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THE Subscriber informs his mulical friends, who have so liberally encouraged the five former Editions of the WORCESTER COLLECTION, that he has contracted with Mr. OLIVER HOLDEN, who is interested in the work, to compile and correct the present and future editions, which he presumes will be pleasing to its patrons.

Several complaints having been made of the prelixity of the Introduction to the former editions, it has been thought advifeable to florten and fimplify the rules for learners. And as all agree that no febool can make pleafing progrefs without an able Teacher, many observations and explanations are omitted, which more properly belong to a Musical Treatife.*

Perfuaded that the work will be conducted fo as to meet the approbation of judges, and fubferve the interests of Sacred Music—and foliciting a continuance of former favors and patronage, I am the Publick's obliged servant,

ISAIAH THOMAS.

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* Those who wish to make themselves masters of the Rules of Composition, and of the Theoretical and Practical Elements of Sacred Vocal Music, are invited to study the Massachusetts Compiler, lately published, which may be had of the Printers of this work.

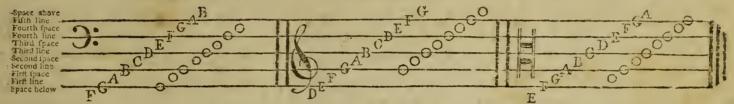
RUDIMENTS OF MUSIC.

LESSON I.



Tenor and Treble flave.

Counter flave.



AFTER the fcholar has become familiar with his letters, as they are affixed to the feveral lines and fpaces on the flave, he may proceed to call the notes by the names of the letters which they reprefent, beginning and ending at G, repeating them up and down, alternately, until he can recite them readily without the book. In the next place it will be neceffary to fing them by the names of the letters, observing at the fame time that between B and C, and between E and F, is but one degree or half a tone.

N. B. This leffon is of great importance to the beginner, and recurs either way. fbould be underflood as the foundation of all muficul knowledge and Observe, that the improvements.

LESSON II.

WHERE there are no flats nor fharps, me is in B.

But if B be flat, me is in E. If F be C .rp, me is in F. If B and E be flat, me is in A. If F and C be flatp, me is in C. If B, E and A be flat, me is in D. If F, C and G be flatp, me is in G. If E, E, A and D be flat, me is in G. If F, C, G and D be flatp, me is in D. Above me, the notes afcending arc, faw, fol, law, faw fol, law; below, defcending, are law, fol, faw, law, fol, faw; and then me recurs either way.

Obferve, that the femi-tones are always found between me and faw, and law and faw. LESSON

LESSON III.

Aitim. Crotchet. Quaver. Semiguaver. Demifemiduaver. Sembreve. Refts. ______

THE notes and refts thus arranged, explain, at one view, the propertion they bear to each other; the 1ft being twice as long as the 2d, the 2d twice as long as the 3d, the 3d twice as long as the Ath, &c .- The refts are called notes of filence ; whenever they occur in a tune, the performer is to reft as long as he would be founding the note it reprefents.

N. B. According to ancient tradition, the femibrave reft fills a bar in all moods.

LESSON IV.

A ftave	IS five lines and their fpaces, calculated to contain the twelve different founds or de- grees in mulic.
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A brace	Shows how many parts move together.
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in, direct the performer back to a repeat, leaving the note under figure-2 unfung the first time, and the note : under

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under figure 1 unfung the last time, unless both figures are connected together with a flur, in which cafe both fhould be fung the last time. Gives the performer liberty to continue the

found of the note, to which it refers, be-

yond its common length-The influence of this character, if rightly man-

aged, is very pleafing. Whenever it oc -.

curs, the fchool or choir fhould difcon-

tinue beating time, dwelling fweetly on the found, until the master refumes the

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A mark of , diffinction Figure 3 -----A point *A flur A direct A bar

time in its proper order. Directs the performer to fing and pronounce the note to which it points, emphatically. Diminishes the three notes to which it is affixed to the time of two. Adds to a note at the right of which it

stands, one half of its original length.

Directs the performer to fing all the notes which it includes to one fyllable. At the end of a ftave, fnews where the first note flands in the fucceeding flave.

Divides the time into equal parts.

* The common method of flurring is fuperfluous and inconvenient : it is therefore difcontinued where the notes are tied together. And where a chain of tied notes include a fucceeding note in the fame fyllable, a thert flur is used to conbeel theta,

Shews the end of a ftrain. A double bar-Is affixed to the end of a tune.

Are finall notes which fhare the time with Apoggituras the fucceeding or principal note, according to the length and fituation of the principal.

LESSON'V.

COMMON TIME MOODS.

-THIS mood is the floweft now in ufe. Crotchete are performed, in the time of one fecond to each. - One femibreve, or its quantity in other notes or refts, fills a bar, which requires four beats, two down, and two up. The accents fall on the first and third parts of the bar.

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Firit,

This mood requires a little quicker movement. Second; 🕀 The fame quantity of notes and refts fills a bar. It is beat and accented like the first, excepting when the tune is principally composed of minims and crotchets, in which cafe the method of performing it with two beats in a bar is to be preferred.

Third,

This mood requires a quicker movement than the last, having but two beats in a bar; one beat down, - and one up. The fame number of notes, or refts, are required to each bar. The accents fall on the arit and third parts of the bar, but principally on the first. Fourth,

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This mood requires a ftill quicker movement, hay-Fourth, ing but one minim, or its quantity of other notes, in a bar, which are beat and accented like the laft, only one third quicker.

TRIPLE TIME MOODS.

3 THIS is the flowest movement in triple time. Three minims fill a bar, which requires three motions of the hand transformed. the hand, two down, and one up. Minims, in .this mood, fhould be performed in the fame time as crotchets in the first mood of common time. The accents fall on the first part of the bar.

Second, Z Contains three crotchets in a bar-beat and accent-ed like the first-about one third part quicker.

3. Contains three quavers in a bar-beat and accent-Third, \overrightarrow{A} ed like the fecond—nearly one third quicker.

COMPOUND TIME MOODS.

equal beats, three down, and three up. Each mo-Firft, tion requires one fecond of time. It is accented

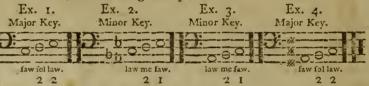
Second, E Contains fix quavers in a bar-beat and accented like the laft-about one quarter part quicker.

the last part of the bar, in all moods.

LESSON VI.

A KEY in mufic is the principal note or tone to which the whole piece is accommodated, on which the bafs always ends, and from which the pitch of the tune fhould be taken. There are but two keys in mufic, viz. the major and the minor. The major key is "adapted to express the cheerful pathon, and the minor is expreffive of the folemn and pathetic."

To determine the key of a tune, find the last note of the bass, and if the 3d above contain 4 femi-tones it is major, if but 3, it is minor. See the following examples.



The cyphers under the notes flew the diffance of each from the preceding, i. e. from C to D, and from D to E, in the 1st ex. are two femi-tones each, which conflitute the major 3d. But E THIS mood contains 6 crotchets in a bar, of two being flatted in the 2d ex. the 3d is reduced one degree, which makes, the minor 3d. In the 3d ex. from B to C is but one femitone, of confequence the 3d is minor; but in the 4th ex. C is principally on the first and fourth parts of the bar, sharped, which adds one degree to its original distance from the key note, and is conflituted the major 3d. Thus the octave is fubjected to a continual change at the pleafure of the compofer, the state of which should be comprehended by the pupil, in order 7 In beating time, the hand should fall in the first, and rife in to perform with fatisfaction to himself and pleafure to them who hear.

Obferve.

Firft,

Observe, that whatever letter the me is transposed to, the fame rule is to be observed in determining the key, as in the foregoing examples; and as long as the prefent mode of fol-faw-ing exists, the major key may be known by the name of faw next above me, and the minor by law next below me.

N. B. The first note in each example is the key note.

THOROUGH knowledge of the preceding leffons is indifpenfably neceffary; the attainment of them will fufficiently qualify the pupil for practice. In the next place he may proceed to fome plain tune, on the major key. 'Teachers of mufic fhould take great care in the firft fetting out, that their feholars contract no difagreeable habits; becaufe much of their future proficiency and manner of performance, depends on the firft imprefibons. Performing by the words fhould not be introduced until the fehool has attained to a juft notion of time and found, and can read any tune by note and letter, without embarraffinent.

Every performer fhould have that part affigned to him which he can perform with the greateft eafe; otherwife the performance will be unnatural, and confequently unpleafing; and no performer fhould fing a folo, or any other firain which belongs to a different part, without particular defire. One voice on a high part, generally requires two or three on the bafs, i. e. a fchool or choir fhould have more than one half the voices on the bafs. Where this is not practicable, a bafs viol would be of great fervice, if the perfon who ufes it is thorough in the knowledge of the inftrument.

OF PRONUNCIATION.

GOOD pronunciation is one of the first and principal beauties of finging. The mouth should be opened freely, but not wide; either extreme would destroy a good tone, and prevent just expression. Many fingers who read and speak tolerably well, are extremely erroneous in their manner of pronouncing some particular words, when they are set to music; for instance, the words *reason, hearken, token, &c.* which have but one accent, are often fung *rea-zon, beark-en, to-ken*, which is very disagreeable and improper. Words which end in *ple, ble, &c.* are often falsely accented on the last syllable, which renders them thus, *pel, bel, &c.* Words ending in *y*, with a few exceptions, should be pronounced as ending in *e*, or short *i*. The *l* should be filent in *walk, talk, calm, &c.* In fine, the best direction which can be given is this; let every word be fung distinctly, smoothly, and gracefully, every way conformably to the best rules of speaking.

OF ACCENT.

ACCENT is another very important part of mulic, which is infeparably connected with good pronunciation: It is properly an agreeable fwell or force of the voice; but it is often erroncoully applied to the notes, more like marks of diffinction than otherwife. If the poetry be good, and the mulic well adapted to it, the accents will fall on those parts of the bars, in the different moods of time, which are pointed out in the fifth leffon; but where the mulic does not coincide with the proper emphasis of the words, it fhould give way, or bend to the words. Nothing. is more common than falle accenting, the principal occasion of which is harfh or loud finging. Many fingers make two accents on one note, more particularly on a pointed note in binary time, which immediately precedes a fuge or repeat, which they break oif with fuch violence, as is truly thocking to a delicate ear. This injudicious practice effectually tends to prevent foft and graceful finging, and renders the most pleasing compositions disguitful to the audience. Were it possible for a performer of common tafte, to hear himfelf at a diftance, thus violate the niceft rules of harmony, he would not be guilty of it a fecond time. A pointed note which fills three fourths of a bar, notwithstanding it includes two bar accents, cannot confiftently receive but one. A femibreve foould be itruck foft, gently fwelled to the centre, and diminifhed to the end. A number of long notes, driven through bars, fhould be founded full and fmooth to the end. A chain of notes flould be fung foft, keeping the lips and teeth apart until the flur is finished.

OF TIME.

IN beating time, great care is neceffary that the hand do not influence the voice, by creating mifplaced accents, which is alm ft an universal error. To prevent this, avoid all violent motion; the leaft motion of the hand or finger is fufficient to preferve time. No firain should be fung any fafter in the quickeft mood of time, than will admit of plain, diftinct pronunciation. By hurrying a piece of mufic, performers are apt to fing *bar/b* and *traven*; in confequence of which, the beauty of the fubject is obfeured, and confusion introduced. Hence we learn that the fubject and occasion should govern the movement.

Of SYNCOPATION.

IT is very difficult to do juffice to the composition where notes are driven through bars, and otherwise interfere with the naturalcourse of time and accent, without an able instructor. The common practice is very injudicious and erroneous. In the 3d mood of common time, where a minim stands between two crotchets, it is common to perform them like four crotchets, which deflioys the intention of the author, and greatly injures the words; particularly where the first crotchet and succeeding minim are flurred together, they should be fung as smooth as possible, in order to prevent a fecond accent on the word-or fyllable to which they are adapted. The same precaution is necessary in all moods of time wherever an inflance of this kind occurs.

OF SOFT SINGING.

