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Asing unto the Lord a new fong, and his praise in the congregation of the saints.

Praise him with the found of the trumpet: Praise him with the plattery and harp: Praise him with the timbrel and dance: Praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

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DEDICATORY PREFACE.

TO all Lovers of Music throughout the State of Vermont, and to the Subscribers for the SACRED MUSICIAN in particular, this Volume of Sacred Music is humbly and respectfully dedicated, by their devoted

Friend and Fellow Citizen,

THE AUTHOR.

FRIENDS AND PATRONS,

THAT degree of perfection which Music has attained to, in these States, as well as the number of experienced masters and able critics in the art, renders a work of this kind (where the Author wishes to escape censure) exceedingly critical; but be assured that these compilations were never intended for the "scrutinizing eye of the malevolent critic," but solely for the amusement of those on whose candour he can rely, and who will grant every indulgence to a young adventurer in music, whose greatest ambition is to please. "Tis not that vanity so peculiar to authors that tempts me to appear publickly in that character," but an earnest desire to oblige a number of friends, on whose frequent solicitations I have ventured on this perilous undertaking: But as facred music is considered as forming a most pleasing part of divine worship, every attempt to promote so important an object will be deemed laudable. Under the influence of this idea, the Author, although moving in the humblest sphere of life, is nevertheless willing to contribute his mite for the promotion of so great a cause.

The great dissimilarity of taste in the several professors of music renders it exceedingly difficult to make such a collection that each tune would found harmonious to every nice musical ear.

In compiling the following, great pains have been taken to confult the best judges of music, and with them to select such tunes and such only as were judged suitable for church music. Those pieces which are original were not composed for public inspection; very sensible is the Author that they cannot stand the test of a rigid criticism, but need the fostering care of a generous public: To such, therefore, they are humbly submitted, hoping that every error will be cheerfully corrected, and overlooked with complacency.

All those who have encouraged this work by subscription are respectfully thanked; and the Author assures them that he has spared no pains to have it correct, and so executed as to answer their expectations; and sincerely hopes they will derive sufficient advantage to compensate them for their expenses, to accomplish which has been the greatest ambition of

The Public's devoted Servant,

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PART I.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE RUDIMENTS OF PSALMODY, ON A NEW PLAN.

SECTION I.

Question. WHAT is mufic in general?

Answer. It is, properly speaking, both a science and an art: as a science, it demonstrates and explains the true relation and just propo. tion of founds: as an art, it teaches their proper expression.

Q. What is harmony?

A. Harmony is a combination of several sounds at the same time.

Q. What is melody?

A. Melody is a fuccession of a single sound.

Q. What are the primary qualities of mufical founds?

A. Time and tune.

Q. How many distinct degrees of sound are there in the scale?

A. Seven, five of which are called whole, and two that are called half or femi-tones.

Q. How are those founds represented in music?

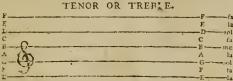
A. By the feven first letters of the alphabet, placed on five lines called a staff; these are arranged upon the bass, tenor and counter staves, according to their respective cliffs, called the F cliff, the G cliff, and the C cliff.

Q. How is the F cliff marked?

A. It is set upon the sourth line from the bottom, on the letter F, called the bass cliff, representing the seventh degree of sound in the general scale. (See the example.)

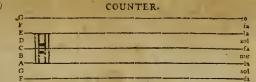
Q. How is the G cliff marked?

A. It is invariably fet on the fecond line from the bottom, and is called the tenor or treble cliff; representing the eighth degree of found in tenor and fifteenth in treble, in the general scale. (See the example.)



Q. How is the C cliff marked?

A. It is placed on the third line from the bottom, called the counter cliff, reprefenting the eleventh degree of found in the general fcule, &c. (See the character.)



Q. How many names of notes are there representing founds?

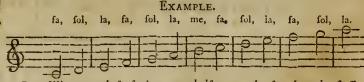
A. Four.

