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PREFACE. Oly Men.

Music. An improved plan upon the present practice is adopted, which, it is expected, with the assistance of an able teacher, will be found sufficient for the purposes of this work. Since the publication of the first edition of the Union Harmony, the Editor, in association with Messis. Gram and Holyoke, has published a work, entitled "The Massachusetts Compiler of Theoretical and Practical Elements of Sacred Vocal Music," containing the most effectial and interesting information for composers, teachers and practitioners. In a young country, like ours, where no regular profession of Music has been adopted, such a work, compiled from the most eminent European masters, was deemed necessary.

The greatest exception in the present mode of teaching, is the manner of expressing the different parts of the stave by sol, saw; which by no means affords those accurate distinctions necessary to enable the pupil at all times to comprehend the state of the octave. This evil is remedied in the work alluded to above; and the Editor hopes that a more general acquaintance therewith, will soon supersed the necessary of continuing the present practice.

A number of pages in this edition are appropriated to original Music, defigned to supply the deficiency of tunes which embrace two verses. In the choice of materials, the taste and improvement of the numerous practitioners of Music has been a principal motive. It is not presumed, however, that all the pieces which compose so large a collection, will meet the approbation of a learned reviewer: But as the present is an age of genius and enterprise, it is expected that the time is not far distant when Americans, so justly celebrated for other improvements, will also excel in this sublime art.

Grateful for the unexpected encouragement given to this work, in the rapid fale of the first-edition, the Editor pledges himfelf that his utmost endeavours shall be exerted to render all future editions worthy the patronage of a deferving community.

MUSIC.

Bafs Stave. Tenor and Treble flave. Counter stave. Space above Fourth fpace Fourth line Third space Third line Second fpace Second line . First space First line Space below

AFTER the scholar has become familiar with his letters, as they are affixed to the feveral lines and spaces on the stave, he may proceed to call the notes by the names of the letters which they represent, beginning and ending at G, repeating them up and down, alternately, until he can recite them readily without If B and E be flat, me is in the book. In the next place it will be necessary to fing them by If B, E and A be flat, me is in the names of the letters, observing at the same time that between If B, E, A and D be flat, me is in G If F, C, G and D be sharp, me is in B 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. should be understood as the foundation of all musical knowledge and improvements.

I, E S S ON

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

But if B be flat, me is in E | If F be sharp, me is in

Above me, the notes alcending are, faw, fol, law, faw, fol, law; below, descending, are law, sol, faw, law, sol, faw, and then me

Observe, that the semi-tones are always found between me and faw, and law and faw.

LESSON

LESSON III.



THE notes and refts thus arranged, explain, at one view, the proportion they bear to each other; the 1st being twice as long as the 2d, the 2d twice as long as the 3d, the 3d twice as long as the 4th, &c.—The refts are called notes of filence; whenever they occur in a tune, the performer is to rest as long as he would be sounding the note it represents.

N. B. According to ancient tradition, the semibreve rest fills a bar in all moods.

L E S S O N IV.

A stave

IS five lines and their fpaces, calculated to contain the twelve different founds or degrees in music.

A ledger line-

Is added when notes afcend or defcend beyond the limits of the flave.

A brace

Shows how many parts move together.

Ticd notes

Imply that as many as are tied together should be fung to one fyllable.

Tenor and treble cliff

Counter cliff

Bafs cliff

A ffat b

Set before a note ferves to lower the found one degree, or femi-tone.

A fharp *

Set before a note ferves to raife the found one degree.

N. B. Both flats and sharps set at the beginning of a tune, have the above influence through the tune, unless contradicted by the intervention of a natural.

A natural 🛓

Restores a note made flat or snarp to its primitive found.

A repeat :S: ===

Directs the performer to fing the fame word or ftrain twice.

Figures

At the end of a ftrain, direct the performer back to a repeat, leaving the note under figure 2 unfung the first time, and the note under

under figure I unfung the last time, unless both figures are connected together with a flur, in which case both should be sung the last time.

Gives the performer liberty to continue the found of the note, to which it refers, beyond its common length-The influence of this character, if rightly managed, is very pleafing. Whenever it occurs, the school or choir should discontinue beating time, dwelling fweetly onthe found, until the master resumes the time in its proper order.

A mark of distinction.

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.

A point

Adds to a note at the right of which it stands, one half of its original length.

*A flur A direct

Directs the performer to fing all the notes which it includes to one fyllable.

At the end of a stave, shews where the first note stands in the succeeding stave.

A bar

Figure

A hold

Divides the time into equal parts.

Shews the end of a strain.

. A close

Is affixed to the end of a tune.

Apoggituras -

Are fmall notes which share the time with the fucceeding or principal note, according to the length and fituation of the principal.

LESSON V. COMMON TIME MOODS.

THIS mood is the flowest now in use. Crotchets First, are performed, in the time of one fecond to each. - One semibreve, or its quantity in other notes or rests, fills a bar, which requires four beats, two down, and two up. The accents fall on the first and third parts of the bar.

with two beats in a bar is to be preferred.

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 case the method of performing it

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

This

^{*} The common method of flurring is superfluous and inconvenient; it is therefore discontinued where the notes are tied together. And where a chain of tied notes include a succeeding note in the same syllable, a short slur is used to conneck them.

This mood requires a still quicker movement, Fourth, having but one minim, or its quantity of other notes, in a bar, which are beat and accented like the last, only one third quicker.

TRIPLE TIME MOODS.

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

Second, Contains three crotchets in a bar—beat and accorded like the first—about one third part quicker.

Third, Gentains three quavers in a bar—beat and accent-ed like the fecond—nearly one third quicker.

COMPOUND TIME MOODS.

pally on the first and fourth parts of the bar.

Second, Contains fix quavers in a bar—beat and accented like the last—about one quarter part quicker.

the last part of the bar, in all moods,

LESSON VI.

A KEY in music is the principal note or tone to which the whole piece is accommodated, on which the bass always ends, and from which the pitch of the tune should be taken. There are but two keys in music, viz. the major and the minor. The major key is "adapted to express the cheerful passions, and the minor is expressive of the solemn 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.

Ex. 1. Ex. 2. Ex. 3. Major Key. Minor Key. Minor Key. Major Key. faw fol law.

The cyphers under the notes shew the distance 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 constitute the major 3d. But E First, THIS mood contains 6 crotchets in a bar, of two being flatted in the 2d ex. the 3d is reduced one degree, which equal beats, three down, and three up. Each motion makes the minor 3d. In the 3d ex. from B to C is but one sequires one second of time. It is accented princitione, of consequence the 3d is minor; but in the 4th ex. C is fharped, which adds one degree to its original distance from the key note, and is constituted the major 3d. Thus the octave is fubjected to a continual change at the pleasure of the composer, the state of which should be comprehended by the pupil, in order in beating time, the hand should fall in the first, and rise in to perform with satisfaction to himself and pleasure to them who hear.

Obferve.

Observe, that whatever letter the me is transposed to, the same 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 indif-penfably necessary; the attainment of them will sufficiently take great care in the first setting out, that their scholars contract Performing by the words should not be introduced until the school way conformably to the best rules of speaking. has attained to a just notion of time and found, and can read any tune by note and letter, without embarrassment.

Every performer should have that part assigned to him which he who uses it is thorough in the knowledge of the instrument.

OF PRONUNCIATION.

GOOD pronunciation is one of the first and principal beautiesof finging. The mouth should be opened freely, but not wide; either extreme would destroy a good tone, and prevent just expression. Many singers who read and speak tolerably well, are extremely erroneous in their manner of pronouncing some particular words, when they are fet to music; for instance, the words reason, bearken, token, &c. which have but one accent; are often fung rea-zon, hear-ken, to-ken, which is very difagreeable and improper. Words which end in ple, ble, &c. are often falfely acqualify the pupil for practice. In the next place he may proceed cented on the last syllable, which renders them thus, pel, bel, &c. to some plain tune, on the major key. Teachers of music should Words ending in y, with a few exceptions, should be pronounced as ending in e, or short i. The I should be filent in walk, talk, no difagreeable habits; because much of their future proficiency calm, &c. In fine, the best direction which can be given is this; and manner of performance, depends on the first impressions, let every word be sung distinctly, smoothly, and gracefully, every

Of ACCENT.

