SUSANNA

AN ORATORIO

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Choral Score

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2. Chorus

Largo

Soprano

How long, oh Lord! shall Israel groan,

Alto

How long, oh Lord! oh

Tenore

How long

Basso

How long,

Violino I


Continuo


oh Lord! how long shall Israel groan

Lord! how long shall Israel groan, shall Israel groan in

, oh Lord! how long, how long shall Israel groan in slavery and

how long, oh Lord! how long shall Israel groan in slavery and pain,

Choral Score - 1
chain, oh hear thy people's moan and break th'op-pres-sor's chain!

pres-sor's chain, oh hear thy people's moan and break th'op-pres-sor's chain!

break th'op-pres-sor's chain, oh hear thy people's moan and break th'op-pres-sor's chain!

How long shall, oh Lord! how long shall Israel groan in sla-

How long, oh Lord! shall Israel groan, how long shall Israel groan in sla-

How long, oh Lord! how long, how long, shall Israel groan in sla-v'ry
very and pain, and pain, and pain? Jehovah! Hear thy
very and pain, and pain, and pain? Jehovah! Hear thy
very and pain, in slavery and pain? Jehovah! Hear thy
and in pain, in slavery and pain, in slavery and pain? Jehovah! Hear thy

people's moan and break th'oppressor's chain!
people's moan, and break th'oppressor's chain!
people's moan and break th'oppressor's chain!
people's moan and break th'oppressor's chain!

Choral Score - 4
28. Chorus

Grave

Soprano

Alto

Tenore

Basso

Violino I

Continuo

righteous Heav’n beholds their guile, and for-bears his wrath a-while;
Yet his bolt shall quickly fly, shall quickly fly, yet quickly fly,

Yet his bolt shall quickly fly, shall quickly fly, shall quickly fly,

Yet his bolt shall quickly fly, shall quickly fly, shall quickly fly,

Yet his bolt shall quickly fly, shall quickly fly, shall quickly fly,

his bolt shall quickly fly, darted thro' the flaming sky,

darted thro' the flaming sky,

darted thro' the flaming sky,

darted thro' the flaming sky,

his bolt shall quickly fly, shall quickly fly,

Choral Score - 7
dart-ed thro' the flam-ing sky,
his bolt shall yet his bolt shall quick-ly fly,
dart-ed thro' the flam-ing
yet his bolt shall quick-ly fly,
dart-ed thro' the flam-ing
fly,
yet his bolt shall quick-ly fly,
dart-ed thro' the flam-ing

quick-ly fly,
shall quick-ly fly,
shallow quick-ly fly,
dart-ed thro' the

sky, dart-ed,
dart-ed,
dart-ed,
dart-ed,

sky, dart-ed,
dart-ed, dart-ed,
dart-ed, dart-ed, dart-ed,

sky, dart-ed thro' the flam-

Choral Score - 8
flam - ing sky,

dart - ed thro' the flam - ing sky,

dart - ed thro' the flam - ing sky,

yet his bolt shall

- - - ing sky, yet his bolt shall quick - ly, shall fly

yet his bolt shall quick - ly fly, shall quick - ly fly, yet his bolt shall

yet his bolt shall quick - ly fly, yet his bolt shall quick - ly fly, yet his bolt shall

yet his bolt shall quick - ly fly, his bolt shall

yet his bolt shall quick - ly fly, his bolt shall
darted, thro' the flaming sky, yet
darted, thro' the flaming sky, yet his bolt shall quickly fly,
darted, thro' the flaming sky, yet his bolt shall quickly fly,

darted, thro' the flaming sky,
yet

his bolt shall quickly fly, darted thro' the flaming sky, darted,

his bolt shall quickly fly, darted, darted,

his bolt shall quickly fly, darted, darted thro' the flaming

his bolt shall quickly fly, his bolt shall quickly fly, shall quickly

Choral Score - 11
darter thro' the flaming sky, darter, darter, darter, darter,
darter, darter, darter, darter, darter,
sky, darter, darter, darter, darter, darter,
fly, darter thro' the flaming sky,

darter thro' the flaming sky, yet his bolt shall quickly fly,
darter thro' the flaming sky, yet his bolt shall quickly fly,
darter thro' the flaming sky, yet his bolt shall quickly fly,
Grave
dart-ed thro' the flam-ing sky.
Right-eous Heav'n be-holds their guile, and for-
dart-ed thro' the flam-ing, flam-ing sky.
Right-eous Heav'n be-holds their guile, and for-
dart-ed thro' the flam-ing, flam-ing sky.
Right-eous Heav'n be-holds their guile, and for-
dart-ed thro' the flam-ing sky. Right-eous Heav'n be-holds their guile, and for-