Q. What are their names?

A. Me, fa, fol, la, of which me is the principal, and governs all the rest.

Q. What is the order of those notes, as placed on the staff?

A. When me is found above, it is fa, fol, la, fa, fol, la; below me, la, fol, fa, la, fol, fa, and then me comes again either way.



Q. Where are those semi-tones or half-tones to be found on the staff.

A. Their natural places are between B and C, and E and F.

Their fituation is often varied by flats or sharps being added, which transposes the me from B, its natural place, but they are invariably found between me and fa, and la and fa.

SECTION II. Of TRANSPOSITION.

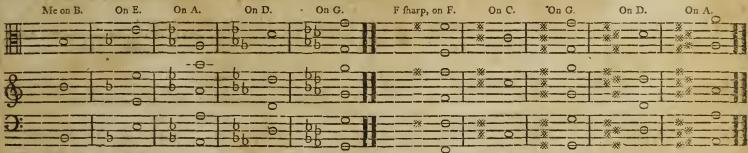
- Q. How is the me removed or transposed from its natural place?

 A. By adding flats or sharps at the beginning of the staff.
- Q. What rule is there for adding flats and sharps to remove me?
- A. First set a flat on the me line and the me will be found a

fourth above or a fifth below, and you may add what number you! A sharp must be placed a fifth above or a fourth below the one last added, and the me will be found a fourth above or a fifth below that. | the table.)

please, only put your flat a fourth above or a fifth below the one last added, and the me will be found on the letter last sharped. (See

TRANSPOSITION TABLE.



Thus you fee,

If B be flat, me is in E.

If B and E be flat, me'is in A.

If B, E and A be flat, me is in D.

If B, E, A and D be flat, me is in G.

N. B. More flats might be added, but four are as many as are commonly made use of.

But, if F be fliarp, me is in F.

If F and C be sharp, me is in C.

If F, C and G be sharp, me is in G.

If F, C, G and D be sharp, me is in D.

If F, C, G, D and A be sharp, me is in A.

SECTION III.

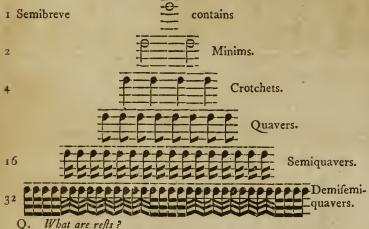
MUSICAL NOTES and RESTS.

Q. What are the notes made use of in church music? A. There are but fix notes, representing found, made use of in music, viz. a semibreve, a minim, a crotchet, a quaver, a semiquaver, a demisemiquaver.

Semibreve.	Minim.	Crotchet.	Quaver.	Semiquaver.	Demisemiquaver
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Q. What proportion do these notes bear to each other?

A. One femibreve is to be founded as long as two minims, or four crotchets, or eight quavers, or fixteen femiquavers, or thirty-two demitemiquavers; as may be feen by the scale following.



A. They are notes of filence, i. e. the performer must be filent, beating the empty bars as he passes over such characters, giving the same length of time to each, as to the notes by which they are called and which they represent.

Semibreve rest.	Minim reft.	Crotchet rest.	Quaver rest.	Semiquaver rest.	Demisemiquaver rest.
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Q. Has the b flat any use in music, except in removing the me?

A. It has: if fet before a note it finks that note half a tone from its natural pitch.

Q. What use is the * sharp?

A. It is the reverse of the flat. It raises the succeeding note half a tone.

Q. Of what use is the \ natural in music?

A. The natural restores a note to its natural or primitive sound. It is never used, in this Collection, unless to counteract one or the other of the foregoing characters.

Q. What is a point of addition?

A. It is a small dot set at the right hand of a note, and makes the note before it sound half as long again as it would without it.



Q. What is a diminution point?

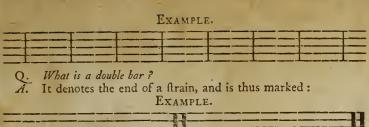
A. It is a figure of three placed over or under three notes, and reduces those three notes to the same length of time as two of the same kind.



