

W36 Marc-Antoine Charpentier, *Médée* (1693), Act III, scenes 3-7,
from the printed score of 1694

SCÈNE TROISIÈME
Médée, seule *Medea, alone*

Médée

[Dessus de] violon sourdine

[Hautes-contre de violon]

[Tailles de violon]

[Quintes de violon]

[Basses de violon]

Basse-continue

What a price for my love, what a yield for my investments!

6

Quel prix de mon a- mour? Quel fruit de mes for-

1 9 15 9 7 4 #3

He fears the tears he obliges me to shed,

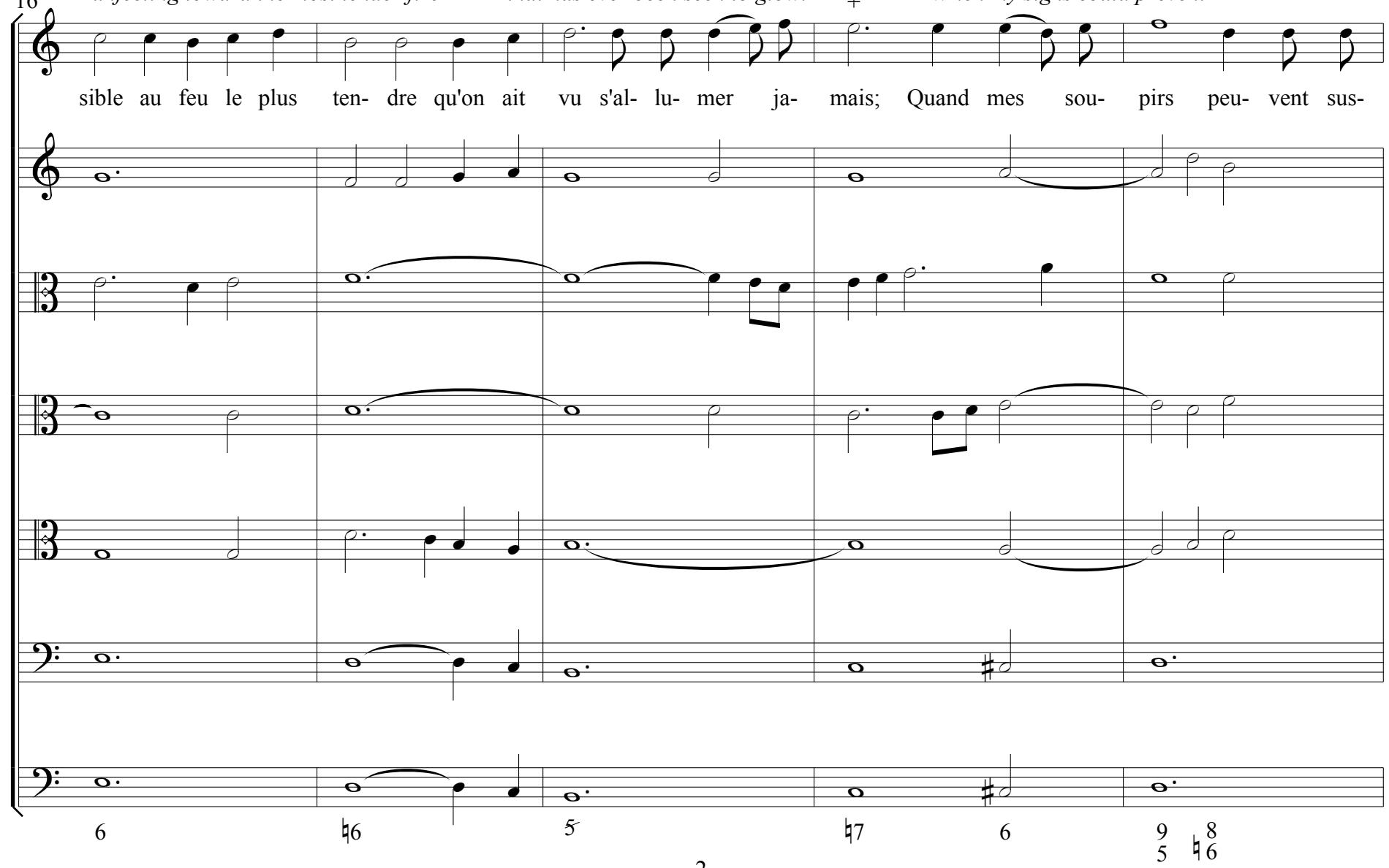
11

faits?
Il craint des pleurs qu'il m'o- blige à re- pan- dre, in- sen-

The musical score consists of five staves. The top staff is soprano, followed by alto, tenor, bass, and basso continuo. The vocal parts sing in French, while the continuo part provides harmonic support. Measure 11 concludes with a cadence on the dominant seventh chord.

unfeeling toward the most tender fire that has ever been seen to glow. + When my sighs could prevent

16



sible au feu le plus ten- dre qu'on ait vu s'al- lu- mer ja- mais; Quand mes sou- pirs peu- vent sus-

The vocal line continues with melodic phrases, some of which are sustained over several measures. The continuo part provides harmonic support throughout the section. Measure 16 concludes with a cadence on the dominant seventh chord.

21 *the injustice of his plans,*
he flees in order not to hear them.

pendre l'in-jus-ti-ce de ses pro-jets. Il fuit pour ne pas les en-ten-

5 .[#] 6 6 [#] 9 6 4 5 [#] 3

26
 dre. Quel prix de mon a-mour? Quel fruit de mes for-

9 b 3 9 7 4 [#] 3

31

faits?

I forced a hundred monsters to surrender before him.

36

J'ai forcé devant lui cent monstres à se rendre,
[ôter la sourdine]

doux
[ôter la sourdine]

[doux]
[ôter la sourdine]

[doux]
[ôter la sourdine]

[doux]
