

Il Ballo Delle Ingrate

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No. 1 SINFONIA

(Andante e maestoso)

The musical score consists of eight staves of music. The top three staves are for Violini 1, Violini 2&3, and Viole. The bottom five staves are grouped together and labeled Continuo, Violoncelli, and Contrabassi. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. Dynamics are indicated throughout the score, including 'f' (fortissimo) and 'p' (pianissimo). The score shows a progression of chords and melodic lines typical of early instrumental music.

The curtain rises, and reveals a terrifying likeness of the mouth of Hell, with flames and smoke surging from four dark caverns hewn in rock. Two figures appear, moving cautiously: one is a woman of surpassing beauty, a woman before whom even the flames themselves seem pallid and colourless. With her is a small boy, carrying a bow and a quiver half full of arrows. It is Cupid — and he is trying to persuade his mother to ask a favour of Pluto, ruler of the underworld.

No. 2

AMORE

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for voice and piano, with the vocal line starting with 'De l'im - pla - ca - bil'. The lyrics continue: 'Di o Ec co ne giun t'al Re gno se - This is the a - bode of Plu - to, him there is no ap - peas - ing, as -'. The piano accompaniment is shown below with bass notes and dynamic markings like 'mf'. The bottom staff shows the bass line for the piano.

con - do O bel - la Ma - dre il pre - gar mi - . . o
 - sist me, O beau - ti - ful mo - ther, when I make my plea.
b

VENERE

f
 Non ta - ce - rà mia vo - ce. dol - ci lu - sin - ghe e prie - ghi fin che l'al - ma fe -
I shall not now be si - lent, soft - ly I will en - treat him, till the ter - ri - ble
f
p

- ro - ce del Re se - ve - - ro al tuo vo - ler non pie - - ghi.
 will of the dread King un - bends and grants you your re - quest.
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AMORE

f
 Fer - ma fer - ma Ma - dre il bel piè non por le pian - te nel te - ne -
 Mo - ther, mo - ther, do not ap - proach! you must not ven - ture in - to this
f
p

bro - so im - pe - ro
realm of dark - ness
che l'a - er tut - to ne - ro non mac - chiass' il can -
for fear the gri - my air sul - ly the beau - ty and

dor del bel sembian - - te. Io sol n'an - dirò nel - la mag - gion o' - scu - ra
co - lour of yourfair skin. A - lone I'll go in - to the gloo - my re - gion

e pre - gan d'il gran Re tra - rot - ti a - van - - - - te.
and im - plore the great King to come and meet you.

VENERE

Va pur co - me t'à - gra - da lo qui t'à - spet - to di - scre - to par - go - let - - - to.
Go in, then, if you will: I'll a - wait you here, child; but do be care - ful and dis - creet.

Cupid is annoyed because some of his arrows have failed to produce their accustomed effect, and he longs to see how the ladies who have thus repulsed love are spending their time in Hell. But first he must fetch Pluto, so that Venus can ask him to release the unhappy women and allow them a brief yet pointed sojourn on earth. Shielding his eyes with his right hand, Cupid disappears through one of the caverns, bent on finding Pluto.

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The musical score for the Sinfonia begins with a dynamic of *pp*. The instrumentation includes strings, woodwinds, and brass. The music transitions through various key changes and dynamics, including *p*, *f*, and *ff*.

No. 3

VENERE

The vocal score for No. 3 features a soprano vocal line with piano accompaniment. The lyrics are:

U - di - te Don . . . ne, u - di - te i sag - gi det --
O hear me, La . . . dies, most no - ble la - dies hear

- ti di ce - le - ste par - lar nel cor ser - ba te
 these my ce - le - sti - al words, and ne'er for - get them:



Chi ne - mi - ca d'a - mor de' cru - di af - fet ti
 She whose heart now is hard, the e - ne - my of love,



ar - me - rà il cor _____ nel - la fio - ri ta e - ta de.
 does but cast a - way _____ the youthful flower of beau - ty.