Q. What is a fingle bar?

A. It is a perpendicular line drawn through the staff; its use is to divide the notes into equal proportions of two, three, or sour beats, according to the mode of time the tune is composed in.

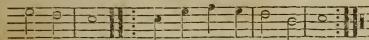
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Q. What is a repeat?

A. It denotes that the music between those double bars and dots should be repeated, or fung twice over.

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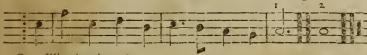
Q. What is the use of figures 1 and 2 set over notes, commonly at the

end of a tune?

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A. It fignifies that some part of the tune is to be sung twice over, and that note or notes in the bar under sigure 1 to be sung the first time, and those under sigure 2 the second time, omitting those under sigure 1.

EXAMPLE.



Q. What is a brace?

A. It is a character that shows how many parts move together.



Q. What is a hold?

A. It is a character which, when placed over a note, directs the performer to found that note twice as long as its true found.

EXAMPLE.



Q. What is meant by flurs, in music?

A. A flur is a circle drawn over or under fo many notes as belong, or are fung to one fyllable.



Q. What are we to understand by choosing notes?

A. Where there are notes fet one above another, the performer may fing which he pleafes.



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Q. What are marks of distinction?

A. They are perpendicular strokes set over notes that must be fung distinctly and emphatically.



section iv.

Modes of Time.

O. How many modes of time are there?

A. There are nine different movements of time in psalmody, viz. four called common time, three treble, and two of compound time, which, for brevity's sake, I shall explain by the following scale, which will show at one view the several characters designating the different modes, with their measure notes and the manner of beating each.

First mode of common time, called Adagio, four beats in a bar, one fecond each, two down and two up.

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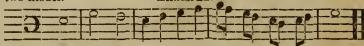
Second mode of common time, four beats in each bar, one fourth quicker than the first mode.



This mode is called Largo, and is distinguished from the first by a bar across the C at the beginning.

Third mode, called Allegro, two beats in a bar, one fecond each, one down and one up; a femibreve fills a bar also, as in the other two modes.

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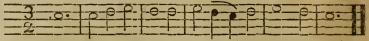
Fourth mode, called two to four or two fours, a minim fills a bar; beat at two equal beats, one fourth quicker than the Allegro mode.

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First mode of triple-time, three beats in a bar, one second each, two down and one up; a pointed semibreve fills a bar in this mode.

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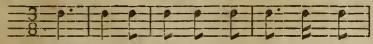


Second triple mode, three beats in a bar, one fourth faster than the first; a pointed minim fills a bar.



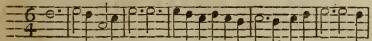
Third mode of triple time, three beats in a bar, one fourth faster than the second; a pointed crotchet fills a bar.

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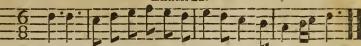


First mode of compound time, two beats in a bar, one second each beat; three minims fill a bar in this mode.

EXAMPLE.



Second compound mode, containing the amount of fix quavers in a bar; two beats in a bar, and performed one fourth faster than the first.



Q. Why are figures made use of in these last mentioned modes of time?

A. They have a primary reference to the first mode of common time, which is the standard of all other modes, and by which all are regulated.

Q. Will you please to explain them?

A. I will. You must first observe, that all figures distinguishing the several modes of time, are considered as fractional parts of a semibreve. (e. g.) The fourth mode, marked \(\frac{2}{4}\), denotes that the bar must contain two fourths of a semibreve; and all figures distinguishing different modes, in the same manner. The under figure shows how many parts the semibreve must be divided into, and the upper figure shows how many of those parts are contained in a bar.

SECTION V.

Of the KEYS in Music.

Q. What is a key or key-note, in music?

A. The key of any music whatever, is that sound upon which the tune is sounded, and is the last note in the bass.

Q. How many keys are there?

A. Two only, called the minor or flat key, and the major or

fharp key; and no tune can be properly built, but upon one or the other of those two keys.

Q. How shall I know a sharp from a flat keyed tune?

A. The last note in the bass of every tune will always be found to be la or fa. If the last note in the bass be fa, it is a sharp key; but if la, it is a slat key.