IN a fchool, or choir, where foft muße is fuccefsfully inculcated, it would be difficult for an attentive obferver to point out many imperfections. Soft muße is always accompanied with graceful motion, juft expression, proper accent, and captivating harmony. On the other hand, harsh finging is attended with convultive motion, bad pronunciation, misapplied accent, and a diffustful jarring. The latter is too just a defeription of the prefent mode of finging, occasioned in a great measure by a mistaken idea, which many entertain, that good nufic confits principally in finging loud; but just the reverse of this is the cafe. In performing fortes and fort of mos, the voice ficuld not be extended beyond its natural elevation; in performing pianes the voice should be reduced to as finall a degree of found, as will just

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admit of intelligible pronunciation; and in all common firains, a other terms, particularly in piano. The furprising good effect of medium should be constantly observed, neither fo faint, as to such a method, if once properly adhered to, will be seen by the dwindle into indifference, nor fo loud as to admit of a fingle harfh attention it will command in every audience.

tone. Such a practice, if once adopted and pursued, will not fail to arrest the attention and gain the approbation of every adequate judge of mufic. A reform in these particulars must begin with fuch instructors, as will, by their example as well as precept, inculcate foft, fmooth, and graceful finging. Solos fhould be fung otherwife the counter will predominate, which is very inconfistent with the principles of mufic.

OF DIRECTORY TERMS.

A STRICT and conftant adherence to the terms, moderato, vivace, forte, piano, &c. will add greatly to the beauty of the performance, and are of as great importance as any other characters in music. No one, it is prefumed, will difpute the necessity of fuch terms as are occafionally placed over the mufic; yet fingers in general are fo regardlefs of them, that the effect they are in-

OF GRACES and ORNAMENTS.

THE trill, notes of transition, &c. have not been attended to seachers of mulic; hence the great importance of employing in the preceding rules; it being much better to omit, than attempt them in young fchools. The most important graces and ornaments of mufic, are natural accomplishments; it is therefore foft, high notes clear, but not loud. In finging counter, great impossible to acquire them mechanically, so as to add to the real attention is necessary, that every note be touched foft, and fmooth, beauty of the mufic. Upon the whole, let every note be fung as it stands, without affecting any airs, or supposed graceful variations. The greatest ornament in finging, is a decent, modest deportment, and a heart deeply imprefied with a due reverence for the name and worship of that infinitely exalted Being, to whom we owe our existence, and every bleffing, and to whose praise we should ever tune our voices.

PARTICULAR REMARKS.

IN tunes of four parts in fcore, the parts are thus arranged :-sended to produce on the zudience, is entirely loft. When the 1st, the bafs-2d, the tenor-3d, the counter-and 4th, the treble. term moderato occurs, the strain should be performed at least one In tunes of three parts, the middle part is confidered as the air, third part flower. The fame difference flould be observed in all where it is not expressed otherwise in the beginning of the flave.

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MUSICAL TERMS, EXPLAINED,

ADAGIO, the flowest movement. Affettuolo, affestionately. Air, the leading part. Allegro, a quicker movement. Allegretto, not fo quick as allegro. Andante, the 3d degree of movement ; diflintly. Andantino, quicker than Andante. Bafs, the lowest part in harmony. Binary time, two equal motions in a bar. Choro Grando, grand chorus. Con Dolce, with fweetnefs. Con Furia, with boldnefs. Crefcendo or Cres. increasing or fwelling. Da Capo, close with the first strain.

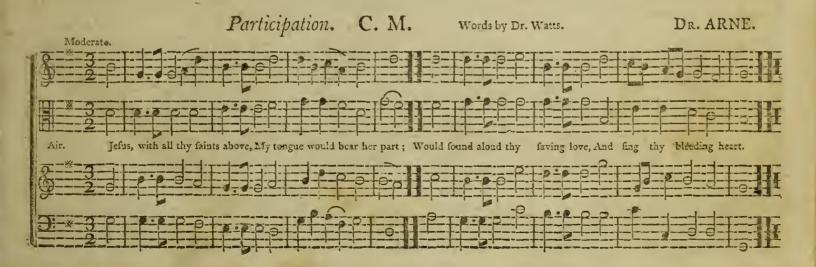
Diminuendo or Dim. to diminish the found. Duetto, two parts fung together. Expressivo, expressively. Forte or For. ftrong and loud. Fortifimo or Fortis. louder than Forte. Fuge, is a composition where the parts fall in one after another. Grave, flow and folemn. Largo, the fecond degree of movement. Larghetto, not fo flow as Largo. Maestofo, with majesty. Moderato or Mod. flower than the usual time of that mood. Mezza Voce, or Mez. Pia. between Forte and Piano.

Piano or Pia. foft. Pianistimo or Pianis. very foft. Plaintive, mournfully. Spirituolo, or Con. Spirito, with life and spirit." Solo, one part alone. Tacit, to be filent. Transition, sliding gracefully, or foftening the roughness of a leap. Trio, three parts. Triple, a species of time, of three parts in a bar. Unifon, two or more voices on one found. Vigorofo, with energy and vigor. Vivace, in a lively stile. Volti, turn over.

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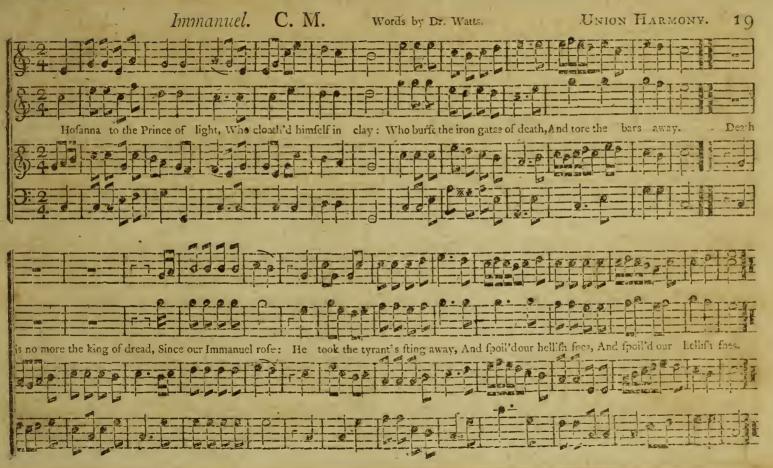
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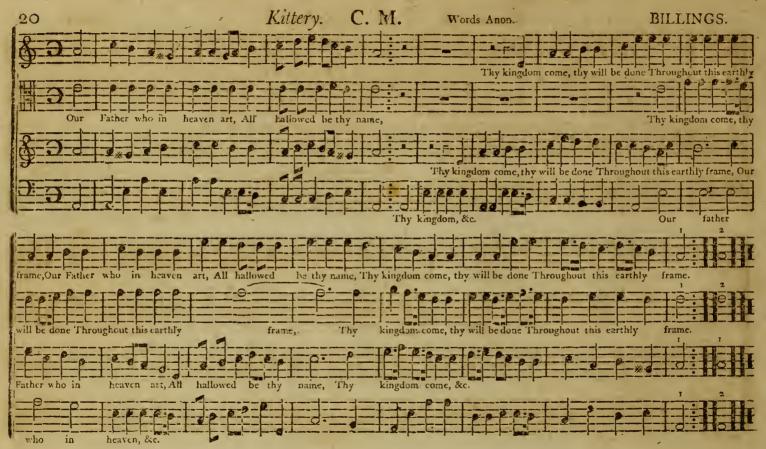
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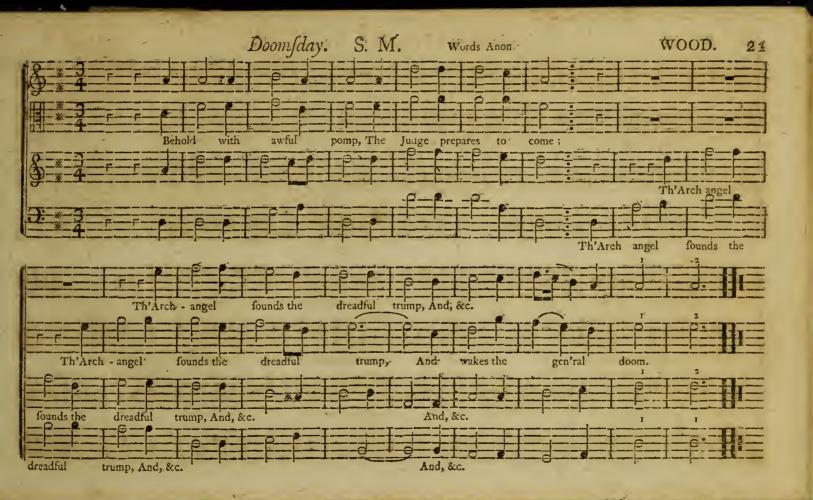


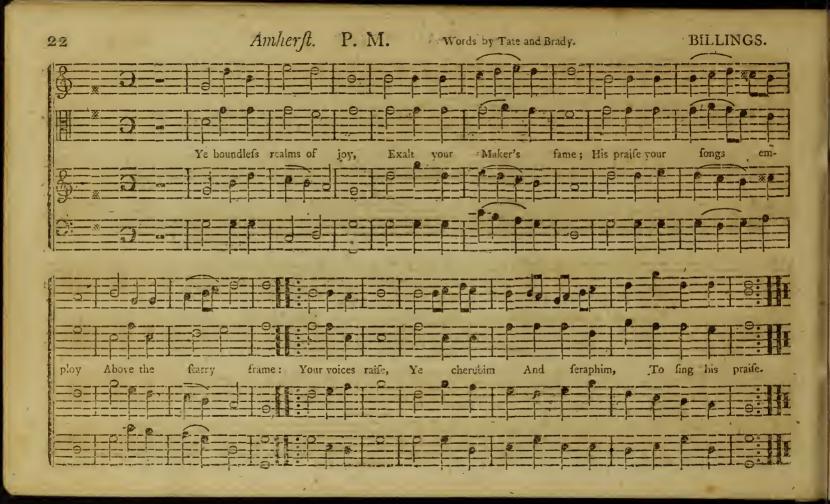


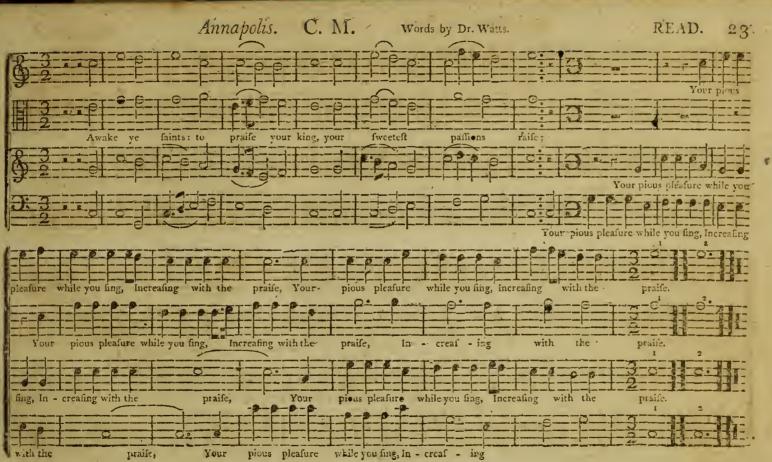


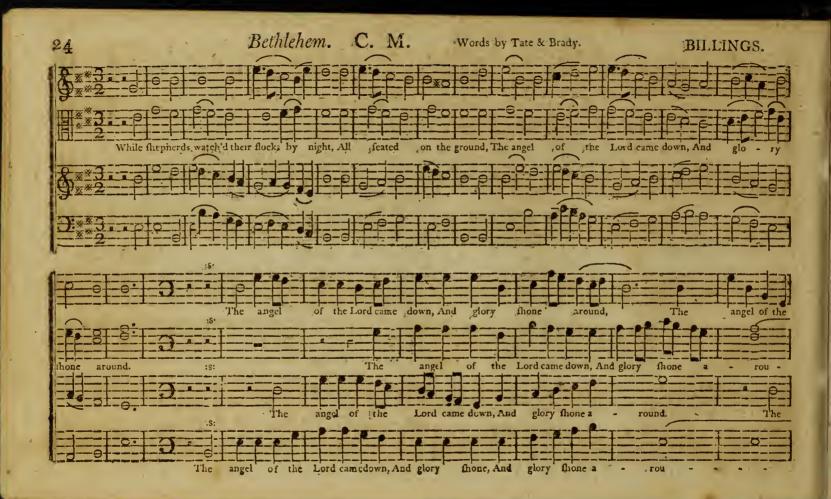


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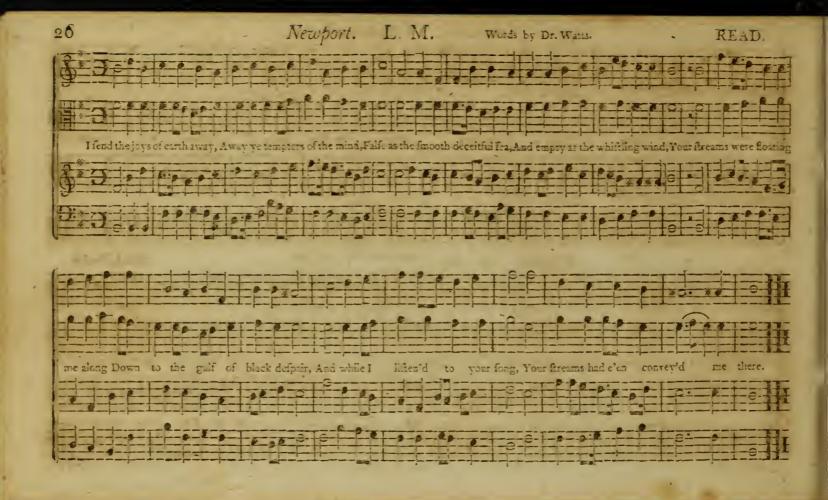