ACCENT is another very important part of music, which is can perform with the greatest ease; otherwise the performance inseparably connected with good pronunciation: It is properly will be unnatural, and confequently unpleasing; and no performer an agreeable swell or force of the voice; but it is often erroneousshould fing a folo; or any other strain which belongs to a different by applied to the notes, more like marks of distinction than otherpart, without particular defire. One voice on a high part, gener- wife. If the poetry be good, and the mufic well adapted to it, ally requires two or three on the bass, i. e. a school or choir should the accents will fall on those parts of the bars, in the different have more than one half the voices on the bass. Where this is moods of time, which are pointed out in the fifth leffon; but not practicable, a bass viol would be of great service, if the person where the music does not coincide with the proper emphasis of the words, it should give way, or bend to the words. Nothing

is more common than false accenting, the principal occasion of which is harsh or loud finging. Many singers 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 off with fuch violence, as is truly shocking to a delicate ear. This injudicious practice effectually tends to prevent foft and graceful finging, and renders the most pleasing compositions disgustful to the audience. Were it possible for a performer of common taste, to hear himself at a distance, thus violate the nicest 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 should be struck foft, gently swelled to the centre, and diminished to the end. A number of long notes, driven through bas, should be sounded full and smooth to the end. A chain of notes should be sung foft, keeping the lips and teeth apart until the flur is finished.

OF TIME.

fubicct and occasion should govern the movement.

Of SYNCOPATION.

IT is very difficult to do justice to the composition where notes are driven through bars, and otherwise interfere with the natural course 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 destroys 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 fame precaution is necessary in all moods of time wherever an instance of this kind occurs.

OF SOFT SINGING.

IN a school, or choir, where soft music is successfully inculcated, it would be difficult for an attentive observer to point out many imperfections. Soft music is always accompanied with IN beating time, great care is necessary that the hand do not graceful motion, just expression, proper accent, and captivating influence the voice, by creating misplaced accents, which is all harmony. On the other hand, harth finging is attended with most an universal error. To prevent this, avoid all violent mo- convulsive motion, bad pronunciation, misapplied accent, and a tion; the least motion of the hand or finger is fusficient to pre-difgustful jurring. The latter is too just a description of the ferve time. No strain should be sung any faster in the quickest present mode of singing, occasioned in a great measure by a mismood of time, than will admit of plain, diffinct pronunciation. taken idea, which many entertain, that good music consists prin-By hurrying a piece of music, performers are apt to sing harsh and cipally in singing loud; but just the reverse of this is the case. uneven, in consequence of which, the beauty of the subject is ob- In performing fortes and fortiffines, the voice should not be exfoured, and confusion introduced. Hence we learn that the tended beyond its natural elevation; in performing pianos the voice should be reduced to as small a degree of found, as will just admit

dwindle into indifference, nor fo loud as to admit of a fingle harsh 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 music. A reform in these particulars must begin with fuch instructors, as will, by their example as well as precept, inculcate foft, smooth, and graceful finging. Solos should be fung foft, high notes clear, but not loud. In finging counter, great with the principles of mulic.

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 dispute the necessity of fuch terms as are occasionally placed over the music; yet singers in general are so regardless of them, that the effect they are in-

admit of intelligible pronunciation; and in all common strains, a other terms, particularly in piano. The surprising good effect of medium should be constantly observed, neither so faint, as to such a method, if once properly adhered to, will be seen by the

Of GRACES and ORNAMENTS.

THE trill, notes of transition, &c. have not been attended to teachers of music; hence the great impossance of employing in the preceding rules; it being much better to omit, than attempt them in young schools. The most important graces and ornaments of music, are natural accomplishments; it is therefore impossible to acquire them mechanically, so as to add to the real attention is necessary, that every note be touched soft, and smooth, beauty of the music. Upon the whole, let every note be sung as otherwise the counter will predominate, which is very inconsistent it stands, without affecting any airs, or supposed graceful variations. The greatest ornament in finging, is a decent, modest deportment, and a heart deeply impressed with a due reverence for the name and worship of that infinitely exalted Being, to whom we owe our existence, and every blessing, and to whose praise we should ever tune our voices.

PARTICULAR REMARKS.

IN tunes of four parts in fcore, the parts are thus arranged: tended to production the audience, is entirely loft. When the 1 st, the bass-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 considered as the air, third part flower. The same difference should be observed in all where it is not expressed otherwise in the beginning of the stave.

MUSICAL TERMS, EXPLAINED.

ADAGIO, the flowest movement.

Affettuoso, affectionately.

Air, the leading part.

Allegro, a quicker movement.

Allegretto, not fo quick as allegro.

Andante, the 3d degree of movement; distinuity.

Andantino, quicker than Andante.

Bass, the lowest part in harmony.

Binary time, two equal motions in a bar.

Choro Grando, grand chorus.

Con Dolce, with fweetnefs.

Con Furia, with boldness.

Crescendo or Cres. increasing or swelling.

Da Capo, close with the first strain.

Diminuendo or Dim. to diminish the sound

Duetto, two parts fung together.

Expressivo, expressively.

Forte or For. strong and loud.

Fortissimo 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.

Maestoso, with majesty.

Moderato or Mod. flower than the usual time of that mood.

Mezza Voce, or Mez. Pia. between Forte and

Piano or Pia. foft.

Pianishmo or Pianis. very foft.

Plaintive, mournfully.

Spirituofo, or Con. Spirito, with life and spirits.

Solo, one part alone-

Tacit, to be filent.

Transition, Stiding gracefully, or foftening the roughness of a leap-

Trio, three parts-

Triple, a species of time, of three parts in a bar.

Unison, two or more voices on one found.

Vigorofo, with energy and vigor.

Vivace, in a lively stile,

Volti, turn over.

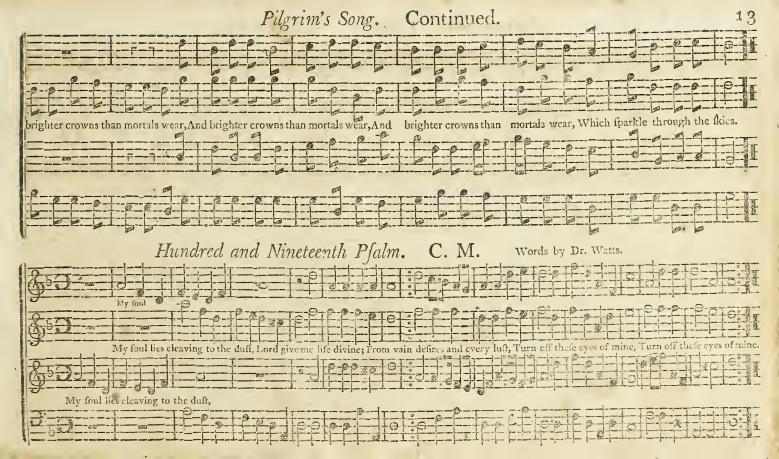
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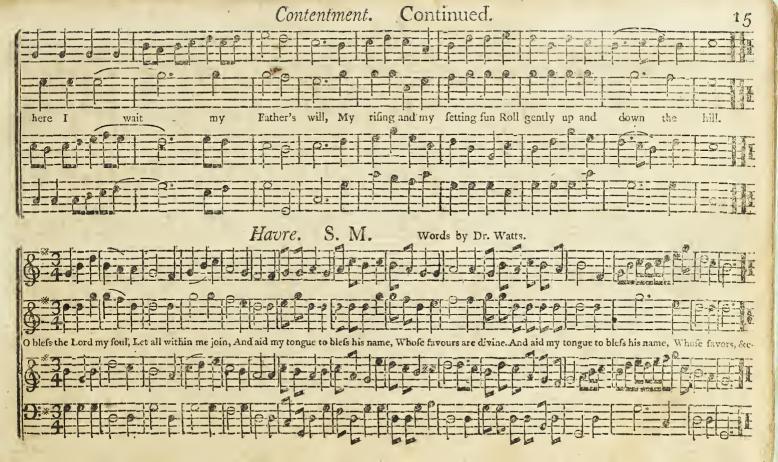
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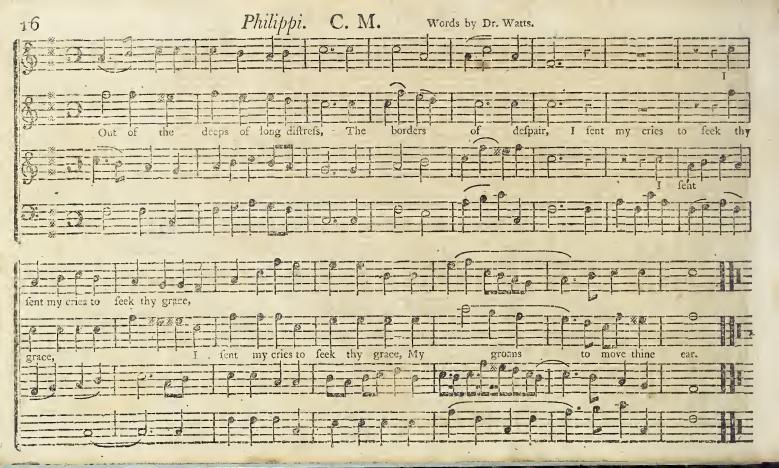