SECTION VI.

Of ACCENT.

Q. What is accent?

A. It is a certain modulation of founds, in order to express the passions naturally with the voice.

Q. Is a proper accent ornamental to vocal music?

A. I conceive it to be not only an ornament, but one of the most material graces in music, and is as absolutely necessary in music as in oratory, without which, the best voice will appear flat and insipid.

Q. What rule is there for placing the accent?

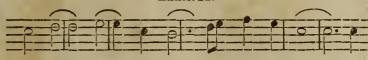
A. The accented parts of the bar, for treble time, is the first part only; for common time, the first and third parts of the bar; for compound time, the first and fourth parts of the bar; and in composing music, emphatical words should be set to those parts, and every practitioner in music should be taught the propriety of always bending it to the words, so as to add force and energy to the sense meant to be conveyed; which was the great end and design of music.

SECTION VII.

Of Syncopation and Syncopes.

Q. What is syncopation? A. Notes of syncopation are those that have their founds drawn through bars, or placed out of their natural order.

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What is a syncope?

There are two kinds of fyncope, a fingle and double.

What is a fingle syncope?

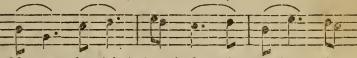
A. A fingle fyncope is where the beat is divided on a minim, between two crotchets, thus:



What is a double syncope?

It is where the beat is affected twice in one bar.





More examples might be brought forward, but as they are fo generally understood, I shall omit them, and close this introductory part of the work with a few general rules and observations.

GENERAL REMARKS FOR YOUNG PRACTITIONERS.

I. IN performing notes under flurs, be very careful not to shut | your lips, from the first note to the last; for if you do, you break the flur and spoil the syllable, which wholly destroys the pronunciation,

and renders it disagreeable to all good judges of music.

II. Whenever notes of filence occur in the part you are performing, be filent, beating the empty bars; and never invade the province of another, by finging a folo that does not belong to your part, (unless you are a leader of the music that is then performing,) but after you have beat your empty bars, you ought to strike in with spirit, to let the audience know (as an author observes) that another part is added to the concert.

III. A repeat is always to be fung with life, &c. a degree faster

than you perform it the first time over.

IV. Never let any one fing fo loud but what he can distinguish each part in the concert, which will enable him to keep time with the rest of the singers.

V. The high notes, in either part, should always be fung foft.— Let it be observed, that "good singing is not confined to great sing-

ing, nor is it entirely dependent on small singing: I have heard many great voices that never firuck a harsh note, and many small voices that never struck a pleasant one." "It is an essential thing in a master to propagate soft singing in schools, because soft music has a great tendency to refine the ears of the performers."

Finally, To close these observations, I would recommend to all finging schools or bands of singers, when performing sacred music, (which is one of the noblest acts of the Christian worship, when suitably performed,) "to refrain from all levity, both in conduct and conversation." You do well to remember, that when the fong is accompanied with folemn words, a loofe and indecent carriage is altogether inexcuseable, and well deserves the censure of every sober mind; not only fo, but, instead of honouring God, you dishonour him, and give very just reason for the enemies of music to speak reproachfully. Much might be faid, but a word to the wife is fufficient. May the Great Author of harmony inspire your minds, that you may all fing with the "fpirit and with the understanding

MUSICAL TERMS EXPLAINED.

ANDANTE Largo, all parts must move exact, and each note must be mude equal, exact and distinct.

Allamanda, certain airs in a tune always common time, fung or played twice

Allemand, grave and flow.

Crescendo, the voice must increase gradually until the strain is ended.

Con Spirito, with life and spirit.

Forte, loud.

Fortissimo, very loud.

Mæstoso, with majesty and grandeur, slower than the true time.

Mezza, a degree of voice between piano and forte.

Piano, foft.

Pianissimo, very foft.

Presto, somewhat faster than the true time.

Velose, quick movement.

Vigorofo, with strength and firmness.