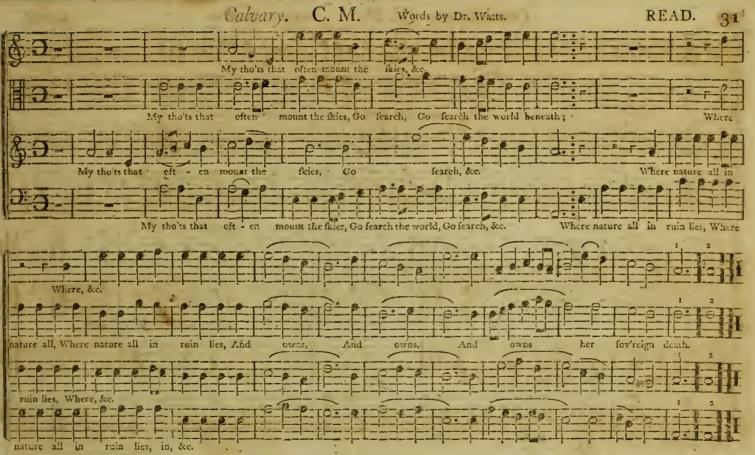




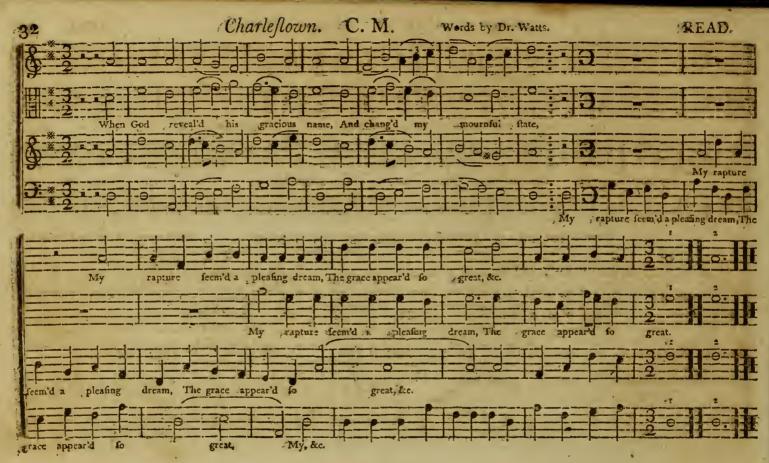




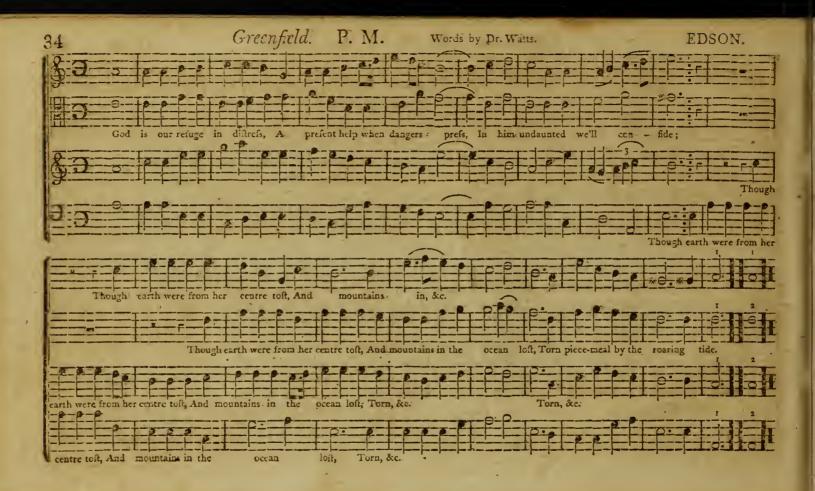




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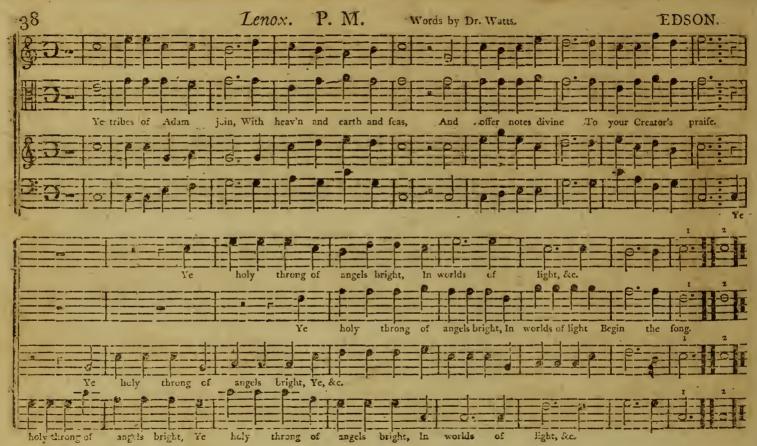










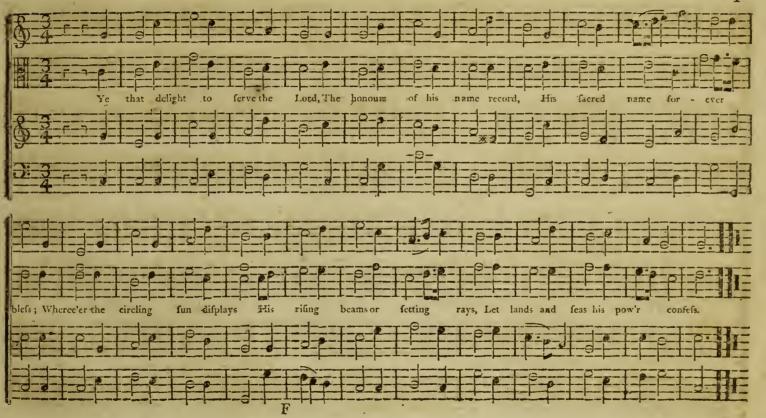






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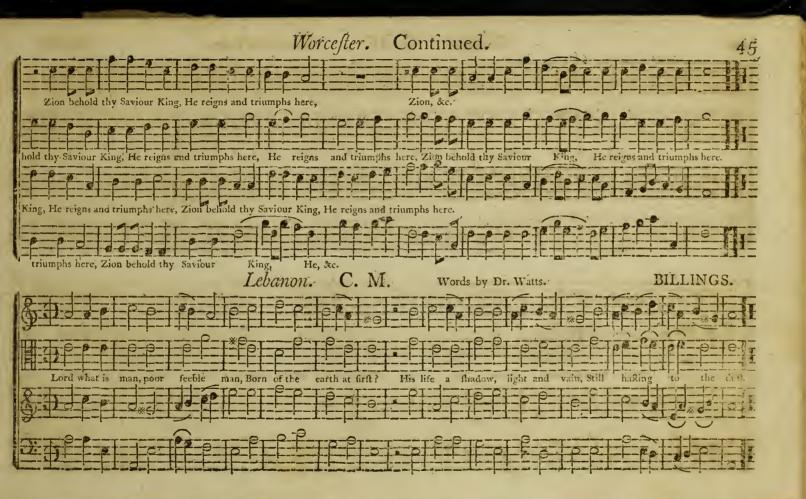
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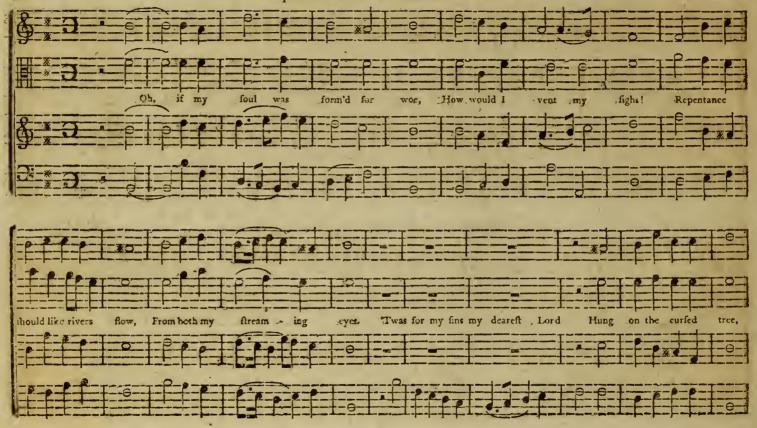






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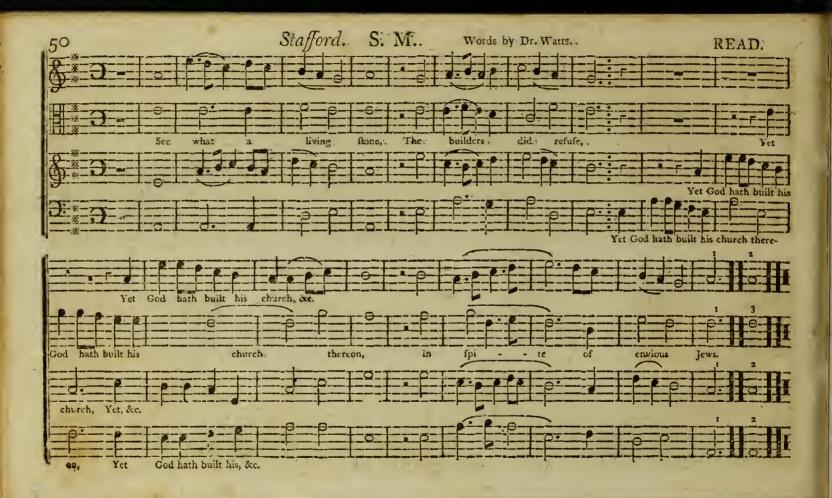
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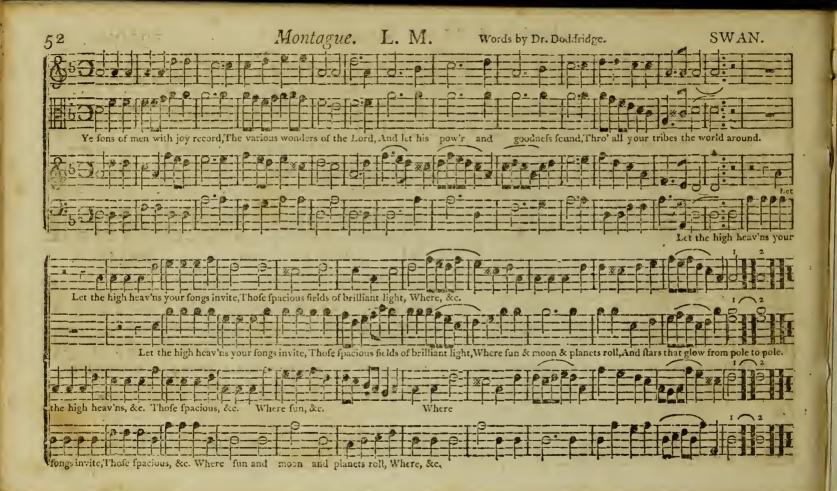
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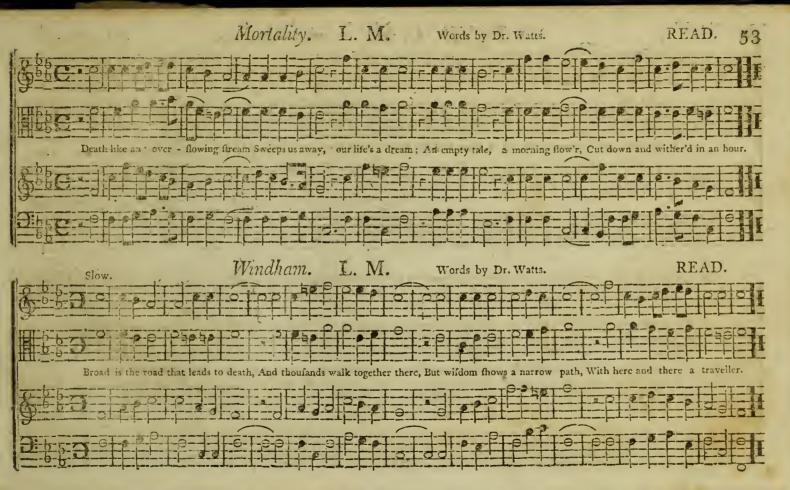