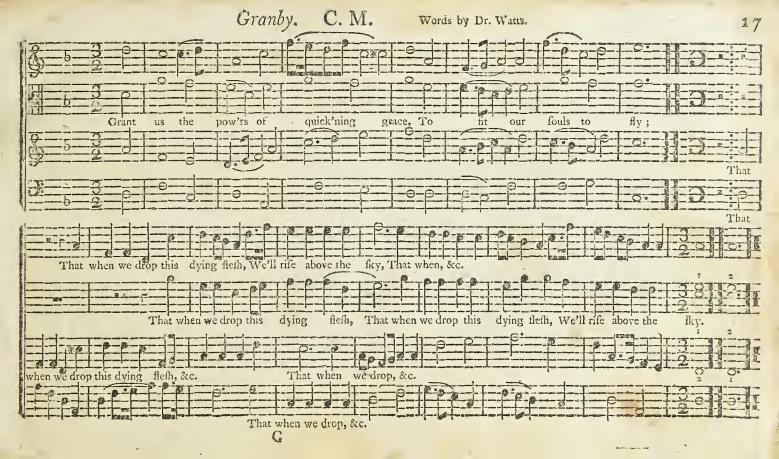














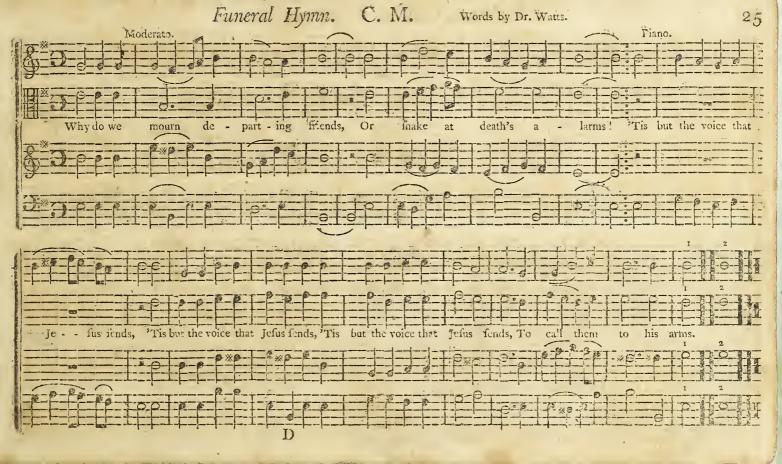


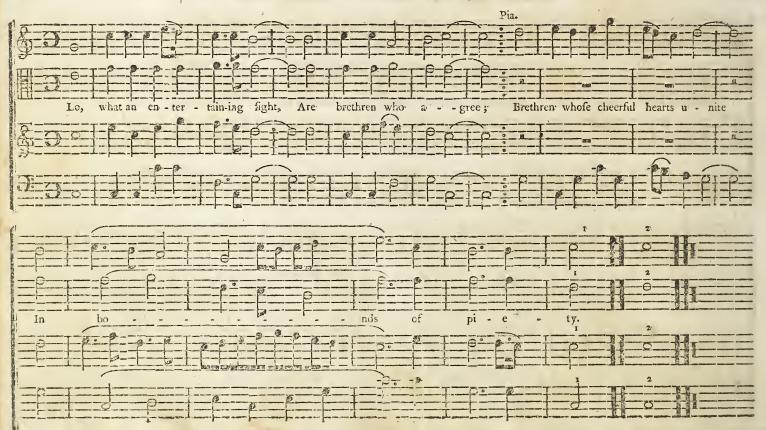


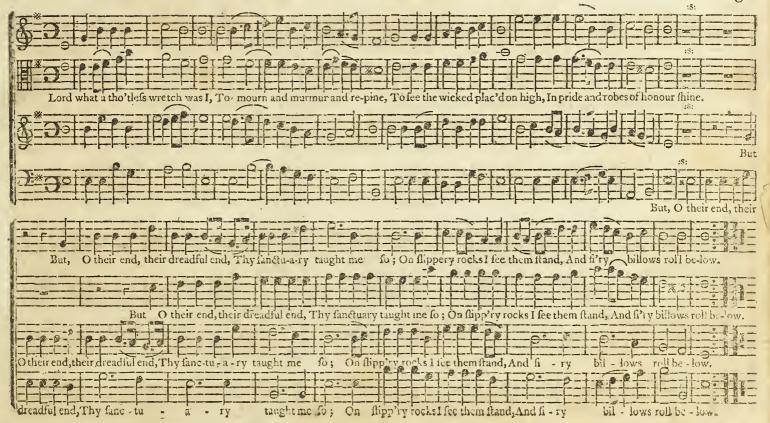


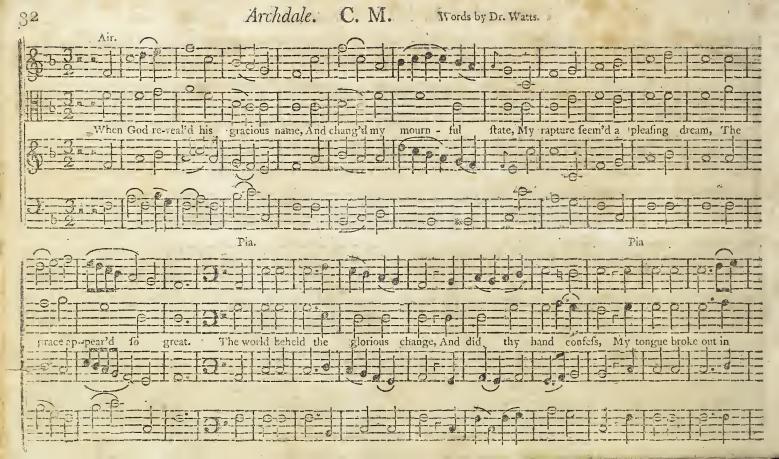


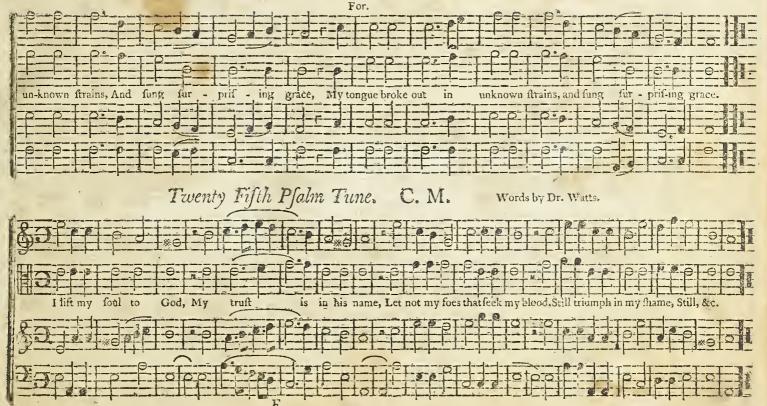


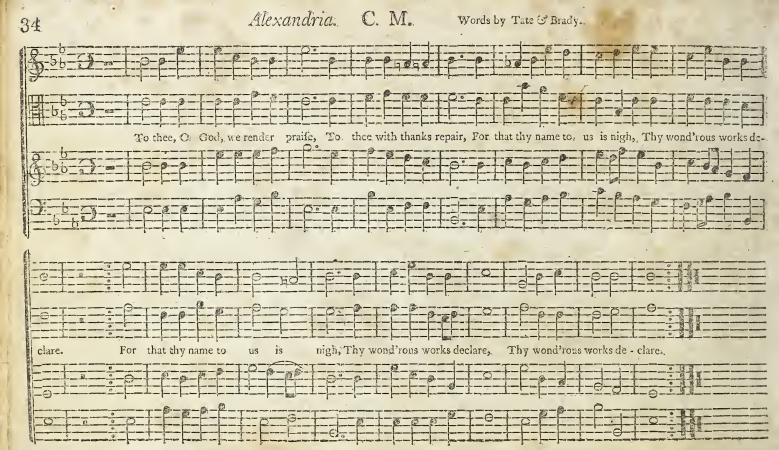




