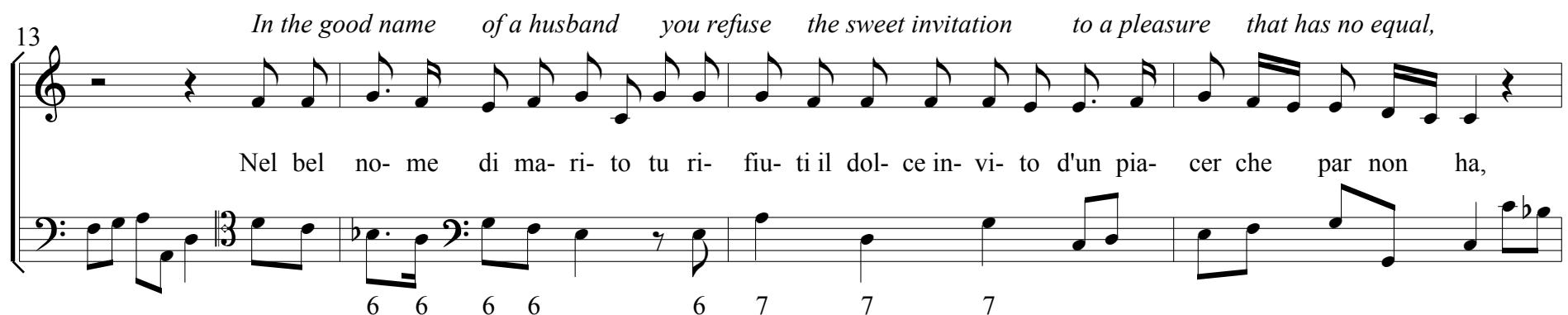
25 *husband is Demetrio, high prince of Athens, of strong limb and singular beauty.* Brenno: *She is mad if she*  
*sor- te sia De- me- trio di A- te- ne ec- cel- so Pren- ce di for- te le- na, e sin- go- lar bel- lez- za. Fol- le e ben se lo*

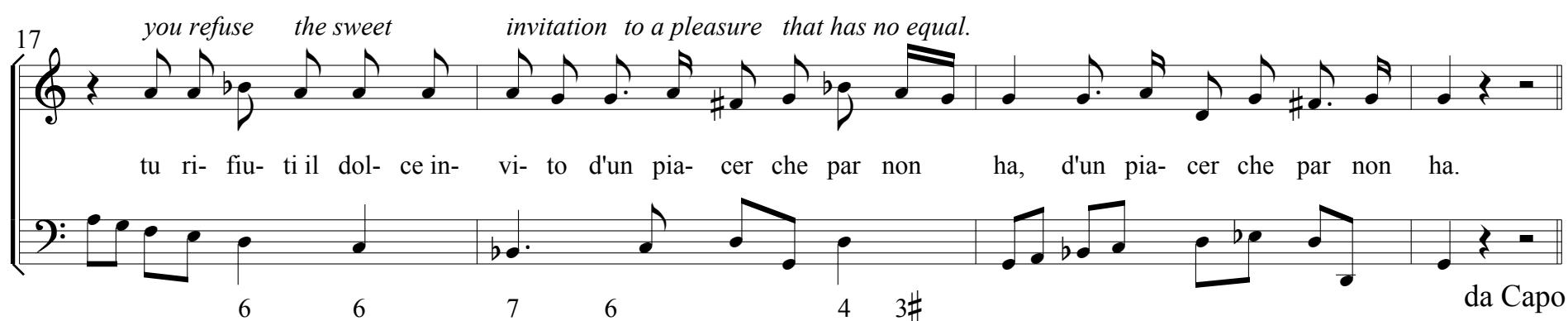
29 *rejects him. Agarista: No matter who he is, hate him, I reject him. If you... Clistene: Think, Agarista,* *that the passage is sweeter*  
*sprez- za. Sia qual e- gli si vuol, l'o- dio, e'l ri- fiu- to. Se te... Pen- sa A- ga- ri- sta che il pas- sag- gio è più*

32 *and more loving from the embraces of the father to those of the spouse.*  
*dol- ce, ed a- mo- ro- so da- gl'am- ples- si di pa- dre a quel di spo- so.*