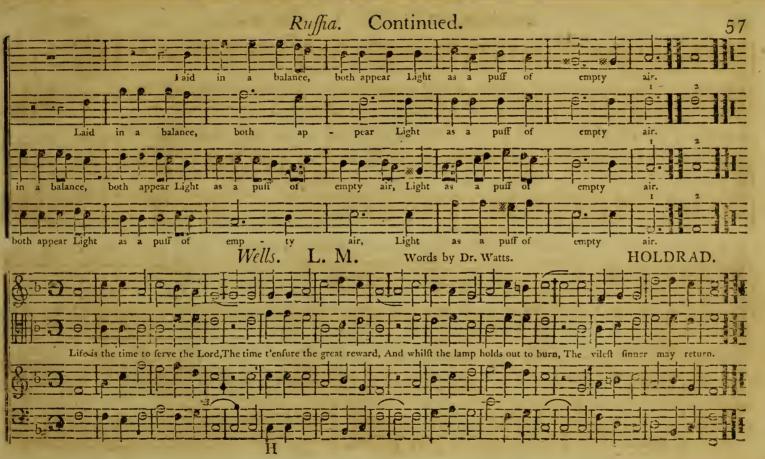


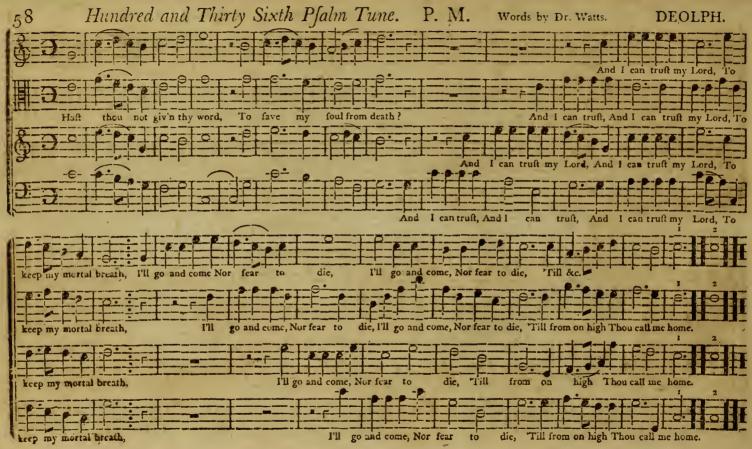




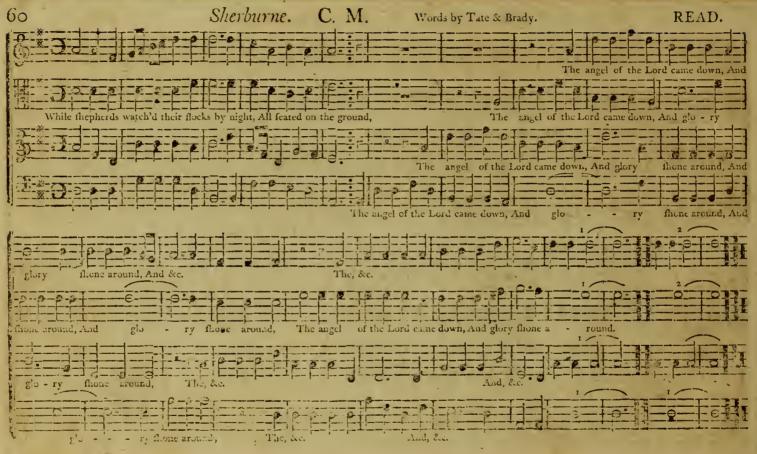


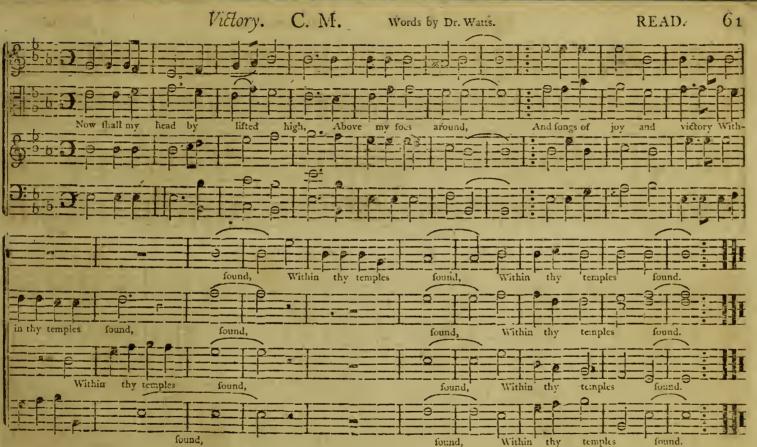


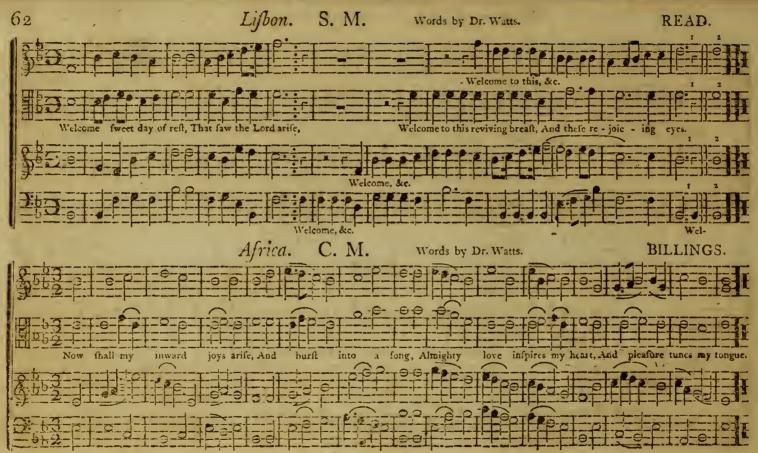


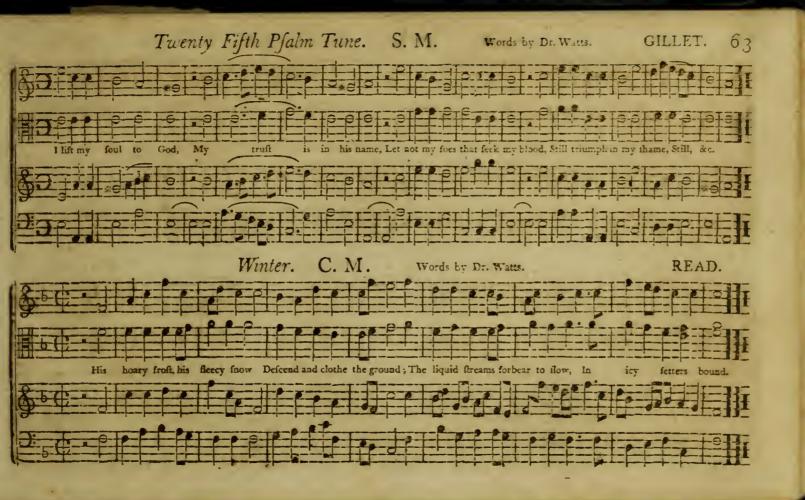


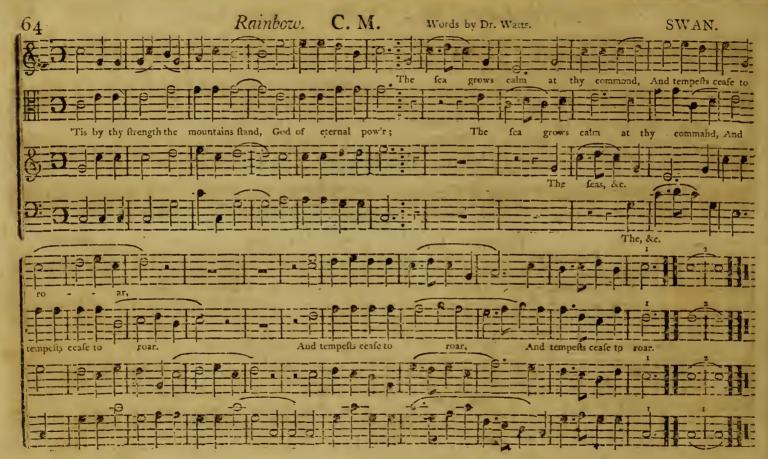










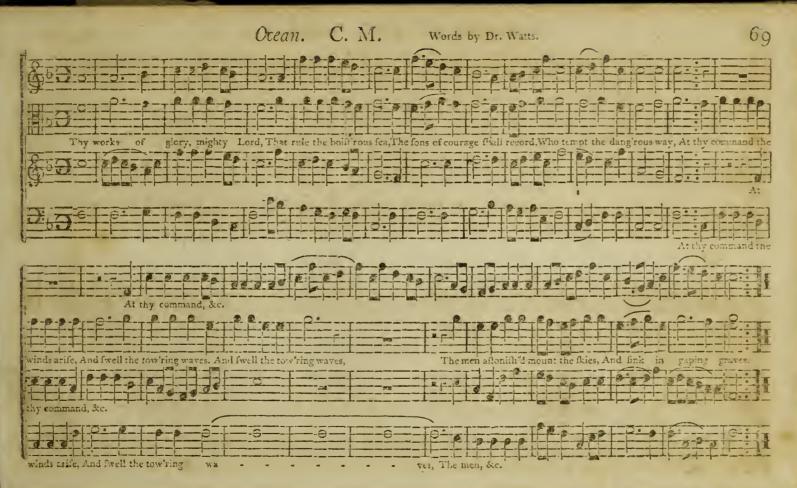


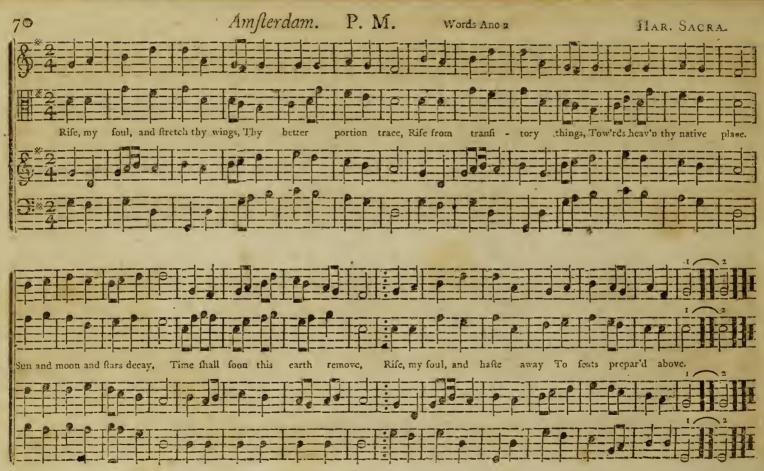






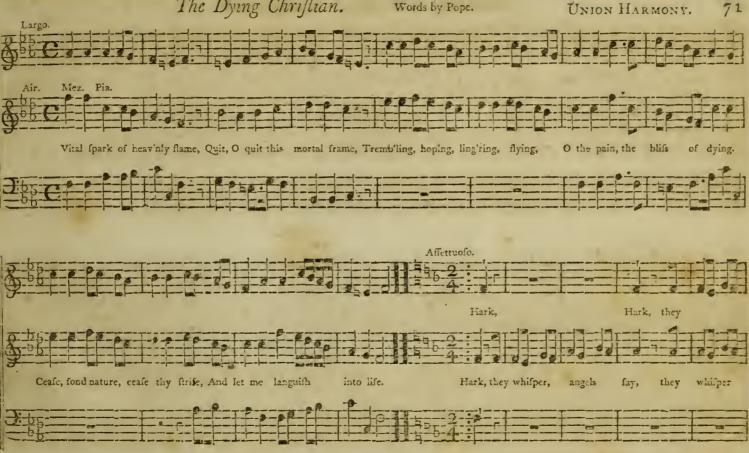






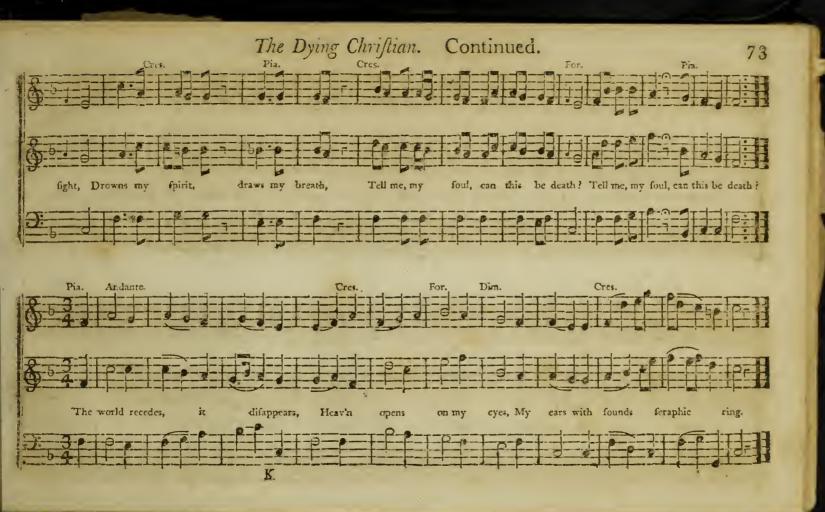
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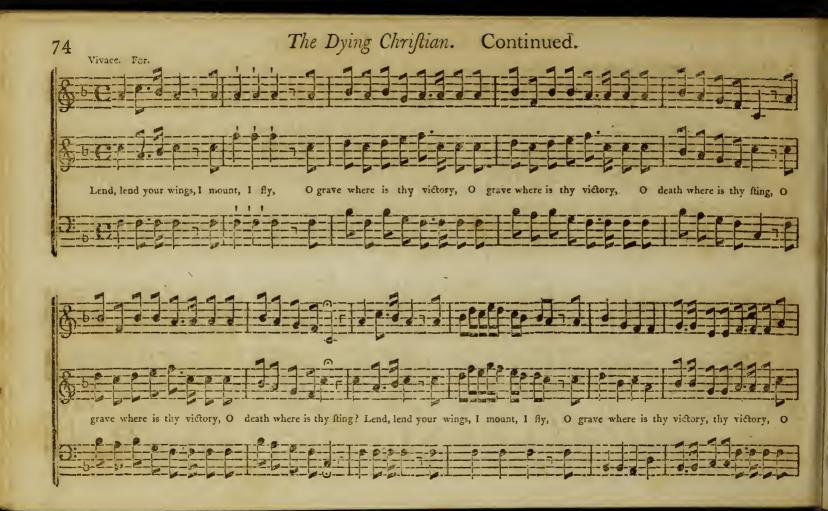
