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WITH

A Grand Miscellaneous Act.

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PART I.

The FIRST GRAND CONCERTO:

RECIT. accompanied, Mr. HARRISON.

Of Cerberus and blackeft Midnight born,
In Stygian cave forlorn,

Mongst horrid shapes, and shricks, and fights unholy?

Find out some uncouth cell.

Where brooding Darkness spreads his jealous wings, And the night-raven sings:

There under ebon shades, and low-brow'd rocks, As ragged as thy locks,

In tark Cimmerian desert ever dw ell.

RECIT. accompanied, Mrs. BILLINGTON.

Il Pen. Hence! vain deluding Joys,

Dwell in fome idle brain,

And fancies fond with gaudy shapes possess,

As thick and numberless

As the gay motes that people the sunbeams;

Or likeliest hovering dreams,

The fickle pensioners of Morpheus' train,

AIR, Mr. HARRISON.

L'All. Come, thou goddes, fair and free,
In Heav'n yclep'd Euphrosyne,
And by men heart easing Mirth;
Whom lovely Venus, at a birth,
With two sister-graces more,
To ivy-crowned Bacchus bore.

AIR, Mrs. BILLINGTON.

Whose faintly visage is too bright
To hit the sense of human sight:
Thee bright-hair'd Vesta, long of yore,
To solitary Saturn bore.

AIR, Mr. INCLEDON.

L'All. Haste thee, Nymph, and bring with thee Jest, and youthful Jollity;
Quips, and cranks, and wanton wiles,
Nods, and becks, and wreathed smiles,
Such as hang on Hebe's cheek,
And love to live in dimple sleek:
Sport, that wrinkled care derides;
And Laughter holding both his sides.

CHORUS.

Haste thee, Nymph, and bring with thee Jest, and youthful Jollity; Sport, that wrinkled Care derides: And Laughter, holding both his sides.

AIR, Mrs. PIELE.

Come, and trip it, as you go, On the light, fantastic toe.

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CHORUS:

Come, and trip it, as you go, On the light, fantastic toe.

RECIT. accompanied, Mrs. BILLINGTON.

Pen. Come, penfive Nun, devout and pure, Sober, stedfast, and demure; All in a robe of darkest grain Flowing with majestic train.

AIR:

Come, but keep thy wonted state, With even step, and musing gait; And looks commercing with the skies, Thy wrapt soul sitting in thine eyes.

CHORUS.

Join with thee calm Peace, and Quiet; Spare fast, that oft with gods doth diet.

RECIT. Mifi POOL.

In dark Cimmerian desert ever dwell.

But haste thee, Mirth 1 and bring with thee
The mountain Nymph, sweet Liberty:
And if I give thee honour due,
Mirth, admit me of thy crew.

AIR.

Mirth, admit me of thy crew,
To live with her, and live with thee,
In unreproved pleasures free;
To hear the lark begin his flight,
And, finging, ftartle the dull night;
Then to come, in spite of sorrow,
And at my window bid good-morrow.

RECIT. Mrs. BILLINGTON.

It Pen. First and chief, on golden wing,
The Cherub Contemplation bring;
And the mute Silence hist along,
'Less Philomel will deign a song,
In her sweetest, saddest plight,
Smoothing the rugged brow of night.

AIR.

Sweet bird, that shunn's the noise of folly, Most musical, most melancholy!

Thee, chauntres, of the woods among I woo, to hear thy even-song.

RECIT. Mr. GRIFFITH.

L'A2. If I give thee honour due, Mirth, admit me of thy crew.

AIR.

Mirth, admit me of thy crew,
To liften how the hounds and horn
Chearly rouse the slumb'ring morn,
From the side of some hoar hill,
Through the high-wood echoing shrill.

AIR; Mr. HARRISON.

Oft on a plat of rifing ground,

I hear the far-off curfeu found,

Over fome wide water'd fhore,

Swinging flow with fullen roar:

Or, if the air will not permit,

Some still, removed place will fit,

Where glowing embers, through the room,

Teach light to counterfeit a gloom,

RECIT. Mr. HARRISON.

WAll. If I give thee honour due, Mirth, admit me of thy crew.

AIR, Mrs. BILLINGTON.