3 *To the offer of a husband your heart will finally yield,*  
*A l'of- fer- ta d'u- no spo- so il tuo co- re al fin ca- drà,*

8 *your heart, your heart will finally yield.* [Fine. Goes to the ritornello after the second time.]  
*il tuo co- re, il tuo co- re al fin ca- drà, al fin ca- drà.*

13      *In the good name of a husband you refuse the sweet invitation to a pleasure that has no equal,*  


17      *you refuse the sweet invitation to a pleasure that has no equal.*  


21      Ritor:  


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Scena 7:a

Agarista, Alceste e Brenno

Agarista: *Have mercy,, Alceste, if ever you are wounded in the breast by the arrows of a glance.* Alceste: *But from what eye issued the ray*

*Pie- tà Al- ce- ste, se mai pia- gar- ti il pet- to d'u- na pu- pil- la i dar- di. Ma da qual ci- glio e u-sci- to lo*

*that wounded you? Who is your lover?* Agarista: *He is too lowborn.* Alceste: *He could be less than your servant.*

*stral che ti fe- ri? Scuo- pri l'og- get- to. È trop- po vi- le. E puo- te es- ser men che tuo ser- vo.*

*Ser- vo ma che co- man- da a l'al- ma mi- a. Chi sa ch'el- la non m'a- mi? A- ma cer- to Si- fal- ce:*

*Oh, jealousy!* *What are you ashamed of?* *If you look to heaven you will see Jove himself*

*oh ge- lo- si- a! Di che ar- ros- si- sci er- gi nel cie- lo lu- mi ve- drai lo stes- so Gio- ve*

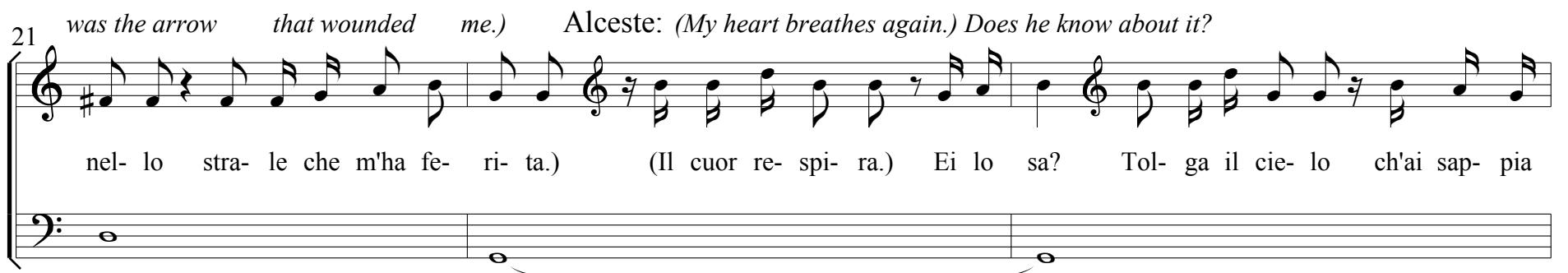
*long for lowborn objects.* Agarista: *If I reveal the beauty whom I adore, will you swear to silence?* Alceste: *And to*

*ar- der per bas- si og- get- ti. Se scuo- prò il bel che a- do- ro fe mi giu- ri? Ed a-*

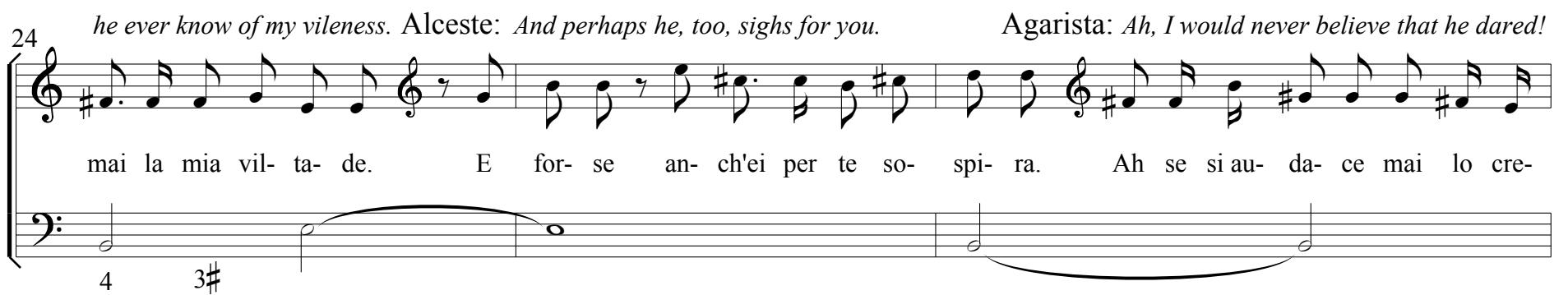
*i- ta. A- mo Ar- mi- do- ro. (Non ho col- pi- to al se- gno.) (Ar- mi- do- ro il Pit- tor?) (Fu il suo pen-*