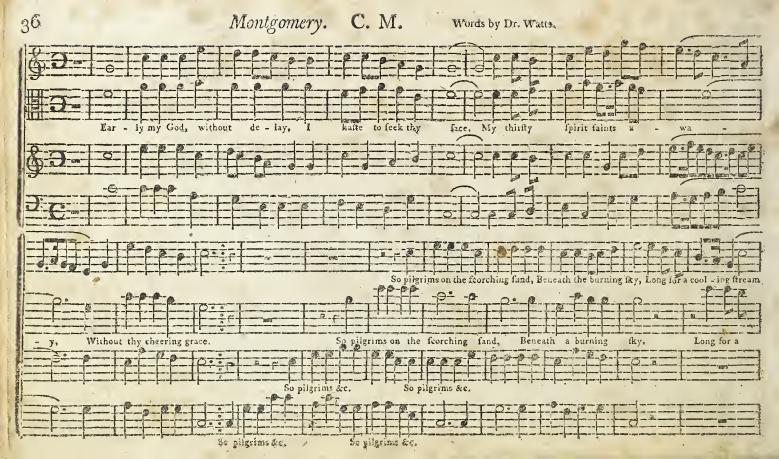


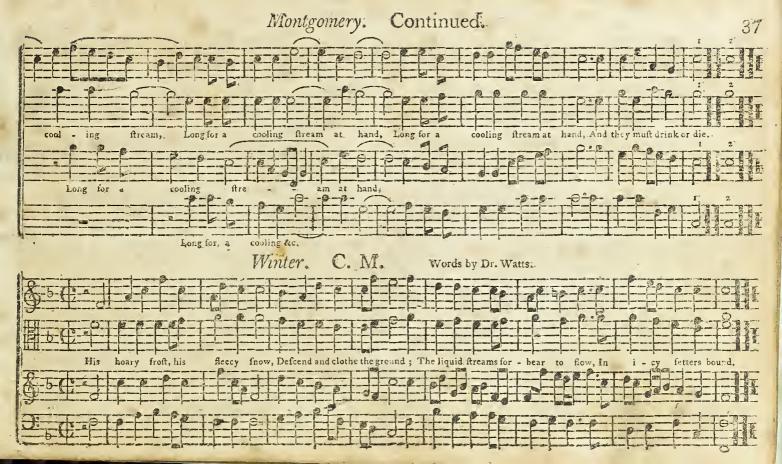


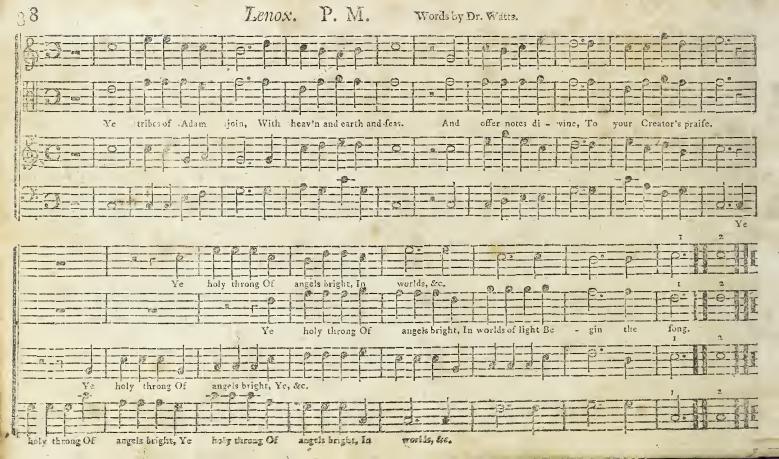






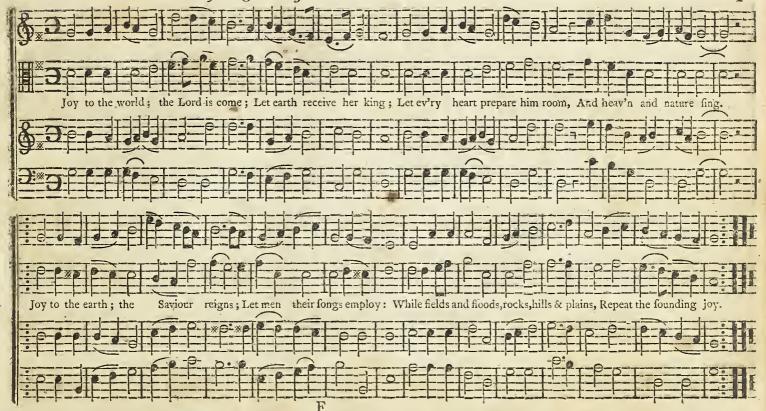




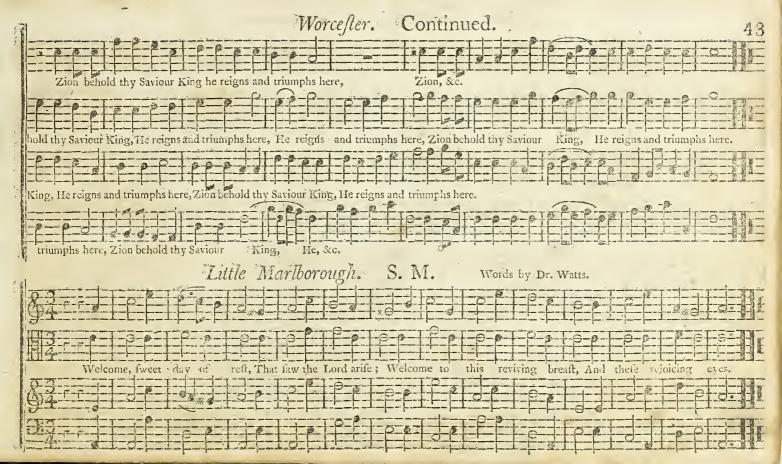


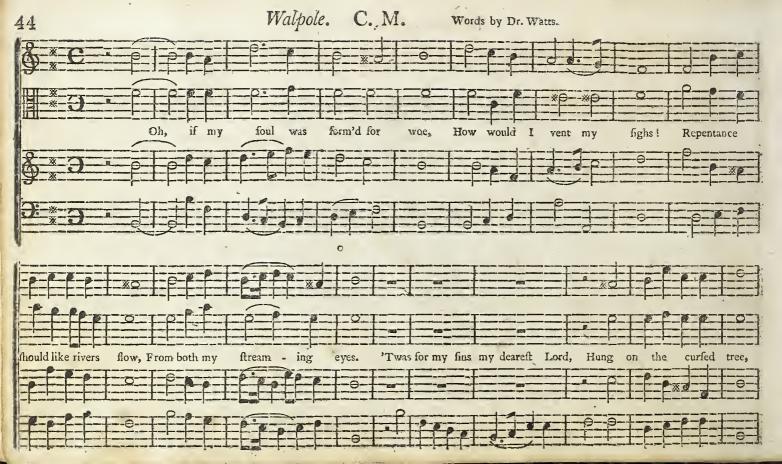


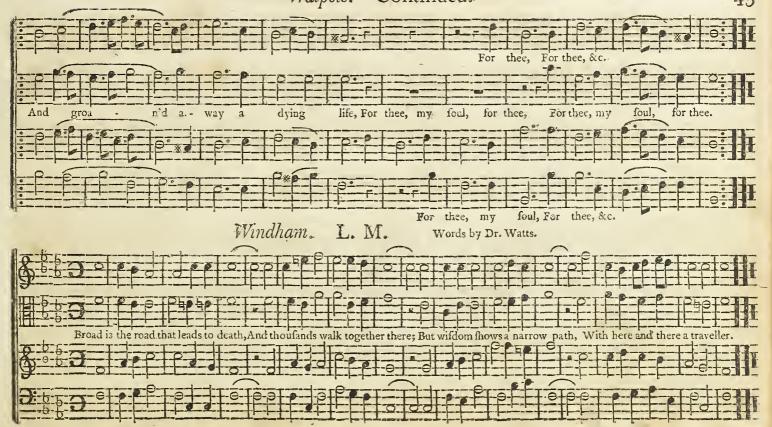