[ôter la sourdine]

[doux]

6 9 8 7 9 8 5 4 3

In my heart where tranquil peace reigned,

41

dans mon coeur où règne tranquille paix.

always ready to undertake everything,

I have succeeded in eliminating everything natural.

46

Toujours prompte à tout entreprendre. J'ai scellé de la nature effaçant.

The arousal of my blood tried to surprise me;

51

cer tous les traits. Les mou- ve- ments du sang ont vou- lu me sur-

I made it a point of honor to defend myself

56

pren- dre, j'ay fait gloi- re, j'ai fait gloi- re de m'en de- fende- dre.

+

6

and to forget the vows he made a hundred times to me.

61

Et l'ou- bly des ser- ments que cent fois il m'a fait.

[#]

66 Un peu plus vite *The new betrothal that love forced him to make,* distance, and exile are the sad results

L'en- ga- ge- ment nou- veau que l'a- mour luy fait pren- dre [l'é- loi- gne- ment,] l'e-

7 \natural \sharp $\frac{6}{4}$ $\sharp 6$

Lentement *of the eternal fidelity that I was to expect from him.*

71

xil, sont les tristes effets de l'hom- mage é- ter- nel que j'en de- vois at-

5 6 7 6 7 6

What a price for my love, what a yield for my investments!

76

ten- dre; Quel prix de mon a- mour? Quel

7 6

81

fruit de mes for-
faits! Quel prix, quel prix de mon a- mour?

5 6 7 [♯]

86

Quel fruit de mes for-
faits?

b [♯5] 9 5 · [♯]3 9 # 6 ♫

91

9 8 9 5 6 5 [♯]3 5

SCÈNE QUATRIÈME
Médée, Nérine

Nérine C1

Médée

Basse-continue F4

Do you believe my sorrow? Alas! Jason, himself

Cro- ras- tu mon mal- heur? He- las! Ja- son luy

7 6

3

unfaithful Jason presses me to depart.

Ah! beware of consenting to it.

mes- me, l'in- fi- dé- le Ja- son me pres- se de par- tir.

6 #4 10

5 *Arcas knows his secret. He loves me,* and he has just warned me of his perfidy.