Agarista: Heaven forbid that

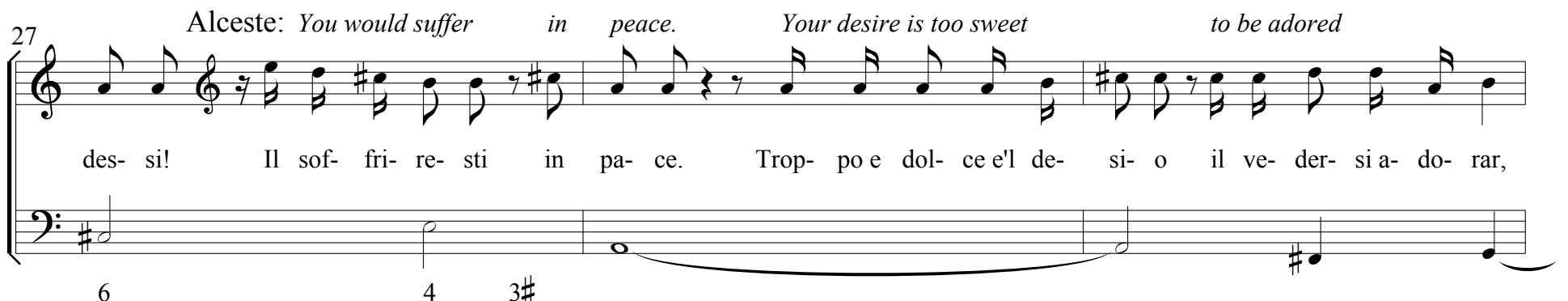
21 was the arrow that wounded me.) Alceste: (My heart breathes again.) Does he know about it?  
nel- lo stra- le che m'ha fe- ri- ta.) (Il cuor re- spi- ra.) Ei lo sa? Tol- ga il cie- lo ch'ai sap- pia



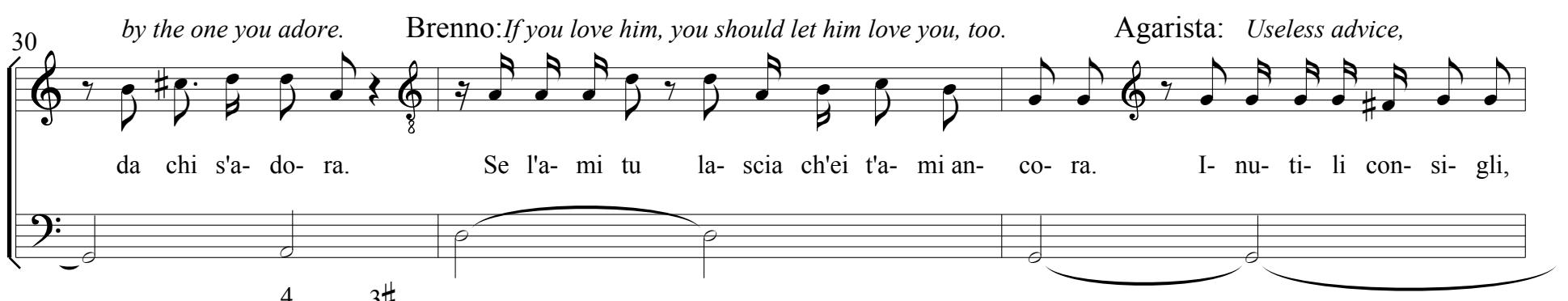
24 he ever know of my vileness. Alceste: And perhaps he, too, sighs for you. Agarista: Ah, I would never believe that he dared!  
mai la mia vil- ta- de. E for- se an- chiei per te so- spi- ra. Ah se si au- da- ce mai lo cre-