Let me wander not unseen,
By hedge row elms, on hillocks green:
There the ploughman, near at hand,
Whistles o'er the furrow'd land;
And the milkmaid fingeth blithe,
And the mower whets his scythe;
And every shepherd tells his tale
Under the hawthorn in the dale.

AIR.

Or let the merry bells ring round, And the jocund rebecks found To many a youth, and many a maid, Dancing in the checker'd fhade.

CHORUS:

And young and old come forth to play,
On a funfhine holiday,
Till the live-long daylight fail.
Thus pass'd the day, to bed they creep,
By whisp'ring winds from luli'd to sleep.

End of the First Part, a CONCERTO on the VIOLIN
By Mr. WEICHSEL.

PART II.

RECIT. accompanied, Mrs. BILLINGTON.

The brood of Folly, without Father bred;

How little you bested,

Or fill the fixed mind with all your toys!

O! let my lamp, at midnight hour,

Be seen in some high lonely tow'r,

Where I may oft outwatch the Bear,

With thrice great Hermes, or unsphere

The spirit of Plato, to unfold

What worlds, or what vast regions hold

Th' immortal mind, that hath forfook Her manfion in this fleshly nook. AIR

But O! fad Virgin, that thy power
Might raise Museus from his bower!
Or bid the soul of Orphens sing
Such notes, as warbled to the string,
Drew iron tears down Pluto's cheek,
And made Hell grant what Love did seek.

RECIT. Mr. GRIFFITH.

Thus, Night, oft see me in thy pale career
Till unwelcome Morn appear.

ATR.

L'All. Populous cities please me then, And the busy hum of men.

CHORUS.

Populous cities please us then,
And the busy hum of men;
Where throngs of Knights, and Barons bold,
In weeds of Peace high triumphs hold;
With flore of ladies, whose bright eyes
Rain influence, and judge the prize
Of wit, or arms, while both contend
To win her grace whom all commend.

Da Capa.

.AIR, Mifs POOL.

There let Hymen oft appear In faffron robe, with taper clear, And pomp, and feaft, and revelry, With masque, and antique pageantry; Such fights as youthful poets dream On summer - es by haunted stream. RECIT: accompanied. Mrs. BILLINGTON.

Il Pen. Me, when the fun begins to fling
His flaring beams, me, goddess, bring
To arched walks of twilight groves,
And shadows brown, that Sylvan loves
There, in close covert, by some brooks
Where no profaner eye may look,

AIR.

Hide me from Day's garish eye;
While the bee, with honied thigh,
That at her slow'ry work doth sing,
And the waters murmuring;
With such concert as they keep,
Entice the dewy seather'd sleep:
And let some strange mysterious dream.
Wave at his wings, in airy stream
Of lively portraiture display'd,
Softly on my eyelids laid.
Then, as I wake, sweet music, breathe
Above, about, or underneath;
Sent by some spirit to mortal's good,
Or th' unseen genius of the wood.

AIR, Mr. INCLEDON.

L'All. I'll to the well-trod stage anon,

If Johnson's learned sock be on;

Or sweetest Shakspeare, Fancy's child;

Warble his native wood notes wild.

AIR, Mifs POOL,

And ever against eating cares,
Lap me in fott Lydian airs:
Sooth me with immortal verse,
Such as the meeting soul may pierce
In notes, with many a winding bout
Of linked sweetness, long drawn out;
With wanton heed, and giddy cunning,
The melting woice through mazes running,
Untwisting all the chains that tie
The hidden soul of harmony.

QUET, Mrs. BILLINGTON, and Mr. HARRISON.

As fleals the morn upon the night,
And melts the shades away,
So truth deth fancy's charms dissolve,
And rising reason puts to slight
The sumes that did the mind involve;
Restoring intellectual day.

AIR. Mr. INCLEDON.

These delights if thou canst give, Mirth, with thee I mean to live.

CHORUS.

These delights if thou canst give.

Mirth, with thee we mean to live.

PART III.

Grand Miscellaneous Act.

OVERTURE, Ariadne, = = = - Handel.

song, Mr. HARRISON, (By Defire)

The MANSION of PEACE. - - - - (Webbe.)

Recitative, accompanied.

SOFT Zephyr, on thy balmy wing, Thy gentlest breezes hither bring; Her slumbers guard, some hand divine, Ah! watch her with a care like mine.

