RECITATIVE - OH, WORSE THAN DEATH INDEED!
AIR - ANGELS, EVER BRIGHT AND FAIR

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SOPRANO

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O, worse than death indeed! Lead me, ye guards, lead me, or to the rack, or to the flames, I'll thank your gracious mercy!

PIANO

Air - Larghetto (d = 72)

Angels, ever bright and fair,
Angels, ever bright and fair, Take, oh, take me,

Take, oh, take me to your care,

take me, take, oh, take me, Angels,
ever bright and fair, Take, oh, take me to your care,
Take, oh, take me to your care.

Speed to your own courts my

flight, Clad in robes of vir-gin white, Clad in robes of vir-gin

white, Clad in robes of vir-gin white! Take me,
Angels, ever bright and fair, Take, oh, take me, Take, oh, take me to your care.

Angels, take me, take, oh, take me, Angels,

(ad lib.)
ev-er bright and fair, Take, oh, take me to your care, Take, oh, take me to your

cola roce

care.

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