A tempo ordinario
bears their wrath a-while.
bears their wrath a-while.
bears their wrath a-while.
Trem-ble, guilt, for thou shalt find, thou shalt find wrath di-vine out-
bears their wrath a-while.
Trem-ble, guilt, for thou shalt find, thou shalt find wrath di-vine out-

Choral Score - 13
Tremble, guilt, for thou shalt find, thou shalt find
wrath divine
strips the wind.

Tremble, guilt, for

wrath divine outstrips the wind, thou shalt find
outstrips the wind, outstrips the wind,

Choral Score - 14
wrath divine outstrips the wind, outstrips the

wrath divine outstrips the wind, outstrips, out

wrath divine, wrath divine outstrips the wind, out

wrath divine outstrips the wind
strips, outstrips the wind.

vines outstrips, outstrips the wind.

strips the wind, wrath divine outstrips the wind.

tremble, guilt, for

wrath divine outstrips the wind, outstrips.

wrath divine outstrips the wind, outstrips, outstrips the

thou shalt find, wrath divine outstrips the wind.
the wind, outstrips the wind,

outstrips the wind, wrath

wind, outstrips the wind, wrath divine out-

outstrips the wind


bang, guilt, for thou shalt find, for thou shalt, thou shalt

divine outstrips the wind, tremble,

strips, outstrips the wind, tremble, guilt, for thou shalt find, thou shalt

, outstrips the wind, tremble, guilt, for

Choral Score - 18
out-strips the wind, out-strips the wind,
wind, for thou shalt find, for thou
thou shalt find, for thou shalt find wrath divine out-strips, out-

vines ______ out-strips the wind ______, wrath divine ______ out-strips the wind, wrath divine ______ out-strips the
strips the wind, outstrips the wind, wrath divine outstrips the wind.
48. Chorus

Andante

Soprano

Alto

Tenore

Basso

Violino I

Continuo

Let justice reign and flourish thro' the
Let justice reign and
land, let justice reign, let justice reign and flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flourish thro' the land, and flourish, flour
-lish thro' the land, thro' the land,
let justice reign

, let justice reign and flour -ish thro' the land, let justice reign and flour - - -

let justice reign and flour-ish thro' the land,
flour - - -ish thro' the land,

and flour -ish thro' the land, and flour -ish, flour -ish thro' the

ish, flour -ish thro' the land, and flour -ish, flour -ish thro' the

let justice reign and flour -ish thro' the land, thro' the land, flour -ish thro' the

justice reign and flour - - - - - -ish thro' the

Choral Score - 26
let justice reign and
justice reign and flourish thro' the land, thro' the land, and flourish thro' the land, let justice reign and
justice reign and flourish thro' the land, and

flour-ish thro' the land, thro' the land, nor youth, nor charms di-vert her i-ron hand.
flour-ish thro' the land, nor youth, nor charms di-vert her i-ron hand.
flour-ish thro' the land, nor youth, nor charms di-vert her i-ron hand.
flour-ish thro' the land, nor youth, nor charms di-vert her i-ron hand.

