

Casta Diva

from the opera Norma

Vincenzo Bellini (1801-1835)

Andante sostenuto assai

The musical score consists of four staves of music for voice and piano. The vocal part is in soprano clef, and the piano part is in bass clef. The tempo is Andante sostenuto assai, indicated by a note value of 150. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The vocal line begins with "Casta di - - - sta di - va, ca - sta". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern. Chords marked include G, D7, D7/G, G, E7, Am, A7/A, Am, D7, G, and Em. The vocal line continues through measures 4, 6, and 8, with lyrics such as "che i - nar - gen - - - ti", "que - - - ste sa - - - cre, que - - ste", and "sa - cre, que ste sa - cre an - ti che pian - te, a noi". The piano part provides harmonic support throughout the piece.

Casta Diva, Norma's aria from the opera Norma

**Casta Diva, che inargentì
queste sacre antiche piante,
a noi volgi il bel sembiante
senza nube e senza vel...**

O pure Goddess, who silver
These sacred ancient plants,
Turn thy beautiful semblance on us
Unclouded and unveiled...

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Vocals

10 vol - gi il bel sem - bian - te, a noi

Piano

F#7 Em/G F#7 F#m D7

Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

Vocals

12 vol - gi, a noi volgi il bel sem - bian > - > - > -

Piano

G D7/A G#7 B7/A G#7 B7/A

Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

Vocals

14 te il bel sem - bian - te, sen - za nu - be e sen - za

Piano

Em Am/C Am G/D D7

Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

Vocals

16 vel.

Piano

pG