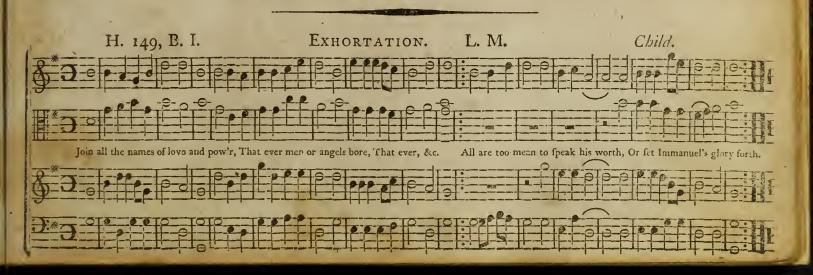
Vivace, lively and cheerful.

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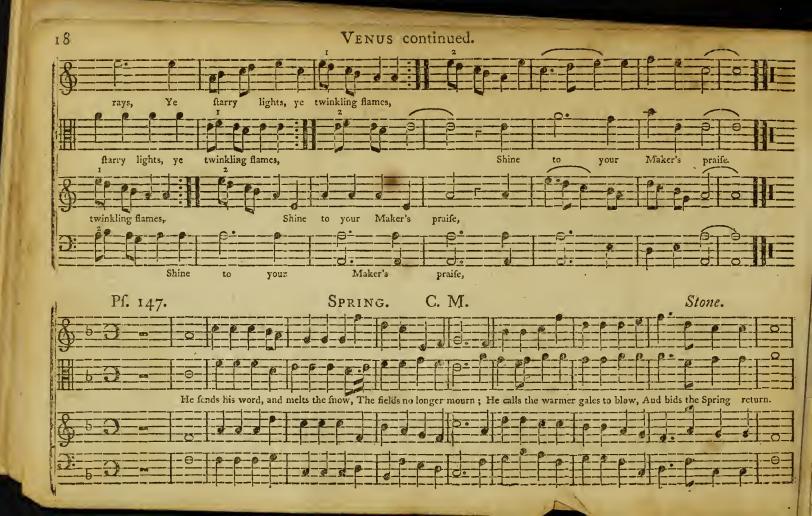
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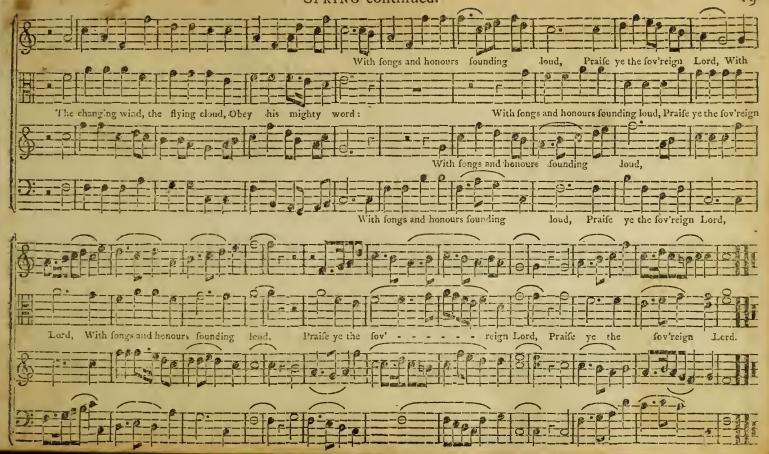