Choral Score - 28
51. Chorus

Andante larghetto

Soprano
Oh Jo-a-cim! thy wed-ded truth, thy wed-ded truth is war-rant-ed of heav'n,

Alto
Oh Jo-a-cim! thy wed-ded truth, thy wed-ded truth is war-rant-ed of heav'n,

Tenore
Oh Jo-a-cim! thy wed-ded truth, thy wed-ded truth is war-rant-ed of heav'n,

Basso
Oh Jo-a-cim! thy wed-ded truth, thy wed-ded truth is war-rant-ed of heav'n,

Violino I

Continuo

Choral Score - 30
ranted of heav'n, thy wedded truth is warranted of heav'n, is warranted of
ranted of heav'n,

thy wedded truth is warranted of heav'n,

thy wedded truth is warranted of heav'n,

thy wedded truth is warranted of heav'n, oh Jo - acim, thy wedded truth is

thy wedded truth is warranted of heav'n,

thy wedded truth is warranted of heav'n, is war -

war -

thy wedded truth is warranted of heav'n, thy wedded truth is

Choral Score - 32
heav'n,
thy wed-ded truth is war-rant-ed of heav'n, oh

thy wed-ded truth is war-rant-ed, is war-rant-ed of heav'n, oh

war-rant-ed of heav'n, oh

Jo-a-cim! thy wed-ded truth, oh
Jo-a-cim! thy wed-ded truth, oh
Jo-a-cim! thy wed-ded truth, oh
Jo-a-cim! thy wed-ded truth, oh
Jo - a - cin! thy wed - ded truth,

Jo - a - cin! thy wed - ded truth,

Jo - a - cin! thy wed - ded truth,

Jo - a - cin! thy wed - ded truth, thy wed - ded truth is

thy wed - ded truth is war - rant - ed of

thy wed - ded truth is war - rant - ed of heav'n, thy wed - ded truth is

thy wed - ded truth is war - rant - ed of heav'n,

war - rant - ed of heav'n, thy wed - ded truth is

Choral Score - 34
heav'n, thy wedded truth is warrant ed of heav'n, oh Jo a-cim!

war rant ed of heav'n, is war rant ed of heav'n, oh Jo a-cim!

thy wedded truth is warrant ed of heav'n, oh Jo a-cim!

war rant ed of heav'n, is war rant ed of heav'n, oh Jo a-cim!

Adagio

thy wedded truth, thy wedded truth is warrant ed of heav'n: and to thy faith, il

thy wedded truth, thy wedded truth is warrant ed of heav'n:

thy wedded truth, thy wedded truth is warrant ed of heav'n:

thy wedded truth, thy wedded truth is warrant ed of heav'n:

A tempo ordinario

tasto solo

Choral Score - 35
lus·tri·ous youth, shall due re·ward be giv'n, shall due re·ward

and to thy faith, il·lus·tri·ous youth

be giv'n, shall due re·ward be giv'n, shall due re-

, shall due re·ward be giv'n, be giv'n, shall due re·ward be

and to thy faith, il·lus·tri·ous youth, shall due re·ward
lustrious youth, shall due reward be giv'n,

be giv'n, shall due reward

and to thy faith, lustrious youth

giv'n, shall due reward be giv'n, shall due reward, shall due reward

shall due reward be giv'n,

be giv'n, shall due reward

, shall due reward be giv'n, shall due reward

ward be giv'n, and to thy faith, lustrious youth, shall due re-

Choral Score - 38
52. Chorus

Allegro

Soprano

Alto

Tenore

Basso

Violino I

Continuo

Choral Score - 40
the cause is decided,

The cause is decided, Su-sanna is guilty,

the sentence decreed,

Su-sanna must bleed, Su-sanna must

Su-sanna is guilty, Su-sanna must bleed,

Su-sanna is guilty, Su-sanna must bleed,

Su-sanna is guilty,

Choral Score - 41
San - na must bleed,
the cause is de - cid - ed,
San - na must bleed,
the cause is de - cid - ed,
San - na must bleed,
the cause is de - cid - ed,
San - na must bleed,
the cause is de - cid - ed,
San - na must bleed, Su - san - na is guilt - y, the cause is de - cid - ed,
San - na must bleed, Su - san - na is guilt - y, the cause is de - cid - ed,
San - na must bleed, Su - san - na is guilt - y, the cause is de - cid - ed,
San - na must bleed, Su - san - na is guilt - y, the cause is de - cid - ed,
San - na must bleed, Su - san - na is guilt - y, the cause is de - cid - ed,
San - na must bleed, Su - san - na is guilt - y, the cause is de - cid - ed,
San - na must bleed, Su - san - na is guilt - y, the cause is de - cid - ed,
San - na must bleed, Su - san - na is guilt - y, the cause is de - cid - ed,
Susanna is guilty, Susanna must bleed,
the cause is decided,