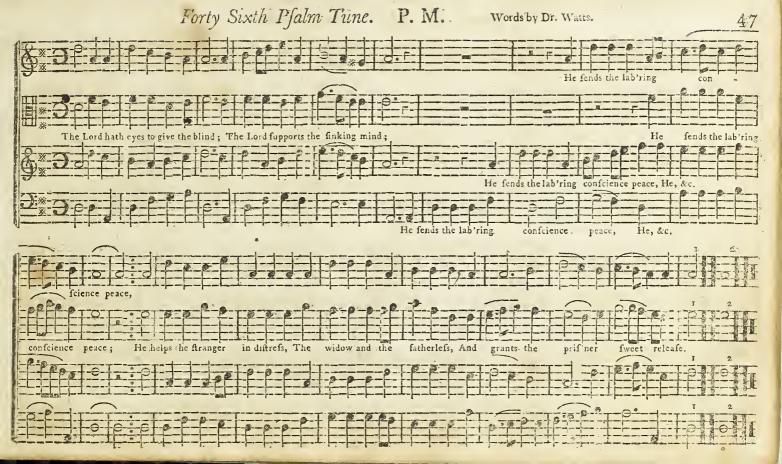










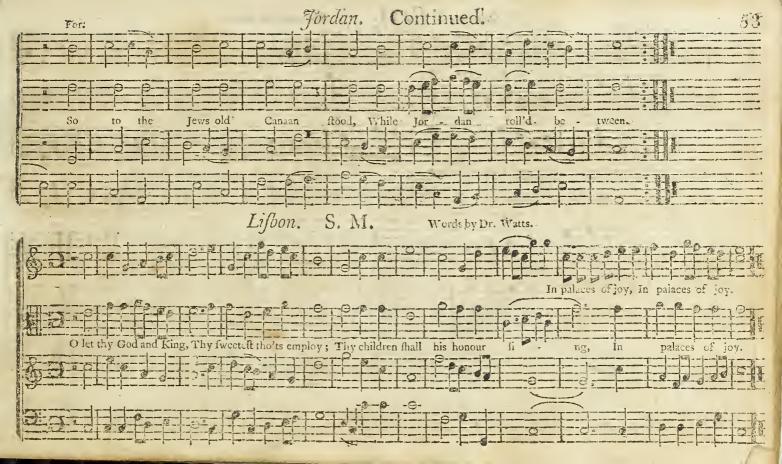














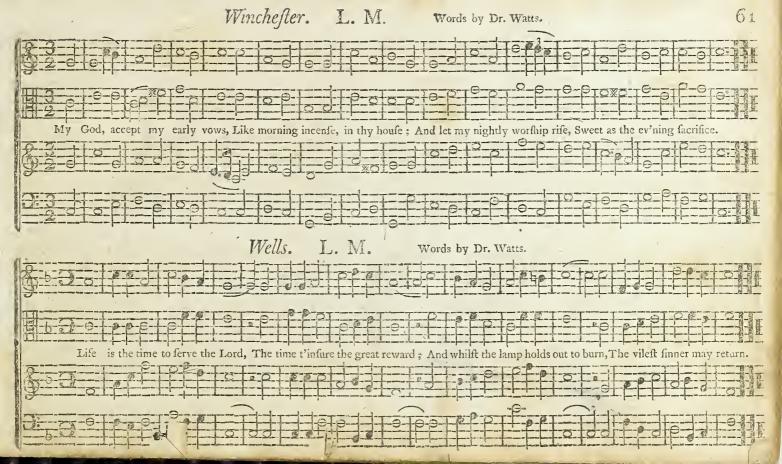




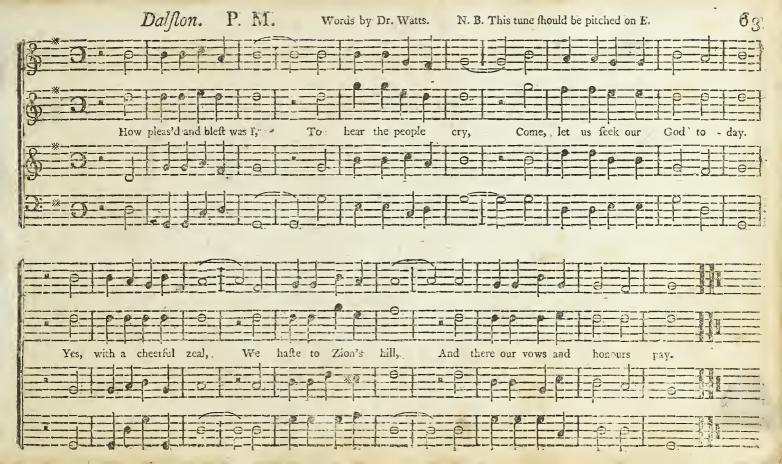












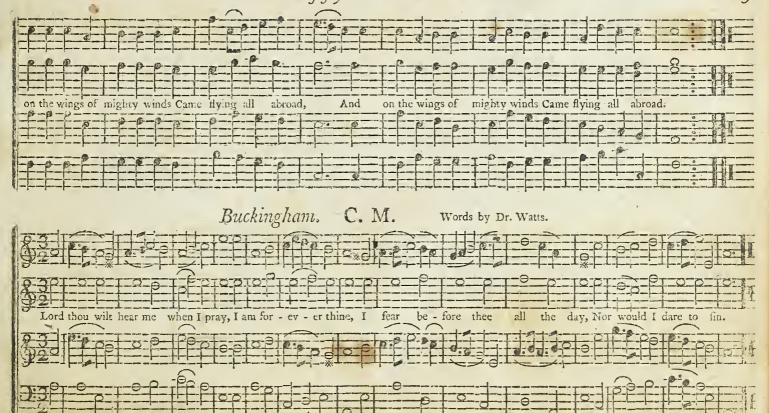






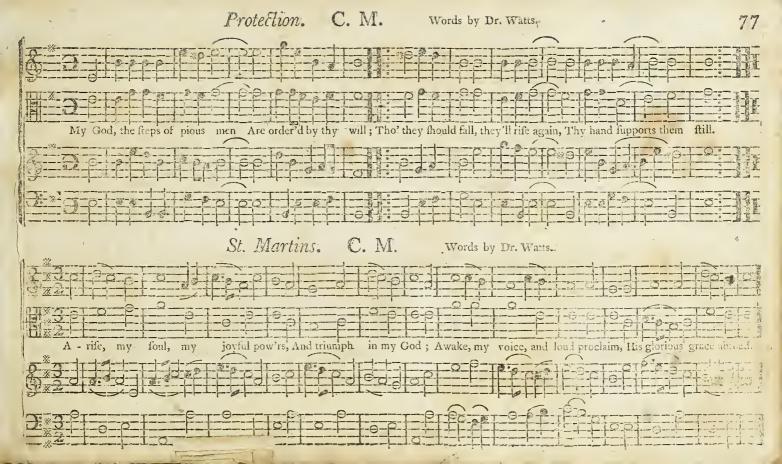