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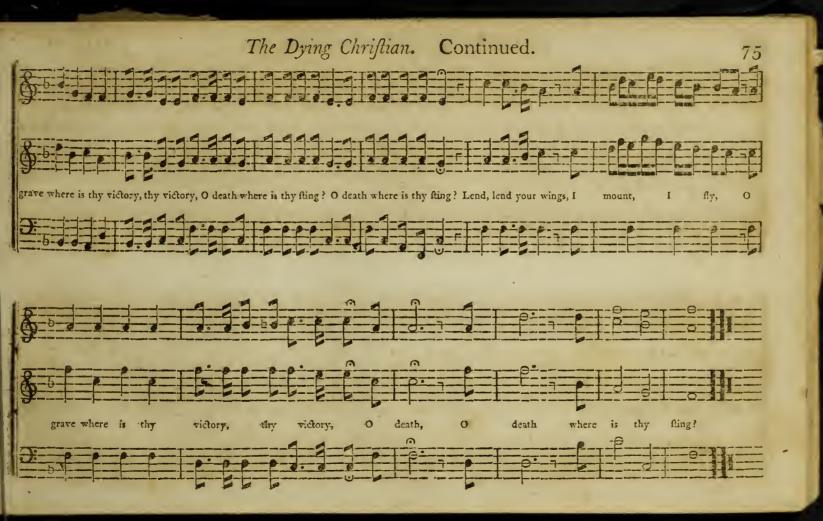


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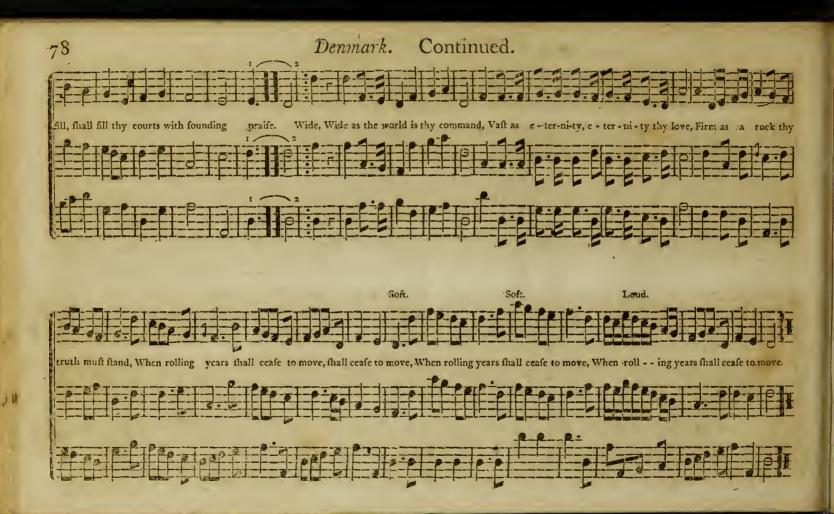


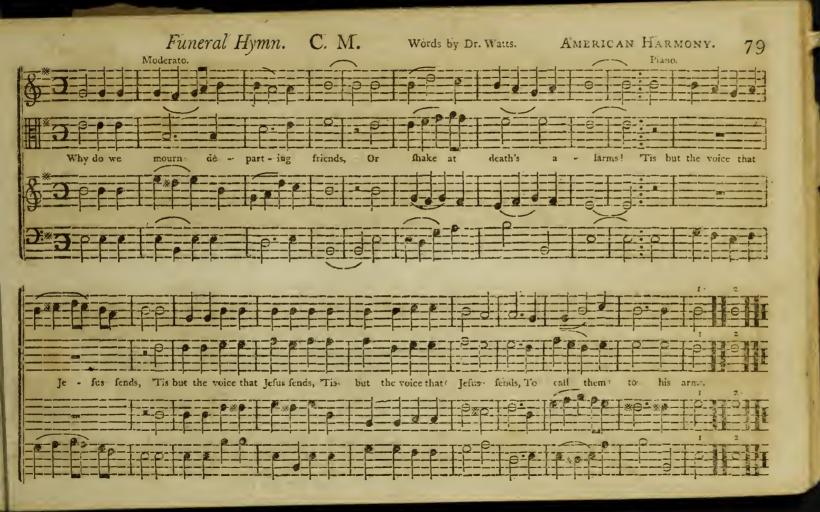






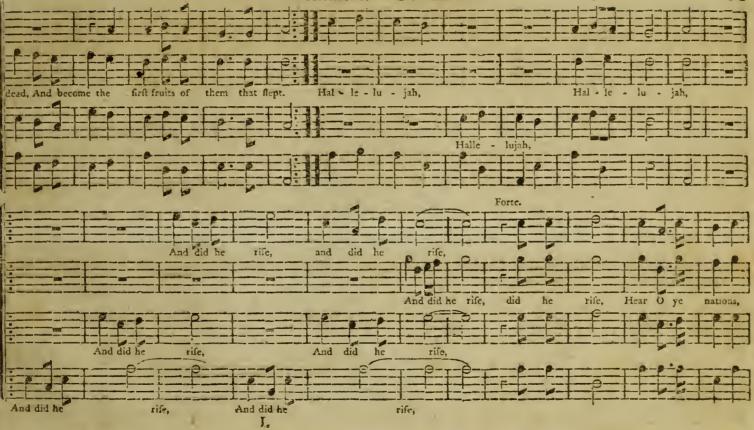


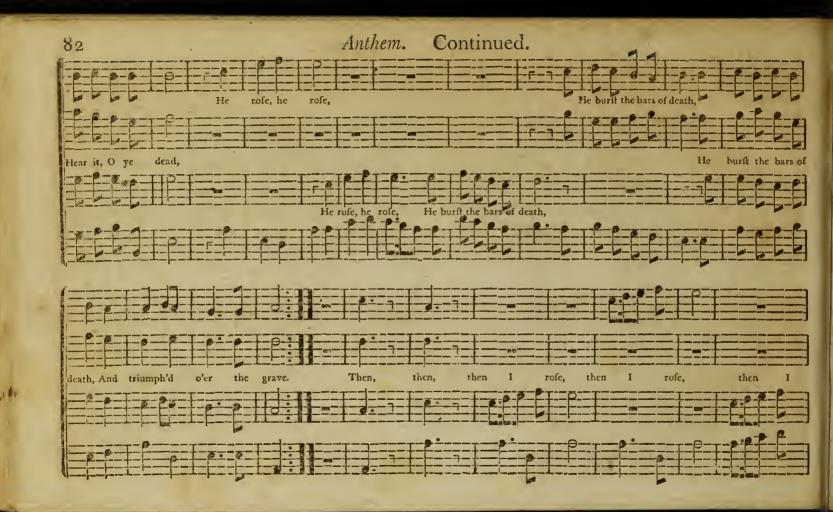


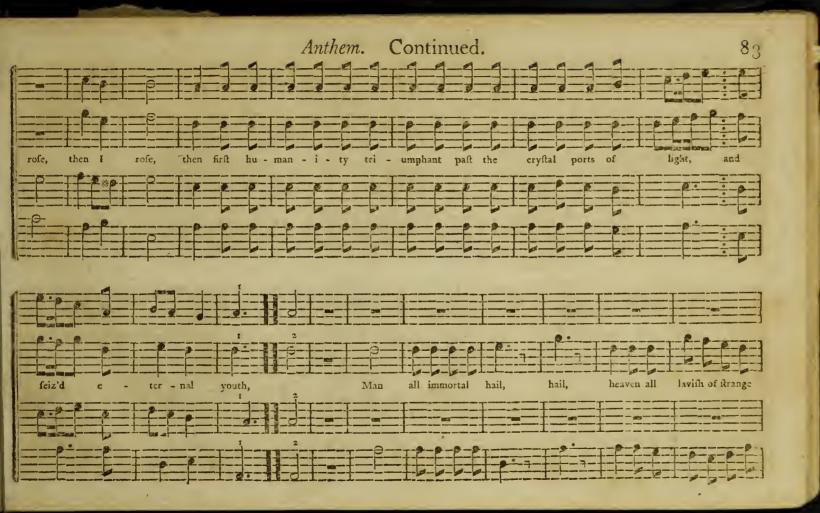


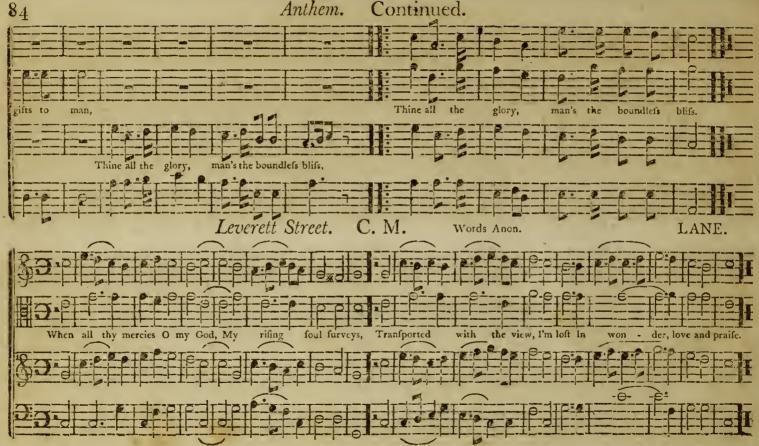


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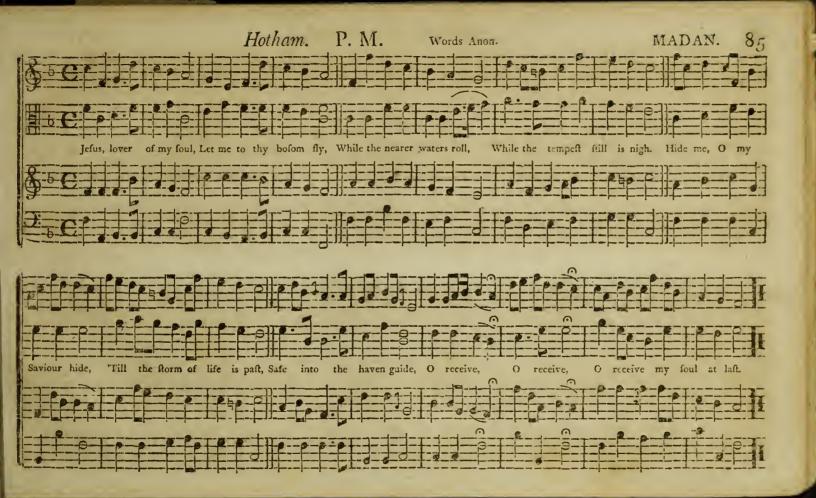






