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ST. PAUL;

AN ORATORIO.

ARGUMENT.

PART I.—The persecuted Christian Church in Jerusalem prays to the Lord for power to resist the fury of the Heathens.—Stephen is accused of blasphemy by the incensed people, and is brought before the Council.—Being questioned by the High Priest, he reproves his Judges for the obstinacy with which they and their fathers have rejected the true faith, and resisted the Holy Ghost.—They refuse to hear him, and insist upon putting him to death.—Heeding not the reproof that Jerusalem had ever killed the Prophets which had been sent to her, they shout, “Stone him to death;” and Stephen suffers martyrdom, praying for mercy upon his persecutors.—Devout men carry him to his burial, with much lamentation, and utter words of peace and hope over his grave.—Saul, who is present at the martyrdom, resolves to continue his persecution of the Christian Church, and for this purpose journeys toward Damascus.—A sudden light shines around him, and he is struck with blindness.—A voice from Heaven calls upon him to proclaim the glory of the Lord to the benighted people, and his companions lead him by the hand into Damascus.—There he prays, in bitter repentance, until the Lord sends to him Ananias, who restores his sight, and confers upon him his divine commission as a Christian preacher.—He is baptized, and preaches in the Synagogues; and the congregation praises the wisdom and knowledge of God.

PART II.—Saul, who on his conversion takes the name of Paul, preaches before the congregation.—Paul and Barnabas are selected by the Holy Ghost, and sent as ambassadors to spread a knowledge of Christianity abroad.—The multitude acknowledges them as messengers who preach the gospel of peace.—The Jews, not believing in the Saviour, are envious, and consult how to kill Paul.—But Paul and Barnabas, telling them that they have rejected the truth, although they were chosen first to have the word of the Lord set before them, turn from them to preach unto the Gentiles.—Paul miraculously cures a cripple at Lystra; and the Gentiles, believing that the gods have come down from heaven as mortals, call them Jupiter and Mercurius, and desire to offer sacrifices to them.—But the Apostles refuse such vain homage; and Paul endeavours to divert the minds of the people from the worship of false idols to that of the one living God.—This excites the anger of the multitude; and both Jews and Gentiles accuse him of having spoken against Jehovah’s temple and the holy law, and raise a cry of “Stone him.”—But the Lord, whose help is ever nigh unto the faithful, saves him from persecution.—Paul convokes the elders of Ephesus, telling them that he is bound in the spirit to go forth to Jerusalem, and that they will see his face no more.—They weep and pray; but Paul expresses his readiness to die for the Lord, and takes his leave, the elders accompanying him unto the ship.—It is their comfort now to be God’s own children.—To him who has fought a good fight, and kept well the faith, a crown of righteousness shall be given—and not only unto him, the believers sing, but to all them that love His appearing.—So they bless the Lord, and praise His holy name for ever.

The Author of this English Version has endeavored to render it as nearly in accordance with the Scriptural Texts as the Music to which it is adapted will admit: the references are therefore to be considered rather as authorities, than quotations.

PART I.

No. 1.—OVERTURE.

No. 2.—CHORUS OF CHRISTIANS.

LORD, Thou alone art God: and Thine are the heavens, the earth, and mighty waters.

The Heathen furiously rage, Lord, against Thee, and against Thy Christ. Now behold, lest our foes prevail, Lord, grant to Thy servants all strength and joyfulness, that they may preach Thy word.

Acts, iv., 24, 26, 29.

No. 3.—CHORALE.

To God on high be thanks and praise,
Who deigns our bonds to sever;
His cares our drooping souls upraise,
And harm shall reach us never.
On Him we rest, with faith assured,
Of all that live the mighty Lord,
For ever and for ever.

No. 4.—RECITATIVE.—(SOPRANO.)

And the many that believed were of one heart, and of one soul: and Stephen, full of faith and full of power, did great wonders among the people; and they of the Synagogue were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit with which he spake.

Acts, iv., 32; vi., 8, 10.

Then they suborned men who were false witnesses, which said:—

Acts, vi., 11.

THE FALSE WITNESSES.—(BASSES.)

“We verily have heard him blaspheme against these holy places, and against the law: ourselves have heard him speak.”

Acts, vi., 13.

RECITATIVE.—(SOPRANO.)

And they stirred up the people and the elders; and came upon him, and caught hold of him, and brought him to the Council, and spake:—

Acts, vi., 12.

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No. 5.—CHORUS OF THE PEOPLE.

“Now this man ceaseth not to to utter blasphemous words against the law of Moses, and also God.”

“Did we not enjoin and straitly command you, that ye should not teach in the name ye follow? and, lo, ye have filled Jerusalem with those unlawful doctrines.”

“He hath said, and our ears have heard him, Jesus of Nazareth, He shall destroy all these our holy places, and change all the laws and customs which Moses delivered us.”

Acts, vi., 11; v., 28; vi., 14.

No. 6.—RECITATIVE.—(SOPRANO.)

And all that sat in the Council looked steadfastly on him, and saw his face as it had been the face of an Angel.

Then said the High Priest:—“Are these things so?” And Stephen said:—

Acts, vi., 15; vii., 1.

RECITATIVE.—STEPHEN.—(TENOR.)

“Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken to me. The God of Glory appeared unto our fathers, delivered the people out of their afflictions, and gave them favour; but they understood it not. He sent Moses into Egypt, for he saw their afflictions and heard their groaning; but they refused him, and would not obey his word, but thrust him from them, and sacrificed to senseless idols.

“Solomon built him an house; albeit the Most High God dwelleth not in temples which are made with hands; for heaven is His throne, and earth is but His footstool. Hath not His hand made all these things?”

“Ye hard of heart, ye always do resist the Holy Ghost: as did your fathers, even so do ye. Which of the Prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slain them which showed before the coming of Him, the Just one, with whose murder ye have been stained. Ye have received the law by the disposition of angels, and ye have not obeyed it.”

Acts, vii.

CHORUS OF THE HEBREWS.

“Take him away. For now the holy name of God he hath blasphemed; and who blasphemeth Him, he shall perish.”

Acts, xxi., 36; Lev., xxiv., 16.

RECITATIVE.—STEPHEN.—(TENOR.)

“Lo, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of God.”

Acts, vii., 56.

No. 7.—ARIA.—(SOPRANO.)

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the Prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered unto Me thy children, and ye would not.”

Matt., xxiii., 37.

No. 8.—RECITATIVE.—(TENOR.)

Then they ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the City, and stoned him, and cried aloud:—

Acts, vii., 57, 58.

CHORUS OF THE HEBREWS.

“Stone him to death. He blasphemeth God; and who does so shall surely perish. Stone him to death.”

Lev., xxiv., 16.

No. 9.—RECITATIVE.—(TENOR.)

And they stoned him: and he kneeled down, and cried aloud:—“Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts, vii., 59, 60.

CHORALE.

To Thee, O Lord, I yield my spirit,
Who break'st in love this mortal chain;
My life I but from Thee inherit,
And death becomes my chiefest gain.
In Thee I live, in Thee I die,
Content, for Thou art ever nigh.

No. 10.—RECITATIVE.—(SOPRANO.)

And the witnesses had laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man whose name was Saul, who was consenting unto his death.

Acts, vii., 58; viii., 1.

And devout men took Stephen and carried him to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

Acts, viii., 2.

No. 11.—CHORUS.

Happy and blest are they who have endured: for though the body dies, the soul shall live forever.

James, i., 12.

No. 12.—RECITATIVE.—(TENOR.)

Now Saul made havoc of the Church; and against out threatenings and slaughter breasting the disciples, he spake of them much evil, and said:—

Acts, viii., 3; ix., 1.

AIR.—SAUL.—(BASS.)

“Consume them all, Lord Sabaoth. Consume all these Thine enemies. Behold, they will not know Thee, that Thou, our great Jehovah, art the Lord alone, the highest over all the world. Pour out Thine indignation, and let them feel Thy power.”

Psaln, lix., 13; lxxxiii., 18; lxix., 24.

No. 13.—RECITATIVE.—(CONTRALTO.)

And he journeyed with companions toward Damascus, and had authority and command from the High Priest, that he might bring them bound, men and women, unto Jerusalem.

Acts, ix., 2.

ARIOSO.

But the Lord is mindful of His own: He remembers His children. Bow down before Him, ye mighty, for the Lord is near us.

Psaln, cxv., 12; 2 Tim., ii., 19; Phil. i. pp., iv., 5.

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No. 14.—RECITATIVE.—(TENOR AND BASS)—AND CHORUS.

And as he journeyed he came near unto Damascus; when suddenly there shone around him a light from heaven; and he fell to the earth; and he heard a voice saying unto him:—

“Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?”

And he said:—“Lord, who art Thou?”

And the Lord said to him:—“I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.”

And he said, trembling and astonished:—

“Lord, what wilt Thou have me do?”

The Lord said to him:—“Arise, and go into the city; and there thou shalt be told what thou must do.”