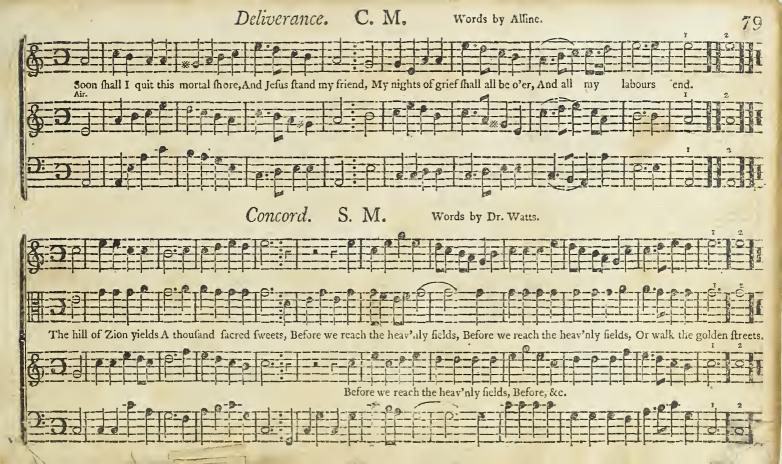


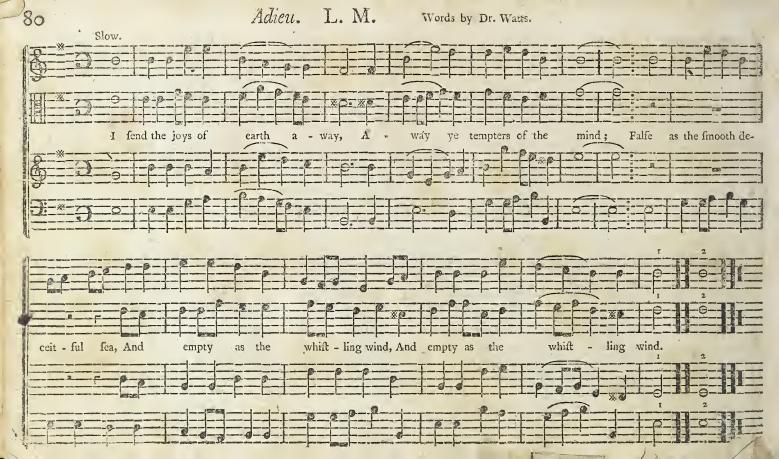


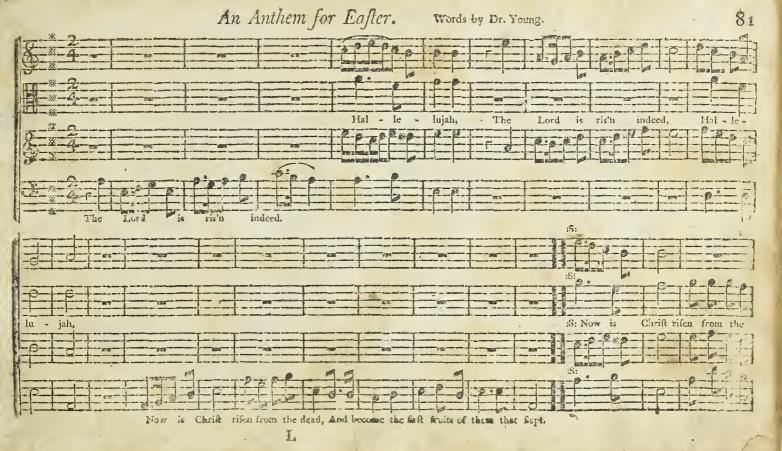




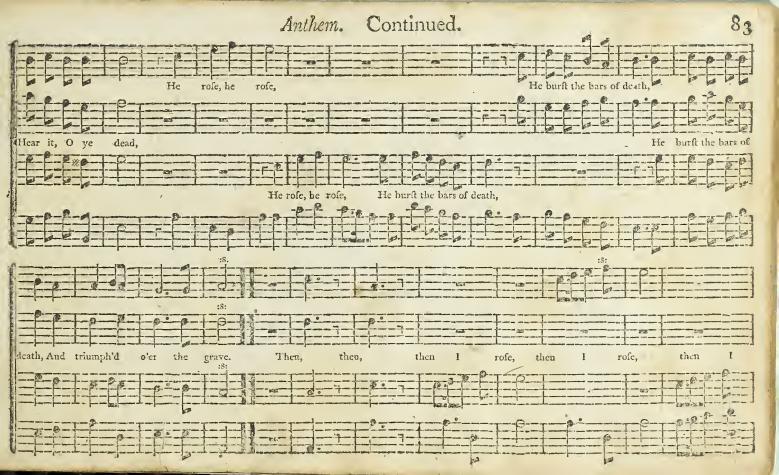












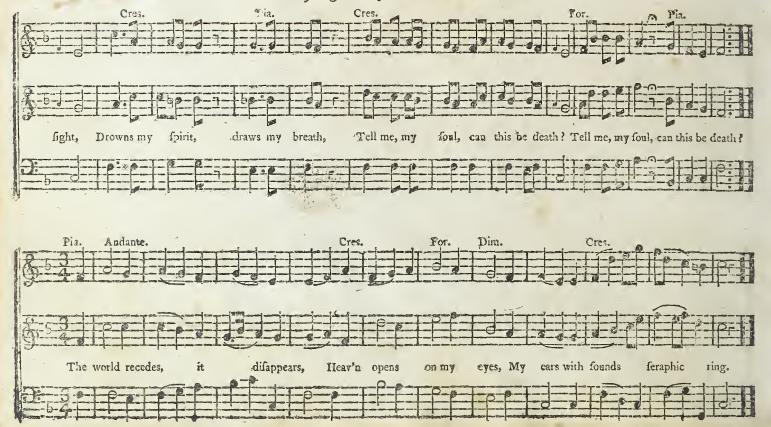








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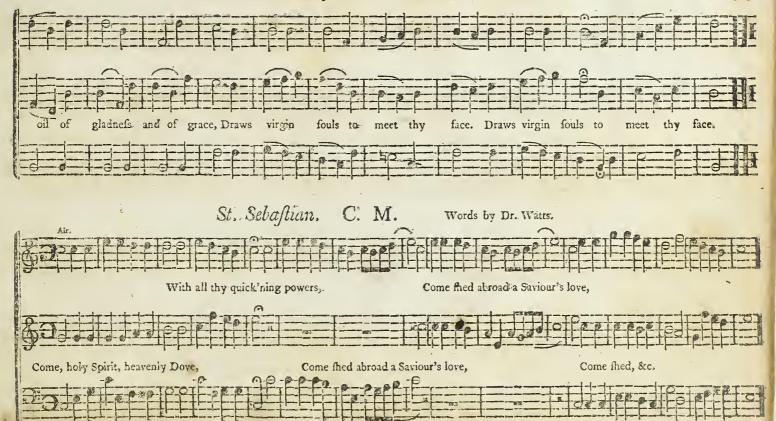