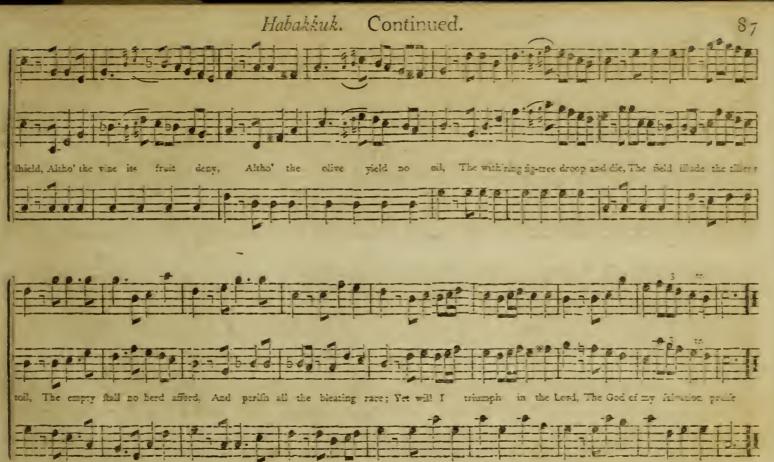


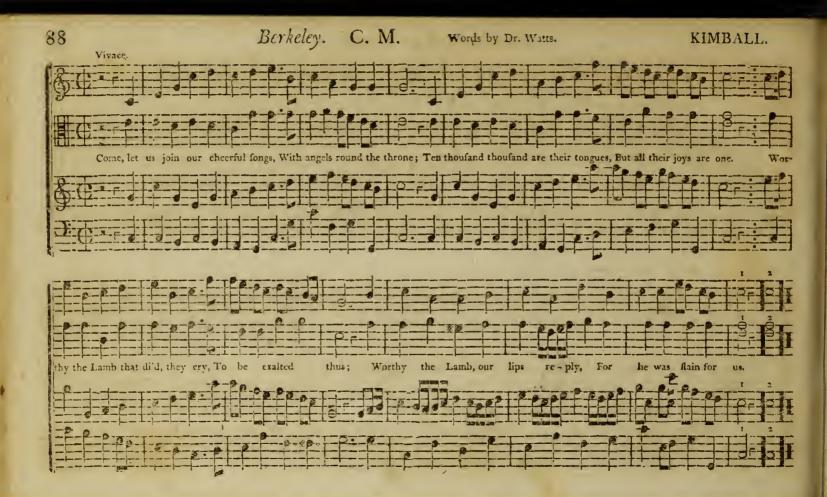
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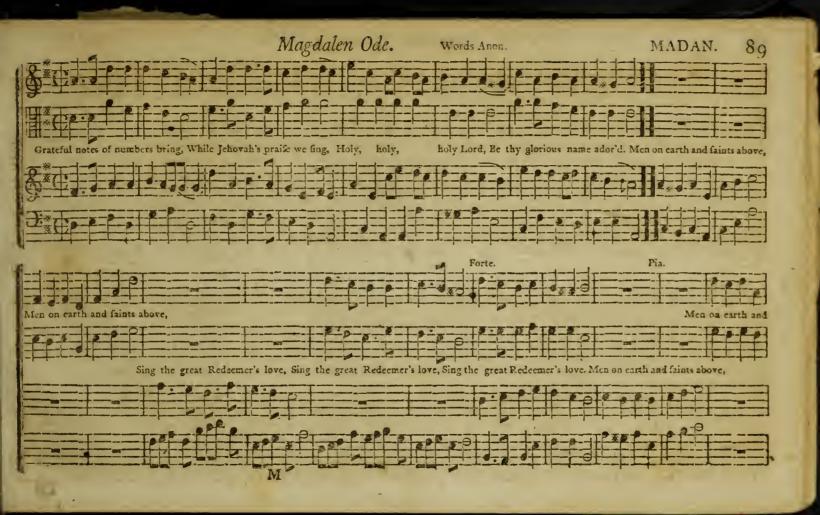




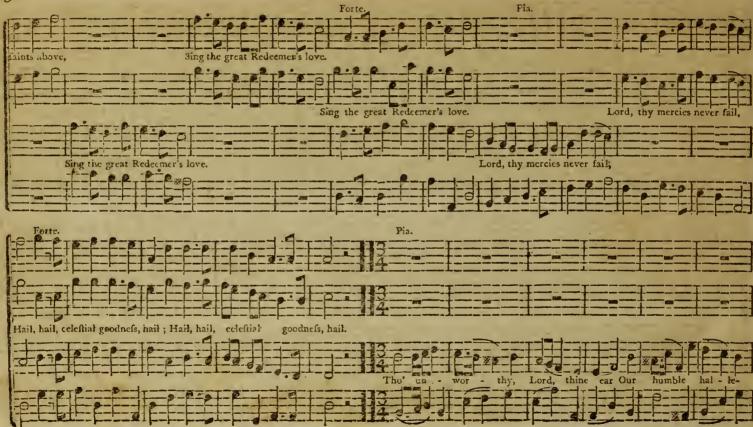
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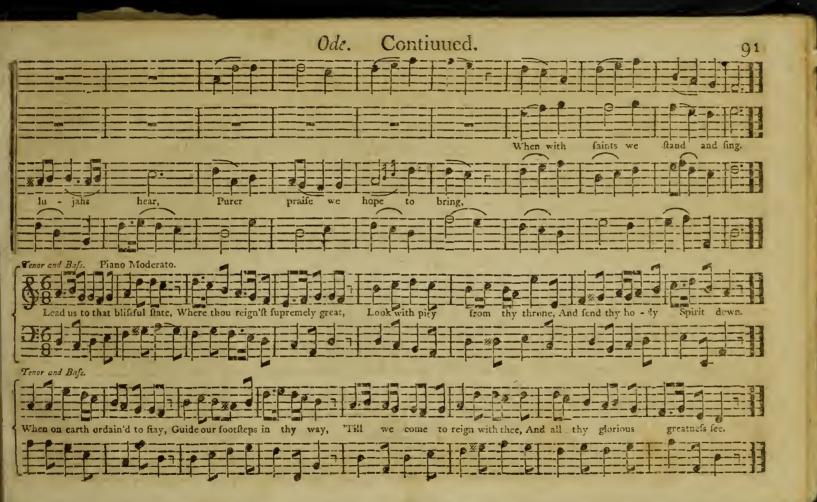




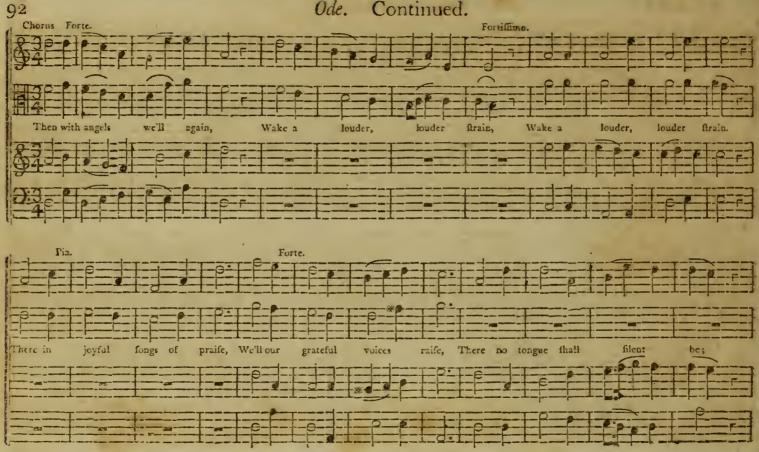


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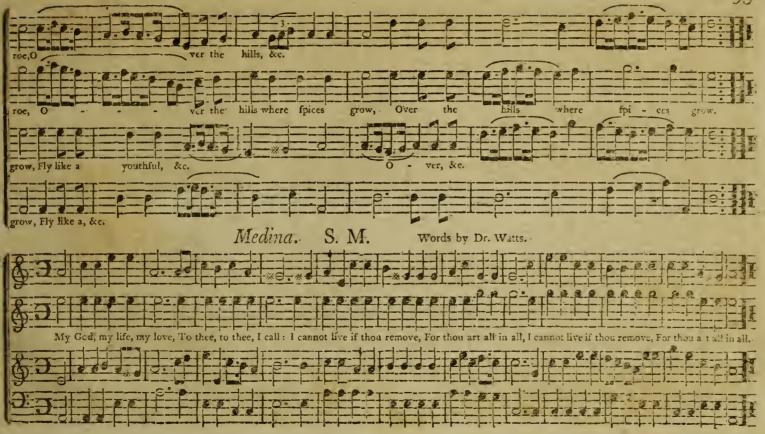


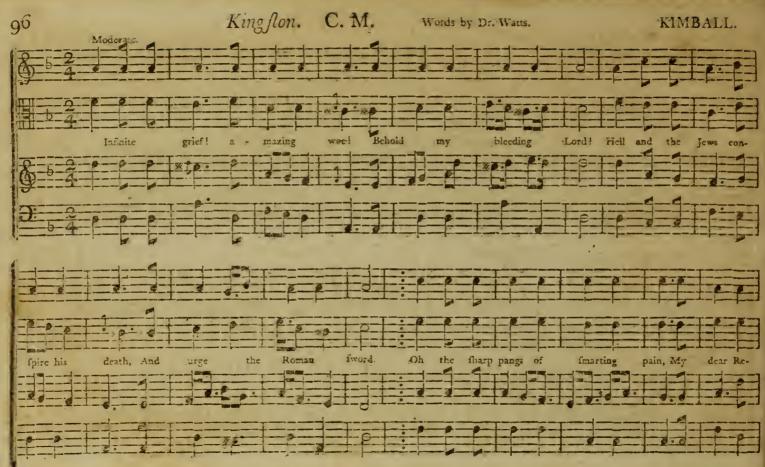
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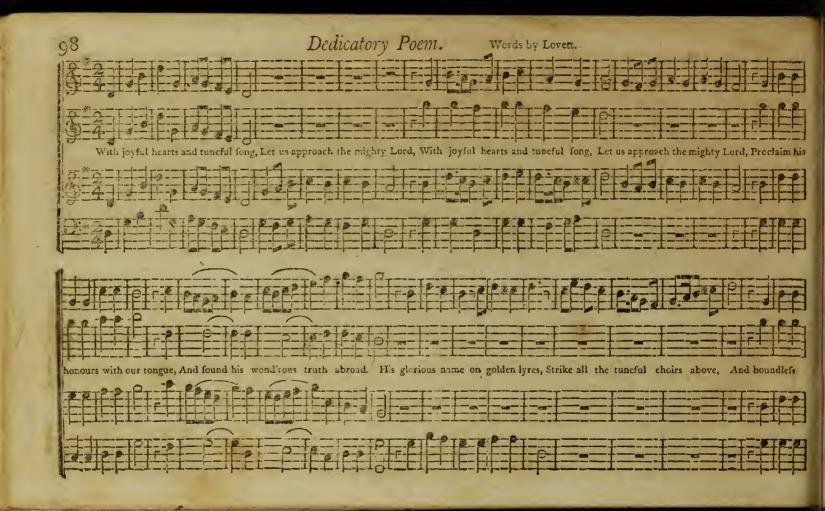