Acts, ix., 3, 4, 5, 6.

No. 15.—CHORUS.

Rise up, arise, and shine, for thy light comes; and the glory of the Lord riseth bright upon thee.

Behold, now, total darkness covereth the kingdoms, and gross darkness the people: but upon thee riseth, the mighty Lord; and the glory of the Lord appeareth upon thee.

Isaiah, lx., 1, 2.

No. 16.—CHORALE.

Sleepers, wake, a voice is calling;

It is the Watchman on the walls,

Thou city of Jerusalem.

For lo, the Bridegroom comes.

Arise and take your lamps. Hallelujah!

Awake: His kingdom is at hand.

Go forth to meet your Lord.

Matthew, xxv., 1.

No. 17.—RECITATIVE.—(TENOR.)

And his companions which journeyed with him, stood, and they were afraid, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man. But they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus; and he was three days without sight, and did neither eat nor drink.

Acts, ix., 7, 8, 9.

No. 18.—ARIA.—PAUL.—(BASS.)

“O God, have mercy upon me, and blot out my transgressions, according to Thy loving kindness, yea, even for Thy mercy’s sake, deny me not. O cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Spirit from me. Lord, a broken and a contrite heart is offered before Thee. I will speak of Thy salvation. I will teach transgressors, that all the sinners shall be converted unto Thee. Then open Thy mouth, O Lord; and my mouth shall shew forth Thy glorious praise.”

Psaln li., 1, 11, 17, 13, 15.

No. 19.—RECITATIVE.—(TENOR AND SOPRANO.)

And there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; to him said the Lord:—“Ananias, arise, and enquire thou for Saul of Tarsus; for behold he prayeth. He is a chosen vessel unto Me, the Lord; and I will shew unto him how great things he must suffer for My name’s sake.”

Acts, ix., 10, 11, 15, 16.

No. 20.—ARIA.—PAUL.—(BASS) AND CHORUS.

I praise Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, for evermore: for great is Thy mercy toward me; and Thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

Psaln lxxxvi., 12, 13.

CHORUS.

The Lord He is good; He shall dry your tears and heal all your sorrows; for His word shall not decay.

Rev., xxi., 4; Matthew, xxiv., 35.

No. 21.—RECITATIVE.—(TENOR.)

And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and laying his hands upon him, said:—

(TENOR.)

“Hear thou, brother Saul, the Lord hath sent me hither, (even Jesus that appeared unto thee as thou camest,) that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be likewise filled with the Holy Ghost.”

Acts, ix., 17.

(SOPRANO.)

And there fell from his eyes like as though it were scales; and he received his sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And straightway he preached Jesus in the Synagogues, and said:—“I thank God, who hath made me free through Christ.”

Acts, ix., 18, 20; Romans, vii., 25.

No. 22.—CHORUS.

O great is the depth of the riches of wisdom and knowledge of the Father! How deep and unerring is He in His judgments! His ways are past our understanding. Sing His glory for evermore: Amen.

Romans, xi., 33.

PART II.

No. 23.—CHORUS.

The nations are now the Lord’s; they are His Christ’s. For all the Gentiles come before Thee, and shall worship Thy name. Now are made manifest Thy glorious law and judgments.

Rev., xi., 15; xv., 4.

No. 24.—RECITATIVE.—(SOPRANO.)

And Paul came to the congregation, and preached freely the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Then spake the Holy Ghost:—“Set ye apart Barnabas and Paul, for the work whereunto I have called them.” And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

Acts, ix., 29; xiii., 2, 3.

No. 25.—DUETTINO.—PAUL AND BARNABAS.—(TENOR AND BASS.)

Now we are ambassadors in the name of Christ, and God beseeches you by us.

2 Cor., v., 20.

No. 26.—CHORUS.

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words; throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Romans, x., 15, 18.

No. 27.—RECITATIVE.—(SOPRANO.)

So they, being filled with the Holy Ghost, departing thence delayed not, and preached the word of God with joyfulness.

Acts, xiii., 4, 5.

ARIOSO.

I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord, my Saviour, and of Thy faithfulness evermore.

Psaln lxxxix., 1.

No. 28.—RECITATIVE.—(TENOR.)

But when the Jews saw the multitudes, how they assembled to hear what Paul delivered unto them, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting, and blaspheming.

Acts, xiii., 45.

CHORUS OF THE MULTITUDE.

Thus saith the Lord:—“I am the Lord, and beside Me there is no Saviour”

Isaiah, xliiii., 11,

RECITATIVE.—(TENOR.)

And they laid wait for Paul, and consulted together that they might kill him, and spake one to another:—

Acts, ix., 23, 24.

No. 29.—CHORUS OF THE MULTITUDE.

“Is this he, who, in Jerusalem, destroyed all calling on that name which here he preacheth? May all deceivers ever be confounded! Force him away.”

Acts, ix., 21.

CHORALE.—(QUARTET AND CHORUS.)

O Thou, the true and only Light,
Direct the souls that walk in night;
And bring them ’neath Thy shelt’ring care,
To find their best redemption there.
Illuminate those who blindly roam;
O call the wanderer kindly home:
The hearts astray that union crave,
And those in doubt, confirm and save.

No. 30.—RECITATIVE.—(TENOR.)

But Paul and Barnabas spake freely and publicly unto the people:—

Acts, xiii., 46.

RECITATIVE.—PAUL.—(BASS.)

“Ye were chosen first to have the word of the Lord set before you; but, seeing that ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of the life everlasting, behold ye, we turn, even now, unto the Gentiles.”

Acts, xiii., 46.

No. 31.—DUET.—PAUL AND BARNABAS.—(TENOR AND BASS.)

“For so hath the Lord Himself commanded:—Behold, I have made thee a light to the Gentiles, and for salvation unto all the earth.”

“For those who call on the Lord, He will hear them, and they shall be blessed.”

Acts, xiii., 47; ii., 21.

No. 32.—RECITATIVE.—(TENOR.)

And there was a man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, and who had never walked: and the same heard Paul speak; who, stedfastly beholding him, said with a loud voice:—"Stand upright upon thy feet." And he leaped up, and walked, and praised God. But when the Gentiles saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying one to another:—

Acts, xiv., 8, 9, 10, 11.

No. 33.—CHORUS OF GENTILES.

"The gods themselves, as mortals, have descended. Behold them here, and adore them."

Acts, xiv., 11.

No. 34.—RECITATIVE.—(SOPRANO.)

And they called Barnabas, *Jupiter*, and Paul, *Mercurius*. Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and would have sacrificed with the people, and adored them.

Acts, xiv., 12, 13.

No. 35.—CHORUS OF GENTILES.

O be gracious, ye immortals. Heed our sacrifice with favour.

No. 36.—RECITATIVE.—(TENOR.)

Now when the Apostles heard the same, they rent their garments, and ran in among the people, crying out and saying:—

Acts, xiv., 14.

RECITATIVE.—PAUL.—(BASS.)

"O wherefore do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with yourselves; who preach unto you, in peace and earnestness, that ye should turn away from all these vanities unto the ever-living God, who made the outstretched heavens, the earth, and the sea.

Acts, xiv., 15.

"As saith the Prophet:—"All your idols are but falsehood, and there is no breath in them. They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their trouble they shall perish."

Jer., x., 14, 15.

"God dwelleth not in temples made with hands."

Acts, xvii., 24.

ARIA.—PAUL.—(BASS.)

"For know ye not that ye are His temple, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth within you? And whoso'er God's temple defileth, God shall sure destroy him:

"For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

1 Cor., iii., 16, 17.

No. 37.—RECITATIVE.—(SOPRANO.)

Then the multitude was stirred up against them, and there was an assault of the Jews and of the Gentiles; they were full of anger, and cried out against them:—

Acts, xiv., 2, 5.

No. 38.—CHORUS OF THE JEWS AND GENTILES.

"This is Jehovah's temple. Ye children of Israel help us. This is the man who teacheth all men, against the people, against this place, and also our holy law. We have heard him speak against the law. He blasphemeth God. Stone him to death."

Acts, xxi., 28.

No. 39.—RECITATIVE.—(SOPRANO.)

And they all persecuted Paul on his way: but the Lord stood with him, and strengthened him, that by him the word might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear.

2 Timothy, iv., 17.

No. 40.—ARIA.—(TENOR.)

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give to thee a crown of life. Be not afraid; My help is nigh."

Rev., ii., 10; Jer., i., 8.

No. 41.—RECITATIVE.—(SOPRANO.)

And Paul sent, and called the elders of the Church at Ephesus, and said to them:—

Acts, xx., 17.

RECITATIVE.—PAUL.—(BASS.)

"Ye know how, at all seasons, I have been with you, serving the Lord, with all humility and with many tears, testifying the faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And now behold ye, I, bound in spirit, now go forth to Jerusalem. Bonds and affliction abide me there; and ye shall see my face no more."

Acts, xx., 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25.