27 Alceste: You would suffer in peace. Your desire is too sweet to be adored  
des- si! Il sof- fri- re- sti in pa- ce. Trop- po e dol- ce e'l de- si- o il ve- der- si a- do- rar,



30 by the one you adore. Brenno: If you love him, you should let him love you, too. Agarista: Useless advice,  
da chi s'a- do- ra. Se l'a- mi tu la- scia chiei t'a- mi an- co- ra. I- nu- ti- li con- si- gli,



33 now that my father is forcing me into an imminent marriage. Alceste: Hide for a while.  
or che mi sfor- za a- gl'I- me- nei vi- ci- ni il ge- ni- to- re. Na- scon- da un so- lo i-



36 Do not wait for mishaps. Agarista: Love help me! Be silent, Brenno, about what you hear. Brenno: Certainly.  
stan- te non at- te- si ac- ci- den- ti. A- mor m'a- i- ti Ta- cie tu Bren- no quan- to u- di- sti. Co- si.



39      *On my faith, your love is secure.*      Agarista: *If Armidoro is not mine,*      *I care not for another.*

Su la mia fe- de l'a- mor tuo si- cu- ro.      Se mio non è Ar- mi- do- ro al- tro non cu- ro.

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Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Agarista

Basso continuo

*I do not see why, why, why,*  
Non ve- do per- ché, per- ché, per- ché,  
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*I do not see why you hope, my heart, I*  
non ve- do per- ché tu spe- ri cor mi- o, non

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*do not see why you hope, my heart.*

*vedo per-ché tu spe- ri cor mi- o, tu spe- ri cor mi- o.*

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*If, loving and hoping, hope is vile*

*Se a man- do e spe- ran- do e vil la spe-*

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*and desire is a fault, za e col- pa il de- si- o, e*

*ran-*

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*and desire is a fault.*

col-  
pa, e col- pa il de- si- o.  
da capo

Scena 8:a  
Alceste, e Brenno

Alceste: *If you now not hope, what should I do?*      Brenno: *What are you doing? What do you think, Alceste?*

Se spe- rar tu non vuoi      che far deg- g'i- o?  
Che fai?      Che pen- si,      Al- ce- ste?

4 Alceste: *How much deeper are my wounds than yours.*      Brenno: *Oppressed by sorrow, he does not*

Quan- te son le mie pia- ghe      de le tue più pro- fon- de.  
Op- pres- so dal do- lor      non mi ri-

7 respond. Alceste: *Your torments are near to their relief.*      Mine despair of it.      Brenno: *I want to console you.*

spon- de.      Han vi- ci- no il sol- lie- vo      i tuoi tor- men- ti;      lo di- spe- ra- no i mie- i      Con- so- lar- ti vo-

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10 Alceste: *Here you are!* Brenno: *But consider* if you are pained because Agarista has turned her  
 gl'i-o. Qui sei! Pur sen- ti se ti duol che A- ga- ri- sta ad al- tro og-

13 thoughts to another, that fate is not for you. That place is taken.  
 get- to hab- bia il pen- sier ri- vol- to non è per te la sor- te; il po- sto è tol- to.

Ritor:

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Basso continuo

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Aria

Alceste: *Sometimes I tell cruel fate,* sometimes I tell cruel fate

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Ta- l'or di- co al cru- do fa- to, ta- l'or di- co al cru- do

*therefore I will always feel sorrow, feel sorrow.*

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fa- to dun- que o- gn'or mi do- le- rò, mi do- le- rò. Ta- l'or di- co al cru- do fa-

*In that case*

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to dun- que o- gn'or mi do- le- rò, dun- que o-

gn'or mi do- le- rò. Al- l'or

*I hear the winged god* respond, "Only I know it."

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sen- to il nu- me a- la- to che ri- spon- de io so- lo il so, ri- spon- de, ri-

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*respond, "Only I know it."*

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spon- de io so- lo il so, io so- lo il so, ri- spon- de, ri- spon- de io so- lo il so.

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