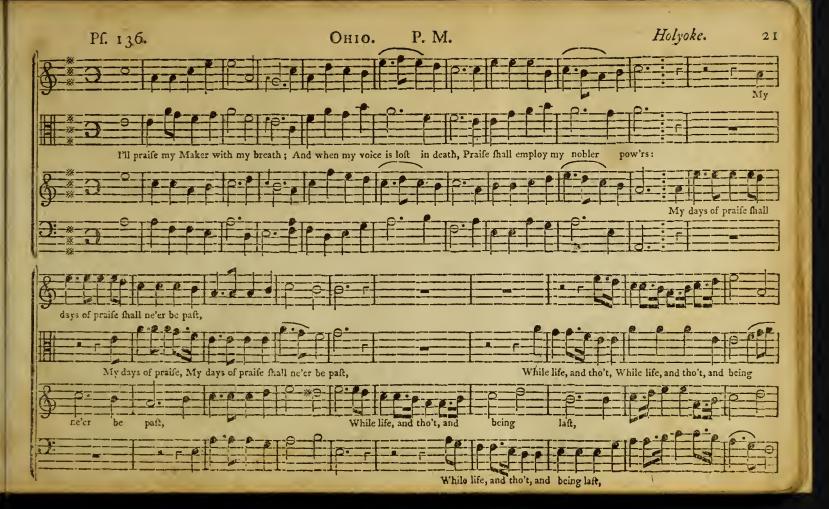


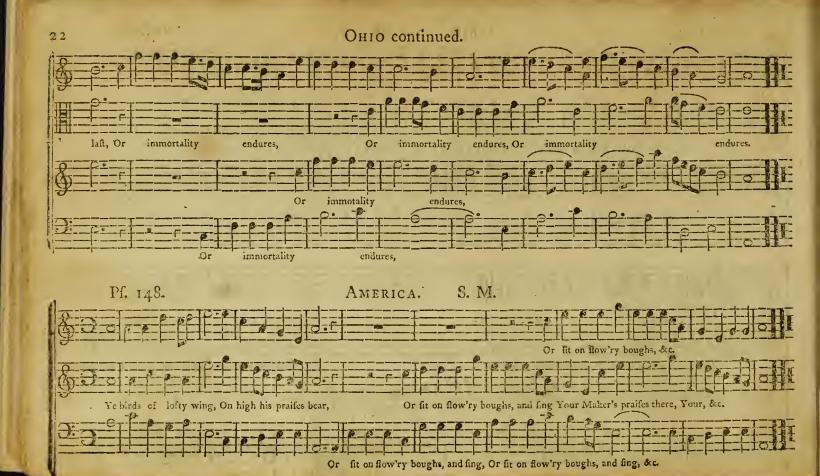


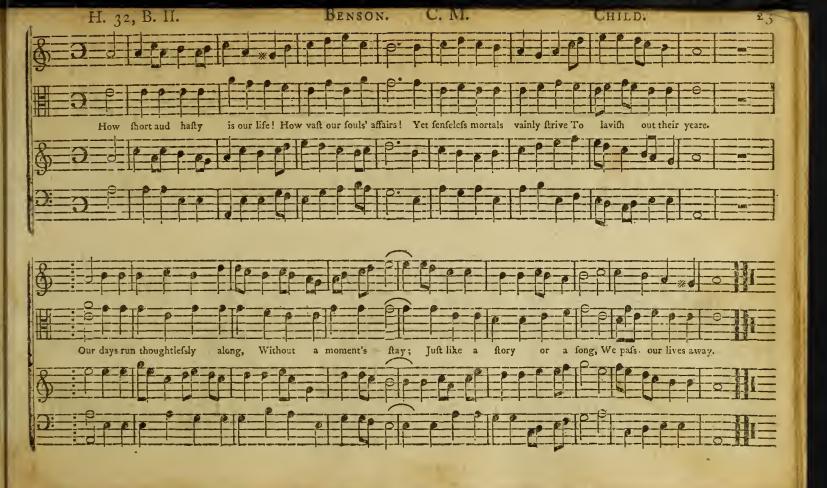


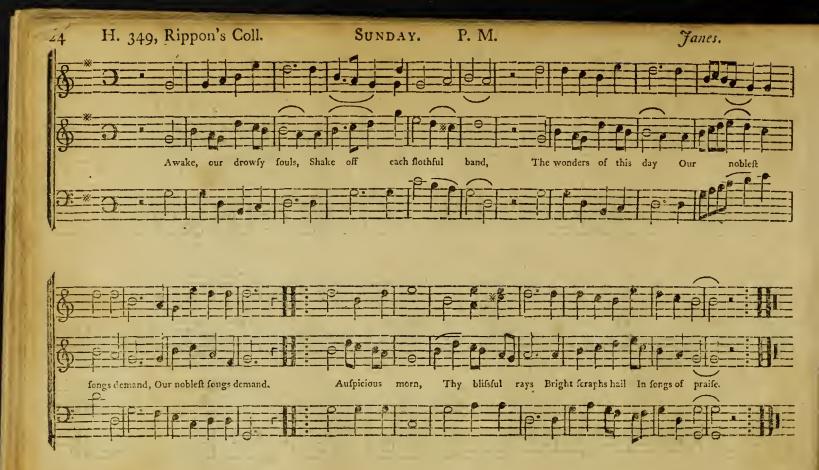