RECITATIVE.—(SOPRANO.)

And they all wept sore and prayed:—

Acts, xx., 37.

No. 42.—CHORUS OF THE CONGREGATION.

"Far be it from thy path: these things shall not be unto thee."

Matthew, xvii., 22.

RECITATIVE.—PAUL.—(BASS.)

"What mean ye thus to weep, and thus to break my heart? For I am prepared, not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem, for the name of the Lord our Saviour Jesus Christ."

Acts, xxi., 13.

RECITATIVE.—(TENOR.)

And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down and prayed with them all. And they accompanied him unto the ship, and saw his face no more.

Acts, xx., 36, 38.

No. 43.—CHORUS.

See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in His goodness; that we should be called God's own children.

1 John, iii., 1.

No. 44.—RECITATIVE.—(SOPRANO.)

And though he be offered upon the sacrifice of our faith, yet he hath fought a good fight; he hath finished his course; he hath kept well the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give him at the last great day.

2 Tim., iv., 6, 7, 8.

No. 45.—CHORUS.

Not only unto Him, but to all them that love truly His appearing. The Lord careth for us and blesseth us.

2 Tim., iv., 8.

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all within me bless and praise His holy name for ever.

All ye His angels, praise ye the Lord.

Psalms, ciii., 1, 20.

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SAMSON;

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ARGUMENT.

PART I.—Samson, blind and captive to the Philistines, being relieved from his toil by a festival in honor of Dagon, their god, comes forth into open air.—The priests of Dagon sing in praise of their idol.—Samson, bemoaning his condition, is visited by his friends and his father Manoah, who join in bewailing his degradation.—Samson, acknowledging the justice of his punishment, predicts that Dagon will not be allowed to triumph over the God of Israel.—Micah and his friends express a hope that Samson's prediction may be verified. Samson, however, declares his hopes to be gone, his nature declining, and his life drawing to a close.—Upon which his friends recount to him the joy and peace that his spirit will realize in the eternal world.—Micah and the Israelites call upon God to have pity on Samson.—Dalla, his wife, then appears, and pretending penitence and submission entreats him to go home with her. He refuses to listen to her entreaties; a scene of mutual recrimination ensues, and they separate. His friends assert the ordained subjection of his wife to the husband.—Harapha, a giant of Gath, then approaches, attracted by the fame of Samson's prodigious might, and boasts how he would have overcome him had he encountered him before his captivity.—Samson dares him to a trial now, which he refuses, and is taunted by Samson with cowardice.—Micah proposes as a test of who is the supreme God, that Harapha should call upon Dagon, to try his power over Samson.—The Israelites prostrate themselves before Jehovah, and supplicate His delivering aid.—Harapha calls upon Dagon, and the worshippers of that idol appeal to him for protection and succor; after which, the Israelites and Philistines jointly, but in opposition to each other, celebrate the majesty, power, and supremacy of their respective deities.

PART II.—Harapha is sent by the Philistine lords to bid Samson attend their festival, to exhibit his strength before them, which at first he refuses to do.—His friends, perplexed for his safety, call upon God for help.—Samson, persuaded inwardly that this was from God, yields to go along with Harapha, who comes again with great threatenings to fetch him.—Samson departs, invoking the aid of that Spirit with which he had formerly been inspired.—His friends cheer him on, and declare him to be fulfilling the call, and under the guidance of Heaven. Manoah returns to tell his friends his hopes of obtaining Samson's release. The Priests of Dagon are heard to celebrate the praises of their idol for subduing their foe.—Micah and Manoah hear the shouts of joy, and the latter again manifests his paternal solicitude for Samson.—An appalling, loud, and confused noise is heard, succeeded by wailings and cries for help.—An Israelitish messenger arrives in breathless haste, and relates to the relations and friends of Samson the fearful news of his having pulled down the Philistine temple, and buried his enemies and himself in its ruins.—Micah, and the Israelites, lament his fall.—A Dead March is heard, and his body approaches on its way to the tomb; and Manoah and Micah and the Israelites, perform the funeral rites.

PART I.

OVERTURE.

RECITATIVE.—*Samson.*

This day, a solemn feast to Dagon held
Relieves me from my task of servile toil;
Unwillingly their superstition yields
This rest to breathe heav'n's air, fresh blowing,
pure, and sweet.

CHORUS.—*Priests, Etc.*

Awake the trumpet's lofty sound;
The joyful sacred festival comes round,
When Dagon king of all the earth is crown'd

AIR.—*Philistine Woman.*

Ye men of Gaza, hither bring
The merry pipe and pleasing string,
The solemn hymn, and cheerful song;
Be Dagon prais'd by every tongue.

RECITATIVE.—*Samson.*

O loss of sight! of thee I most complain.
O worse than beggary, old age, or chains!
My very soul in real darkness dwells!

AIR.

Total eclipse! no sun, no moon,
All dark amidst the blaze of noon!
O glorious light! no cheering ray
To glad my eyes with welcome day!
Why thus deprived Thy prime decree?
Sun, moon, and stars are dark to me.

CHORUS.—*Israelites.*

O first-created beam, and thou, great word,
Let there be light! and light was over all;
One heav'nly blaze shone round this earthly
ball,
To Thy dark servant, life, by light afford.

RECIT.—*Accompanied.—Manoah.*

The good we wish for often proves our bane;
I pray'd for children and I gain'd a son,
And such a son, as all men hail'd me happy;
But who'd be now a father in my stead?
The blessing drew a scorpion's tail behind;
This plant, (select and sacred, for awhile
The miracle of all,) was in one hour
Ensnar'd, assaulted, overcome, led bound,
His foes' derision, captive, poor and blind.

AIR.

The glorious deeds inspir'd my tongue,
Whilst airs of joy from thence did flow;
To sorrows now I tune my song,
And set my harp to notes of woe.

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RECITATIVE.—*Accompanied.—Samson.*

My griefs for this forbid mine eyes to close,
or thoughts to rest;
But now the strife shall end; me overthrown,
Dagon presumes to enter lists with God;
Who thus provok'd will not connive, but rouse
His fury soon, and His great Name assert.
Dagon shall stoop, ere long be quite despoil'd
Of all those boasted trophies won on me.

AIR.

Why does the God of Israel sleep!
Arise with dreadful sound,
And clouds encompass'd round,
Then shall the heathen hear Thy thunder
deep.

The tempest of Thy wrath now raise,
In whirlwinds them pursue,
Full fraught with vengeance due,
Till shame and trouble all thy foes shall
seize.

RECITATIVE.—*Micah.*

There lies our hope, true prophet may'st thou
be,
That God may vindicate His glorious Name;
Nor let us doubt whether His is Lord or Da-
gon.

CHORUS.—*Israelites.*

Then shall they know that He, whose Name
Jehovah, is alone
O'er all the earth but One,
Was ever the Most High, and still the same.

RECITATIVE.—*Manoah.*

For thee, my dearest son,—must thou mean-
while
Lie, thus neglected, in this loathsome plight?

Samson.

It should be so,
Why should I live?
Soon shall these orbs to double darkness yield.
My genial spirits droop, my hopes are fled;
Nature in me seems weary of herself;
My race of glory run, and race of shame,
Death, invocated oft, shall end my pains,
And lay me gently down with them that rest.

CHORUS.—*Israelites.*

Then round about the starry throne
Of Him who ever rules alone,
Your heavenly-guided soul shall climb;
Of all this earthly grossness quit,
With glory crown'd for ever sit,
And triumph over Death, and thee, O Time!

RECITATIVE.—*Micah.*

Relieve Thy champion, image of Thy strength,
And turn his labors to a peaceful end.

AIR.

Return, O God of hosts! behold
Thy servant in distress.

CHORUS.—*Israelites.*

To dust his glory they would tread,
And number him amongst the dead.

RECITATIVE.—*Micah.*

But who is this, that so bedeck'd and gay,
Comes this way sailing like a stately ship?
'Tis Dalila, thy wife?

Samson.

My wife, my trait'ress! let her not come near
me.

Micah.

She stands and eyes thee fix'd; with head
declin'd.

Dalila.

With doubtful feet, and wav'ring resolution,
I come, O Samson, dreading thy displeasure;
But conjugal affection led me on,
Prevailing over fear and tim'rous doubt.

Samson.

Out, thou hyena! 'twas malice brought thee
here!
These are the arts of women false like thee,
To break all vows, repent, deceive, submit,
Then with instructed skill again transgress.

Dalila.

I would not lessen my offence, yet beg to weigh
it by itself.
A mutual weakness mutual pardon claims

Samson.

How cunningly the sorceress displays
Her own transgressions to upbraid me mine!
I to myself was false ere thou to me.
Bitter reproach! but true.
The pardon, then, I to my folly give: take
thou to thine.

*AIR.—*Dalila.*

With plaintive notes and am'rous moan,
'Thus coos the turtle left alone.