11 *His marriage to the princess has been decreed by the King, himself,* and your banishment is only a means

to insure his life against you.

15 *Médée* Gods, witnesses of the vow the ingrate swore to me! Will you tolerate this marriage?

PRÉLUDE

21

Médée né- e

[Dessus de violon] fort

[Hautes-contre de violon] fort

[Tailles de violon] fort

[Quintes de violon] fort

[Basses de violon] fort

Basse-continue

6 5 6

3

6 12

5

It is done, I am forced to do it, I must break the knots

8

C'en est fait, on m'y for- ce, il faut bri- ser, il faut bri-

that attach me to this perfidious man,

11

ser, les noeuds qui m'at- ta- chent à ce per- fi- de.

for my despair has nothing to intimidate him,

14

Puis- que mon dé- ses- poir n'a rien qui l'in- ti-

6 14

Let us see what sweet success will result from his new fires.

17

mi- de, vo- yons quel doux suc- cez sui- vra ses nou- veaux feux. Vo- yons, vo- yons quel doux suc-

+4

9

7 5

20

cez sui- vra ses nou- veaux feux.

7

+

4 [b]3

15

Toward him who seeks my death I can be barbarous,

vengeance alone must occupy all my cares.

23

A qui cher- che ma mort je puis es- tre bar- ba- re, la ven- gean- ce doit

26

seul oc- cu- per tous mes soins.

Let the evils prepared for me fall upon him,

29

Fai- sons tom- ber sur luy les maux qu'on me pré- pa- re, et que le

and let crime separate us, as crime has joined us.

32

cri- me nous sé- pa- re. Et que le cri- me nous sé- pa- re com- me le

35

cri- me nous a joints.

5 4 3 5 6 6

38

6 5 6 6

41

Before bursting, recall to his mind

43

Nérine Av- ant que d'é- cla- ter, rap- pe- lez dans son

Médée

Basse-continue

5 6 +4

19

the memory of his first flame.

45

âme le sou- ve- nir de sa pre- miè- re flâm-- me.

Despite his black treason,

Mal- gré sa noi- re tra- hi-

6 5 7 6 6 7 6

47

I feel that my tenderness is always stronger;

but Corinth, the King, the Princess, Jason,

son, je sens que ma ten- dresse est tou- jours la plus for- te mais Co- rin- the, le Roy, la Prin-

7 6 5

8

all must tremble if I am sent away.

ces- se, Ja- son, tout doit trem- bler si je m'em- por - te.

5 6 4 6 5 6

10

*Let us deliberate no longer. You who obey me,
N'en déli- bé- rons plus; Vous qui m'o- bé- is-*

12

*spirits, hasten to my pleasure, fly, bring me the fatal robe
sez, Es- prits à me plaire em- pres- sés, vo- lez, vol- lez, ap- por- tez*

15

*that I destined for my rival.
moi cet- te ro- be fa- ta- le que je des- tine à ma ri- va- le.*

(Il paroît icy des Esprits en l'air qui disparaissent aussitôt.)

18 (Here spirits appear in the air and then disappear instantly)

*Of the poisons I want to pour there
Des poi- sons que j'y veux ver-*

21

*I will suspend the violence,
and I will make them serve my vengeance*

ser, je sus- pen drai la vi- o- len- ce et je ne les fe- rai ser- vir â ma ven-

6
4

23

You can defend yourself from pity.

only when I am forced to do it. De la pi- tié vous pour- rez vous dé-
gean- ce que quand je m'y ver- rai for- cer.

25

In punishing Jason, fear punishing yourself.

fen- dre, en pu- nis- sant Ja- son crai- gnez de vous pu- nir.
Withdraw, your eyes will not be able to bear
Re- ti- re toi, tes

28

the horror that I shall wreak here.

yeux, ne pour- roient sou- te- nir l'hor- reur qu'i- cy je vais ré- pan- dre.