Susanna is guilty, Susanna must bleed,
the sentence decreed,

Susanna is guilty, Susanna must bleed,

the cause is decided,

Susanna must

Susanna is guilty,

Susanna is guilty,

the sentence decreed,

Susanna is guilty,
bleed, Susanna is guilty, Susanna must bleed,

Su-san-na is guilt-y, Su-san-na must bleed, Su-san-na is guilt-y, Su-san-na must bleed,

Su-san-na is guilt-y, Su-san-na must bleed, Su-san-na is guilt-y, Su-san-na must bleed,

Su-san-na is guilt-y, Su-san-na must bleed, Su-san-na is guilt-y, Su-san-na must bleed,

the sentence de-creed, the sentence de-creed,

bleed,

the sentence de-creed, Su-san-na is guilt-y, Su-san-na must bleed,

bleed,

Su-san-na is guilt-y, Su-san-na must bleed,
Susan must bleed,
Susan must bleed,
Susan must bleed,
Susan must bleed.

Susan is guilty,
Susan must bleed,
Susan must bleed,
Susan must bleed.

Choral Score - 45
bleed,  Su-san-na must bleed,  Su-san-na is guilt-y,  Su-san-na must bleed.
bleed,  Su-san-na must bleed,  Su-san-na is guilt-y,  Su-san-na must bleed.
bleed,  Su-san-na must bleed,  Su-san-na is guilt-y,  Su-san-na must bleed.
bleed,  Su-san-na must bleed,  Su-san-na is guilt-y,  Su-san-na must bleed.

Choral Score - 46
Nos. 53 - 61  Tacit

62. Chorus
Larghetto

Soprano

Alto

Tenore

Basso

Violino I

Continuo

Forte e staccato

Choral Score - 47
Impar-tial heav’n!

Impar-tial heav’n, whose hand

Impar-tial heav’n! impar-tial

Impar-tial heav’n.

Impar-tial heav’n! whose hand shall

shall nev-er cease, shall nev-er, nev-er

heav’n! whose hand shall nev-er cease,

Choral Score - 48
impartial heav'n!

heav'n! impartial heav'n! whose hand, whose

whose hand shall never cease, whose hand, whose

impartial heav'n! whose hand shall never

hand shall never cease, whose hand shall

hand shall never cease, whose hand shall cease, impartial heav'n! whose hand shall

Choral Score - 50
never cease
to cheer fair virtue
never cease
never cease to cheer fair virtue with the balm of peace, with the balm of
never cease
never cease to cheer fair virtue with the balm of

with the balm of peace, with the balm of peace, to cheer fair
to cheer fair virtue with the balm of
to cheer fair virtue with the balm of peace, to cheer fair
to cheer fair virtue with the balm of peace, to cheer fair
Choral Score - 52
youth, and guide his steps to the paths of truth, with thy own ardours bless the

With thy own ardours bless the

youth, and guide, and guide, and guide his steps to the paths of

youth, and guide his steps to the paths of truth, and guide his steps

Choral Score - 53
ardours bless the youth, and guide his foot-steps to the paths

With thy own ardours bless the youth, and guide his foot-steps to the paths.

truth,

to the paths of truth,

of truth, and guide

of truth, and guide

and guide his foot-steps, and guide his foot-steps to the

with thy own ardours bless the youth, and guide his foot-steps to the paths.

Choral Score - 54
with his own
paths of truth, and guide his footsteps to the paths of truth,
of

footsteps to the paths of truth,

ardours bless the youth, and guide his footsteps to the paths
and guide his footsteps, guide his footsteps to the paths

truth, to the paths of truth, and guide his footsteps to the
paths of truth, with thy own ar-dours bless the youth, and guide his foot-steps to the paths,
the paths of truth, with thy own ar-dours bless the youth, and guide his foot-steps to the paths,
of truth, with thy own ar-dours bless the youth, and guide his foot-steps to the paths,
paths of truth, with thy own ar-dours bless the youth, and guide his foot-steps to the paths,

ar-dours bless the youth, and guide his foot-steps to the paths of
with thy own ar-dours, bless the youth, and guide his foot-steps