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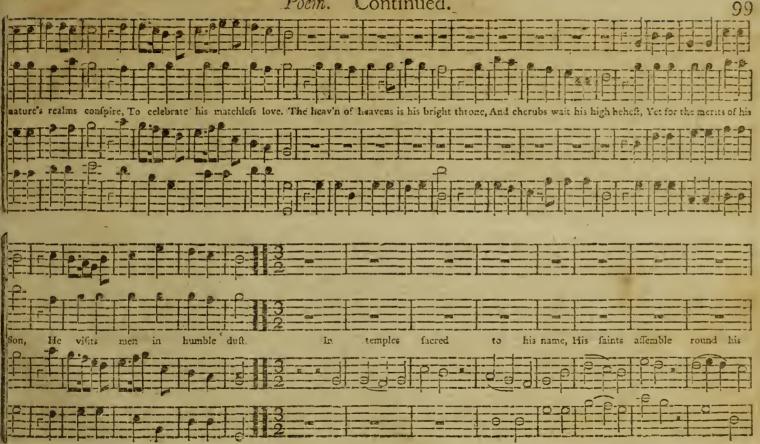








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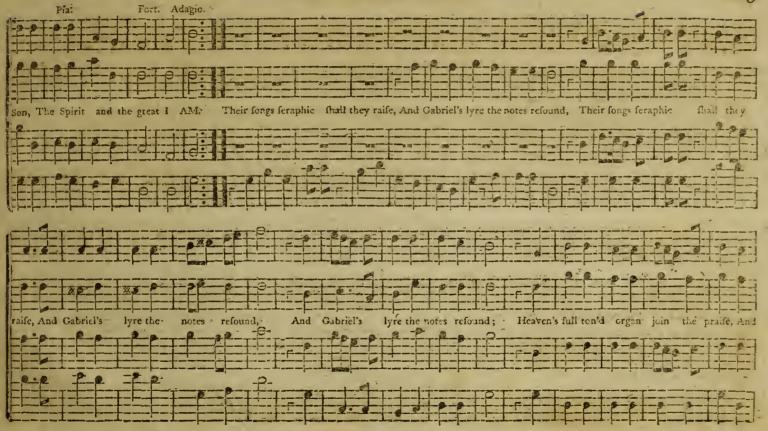




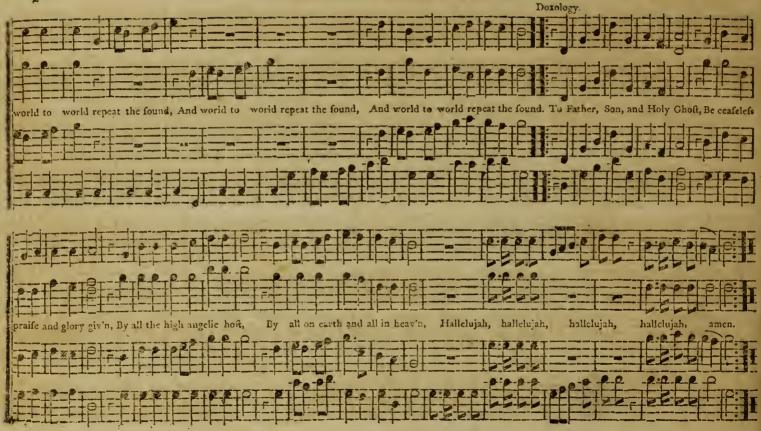


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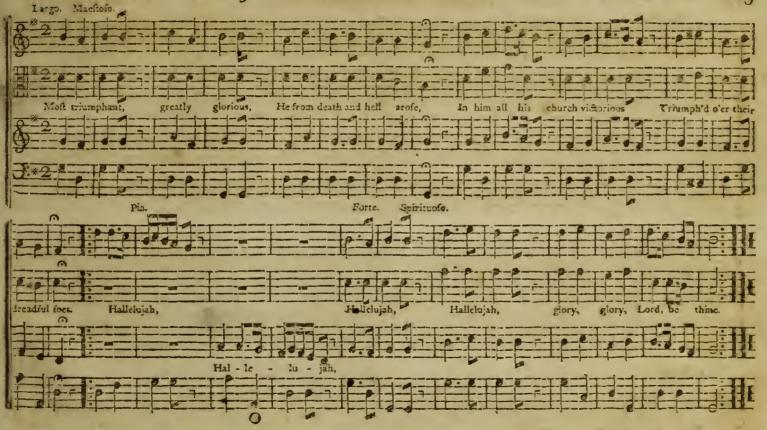


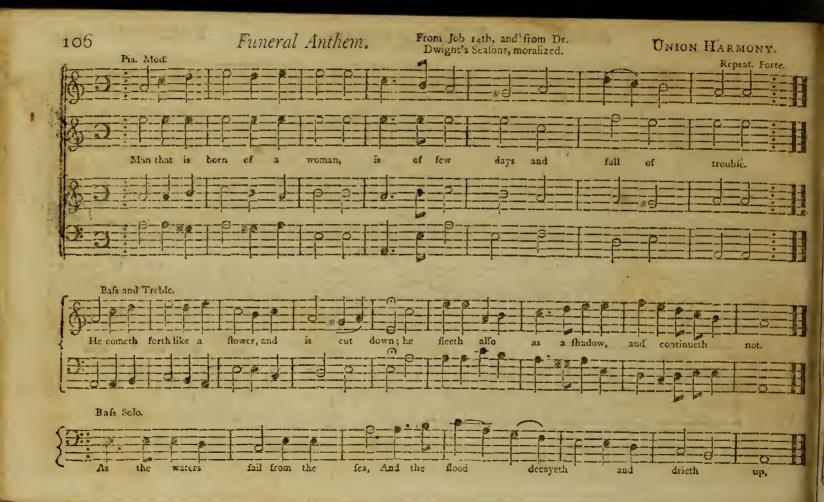
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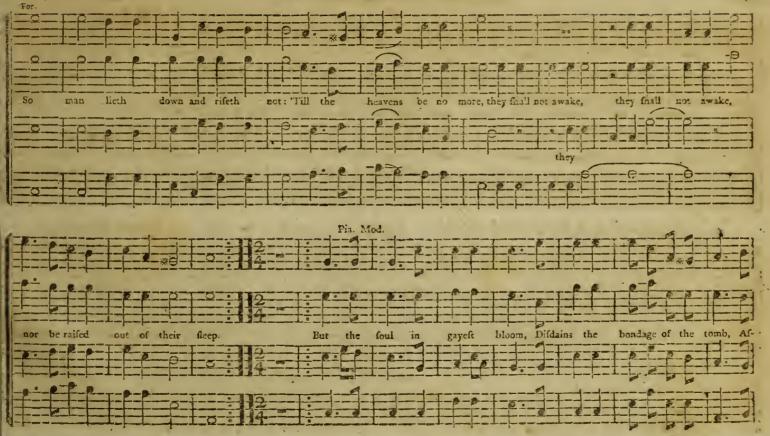
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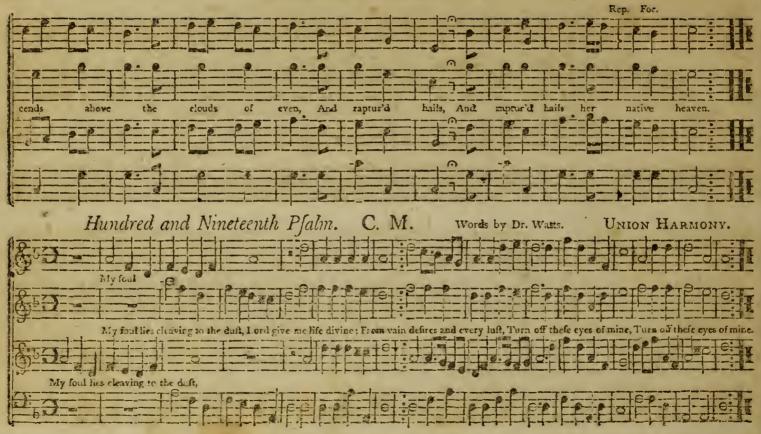




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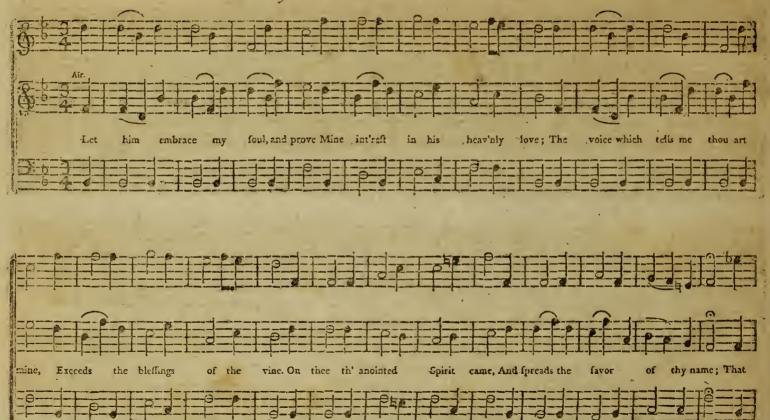
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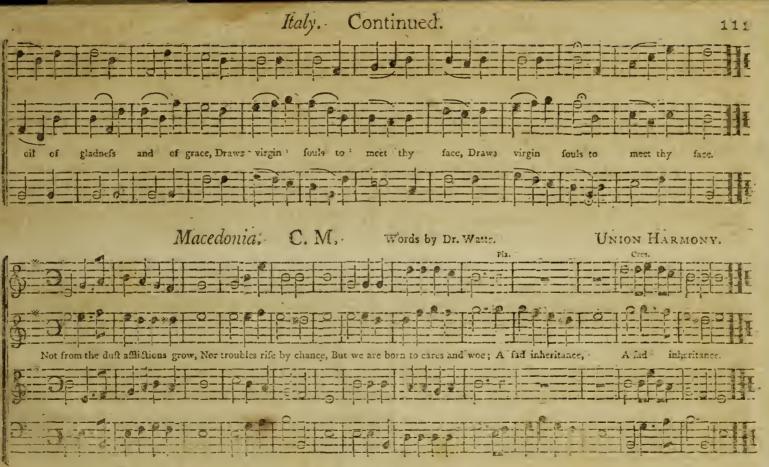


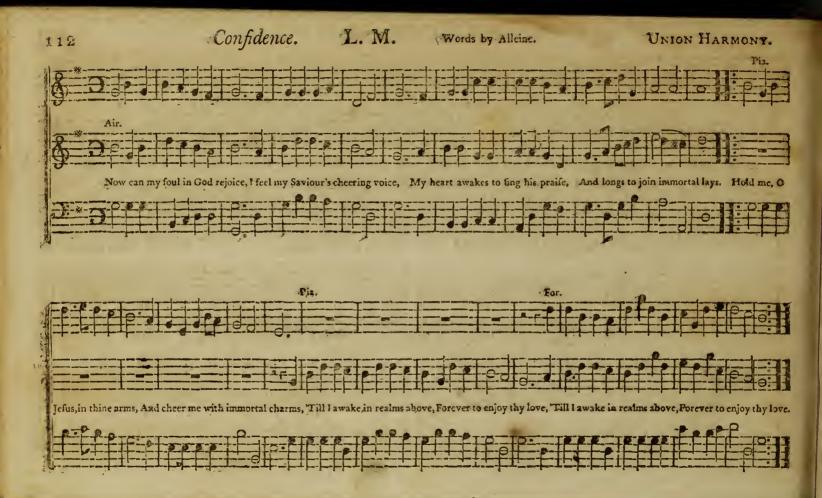
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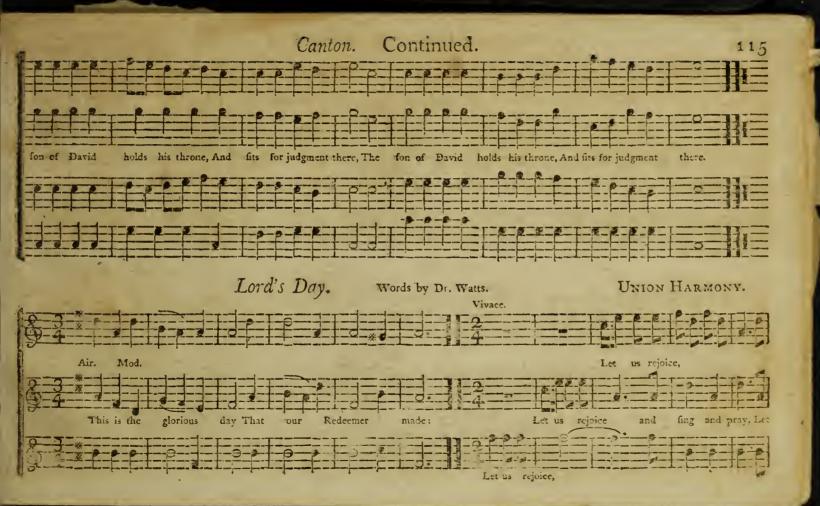




