

IF GUILTLESS BLOOD BE YOUR INTENT

From "Susanna" (1748)

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Andante (♩ = 104)

SOPRANO

If guilt-less blood be your in-tent, I here re-sign it all;

PIANO

p

c. 8^{ve} ad lib.

Fear-less of death as in-no-cent, I tri-umph in my fall, I

(staccato sempre)

tri-umph, I tri-umph, I tri-umph in my fall.

If guilt-less blood be your in-tent, I here re-sign it all;

p

Fear - less of death as in - no - cent, _____ as in - no - cent, I

The first system consists of a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves. The vocal line begins with a melodic phrase in a minor key, with lyrics "Fear - less of death as in - no - cent, _____ as in - no - cent, I". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

tri - umph in my_ fall, I tri-umph, I tri-umph, I

The second system continues the vocal line with lyrics "tri - umph in my_ fall, I tri-umph, I tri-umph, I". The piano accompaniment maintains its rhythmic pattern, with some chordal changes in the right hand.

tri - - - - - umph in my fall.

The third system shows the vocal line with lyrics "tri - - - - - umph in my fall." The piano accompaniment includes a dynamic marking *f* (forte) and a more complex rhythmic texture in the right hand.

If

The fourth system begins with the vocal line and lyrics "If". The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic structure, ending with a final chord.

guilt - less blood be your in - tent, I here re - sign - it - all;

p

Fear-less of death as in - no - cent, Fear-less of death as in - no - cent,

I tri - - - - - umph, I

tri-umph, I tri-umph, I tri-umph in my fall.

f

Fear-less of death as in - no - cent, Fear-less of death as in - no-cent, I

p

(c. 8^{ve})

tri-umph in my fall; Fearless of death as in - no-cent, I tri-umph in my fall.

Fine

Fine

Largo e piano (♩ = 63)

And if to fate my days must run, O right-eous heaven,

p

O right-eous heaven, thy will be done, thy will be done!

O right-eous heaven, if to fate my days must

run, O right-eous heaven, thy will be done! If

un poco forte *Dal Segno* S

un poco forte *Dal Segno* S