RECITATIVE.—*Samson.*

Did love constrain thee? No! 'Twas raging
lust.
Love seeks for love: thy treason sought my
hate!
In vain you strive to cover shame with shame.
Once join'd to me, tho' judg'd your country's
foe,
Parents and all were in the husband lost.

DUET.—*Dalila.*

Traitor to love, I'll sue no more
For pardon scorn'd, your threats give o'er.

Samson.

Trait'ress to love, I'll hear no more
The charmer's voice, your arts give o'er.

RECITATIVE.—*Micah.*

No words of peace, no voice enchanting fear,
A rougher tongue expect,—Here's Harapha,
I know him by his stride and haughty look.

Harapha.

I come not, Samson, to condole thy chance;
I am of Gath, men call me Harapha:
Thou know'st me now: of thy prodigious
might
Much have I heard, incredible to me!
Nor less displeas'd that never in the field
We met, to try each other's deeds of strength;
I'd see if thy appearance answers loud report.

Samson.

The way to know, were not to see, but taste.

Harapha.

Ha! dost thou then already single me?
I thought that labor and thy chains had
tam'd thee.
Had fortune brought me to that field of death,
Where thou wrought'st wonders with an ass's
jaw,
I'd left thy carcass where the ass lay dead.

Samson.

Boast not of what thou wouldst have done, but
do.

Harapha.

The honour certain I'd have won from thee
I lose, prevented by thy eyes put out;
To combat with a blind man, I disdain.

AIR.

Honor and arms scorn such a foe,
Tho' I could end thee at a blow,
Poor victory, to conquer thee,
Or glory in thy overthrow;
Vanquish a slave that is half slain!
So mean a triumph I disdain.

RECITATIVE.*—*Samson.*

Put on your arms,
Then take for spear your weighty weaver's
beam,
And come within my reach.

RECITATIVE.*—*Harapha.*

With thee! a man condemned! a slave en-
roll'd!
No worthy match to stain the warrior's sword.

Samson.

Cam'st thou for this, vain boaster? yet take
heed;
My heels are fetter'd but my hands are free.
Thou bulk of spirit void, I once again,
Blind, and in chains, provoke thee to the fight.

Harapha.

O Dagon! can I hear this insolence,
To me unused, not rend'ring instant death!

DUET.—*Samson.*

Go, baffled coward, go,
Lest vengeance lay thee low;
In safety fly my wrath with speed.

Harapha.

Presume not on thy God,
Who under foot has trod,
Thy strength and thee, at greatest need.

RECITATIVE.—*Micah.*

Here lies the proof:—if Dagon be thy god,
With high devotion invoke his aid,
His glory is concern'd; let him dissolve
Those magic spells that gave our hero
strength:
Then know whose god is God; Dagon of
mortal make,
Or that Great One whom Abr'am's sons adore.

CHORUS.—*Israelites.*

Hear, Jacob's God, Jehovah, hear!
O save us, prostrate at Thy throne!
Israel depends on Thee alone;
Save us, and show that Thou art near.

RECITATIVE.—*Harapha.*

Dagon, arise, attend thy sacred feast;
Thy honor calls, this day admits no rest.

AIR AND CHORUS.

To song and dance we give the day,
Which shows Thy universal sway.
Protect us by Thy mighty hand,
And sweep this race from out the land.

CHORUS.—*Israelites and Philistines.*

Fix'd in His everlasting seat,
Jehovah } rules the world in state.
Great Dagon }
His thunder roars, heav'n shakes, and earth's
aghast.
The stars with deep amaze,
Remain in stedfast gaze;
Jehovah } is of Gods the first and last.
Great Dagon }

PART: II.

RECITATIVE.—*Micah.*

More trouble is behind! for Harapha
Comes on amain, speed in his steps and look.

Samson.

I fear him not, nor all his giant brood.

Harapha.

Samson, to thee our lords thus bid me say:
"This day to Dagon we do sacrifice
With triumph, pomp, and games; we know
thy strength
Surpasses human race; Come, then, and show
Some public proof, to grace this solemn feast."

Samson.

I am an Hebrew, and our law forbids
My presence at their vain religious rites.

Harapha.

This answer will offend; regard thyself.

Samson.

Myself! my conscience and internal peace!
Am I so broke with servitude, to yield
To such abrupt commands? to be their fool,
And play before their god?—I will not come.

Harapha.

My message, given with speed, brooks no
delay

AIR.

Presuming slave! to move their wrath;
For mercy sue,
Or vengeance due
Dooms in one fatal word thy death:
Consider ere it be too late
To ward th' unerring shaft of fate.

RECITATIVE.—*Micah.*

Reflect, then, Samson, matters now are
strain'd
Up to the height, whether to hold or break.
He's gone, whose malice may inflame the lords.

Samson.

Shall I abuse this consecrated gift
Of strength, again returning with my hair
By vaunting it in honor to their god,
And prostituting holy things to idols?

Micah.

How thou wilt here come off surmounts my
reach;
'Tis heav'n alone can save both us and thee.

CHORUS.—*Israelites.*

With thunder arm'd, great God, arise;
Help, Lord, or Israel's champion dies;
To Thy protection this Thy servant take,
And save, O save us, for Thy servant's sake.

RECITATIVE.—*Samson.*

Let but that Spirit (which first rushed on me
In the camp of Dan) inspire me at my need:
Then shall I make JEHOVAH'S glory known:
Their idol gods shall from His presence fly,
Scattered like sheep before the God of Hosts.

AIR.

Thus when the sun from watery bed,
All curtain'd with a cloudy red,
Pillows his chin upon an orient wave;
The wand'ring shadows ghastly pale,
All troop to their infernal jail,
Each fetter'd ghost slips to his sev'ral grave.

RECITATIVE.—*Micah.*

With might endued above the sons of men,
Swift as the lightning glance His errand exe-
cute,
And spread His Name among the heathen
round.

AIR AND CHORUS.—*Micah and Israelites.*

The Holy One of Israel be thy guide,
The Angel of thy birth stand by thy side:
To fame immortal go,
Heav'n bids thee strike the blow:
The Holy One of Israel is thy guide.

RECITATIVE.—*Micah.*

Old Manoah, with youthful steps, makes haste
To find his son, or bring us some glad news.

Manoah.

I come, my brethren, not to seek my son,
Who at the feast does play before the lords ;
But give you part with me, what hopes I have
To work his liberty.

AIR AND CHORUS.

Great Dagon has subdued our foe,
And brought their boasted hero low :
Sound out his praise in notes divine,
Praise him with mirth, high cheer, and wine.

RECITATIVE.—*Manoah.*

What noise of joy was that ? it tore the sky.

Micah.

They shout and sing, to see their dreaded foe
Now captive, blind, delighting in his strength.

Manoah.

Could my inheritance but ransom him,
Without my patrimony, having him,
The richest of my tribe.

Micah.

Sons care to nurse
Their parents in old age ; but you, your son.

AIR.—*Manoah.*

How willing my paternal love
The weight to share
Of filial care,
And part of sorrow's burden prove !
Tho' wand'ring in the shades of night,
Whilst I have eyes, he wants no light.

RECITATIVE.—*Micah.*

Your hopes of his deliv'ry seem not vain,
In which all Israel's friends participate.

Manoah.

I know your friendly minds, and——
Heav'n ! what noise ?
Horribly loud, unlike the former shout.

Messenger.

Where shall I run, or which way fly the
thoughts
Of this most horrid sight ? O countrymen,
You're in this sad event too much concern'd.

Micah.

The accident was loud, we long to know from
whence.

Messenger.

Let me recover breath ; it will burst forth.

Manoah.

Tell us the sum ; the circumstance defer.

Messenger.

Gaza yet stands, but all her sons are fall'n.

Manoah.

Sad ! not to us : but now relate by whom.

Messenger.

By Samson done.

Manoah.

The sorrow lessens still,
And nigh converts to joy

Messenger.

Oh, Manoah,
In vain I would refrain : the evil tale
Too soon will rudely pierce thy aged ear.

Manoah.

Suspense in news is torture : speak it out.

Messenger.

Then take the worst in brief. Samson is dead.

Manoah.

The worst indeed ! My hopes to free him
hence
Are baffled all ! but Death (who sets all free),
Hath paid his ransom now.

Micah.

Yet ere we give the reins to grief, say first
How died he ? Death to life is crown or shame.

Messenger.

Unwounded of his enemies he fell,
At once he did destroy, and was destroyed.
The edifice (where all were met to see)
Upon their heads, and on his own he pulled.

Manoah.

O lastly over-strong against thyself !
A dreadful way thou took'st to thy revenge,
Glorious, yet dearly bought.

AIR.—*Micah.*

Ye sons of Israel now lament
Your spear is broke, your bow's unbent :
Your glory's fled ;
Amongst the dead
Great Samson lies :
For ever, ever closed his eyes.

CHORUS.—*Israelites.*

Weep, Israel, weep a louder strain ;
Samson, your strength, your hero's slain.