Choral Score - 56
to the paths of truth,

with thy own ardours bless the

with thy own ardours bless the youth, and guide

with thy own ardours bless the youth, and guide his foot-steps to the paths of

of youth, and guide his foot-steps to the paths of truth, of the truth, to the paths of

his foot-steps to the paths of truth, and guide his foot-steps to the paths of
with thy own ardours bless the youth, and guide his footsteps truth,  
with thy own ardours bless the truth, of truth,  
truth, and guide, and guide his footsteps to the paths of truth,  

58  
to the paths of truth, and guide his footsteps to the paths of youth, and guide his footsteps to the paths of truth, to the paths of with thy own ardours bless the youth, and guide his footsteps to the paths of with thy own ardours bless the youth, and guide his footsteps to the paths of

Choral Score - 58
69. Chorus

Bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth,

Bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth,

Bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth,

Bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth,

Bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth,

Bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth,

Bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth,

Bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth,

Bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth,

Bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth,

Bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth,

Bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth,

Bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth,

Bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth,

Bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth,
day, bless'd be the day, the day that gave Susanna birth, the chastest beauty,

bless'd be the day, bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth, the

bless'd be the day, bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth, the

bless'd be the day, bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth, the

the chastest, that e'er grac'd the earth, the chastest beauty,

the chastest beauty, that e'er grac'd the earth, the chastest

the chastest beauty, that e'er grac'd the earth, the chastest

the chastest beauty, that e'er grac'd the earth, the chastest

Choral Score - 61
bless'd be the day, bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth, that gave Susanna birth, the
bless'd be the day, bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth, that gave Susanna birth, the
bless'd be the day, bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth, that gave Susanna birth, the
bless'd be the day, bless'd be the day that gave Susanna birth, that gave Susanna birth, the
chas'test beauty, that e'er grace'd the earth.
chas'test beauty, that e'er grace'd the earth.
chas'test beauty, that e'er grace'd the earth.
chas'test beauty, that e'er grace'd the earth.
chas'test beauty, that e'er grace'd the earth.
chas'test beauty, that e'er grace'd the earth.
Choral Score - 64
74. Chorus

**Soprano**

**Alto**

**Tenore**

**Basso**

**Violino I**

**Continuo**

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A virtuous wife shall
A virtuous wife shall
A virtuous wife shall

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Choral Score - 66
A virtuous wife shall

soften fortune's frown, she's far more precious than a golden crown, a virtuous wife shall

soften fortune's frown, she's far more precious than a golden crown, a virtuous wife shall

soften fortune's frown, she's far more precious than a golden crown, a virtuous wife shall

Choral Score - 67
wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's far more precious than a golden crown,

wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's far more precious, far more precious

wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's far more precious than

wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's far more precious

than a golden crown, a virtuous wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's

than a golden crown, a virtuous wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's

than a golden crown, a virtuous wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's

than a golden crown, a virtuous wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's

Choral Score - 68
far more precious than a golden crown
far more precious than a golden crown, she's far more precious than a golden
crown, she's far more precious than a golden crown
far more precious than a golden crown, she's far more precious than a golden
crown, she's far more precious than a golden crown

, a virtuous wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's
crown, than a golden crown, a virtuous wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's
crown, than a golden crown, a virtuous wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's
crown, than a golden crown, a virtuous wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's

Choral Score - 69
far more precious than a golden crown, a virtuous wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's far more

Choral Score - 70
precious, far more precious than a golden crown, she's far more, far more
far more precious than a golden crown, than a golden crown,
she's far more precious, far more precious than a golden crown,
she's far more precious, far more precious than a golden crown,

precious, she's far more precious than a golden crown, she's far more precious
she's far more precious, far more precious than a golden crown, she's far more precious
she's far more, far more precious than a golden crown, she's far more precious
crown, she's far more precious than a golden crown,
crown, a virtuous wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's far more precious than a golden
crown, a virtuous wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's far more precious than a golden
crown, a virtuous wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's far more precious than a golden
crown, a virtuous wife shall soften fortune's frown, she's far more precious than a golden
crown.
crown.
crown.
crown.