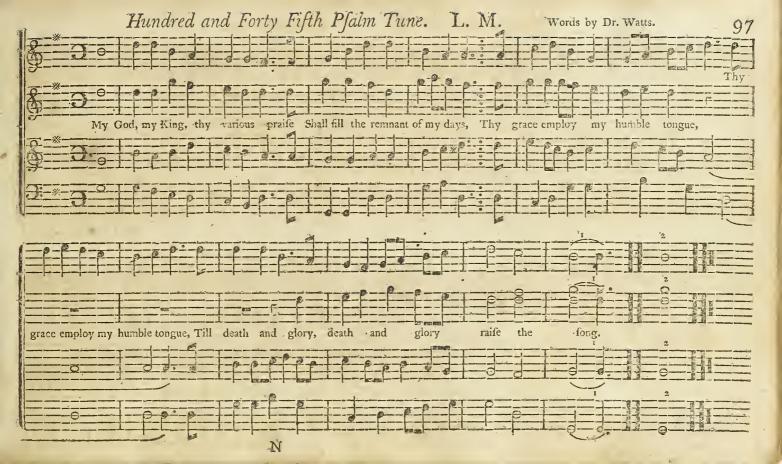






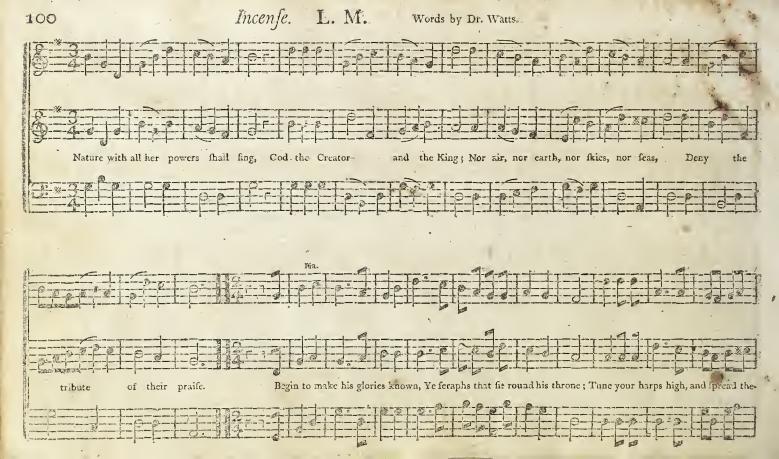


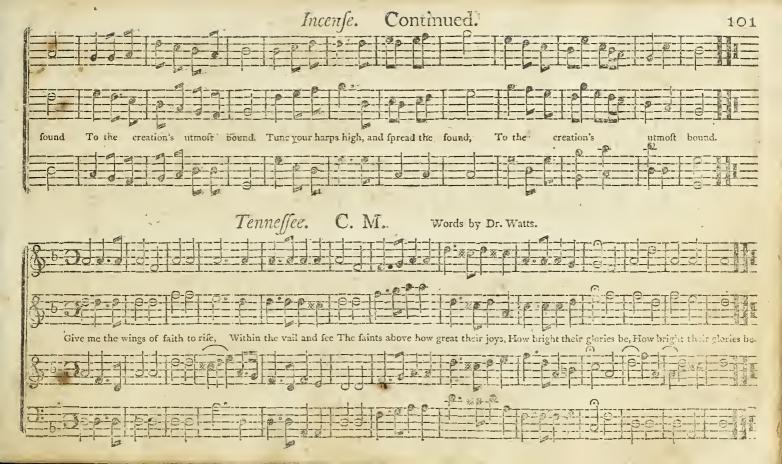


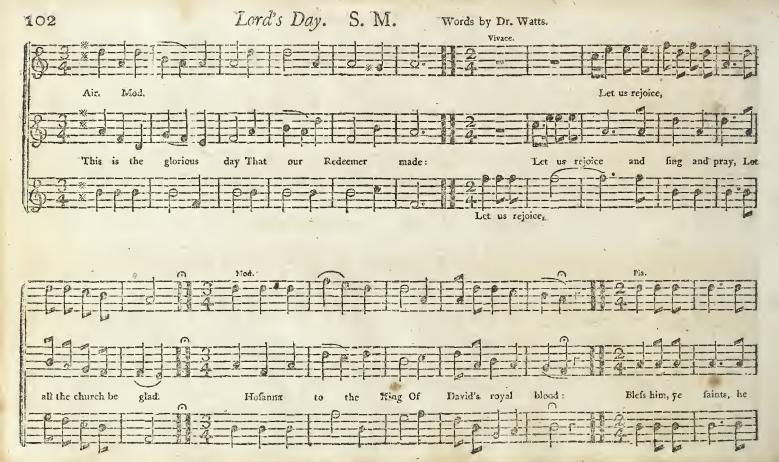


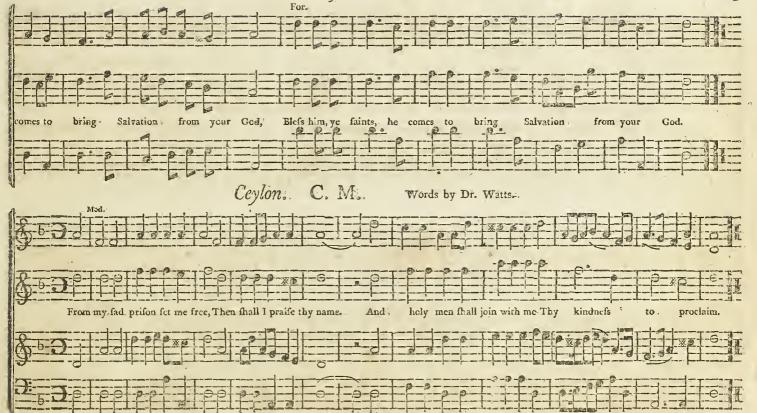








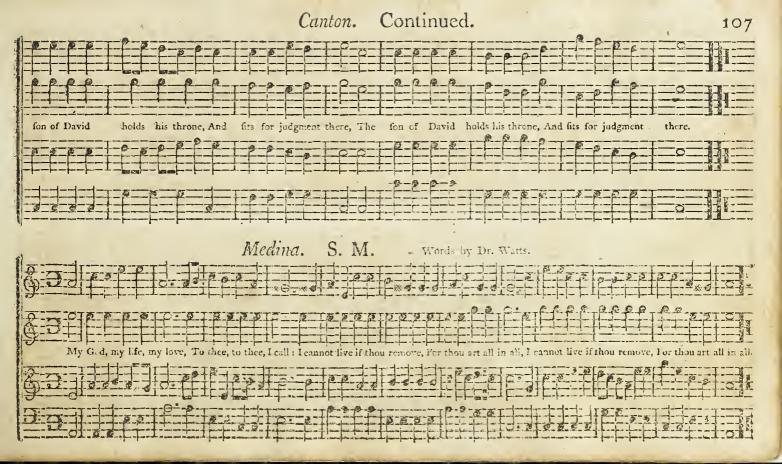


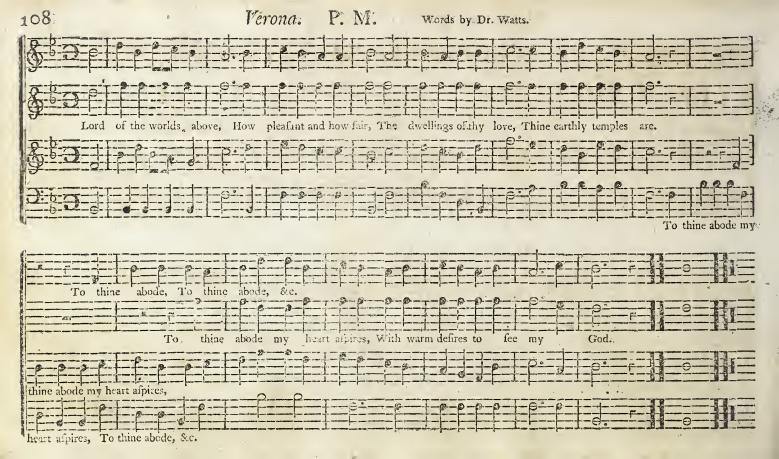


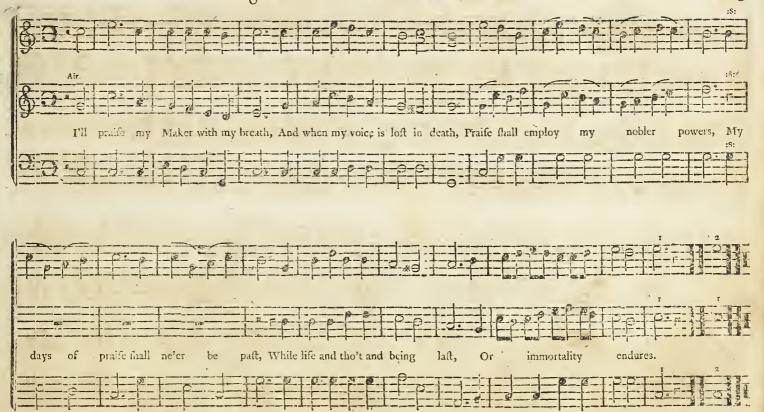


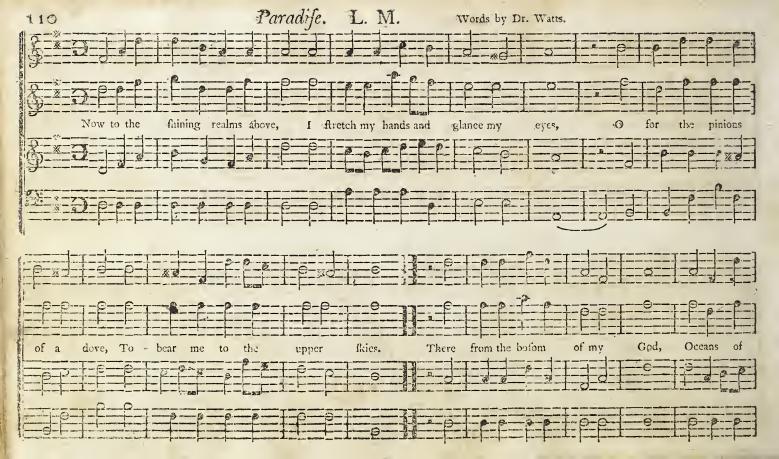




