

Rinaldo.

(1711)

"Cara sposa, amante cara.,"

Aria.

(Sir John Hawkins states in his History of Music that Händel told him he considered this Aria and "Ombra cara" in Radamisto the best he ever composed.)

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(1685-1759.)

Andante (Larghetto.)

p *cresc.*

Ca - - - ra spo - sa, a - man - te
Wife be - lov - ed, thou whom I

ca - ra, do - ve se - i, do - ve se - i?
cher - ish, Say, where art thou? Say, where art thou?

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cresc.

deh! ri - tor - na a' pian - ti mie - i!
Ah! for - sak - en, dear one, I per - ish!

Ca - ra spo - sa, a - man - te
Wife be - lov - ed, thou whom I

ca - ra, do - ve se - i? Ri - tor - na, ri - tor - na a'
cher - ish, Say, where art thou? For - sak - en, for - sak - en, dear.

pian - ti mie - i, ca - ra spo - sa,
one, I per - ish! Wife be - lov - ed,

deh! ri - tor - na, deh! ri - tor - na a' pian - ti mie -
 Ah, for - sak - en, ah, for - sak - en, dear one, I per -

i, ca - ra spo - sa, spo - sa ca - ra, do - ve
 ish! Wife be - lov - ed, wife be - lov - ed, Say, where

se - i? Deh! ri - tor - na, do - ve sei, do - ve
 art thou? Ah! for - sak - en! where art thou, where art

cresc.

sei? deh! ri - tor - na a' pian - ti mie - i, ri - tor - na a'
 thou? Ah, for - sak - en, dear one, I per - ish, I shall for -

pian - - - ti mie - i, deh! ri -
sak - - - en per - ish! Ah, for -

tor-na, deh!ri - tor-na a' pian - ti mie - i.
sak-en, ah, for - sak - en, dear one, I per - ish!

Allegro. (non tanto)

Del vostro E - re - bo sul - la - ra, col - la fa - ce del mio
On your fie - ry moun - tain's al - tars, In dis - dain - ful in - dig -

sde-gno io vi sfi-do, col-la fa-ce del mio sdegno io vi sfi-do, o—
na-tion, I de-fy ye, in dis-dain-ful in-dig-na-tion I de-fy ye, 0—

spir-ti re - i! col-la fa-ce del mio sde-gno, del vo-
race in - fer - nal! In dis - dain-ful in - dig - na - tion, on your

stro E-re - bo sul-la - ra io vi sfi-do, io vi sfi-do, o—
fie - ry moun-tain's al - tars, I de - fy ye, I de-fy ye, 0—

spir - ti re - i, o spir - ti re i!
race in - fer - nal, 0 race in - fer - nal!

Da Capo al Fine.