

University Musical Society

# David Daniels *with the* Arcadian Academy

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Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor, Michigan



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### **Infirmata, vulnerata**

Infirmata, vulnerata  
puro delicit amore  
et liquecens gravi ardore  
languet anima beata.

O care, o dulcis amor,  
quomodo mutatus es mihi in crudelem  
quem numquam agnovisti infidelem?

Vulnera percutere, transfige cor.  
Tormenta pati non timeo.

Cur, quaeso, crudelis  
es factus, es gravis?  
Sum tibi fidelis,  
sis mihi suavis.

Vicisti, amor,  
et cor meum cessit amori.

Semper gratus, desiderabilis,  
semper eris in me.  
Veni, o care, totus amabilis  
in aeternum diligam te.

Weak, wounded,  
vanquished by pure love  
and overcome with consuming ardour,  
the blessed soul languishes.

O dear, sweet love,  
how can you have become so cruel to me,  
I who have never been unfaithful?

Wound, strike, pierce my heart.  
I am not afraid to suffer your torments.

Why, I ask of you, cruel love,  
Have you become so harsh?  
I am faithful to you,  
be kind to me.

You are victorious, Love,  
and my heart gives way to you.

Ever graceful, ever lovely,  
you will be in my heart for ever.  
Come, O my beloved, full of grace,  
I will love you for all eternity.

*Translation: Peter Vogelpoel  
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### Perchè tacete, regolati concerti?

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Seguite pur a lusingare il corne'  
suoi tormenti.

Alla mano che dotta in voi scherza,  
quant'è simile il nume d'amor.  
E con l'arco d'un ciglio mi sferza  
et unisce la gioia al dolor.

Con l'argento di guancia fiorita  
tesse i stami a quest'alma il desir,  
e all'invito di speme gradita  
corrisponde armonia di sospir.

Ma che dissì? Tacete:  
in imagin più bella  
vada vivo il tenore  
di mia sorte rubella.  
Si, che del mio ben vaghi lumi  
ha'il mio ardore il suo loco,  
ne fia stupor che brilli  
entro i raggi d'un sole  
il mio bel foco.

Tra le fiarnme del mio duolo  
scenda a volo  
un sol raggio di tua beltà.  
E sarà la bell'Iride al mio core  
quell'ardore  
che aspra guerra nel petto mi fa.

Dall'ardor de'tuo bei lumi  
si consumi  
freddo gel che mi serpe nel sen.  
E'l balen dun tuo sguardo lusinghiero  
sia foriero  
a quest'alma d'un giorno seren.

Why are you silent, ordered harmonies?  
Please continue to allure my heart  
in its torments.

How like the god of love  
is your hand that knowingly teases.  
With his bow he lashes me with a glance  
and combines joy and sorrow.

With the silver of rosy cheeks  
he weaves the yarn of desire in my heart,  
and the harmony of sighs correspond  
to the call of gratified hope.

But what have I said?  
Hush: let the drift  
of my contrary fate  
turn to a fairer image.  
Thus my passion has its place  
in my beloved's charming eyes,  
and it should not cause surprise  
that my ardour should flare up  
in the rays of a sun.

Let a sole ray of your beauty  
fly down  
amid the flames of my grief.  
And her lovely eyes will be to my heart  
that fire  
which wages war in my breast.

Let cold ice that snakes into my heart  
be consumed  
by the warmth of your lovely eyes.  
And let the lightning flash  
of your kindly gaze be a herald  
to my soul of a day of serenity.

Né m'ascolti, crudele,  
così le tue vittorie  
o non curi o disprezzi.

Scopri del tuo poter le forze omai;  
fia ch'ogni orror disgombre;  
farai nascer il giorno in mezzo all'ombre.

Ah che ben io v'intendo.  
stelle d'amor nemiche.  
Per tormentare i mici pensieri amanti  
volete anco sprezzare i propri vanti.

Dormi, ma sappi almen  
che per te moro.  
E al dolce tuo sopor,  
entro di questo sen  
veglia il martoro.

Dormi, ch'il mio dolor  
nenia al tuo sonno.  
Forse ne sogni ancor,  
cruda, ti saprò dir:  
“Te sola adoro”.

Ma tiranna, tu dormi,  
e tra sopori o Dio,  
non puoi ne vuoi udire  
il pianto mio.

Deh pensieri  
in me si schieri  
a battaglia  
il fiero stuol  
ed assaglia  
il duro core  
che l'ardore  
del mio amor  
sentir non vuol.  
La mia piaga proverà  
men crudo il duol.

But you listen not, cruel one;  
you neither pay heed to  
nor disdain your victories.

Henceforth discover your power's strength;  
let all horror be dispelled,  
you will make day appear from darkness.

Ah, I understand you well,  
malevolent stars of love.  
Through tormenting my loving thoughts  
you hope to scorn their proper glories.

Sleep, but know at least  
that I am dying for you.  
And within this breast  
my torments keep watch over  
your sweet sleep.

Sleep, for my sorrow  
is a dirge to your slumber.  
Perhaps still in dreams,  
cruel one, it will say to you:  
‘I adore you alone’.

But, ungrateful woman, you sleep,  
and because of your drowsiness, o God,  
you cannot and will not  
hear my lament.

Let the proud host  
of my thoughts  
be drawn up  
in battle array  
and assail  
the hard heart  
that is insensible  
to the ardour  
of my love.  
My wound will make  
my grief seem less cruel.

*Translation: Lionel Salter*