RECITATIVE.—*Manoah.*

Come, come : no time for lamentation now ;
No cause for grief : Samson like Samson fell,
Both life and death heroic. To his foes
Ruin is left ; to him eternal fame.

A IR.—*Israelitish Woman.*

Let the bright Seraphim in burning row,
Their loud uplifted Angel-trumpets blow :
Let the Cherubic host, in tuneful choirs,
Touch their immortal harps with golden
wires.

CHORUS.—*Israelites.*

Let their celestial concerts all unite,
Ever to sound his praise in endless blaze of
light.

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PART I.

INTRODUCTION.

RECITATIVE.

ELIJAH.—As God the Lord of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.
1 Kings, ch. xvii., v. 1.

OVERTURE.

CHORUS.

THE PEOPLE.—Help, Lord! wilt Thou quite destroy us?

The harvest now is over, the summer days are gone, and yet no power cometh to help us! Will then the Lord be no more God in Zion?
Jeremiah, ch. viii., v. 20.

RECITATIVE CHORUS.

The deeps afford no water; and the rivers are exhausted! The suckling's tongue now cleaveth for thirst to his mouth: the infant children ask for bread, and there is no one breaketh it to feed them!

Lament., ch. iv., v. 4.

DUET AND CHORUS.

THE PEOPLE.—Lord! bow thine ear to our prayer!

DUET.—Zion spreadeth her hands for aid; and there is neither help nor comfort.

Lament., ch. i., v. 17.

RECITATIVE.

OBADIAH.—Ye people, rend your hearts, and not your garments for your transgressions; even as Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the word of God. I therefore say to ye, Forsake your Idols, return to God: for He is slow to anger, and merciful, and kind and gracious, and repenteth him of the evil.

Joel, ch. ii., v. 12, 13.

AIR.

If with all your hearts ye truly seek me; ye shall ever surely find me. Thus saith our God.

Oh! that I knew where I might find him, that I might even come before His presence.

Deut., ch. iv., v. 29 Job, ch. xxiii., v. 3.

CHORUS.

THE PEOPLE.—Yet doth the Lord see it not; He mocketh at us; His curse hath fallen down upon us; His wrath will pursue us, till he destroy us!

For He, the Lord our God, He is a jealous God; and He visiteth all the fathers' sins on the children to the third and fourth generation of them that hate Him. His mercies on thousands fall—fall on all them that love Him and keep His commandments.

Deut., ch. xxviii., v. 22. Exodus, ch. xx., v. 5, 6.

RECITATIVE.

AN ANGEL.—Elijah! get thee hence; depart, and turn thee eastward; thither hide thee by Cherith's brook. There shalt thou drink its waters; and the Lord thy God hath commanded the ravens to feed thee there; so go according unto His word.

1 Kings, ch. xvii., v. 3

DOUBLE QUARTET

ANGELS.—For He shall give His angels charge over thee; that they shall protect thee in all the ways thou goest; that their hands shall uphold and guide thee, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Psalms xci., v. 11, 12.

RECITATIVE.

AN ANGEL.—Now Cherith's brook is dried up, Elijah; arise and depart; and get thee to Zarephath; thither abide; for the Lord hath commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. And the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.

1 Kings, ch. xvii., v. 7, 9, 14.

RECITATIVE AND AIR.

THE WIDOW.—What have I to do with thee, O man of God? art thou come to me, to call my sin unto remembrance?—to slay my son art thou come hither? Help me, man of God! my son is sick! and his sickness is so sore that there is no breath in him! I go mourning all the day long; I lay down and weep at night. See mine affliction. Be thou the orphan's helper!

ELIJAH.—Give me thy son. Turn unto her, O Lord, my God; in mercy help this widow's son! For I hou art gracious, and full of compassion, and plenteous in mercy and truth. Lord, my God, O let the spirit of this child return, that he again may live.

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THE WIDOW.—Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise thee?

ELIJAH.—Lord, my God, O let the spirit of this child return, that he again may live!

THE WIDOW.—The Lord hath heard thy prayer, the soul of my son reviveth!

ELIJAH.—Now behold, thy son liveth!

THE WIDOW.—Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that His word in thy mouth is the truth. What shall I render to the Lord, for all his benefits to me?

DUET.—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God; with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

O blessed are they who fear Him!

1 Kings, ch. xvii., v. 17, 18, 21—24. *Job*, ch. x., v. 15. *Psalm*, xxxviii., v. 6. *Psalm* vii., v. 7. *Psalm* x., v. 14. *Psalm* lxxxvii., v. 15, 16. *Psalm* lxxxviii., v. 10. *Psalm* cxxviii., v. 1.

CHORUS.

Blessed are the men who fear Him: they ever walk in the ways of peace. Through darkness riseth light to the upright. He is gracious, compassionate; He is righteous.

Psalm cxxviii., v. 1. *Psalm* cxii., v. 1, 4.

RECITATIVE.—**ELIJAH, AHAB & CHORUS.**

ELIJAH.—As God the Lord of Sabaoth liveth before whom I stand; three years this day fulfilled, I will shew myself unto Ahab; and the Lord will then send rain again upon the earth.

AHAB.—Art thou Elijah, he that troubleth Israel?

CHORUS.—Thou art Elijah, he that troubleth Israel!

ELIJAH.—I never troubled Israel's peace: it is thou, Ahab, and all thy father's house. Ye have forsaken God's commands; and thou hast followed Baalim!

Now send and gather to me, the whole of Israel unto Mount Carmel: there summon the prophets of Baal, and also the prophets of the groves, who are feasted at Jezebel's tables. Then we shall see whose God is the Lord.

CHORUS.—And then we shall see whose God, is God the Lord.

ELIJAH.—Rise then, ye priests of Baal: select and slay a bullock, and put no fire under it; uplift your voices, and call the god ye worship; and I then will call on the Lord Jehovah: and the God who by fire shall answer, let Him be God.

CHORUS.—Yea; and the God who by fire shall answer, let Him be God.

ELIJAH.—Call first upon your god, your numbers are many; I, even I, only remain, one prophet of the Lord! Invoke your forest-gods and mountain-deities:

1 Kings, ch. xvii., v. 17; ch. xviii., v. 1, 15, 18, 19, 23—25.

CHORUS.

PRIESTS OF BAAL.—Baal, we cry to thee; hear and answer us! Heed the sacrifice we offer! hear us, O hear us, Baal!

Hear, mighty god! Baal, O answer us! Let thy flames fall and extirpate the foe! O hear us, Baal!

RECITATIVE.

ELIJAH.—Call him louder: for he is a God! he talketh; or he is pursuing; or he is in a journey; or peradventure, he sleepeth; so awaken him; call him louder.

CHORUS.

PRIESTS OF BAAL.—Hear our cry, O Baal! now arise! wherefore slumber?

RECITATIVE AND CHORUS.

ELIJAH.—Call him louder! he heareth not. With knives and lancets cut yourselves after your manner; leap upon the altar ye have made: call him, and prophecy! Not a voice will answer you; none will listen, none heed you.

CHORUS.

PRIESTS OF BAAL.—Hear and answer, Baal! Mark how the scorner derideth us! Hear and answer!

1 Kings, ch. xviii., v. 1, 15, 17, 18, 19, 23—29.

RECITATIVE AND AIR.

ELIJAH.—Draw near, all ye people: come to me!

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel! this day let it be known that Thou art God; and I am Thy servant! O shew to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word! O hear me, Lord, and answer me; and shew this people that Thou art Lord God; and let their hearts again be turned.

1 Kings, ch. xviii., v. 30, 36, 37.

QUARTET.

ANGELS.—Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He never will suffer the righteous to fall: He is at Thy right hand.

Thy mercy, Lord, is great; and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee!

Psalm lv., v. 22. *Psalm* xvi., v. 8. *Psalm* cviii., v. 5. *Psalm* xxv., v. 3.

RECITATIVE.

ELIJAH.—O Thou, who makest Thine angels Spirits;—Thou whose ministers are flaming fires; let them now descend!

Psalm civ., v. 4.

CHORUS.

THE PEOPLE.—The fire descends from heaven; the flames consume his offering!

Before Him upon your faces fall! The Lord is God: O Israel hear! Our God is one Lord; and we will have no other gods before the Lord.

1 Kings, ch. xviii., v. 38, 39.

RECITATIVE.

ELIJAH.—Take all the prophets of Baal, and let not one of them escape you: bring them down to Kishon's brook; and there let them be slain.

CHORUS.

THE PEOPLE.—Take all the prophets of Baal; and let not one of them escape us; bring all and slay them!

1 Kings, ch. xviii., v. 40.

AIR.

ELIJAH.—Is not his work like a fire: and like a hammer that breaketh the rock into pieces?

For God is angry with the wicked every day; and if the wicked turn not, the Lord will whet His sword; and he hath bent His bow, and made it ready.

Jer. xxiii., v. 29. *Psalm* vii., v. 11, 12.