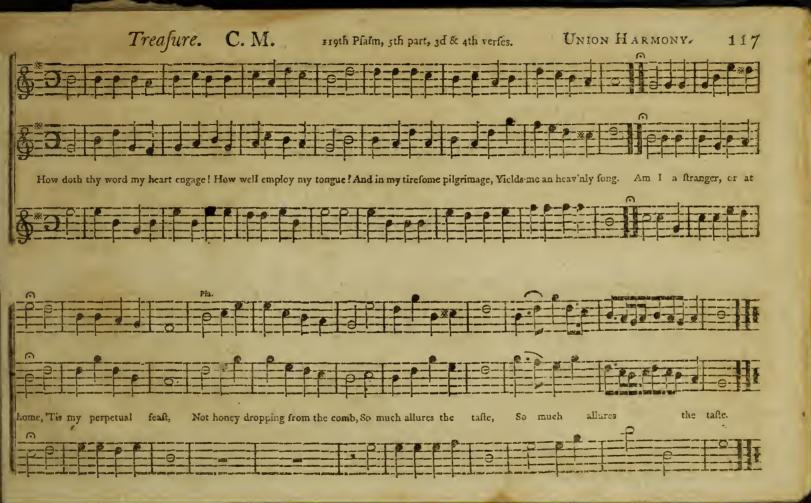


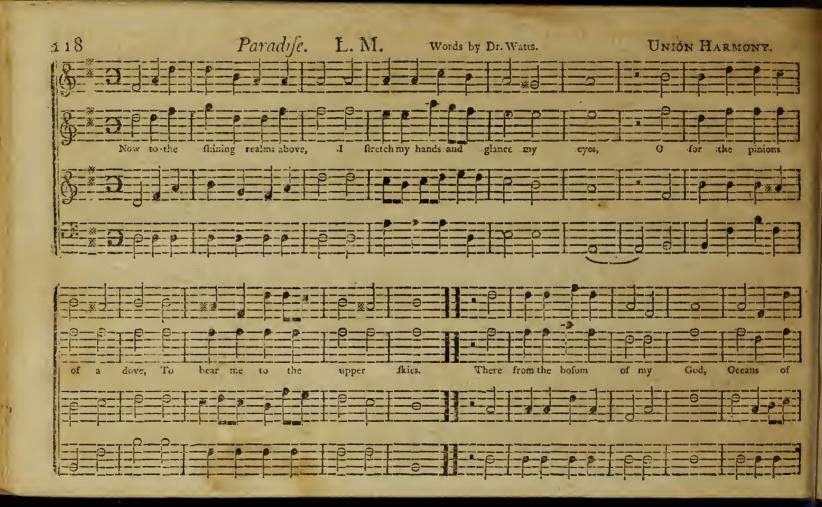
























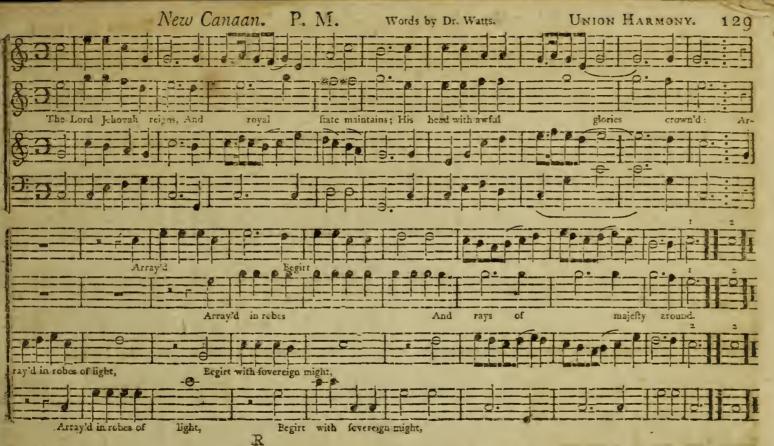


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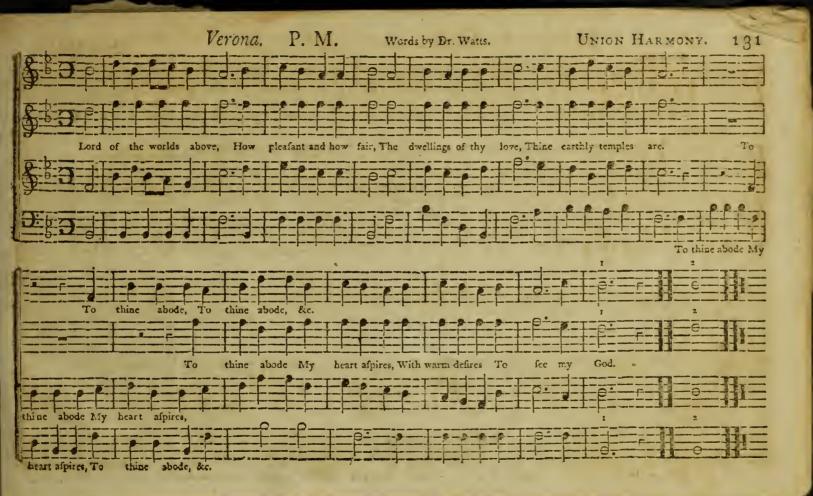


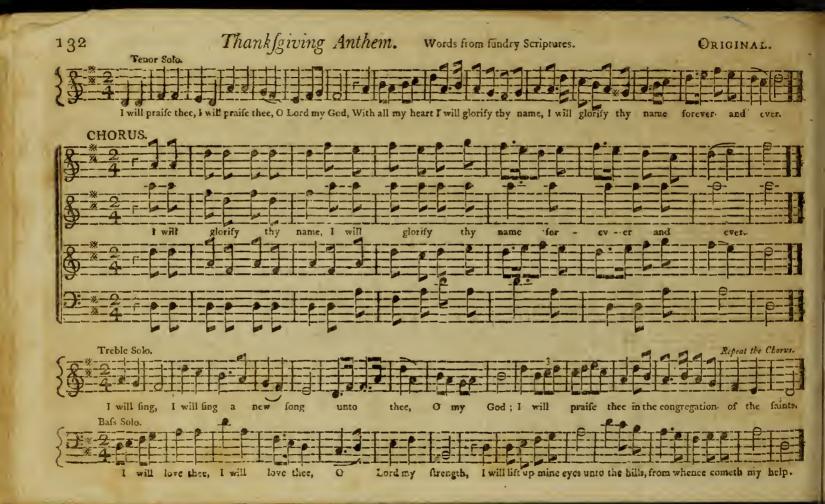






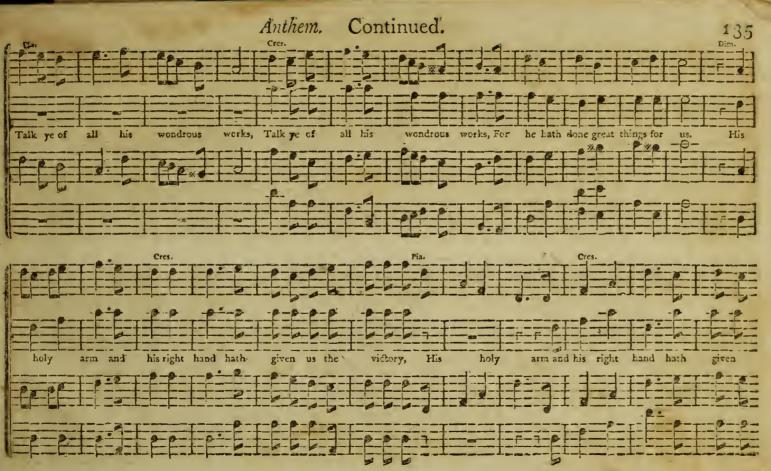




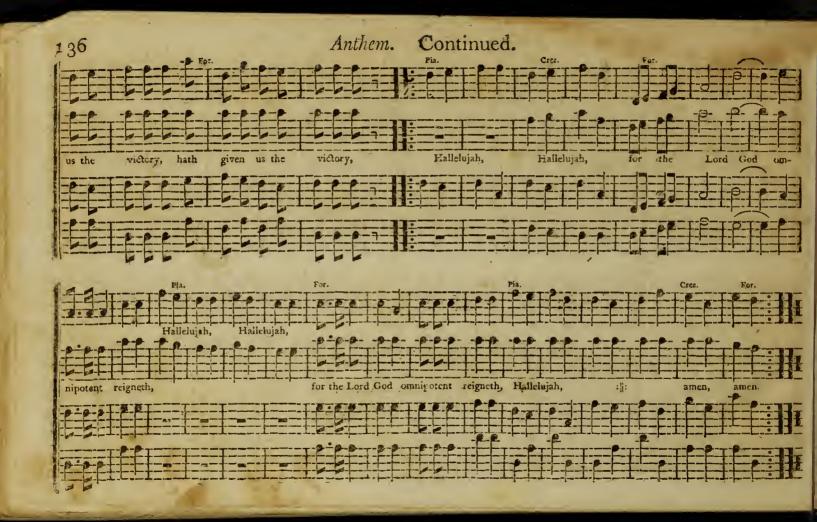


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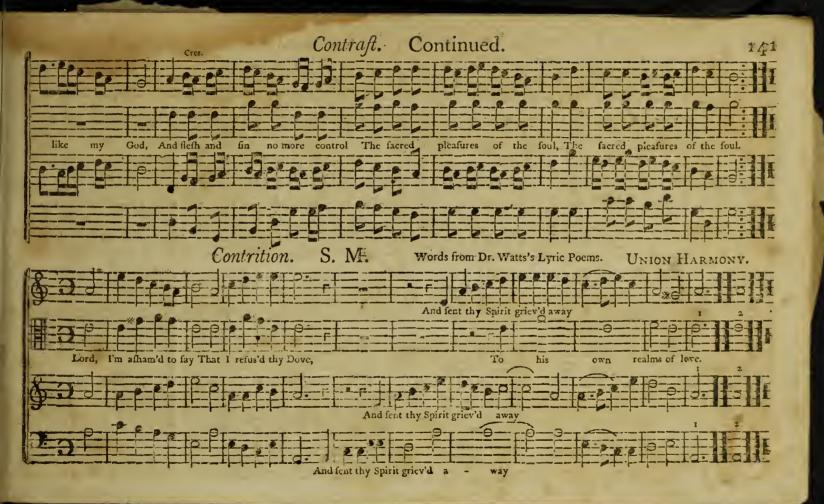


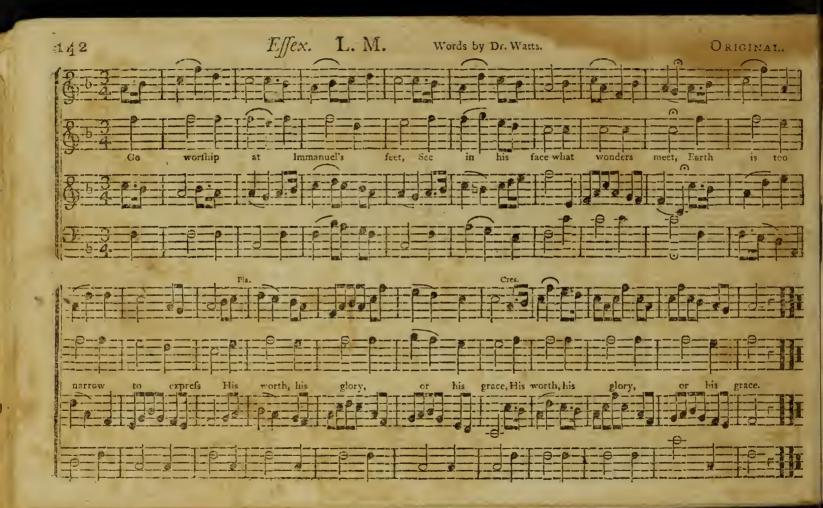












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