SCÈNE CINQUIÈME
Médée seule *Médée, alone*

PRÉLUDE

Bassons

Médée

[Dessus de violon]

[Hautes-contre de violon]

[Tailles de violon]

[Quintes de violon]

[Basses de violon]

Basse-continue

+

10

+

7 4 3 2 3 6 4 5 4 3 7 4 5 3 6 4

+

7 6 2 3 6 4 5 4 3 7 4 5 3 6 4

18

.[\natural 5] $\begin{smallmatrix} 5 \\ \#3 \end{smallmatrix}$ $\begin{smallmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \#3 \end{smallmatrix}$

24

Black daughters of the Styx, terrible divinities,
Noi res fil les du Styx, Di vi ni tez ter ri bles, quite

sourdine
sourdine
sourdine
sourdine

$\begin{smallmatrix} 9 \\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}$ $\begin{smallmatrix} 7 \\ \#3 \end{smallmatrix}$ $\begin{smallmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}$ $\begin{smallmatrix} 5 \\ \#3 \end{smallmatrix}$ $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 13 \end{smallmatrix}$ \flat $\begin{smallmatrix} 9 \\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}$ $\begin{smallmatrix} 7 \\ \#3 \end{smallmatrix}$ $\begin{smallmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}$ $\begin{smallmatrix} 9 \\ 7 \end{smallmatrix}$ $\begin{smallmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix}$

24

34

leave your frightful prisons.

tez, quit- tez vos af- freu- ses pri- sons.

fort

fort

fort

fort

fort

fort

fort

6 9 7 6

fort

40

5 6

9

7

25 8

+4 2 6

SCÈNE SIXIÈME
La Vengeance, la Jalouse, les Démons chantans et Médée

Bassons

Médée

[Dessus de violon]

[Hautes-contre de violon]

[Tailles de violon]

[Quintes de violon]

[Basses de violon]

Basse-continue

Come to mix with my poisons

Ve- nez mê ler à mes poi-

sourdine

sourdine

sourdine

sourdine

Il paraît tout à coup une troupe de démons.
Suddenly a troop of demons appears.

the devouring heat of your invisible fires.

sons la dé- vo- rante ar- deur de vos feux in- vi-

5 6 # 6 7 5 [#]3

26

6

La Jalousie

La Vengeance

Basse-continue

6

command, and it will follow your decrees.

10

mande, com- mande il va sui- vre tes loix. Com- mande il va sui- vre tes
mande, com- mande il va sui- vre tes loix. Com- mande, com- mande il va sui- vre tes

6 6 7 4 [♯]3

CHOEUR

Médée

17

loix.

loix.

The inferno obeys your voice:

L'En- fer o- bé- it à ta voix. Com-

L'En- fer o- bé- it à ta voix. Com-

L'En- fer o- bé- it à ta voix. Com-

+ Com-

6

21

A musical score for orchestra and choir, page 29, measure 21. The score consists of six staves. The top staff is soprano, followed by three alto staves, then bass and double bass staves at the bottom. The vocal parts sing in French: "mande, com mande il va sui vre tes loix. Com mande il va". The instrumental parts play eighth-note patterns. The key signature changes from B-flat major to A major (no sharps or flats) at the beginning of the measure. Measure numbers 6, 7, and 8 are indicated below the bass staff.

27

Let us punish the extreme perfidy of an ingrate. Let him suffer, if he can, a hundred torments at once,

Musical score for orchestra and choir, page 27. The score consists of eight staves. The first three staves are soprano voices, the next three are alto voices, and the last two are bass voices. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The vocal parts sing in French, with lyrics such as "Pu-nis-sons d'un in-grat la per-fi-die ex-trê-me. Qu'il souf-fre, s'il se sui-vre tes loix." The score includes dynamic markings like \circ , $\circ\circ$, and \flat , and rests. Measure numbers 27 through 30 are present at the bottom of the page.

in seeing the suffering of her whom he loves.