AIR.

Woe unto them who forsake Him! destruction shall fall upon them, for they have transgressed against Him. Though they are by Him redeemed; yet they have spoken falsely against Him.

Hosea, ch. vii., v. 13.

RECITATIVE AND CHORUS.

OBADIAH.—O man of God, help Thy people! Among the Idols of the Gentiles, are there any that can command the rain, or cause the heavens to give their showery? The Lord our God alone can do these things.

ELIJAH.—O Lord, Thou hast overthrown Thine enemies and destroyed them. Look down on us from heaven, O Lord; regard the distress of Thy people; open the heavens and send us relief; help, help Thy servant now, O God!

THE PEOPLE.—Open the heavens and send us relief: help, help Thy servant now, O God!
ELIJAH—Go up now, child, and look towards the sea. Hath my prayer been heard by the Lord?

THE YOUTH.—There is nothing. The heavens are as brass above me

ELIJAH—When the heavens are closed up because they have sinned against Thee; yet if they pray and confess Thy name, and turn from their sins when Thou dost afflict them; then hear from heaven, and forgive the sin! Help, send Thy servant help, O God!

THE PEOPLE.—Then hear from heaven, and forgive the sin! Help, send Thy servant help, O God!

ELIJAH.—Go up again, and still look towards the sea.

THE YOUTH.—There is nothing. The earth is as iron under me!

ELIJAH.—Hearest thou no sound of rain?—seest thou nothing arise from the deep!

THE YOUTH.—No; there is nothing.

ELIJAH.—Have respect to the prayer of Thy servant, O Lord my God! Unto Thee will I cry, Lord, my rock; be not silent to me: and Thy great mercies remember, Lord!

THE YOUTH.—Behold, a little cloud ariseth now from the waters; it is like a man's hand! The heavens are black with clouds and with wind: the storm rusheth louder and louder!

THE PEOPLE.—Thanks be to God, for all His mercies!

ELIJAH.—Thanks be to God, for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth for evermore!

Jer., ch. xiv., v. 22 *2 Chron.*, ch. vi., v. 19, 26, 27. *Deut.*, ch. xxxviii., v. 23.

Psalm xxviii., v. 1. *Psalm cvii.*, v. 1. *1 Kings*, ch. xviii., v. 43, 45.

CHORUS.

Thanks be to God! He laveth the thirsty land! The waters gather; they rush along; they are lifting their voices!

The stormy billows are high; their fury is mighty: but the Lord is above them, and Almighty! *Psalm xciii.*, v. 3, 4.

PART II.

AIR

Hear ye, Israel; hear what the Lord speaketh:—"Oh hadst thou heeded my commandments."

Who hath believed our report; to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him oppressed by tyrants; thus saith the Lord:—"I am He that comforteth: be not afraid, for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee. Say, who art thou, that thou art afraid of a man that shall die; and forgettest the Lord thy Maker, who hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the earth's foundations? Be not afraid, for I, thy God, will strengthen thee.

Isaiah, ch. xlvi., v. 1, 18; ch. liii., v. 1; ch. xlix., v. 7; ch. xli., v. 10; ch. li., v. 12, 13.

CHORUS.

Be not afraid, saith God the Lord. Be not afraid! thy help is near. God, the Lord thy God saith unto thee, "Be not afraid."

Though thousands languish and fall beside thee, and tens of thousands around thee perish; yet still it shall not come nigh thee.

Isaiah, ch. xli., v. 10 *Psalm xci.*, v. 7.

RECITATIVE AND CHORUS

ELIJAH.—The Lord hath exalted thee from among the people; and over His people Israel hath made thee King. But thou, Ahab, hast

done evil to provoke Him to anger above all that were before thee; as if it had been a light thing for thee to walk in the sins of Jeroboam. Thou hast made a grove and an altar to Baal, and served him and worshipped him. Thou hast killed the righteous, and also taken possession. And the Lord shall smite all Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and He shall give Israel up, and thou shalt know He is the Lord.

1 Kings, ch. xiv., v. 7, 9, 15; ch. xvi., v. 30, 31, 32, 33.

THE QUEEN.—Have ye not heard he hath prophesied against all Israel?

CHORUS.—We heard it with our ears.

THE QUEEN.—Hath he not prophesied also against the King of Israel?

CHORUS.—We heard it with our ears.

THE QUEEN.—And why hath he spoken in the name of the Lord? Doth Ahab govern the kingdom of Israel while Elijah's power is greater than the king's? The gods do so to me, and more, if by to-morrow about this time, I make not his life as the life of one of them whom he hath sacrificed at the brook of Kishon!

CHORUS.—He shall perish!

THE QUEEN.—Hath he not destroyed Baal's prophets?

CHORUS.—He shall perish!

THE QUEEN.—Yea, by the sword he destroyed them all!

CHORUS.—He destroyed them all!

THE QUEEN.—He also closed the heavens.

CHORUS.—He also closed the heavens.

THE QUEEN.—And called down a famine upon the land.

CHORUS.—And called down a famine upon the land.

THE QUEEN.—So go ye forth and seize Elijah, for he is worthy to die: slaughter him; do unto him as he hath done.

CHORUS.

Woe to him, he shall perish; for he closed the heavens. And why hath he spoken in the name of the Lord? Let the guilty prophet perish. He hath spoken falsely against our land and us, as we have heard with our ears. So go ye forth, seize on him. He shall die!

Jeremiah, ch. xxv., v. 9, 11. *1 Kings*, ch. xviii., v. 10; ch. xix., v. 2; ch. xxi., v. 7. *Ecclesiastes*, ch. xlviii., v. 2, 3.

RECITATIVE.

ORADIAH.—Man of God, now let my words be precious in thy sight. Thus saith Jezebel; "Elijah is worthy to die." So the mighty gather against thee, and they have prepared a net for thy steps; that they may seize thee, that they may slay thee. Arise then, and hasten for thy life; to the wilderness journey. The Lord thy God doth go with thee. He will not fail thee; He will not forsake thee. Now begone, and bless me also.

ELIJAH—Though stricken, they have not grieved. Tarry here, my servant; the Lord be with thee. I journey hence to the wilderness.

2 Kings, ch. i., v. 13. *Jer.*, ch. v., v. 3; ch. xxvi., v. 11. *Psalm lix.*, v. 3. *1 Kings*, ch. xix., v. 4. *Deut.*, ch. xxvi., v. 6. *Exodus*, ch. xii., v. 32. *1 Samuel*, ch. xvii., v. 37.

AIR.

ELIJAH.—It is enough, O Lord; now take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers. I desire to live no longer: now let me die, for my days are but vanity!

I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts: for the children of Israel have broken Thy covenant, thrown down Thine altars, and slain Thy prophets with the sword: and I, even I only am left: and they seek my life to take it away.

Job, ch. vii., v. 16. *1 Kings*, ch. xix., v. 10.

RECITATIVE.

See now he sleepeth beneath a juniper tree in the wilderness : and there the angels of the Lord encamp round about all them that fear Him.

1 *Kings*, ch. xix., v. 5. *Psaln xxxiv.*, v. 7.

TRIO.

ANGELS.—Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said thy foot shall not be moved; thy Keeper will never slumber.

Psaln cxxi., v. 1, 3.

CHORUS.

ANGELS.—He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish; He will quicken thee.

Psaln cxxi., v. 4. *Psaln cxxxviii.*, v. 7.

RECITATIVE.

AN ANGEL.—Arise, Elijah, for thou hast a long journey before thee. Forty days and forty nights shalt thou go; to Horeb, the mount of God.

ELIJAH.—O Lord, I have labored in vain; yea, I have spent my strength for nought!

O that Thou wouldst rend the heavens, that Thou wouldst come down; that the mountains would flow down at Thy presence, to make Thy name known to Thine adversaries, through the wonders of Thy works!

O Lord, why hast Thou made them err from Thy ways, and hardened their hearts that they do not fear Thee? O that I now might die?

1 *Kings*, ch. xix., v. 8. *Isaiah*, ch. xlix., v. 4; ch. lxiv., v. 1, 2; ch. lxiii., v. 17.

AIR.

O rest in the Lord; wait patiently for Him; and He shall give thee thy heart's desires. Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him, and fret not thyself because of evil doers.

Psaln xxxvii., v. 1, 7.

CHORUS.

He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved.

Matthew, ch. xxiv., v. 13.

RECITATIVE.

ELIJAH.—Night falleth round me, O Lord! Be Thou not far from me! hide not Thy face, O Lord, from me; my soul is thirsting for Thee, as a thirsty land

AN ANGEL.—Arise now! get thee without, stand on the mount before the Lord; for there His glory will appear and shine on thee! Thy face must be veiled, for He draweth near.

Psaln cxliii., v. 6, 7. 1 *Kings*, ch. xix., v. 11.

CHORUS.

Behold! God the Lord passed by! And a mighty wind rent the mountains round, brake in pieces the rocks, brake them before the Lord; but yet the Lord was not in the tempest.