AIR.

A Rose from her bosom has stray'd,

I'll seek to replace it with art;

But no! 'twill her slumbers invade,

I'll wear it (fond youth) next my heart.

Alas, filly Rose, hadst thou known

"Twas Daphne that gave thee thy place,
Thou ne'er from thy station hadst flown;
Her bosom's the Mansion of Peace.

RECIT. Mr. HARRISON. (Solemon.)

Search round the world, there never yet was feen So wife a monarch, or so bright a queen.

CHORUS.

May no rash intruders disturb their soft hours!
To form fragrant pillows, arise O ye slowers;
Ye Zephyrs, soft breathing, their slumbers prolong,
While Nightingales lull them to sleep with their song.

song, Miss POOL. (Esther.)

Praise the Lord with cheerful noise,
Wake my glory, wake my lyre;
Praise the Lord each mortal voice,
Praise the Lord ye heavenly choir.
Zion now her head shall raise,
Tune your harps to songs of praise.

Da Capo.

RECIT. Mr. INCLEDON. (Judas Macchabæus.)

My arms! Against this Gorgias will I go--The Idumean governor shall know
How vain, how ineffective his design,
While rage his leader, and Jehovah mine.

AIR.

Sound an alarm.---Your filver trumpets found, And call the brave, and only brave around.--Who lifteth follow.---To the field again.--Justice with courage is a thousand men.

CHORUS.

We hear, we hear the pleasing, dreadful call: And follow thee to conquest.---If to fall, For laws, religion, liberty, we fall,

song, Mrs. BILLINGTON. (Dr. Avne)

(For the Last Time this Season.)

The foldier tir'd of war's alarms,

Forfwears the clang of hostile arms,
And scorns the spear and shield.

But if the brazen trumpet sound,
He burns with conquest to be crown'd,
And dares again the field.

GRAND CHORUS. (Jubilate.)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE END.

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PART I.

Coronation Anthem. "God Save the King."

> Overture Efther. Song, Mr. SALE.

" Shall I in Mamre's fertile Plain." Chorus, " For all these Mercies."

Joshua.

Recit. Miss Pool, " Rise Jephtha," and AIR,

" Happy Iphis."

Chorus, " When his loud voice." Tephtha.

Song, Mr. HARRISON,

" Total Eclipfe," Chorus, "O first created Beam."

Samson.

Song, Mrs. BLLINGTON. Holy, holy Lord," Redemption. DOUBLE CHORUS.

" He gave them Hailftones."

Ifrael in Egypt.

PART II.

The Fifth GRAND CONCERTO.

Song, Mr. GRIFFITH, " Honour and Arms."

Song, Miss Pool, " Ye Men of Gaza."

Chorus, " Hear Jacob's God."

Recit. Mr. INCLEDON, " Justly, these evils." and AIR,

Why does the God of Israel fleep?"

Chorus, "Then round about the ftarry Throne." Samfon. Song, Mr. HARRISON.

" O come let us Worship." Anthems. Chorus " The mighty Power."

Athalia.

Recit. Mrs. BILLINGTON.

" O worse than Death." And AIR.

" Angels ever bright. Theodora. GRAND CHORUS.

"Gird on thy Sword.

Saul.

PART III.

Introduction and Chorus.

" Ye Sons of Ifrael." Folhua. Song, Mr. HARRISON.

"Rendi il sereno al Ciglio." Sosarmes Song, Mr. Incledon, and Chor.". " O Lord in thee have I trusted."

Song, Mifs Pool.

" O had I Jubal's Lyre. Inshua. Chorus, " From the Cenfer." Solomon. Recit. Mrs. BILLINGTON.

" Ye facred Priests,"

And AIR. Farewel ye limpid springs. Jeph.ha.

Chorus. "The Lord fhall reign," Recit. Mr. HARRISON.

" For the Horse of Pharaoh." Air, Mrs. BILLINGTON.

And Double Chorus. " The Horse and his Rider."

Ifrae! in Egypt.

PRINCIPAL SINGERS.

Mr. HARRISON.

Mr. Incledon, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Sale. Miss Pool. Mrs. Piele. And Mrs. BILLINGTON. Leader of the Band, Mr. G. Ashley.

The Organ by Mr. Knyvett.

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