33

peut, cent tour- ments à la fois en vo- yant souf- frir ce qu'il ai- me. *The inferno obeys your voice:*

L'En- fer o- bé-

L'En- fer o- bé-

L'En- fer o- bé-

6 6 +6 6

39

A musical score for orchestra and choir, page 39. The score consists of six staves. The top staff is soprano, followed by three alto staves, then bass and double bass staves. The vocal parts are labeled: 'it à ta' (repeated), 'voix.', 'Com-', 'man-de,', 'com-', 'mande il va', and 'sui-vre tes'. The vocal parts are in common time, while the instrumental parts are in 3/4 time. The instrumentation includes strings, woodwind, and brass. The vocal parts sing in unison. The score is in French, with lyrics in English at the top: 'command, it will follow your decrees.'

5
4

3

44

loix. Com- man- de, com- mande il va sui- vre tes

loix. Com- man- de, com- mande il va sui- vre tes

loix. Com- man- de, com- mande il va sui- vre tes

5 6 5 4

SCÈNE SEPTIÈME

Médée et les mesmes acteurs de la scène précédente *Médée and the same actors as in the preceding scene.*

Médeé

[Dessus de violon]

[Hautes-contre de violon]

[Tailles de violon]

[Quintes de violon]

[Basses de violon]

Basse-continue

Les Démons Aériens apportent la robe. *The demons of the air bring the robe.*

6

3

I see the fatal gift the my rival requires.

Musical score for measures 6-8. The vocal line starts with a melodic line in common time, followed by a bassoon line in common time, then a cello line in common time, and finally a basso continuo line in common time. The lyrics are: "Je vois le don fa-tal qu'e-xi-ge ma ri-vale. Pour le ren-dre fu-". Measure 7 begins with a bassoon line in common time, followed by a cello line in common time, and a basso continuo line in common time. Measure 8 begins with a bassoon line in common time, followed by a cello line in common time, and a basso continuo line in common time.

It is time to render it deadly. Let us choose from among the most deadly juices of the infernal shore.

Musical score for measures 9-13. The vocal line starts with a melodic line in common time, followed by a bassoon line in common time, then a cello line in common time, and finally a basso continuo line in common time. The lyrics are: "neste il est temps, fai-sons choix des sucs des plus mor-tels de la rive in-fer-". Measure 10 begins with a bassoon line in common time, followed by a cello line in common time, and a basso continuo line in common time. Measures 11-12 continue with similar patterns. Measure 13 concludes with a bassoon line in common time, followed by a cello line in common time, and a basso continuo line in common time.

Musical score for measures 14-16. The vocal line starts with a melodic line in common time, followed by a bassoon line in common time, then a cello line in common time, and finally a basso continuo line in common time. The lyrics are: "na-le. The inferno obeys your call: L'En- fer o- bé- it à ta voix. Com-". The bassoon line continues in common time, followed by a cello line in common time, and a basso continuo line in common time. The lyrics are: "L'En- fer o- bé- it à ta voix. Com-".

La Jalousie

La Vengeance

Basse-continue

command, it will follow your decrees.

18

man- de, com- mande il va sui- vre tes loix. Com- mande il va sui- vre tes

man- de, com- mande il va sui- vre tes loix. Com- man- de, com- mande il va sui- vre tes

CHOEUR

25

loix.

loix. *The inferno obeys your call:*

[Hautes-contre]

L'En- fer o- bé- it à ta voix. Com-

[Tailles]

L'En- fer o- bé- it à ta voix. Com-

[Basses]

L'En- fer o- bé- it à ta voix. Com-

[Dessus de] violon

[Hautes-contre de violon]

[Tailles de violon]

[Quintes de violon]

[Basses de violon]

Basse-continue

6

command, it will follow your decrees.

29

mande, com- mande il va sui-vre tes loix. Com- mande il va sui-vre tes loix.
mande, com- mande il va sui-vre tes loix. Com- mande, com- mande il va sui-vre tes loix.
mande, com- mande il va sui-vre tes loix. Com- mande il va sui-vre tes loix.
Com- mande il va sui-vre tes loix.
Com- mande il va sui-vre tes loix.
Com- mande il va sui-vre tes loix.
6 7 # # 6 [5] [f#]