Behold! God the Lord passed by. And the sea was upheaved, and the earth was shaken; but yet the Lord was not in the earthquake.

And after the earthquake there came a fire; but yet the Lord was not in the fire.

And after the fire there came a still small voice: and in that still voice, onward came the Lord.

1 *Kings*, ch. xix., v. 11, 12.

RECITATIVE.

Above Him stood the Seraphim, and one cried to another:—

QUARTET AND CHORUS.

ANGELS.—Holy, holy, holy is God the Lord—the Lord Sabaoth! Now his glory hath filled all the earth.

Isaiah, ch. vi., v. 2, 3.

RECITATIVE.

CHORUS.—Go, return upon thy way! For the Lord yet hath left Him seven thousand in Israel, knees which have not bowed to Baal: go, return upon thy way; Thus the Lord commandeth.

ELIJAH.—I go on my way in the strength of the Lord. For Thou art my Lord; and I will suffer for Thy sake. My heart is therefore glad, my glory rejoiceth, and my flesh shall also rest in hope.

1 *Kings*, ch. xix., v. 15, 18. *Psaln lxxi.*, v. 10. *Psaln xvi.*, v. 2, 9.

AIR.

ELIJAH.—For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but Thy kindness shall not depart from me, neither shall the covenant of Thy peace be removed.

Isaiah, ch. liv., v. 10.

CHORUS.

Then did Elijah the prophet break forth like a fire: his words appeared like burning torches. Mighty kings by him were overthrown. He stood on the Mount of Sinai, and heard the judgments of the future; and in Horeb, its vengeance.

And when the Lord would take him away to heaven, lo! there came a fiery chariot with fiery horses; and he went by a whirlwind to heaven.

Ecclesiastes, ch. xlviii., v. 1, 6, 7. 2 *Kings*, ch. ii., v. 1, 11.

AIR.

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their Heavenly Father's realm. Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away for ever.

Matthew, ch. xiii., v. 43. *Isaiah*, ch. li., v. 11.

QUARTET.

O! come every one that thirsteth, O come to the waters: come unto Him; O hear, and your souls shall live for ever!

Isaiah, ch. lv., v. 1, 3.

CHORUS

And then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh; and your health shall speedily spring forth then; and the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you.

Lord, our Creator, how excellent thy Name is in all the nations! Thou fillest heaven with Thy glory. Amen.

Isaiah, ch. lviii., v. 8. *Psaln viii.*, v. 1.

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PART I.

No. 1.—OVERTURE.

No. 2.—CHORUS OF CHRISTIANS.

Lord, thou alone art God: and Thine are the heavens, the earth, and mighty waters.

The Heathen furiously rage, Lord, against Thee, and against Thy Christ. Now behold, lest our foes prevail, Lord, grant to Thy servants all strength and joyfulness, that they may preach Thy word.

Acts iv, 24, 26, 29.

No. 4.—RECITATIVE—(SOPRANO).

And the many that believed were of one heart, and of one soul: and Stephen, full of faith and full of power, did great wonders among the people; and they of the Synagogue were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit with which he spake.

Acts iv, 32; vi, 8, 10.

Then they suborned men who were false witnesses, which said:

Acts vi, 11.

THE FALSE WITNESSES—(BASSES).

"We verily have heard him blaspheme against these holy places, and against the law: ourselves have heard him speak."

Acts vi, 13.

RECITATIVE—(SOPRANO).

And they stirred up the people and the elders; and came upon him, and caught hold of him, and brought him to the Council, and spake:

Acts vi, 12.

No. 5.—CHORUS OF THE PEOPLE.

"Now this man ceaseth not to utter blasphemous words against the law of Moses, and also God."

"Did we not enjoin and straitly command you, that ye should not teach in the name ye follow? and, lo, ye have filled Jerusalem with those unlawful doctrines."

"He hath said, and our ears have heard him, Jesus of Nazareth, He shall destroy all these our holy places, and change all the laws and customs which Moses delivered us."

Acts vi, 11; v, 28; vi, 14.

No. 6.—RECITATIVE—(SOPRANO).

And all that sat in the Council looked steadfastly on him, and saw his face as it had been the face of an Angel.

Then said the High Priest: "Are these things so?" And Stephen said:

Acts vi, 15; vii, 1.

RECITATIVE.—STEPHEN—(TENOR).

"Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken to me. The God of Glory appeared unto our fathers, delivered the people out of their afflictions, and gave them favour; but they understood it not. He sent Moses into Egypt, for he saw their afflictions and heard their groaning; but they refused him, and would not obey his word, but thrust him from them, and sacrificed to senseless idols.

"Solomon built him an house; albeit the Most High God dwelleth not in temples which are made with hands: for heaven is His throne, and earth is but His footstool. Hath not His hand made all these things?

"Ye hard of heart, ye always do resist the Holy Ghost: as did your fathers, even so do ye. Which of the Prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slain them which showed before the coming of Him, the Just one, with whose murder ye have here been stained. Ye have received the law by the disposition of angels, and ye have not obeyed it."

Acts vii.

CHORUS OF THE HEBREWS.

"Take him away! For now the holy name of God he hath blasphemed; and who blasphemeth Him, he shall perish!"

Acts xxi, 36; Lev. xxiv, 16.

RECITATIVE.—STEPHEN—(TENOR).

"Lo, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of God."

Acts vii, 56.

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No. 7.—ARIA—(SOPRANO).

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the Prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered unto Me thy children, and ye would not."

Matt. xxiii, 37.

No. 8.—RECITATIVE—(TENOR).

Then they ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him, and cried aloud: *Acts vii, 57, 58.*

CHORUS OF THE HEBREWS.

"Stone him to death. He blasphemeth God; and who does so shall surely perish. Stone him to death." *Lev. xxiv, 16.*

No. 9.—RECITATIVE—(TENOR).

And they stoned him: and he kneeled down, and cried aloud: "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

And when he had said this, he fell asleep. *Acts vii, 59, 60.*

CHORALE.

To Thee, O Lord, I yield my spirit,
Who break'st in love this mortal chain;
My life I but from Thee inherit,
And death becomes my chiefest gain.
In Thee I live, in Thee I die,
Content, for Thou art ever nigh.

No. 10.—RECITATIVE—(SOPRANO).

And the witnesses had laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man whose name was Saul, who was consenting unto his death. *Acts vii, 58; viii, 1.*

And devout men took Stephen and carried him to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. *Acts viii, 2.*

No. 11.—CHORUS.

Happy and blest are they who have endured: for though the body dies, the soul shall live forever. *James i, 12.*

No. 12.—RECITATIVE—(TENOR).

Now Saul made havoc of the Church; and breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples, he spake of them much evil, and said: *Acts viii, 3; ix, 1.*

AIR —SAUL—(BASS).

"Consume them all, Lord Sabaoth. Consume all these Thine enemies. Behold, they will not know Thee, that Thou, our great Jehovah, art the Lord alone, the highest over all the world. Pour out Thine indignation, and let them feel Thy power."

Psaln lix, 13; lxxxiii, 18; lxix, 24.

No. 13.—RECITATIVE—(CONTRALTO).

And he journeyed with companions toward Damascus, and had authority and command from the High Priest, that he might bring them bound, men and women, unto Jerusalem. *Acts ix, 2.*

ARIOSO.

But the Lord is mindful of His own: He remembers His children. Bow down before Him, ye mighty, for the Lord is near us.

Psaln cxv, 12; 2 Tim. ii, 19; Philipp. iv, 5.

THE CONVERSION.

No. 14.—RECITATIVE—(TENOR AND BASS)—AND CHORUS.

And as he journeyed he came near unto Damascus; when suddenly there shone around him a light from heaven; and he fell to the earth; and he heard a voice saying unto him:

"Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?"

And he said: "Lord, who art Thou?"

And the Lord said to him: "I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest."

And he said, trembling and astonished: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me do?"

The Lord said to him: "Arise, and go into the city: and there thou shalt be told what thou must do." *Acts ix, 3, 4, 5, 6.*

No. 15.—CHORUS

Rise up, arise, and shine, for thy light comes; and the glory of the Lord riseth bright upon thee.

Behold, now, total darkness covereth the kingdoms, and gross darkness the people; but upon thee riseth the mighty Lord: and the glory of the Lord appeareth upon thee. *Isaiah lx, 1, 2.*

No. 16.—CHORALE.

Sleepers, wake, a voice is calling:

It is the Watchman on the walls,

Thou city of Jerusalem.

For lo, the Bridegroom comes.

Arise and take your lamps. Hallelujah!

Awake: His kingdom is at hand.

Go forth to meet your Lord.

Matthew xxv, 1.

No. 17.—RECITATIVE—(TENOR).

And his companions which journeyed with him, stood, and they were afraid, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man. But they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus; and he was three days without sight, and did neither eat nor drink.

Acts ix, 7, 8, 9.

