

Theodora Act. III - How strange their ends

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**Largetto e stacato 55**

The musical score consists of two systems of music. The top system, labeled "Largetto e stacato 55", features a variety of instruments including Oboe I, Oboe II, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, Violoncello, and Harpsichord. The bottom system continues the piece, starting at measure 4 and ending at measure 7. It includes parts for Ob. I, Ob. II, Vln I, Vln II, Vla, S., A., T., B., Vc., and Hpsd. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) sing the lyrics "How strange their ends". The harpsichord part is prominent in both systems.

4

Ob. I

Ob. II

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vc.

Hpsd

7

How strange their

8

Ob. I  
Ob. II  
Vln I  
Vln II  
Vla  
S.

ends, and yet how glo - rious!

11

how strange their ends,

and

A.  
T.  
B.  
Vc.  
Hpsd

How strange their ends, and yet how glo - rious! where each con - tends, where each con -

12

Ob. I  
Ob. II  
Vln I  
Vln II  
Vla  
S.

yet how glo - rious!

where each con - tends, where each con - tends to fall vic -

A.  
T.  
B.  
Vc.  
Hpsd

How strange their ends, and yet how

tends to fall vic - to - rious!

where each con - tends, where each con - tends to fall vic - to - rious, to fall vic -

Ob. I  
 Ob. II  
 Vln I  
 Vln II  
 Vla  
 S.  
 to - rious!  
 A.  
 glo - rious!  
 T.  
 How strange their ends,  
 and yet how glo - rious!  
 B.  
 to - rious, where each con - tends, where each con - tends to fall vic - to - rious!  
 Vc.  
 Hpsd

Ob. I  
 Ob. II  
 Vln I  
 Vln II  
 Vla  
 S.  
 ends, and yet how glo - rious! How strange their ends, and yet how  
 A.  
 tends, where each con - tends to fall vic - to - rious! How strange their ends, and yet how glo - rious!  
 T.  
 where each con - tends, where each con - tends to fall vic - to - rious! How strange their  
 B.  
 Vc.  
 Hpsd

14

16

18

Ob. I 20  
 Ob. II  
 Vln I  
 Vln II  
 Vla  
 S.  
 glo - ri - ous!  
 How strange their  
 A.  
 How strange their ends, and yet how glo - rious!  
 T.  
 ends, and yet how glo - ri - ous, and yet how glo - rious!  
 B.  
 How strange their ends, and yet how glo - rious, and yet how glo - rious! where each con -  
 Vc.  
 Hpsd  
 24  
 Ob. I  
 Ob. II  
 Vln I  
 Vln II  
 Vla  
 S.  
 ends, and yet how glo - rious! where each con - tends,  
 A.  
 where each con - tends, where each con - tends to fall vic - to - rious, where each con - tends,  
 T.  
 where each con - tends, where each con -  
 B.  
 tends, where each con - tends to fall vic - to - rious!  
 Vc.  
 Hpsd

26

Ob. I  
Ob. II  
Vln I  
Vln II  
Vla.  
S.

where each con - tends, where each con - tends to fall vic - to - rious!

A.  
T.  
B.  
Vc.  
Hpsd

tends to fall, to fall vic - to - rious!

where each con - tends, where each con - tends to fall vic - to - rious!

29

Ob. I  
Ob. II  
Vln I  
Vln II  
Vla.  
S.  
A.  
T.  
B.  
Vc.  
Hpsd

where vir - tue its own in - no - cence de - nies, and for the van - quish'd the glad vic - tor -

where vir - tue its own in - no - cence de - nies, and for the van - quish'd the glad vic - tor -

where vir - tue its own in - no - cence de - nies, and for the van - quish'd the glad vic - tor -

where vir - tue its own in - no - cence de - nies, and for the van - quish'd the glad vic - tor -

Ob. I 32  
 Ob. II  
 Vln I  
 Vln II  
 Vla  
 S.  
 dies! where vir - tue its own in - no - cence de - nies,  
 A.  
 dies! where vir - tue its own in - no - cence de - nies, and for the van - quish'd  
 T.  
 dies! where vir - tue its own in - no - cence de - nies, and for the van - quish'd  
 B.  
 dies! where vir - tue its own in - no - cence de - nies, and for the  
 Vc.  
 Hpsd  
 Ob. I 35  
 Ob. II  
 Vln I  
 Vln II  
 Vla  
 S.  
 and for the van - quish'd the glad vic - tor dies, and for the van - quish'd the glad vic - tor dies!  
 A.  
 the glad vic - tor dies, and for the van - quish'd the glad vic - tor dies!  
 T.  
 the glad vic - tor dies, and for the van - quish'd the glad vic - tor dies!  
 B.  
 van - quish'd the glad vic - tor dies, and for the van - quish'd the glad vic - tor dies!  
 Vc.  
 Hpsd

39

Ob. I

Ob. II

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vc.

Hpsd

41

This musical score page shows measures 39 through 41. The instrumentation includes two oboes (Ob. I and Ob. II), two violins (Vln I and Vln II), one cello (Vla), one bassoon (B.), one double bass (B.), one harpsichord (Hpsd), and voices (S., A., T.). Measures 39 and 40 are mostly silent for most instruments. In measure 41, the violins play eighth-note patterns, the cellos play eighth-note patterns, and the harpsichord plays sixteenth-note chords. The vocal parts (S., A., T.) also have short entries in measure 41.