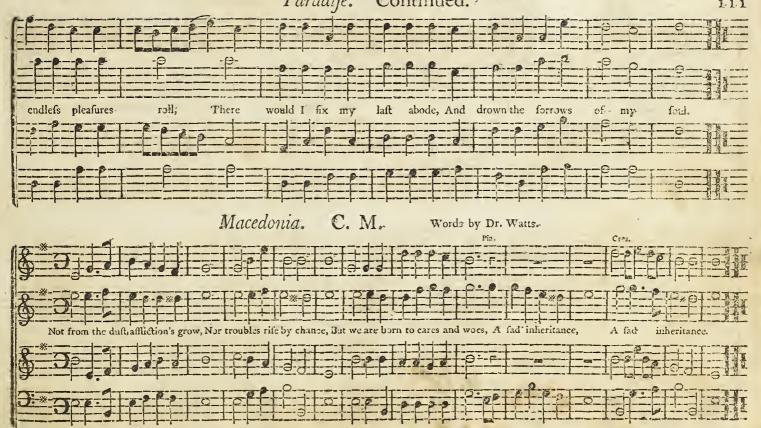


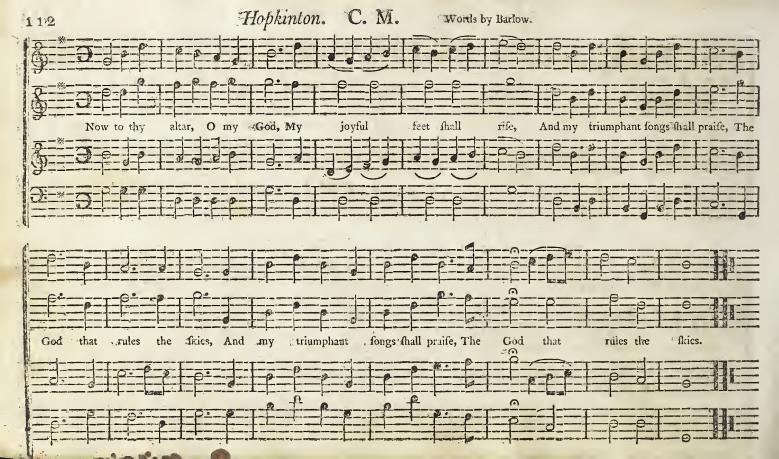




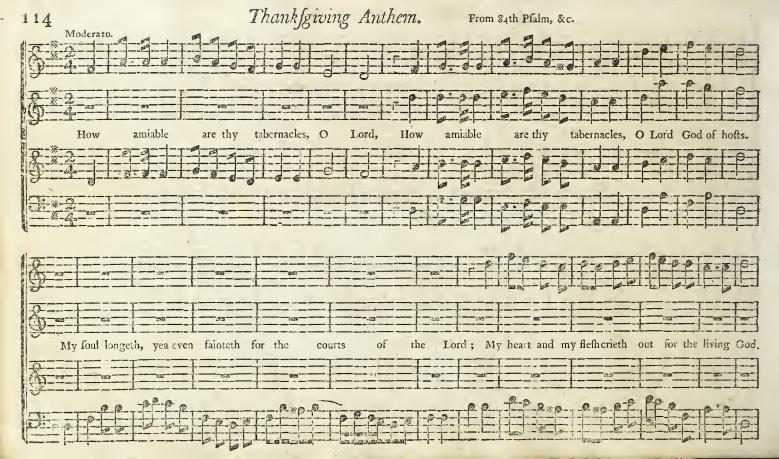


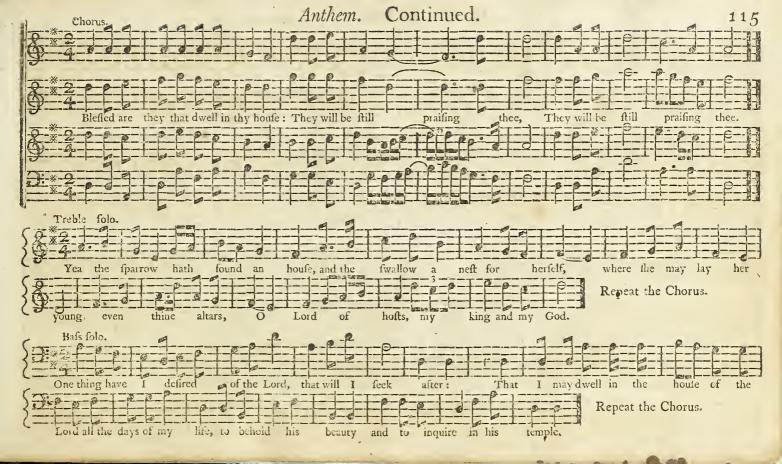
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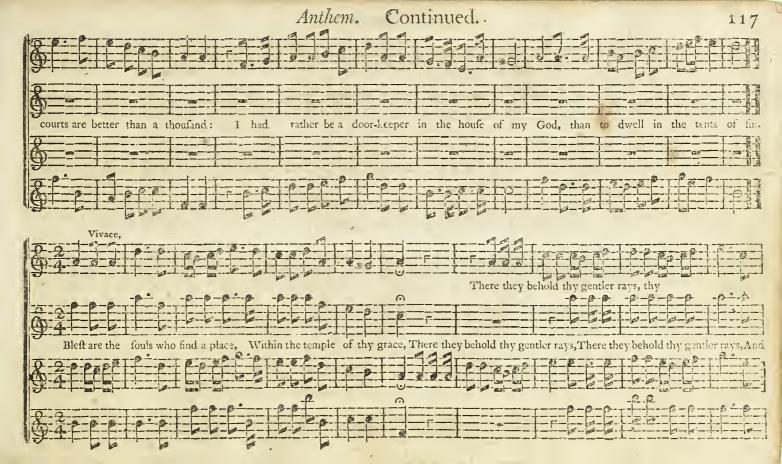


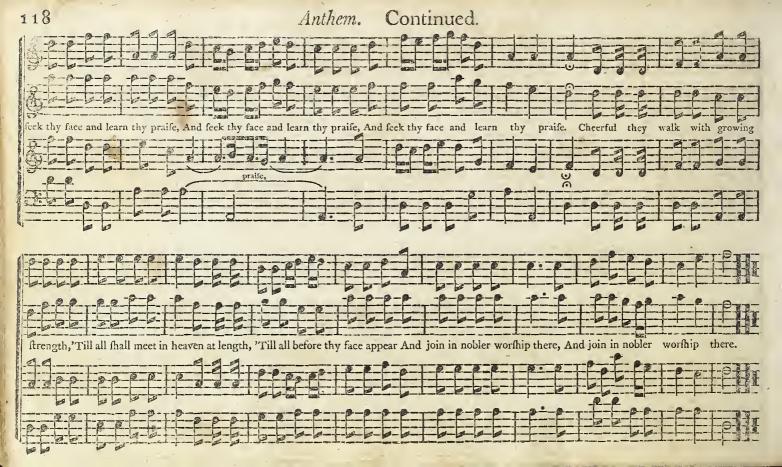


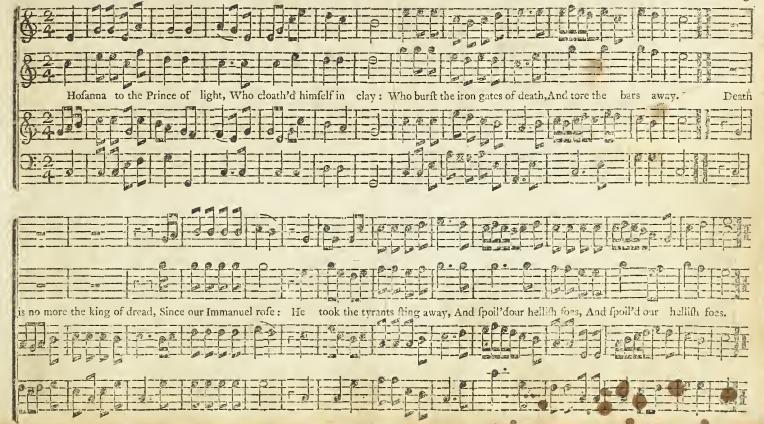












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