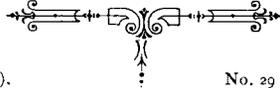
No. 18.—ARIA.—PAUL—(BASS).

"O God, have mercy upon me, and blot out my transgressions, according to Thy loving kindness, yea, even for Thy mercy's sake, deny me not. O cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Spirit from me. Lord, a broken and a contrite heart is offered before Thee. I will speak of Thy salvation. I will teach transgressors, that all the sinners shall be converted unto Thee. Then open Thou my lips, O Lord; and my mouth shall shew forth Thy glorious praise." *Psaln li, 1, 11, 17, 13, 15.*

No. 19.—RECITATIVE—(TENOR AND SOPRANO).

And there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; to him said the Lord: "Ananias, arise, and enquire thou for Saul of Tarsus; for behold he prayeth. He is a chosen vessel unto Me, the Lord; and I will shew unto him how great things he must suffer for My name's sake." *Acts ix, 10, 11, 13, 16.*

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No. 21.—RECITATIVE (TENOR).

And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and laying his hands upon him, said :

(TENOR.)

“Hear thou, brother Saul, the Lord hath sent me hither (even Jesus that appeared unto thee as thou camest), that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be likewise filled with the Holy Ghost.”

Acts ix, 17.

(SOPRANO.)

And there fell from his eyes like as though it were scales; and he received his sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And straightway he preached Jesus in the Synagogues, and said: “I thank God, who hath made me free through Christ.”

Acts ix, 18, 20; Romans vii, 25.

No. 22.—CHORUS.

O great is the depth of the riches of wisdom and knowledge of the Father! How deep and unerring is He in His judgments! His ways are past our understanding. Sing His glory for evermore. Amen.

Romans xi, 33.

PART II.

No. 24.—RECITATIVE (SOPRANO).

And Paul came to the congregation, and preached freely the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Then spake the Holy Ghost: “Set ye apart Barnabas and Paul, for the work whereunto I have called them.” And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

Acts ix, 29; xiii, 2, 3

No. 25.—DUETTINO.—PAUL AND BARNABAS— (TENOR AND BASS).

Now we are ambassadors in the name of Christ, and God beseeches you by us.

2 Cor. v, 20.

No. 26.—CHORUS.

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words; throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Romans x, 15, 18.

No. 27.—RECITATIVE—(SOPRANO).

So they, being filled with the Holy Ghost, departing thence delayed not, and preached the word of God with joyfulness.

Acts xiii, 4, 5

ARIOSO:

I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord, my Saviour, and of Thy faithfulness evermore.

Psaln lxxxix, 1.

RECITATIVE—(TENOR).

And they laid wait for Paul, and consulted together that they might kill him, and spake one to another :

Acts ix, 23, 24.

No. 29.—CHORUS OF THE MULTITUDE

“Is this he, who, in Jerusalem, destroyed all calling on that name which here he preacheth? May all deceivers ever be confounded! Force him away”

Acts ix, 21.

CHORALE—(QUARTET AND CHORUS).

O Thou, the true and only Light,
Direct the souls that walk in night;
And bring them 'neath Thy shelt'ring care,
To find their blest redemption there.
Illumine those who blindly roam;
O call the wanderer kindly home:
The hearts astray that union crave,
And those in doubt, confirm and save.

No. 30.—RECITATIVE—(TENOR).

But Paul and Barnabas spake freely and publicly unto the people.

Acts xiii, 46.

RECITATIVE.—PAUL—(BASS).

“Ye were chosen first to have the word of the Lord set before you; but, seeing that ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of the life everlasting, behold ye, we turn, even now, unto the Gentiles.”

Acts xiii, 46.

No. 31.—DUET.—PAUL AND BARNABAS— (TENOR AND BASS).

“For so hath the Lord Himself commanded: ‘Behold, I have made thee a light to the Gentiles, and for salvation unto all the earth.’”

“For those who call on the Lord, He will hear them, and they shall be blessed.”

Acts xiii, 47; ii, 21.

No. 32.—RECITATIVE—(TENOR).

And there was a man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, and who had never walked; and the same heard Paul speak; who steadfastly beholding him, said with a loud voice: “Stand upright upon thy feet.” And he leaped up, and walked, and praised God. But when the Gentiles saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying one to another :

Acts xiv, 8, 9, 10, 11.

No. 33.—CHORUS OF GENTILES

“The gods themselves, as mortals, have descended. Behold them here, and adore them.”

Acts xiv, 11.

No. 36.—RECITATIVE—(TENOR).

Now when the Apostles heard the same they rent their garments, and ran in among the people, crying out and saying :

Acts xiv, 14.

RECITATIVE.—PAUL—(BASS).

“O wherefore do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with yourselves; who preach unto you, in peace and earnestness, that ye should turn away from all these vanities unto the ever-living God, who made the outstretched heavens, the earth, and the sea.

Acts xiv, 15.

“As saith the Prophet: ‘All your idols are but falsehood, and there is no breath in them. They are vanity, and the work of errors; in the time of their trouble they shall perish.’”

Jer. x, 14, 15.

“God dwelleth not in temples made with hands.”

Acts xvii, 24.

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ARIA.—PAUL—(BASS).

“For know ye not that ye are His temple, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth within you? And whosoever God's temple defileth, God shall surely destroy him:

“For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.”

1 Cor iii, 16, 17.

No. 37.—RECITATIVE—(SOPRANO).

Then the multitude was stirred up against them, and there was an assault of the Jews and of the Gentiles; they were full of anger, and cried out against them:

Acts xiv, 2, 5.

No. 38.—CHORUS OF THE JEWS AND GENTILES.

“This is Jehovah's temple. Ye children of Israel help us. This is the man who teacheth all men, against the people, against this place, and also our holy law. We have heard him speak against the law. He blasphemeth God. Stone him to death.”

Acts xxi, 28.

No. 39.—RECITATIVE—(SOPRANO).

And they all persecuted Paul on his way: but the Lord stood with him, and strengthened him, that by him the word might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear.

2 Timothy iv, 17.

No. 40.—ARIA—(TENOR).

“Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give to thee a crown of life. Be not afraid; My help is nigh.”

Rev. ii, 10; Jer. i, 8.

RECITATIVE —PAUL—(BASS).

“Ye know how, at all seasons, I have been with you, serving the Lord, with all humility and with many tears, testifying the faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And now behold ye, I, bound

in spirit, now go forth to Jerusalem. Bonds and affliction abide me there; and ye shall see my face no more.”

Acts xx, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25.

RECITATIVE—(SOPRANO).

And they all wept sore and prayed:

Acts xx, 37.

RECITATIVE.—PAUL—(BASS).

“What mean ye thus to weep, and thus to break my heart? For I am prepared, not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem, for the name of the Lord our Saviour Jesus Christ.”

Acts xxi, 13.

RECITATIVE—(TENOR).

And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down and prayed with them all. And they accompanied him unto the ship, and saw his face no more.

Acts xx, 36, 38.

No. 43.—CHORUS.

See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in His goodness; that we should be called God's own children.

1 John iii, 1.

No. 44.—RECITATIVE—(SOPRANO).

And though he be offered upon the sacrifice of our faith, yet he hath fought a good fight; he hath finished his course; he hath kept well the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give him at the last great day.

2 Tim. iv, 6, 7, 8.

No. 45.—CHORUS.

Not only unto Him, but to all them that love truly His appearing. The Lord careth for us and blesseth us.

2 Tim. iv, 8

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all within me bless and praise His holy name forever.

All ye His angels, praise ye the Lord.

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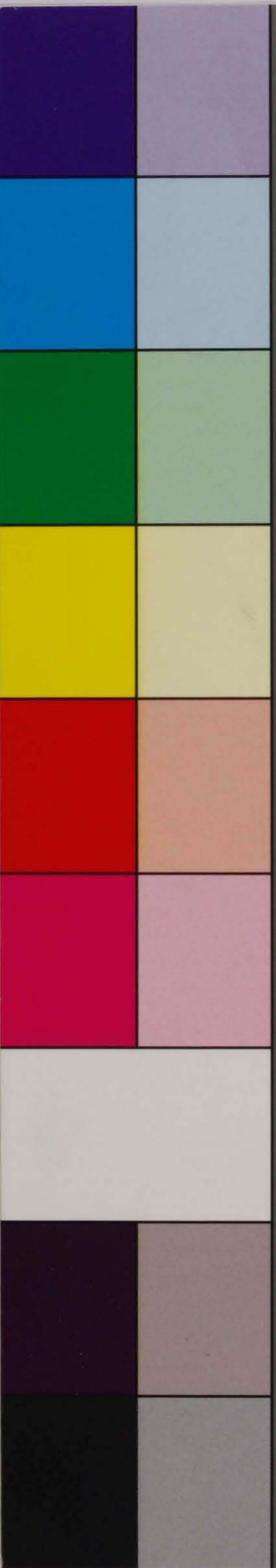


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