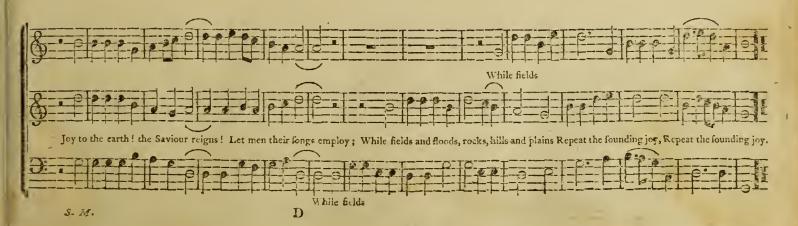


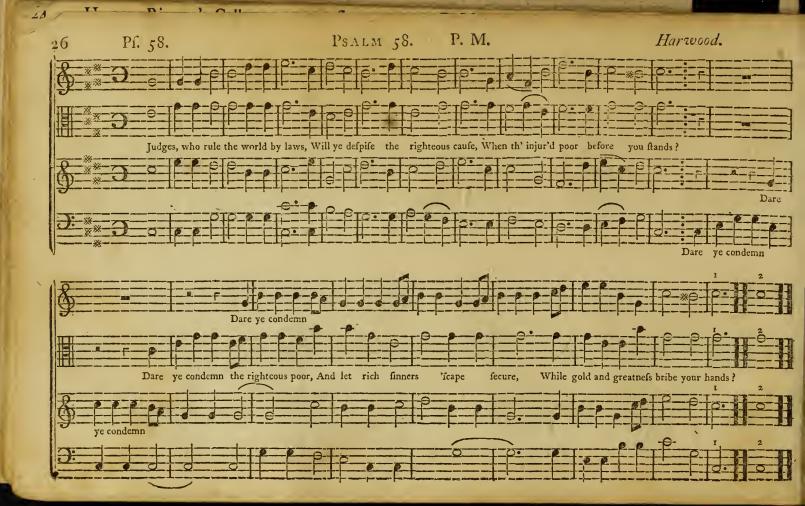


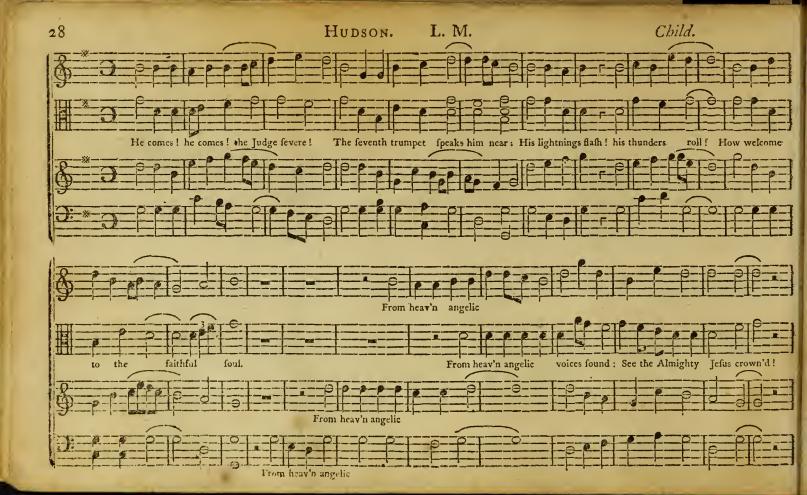




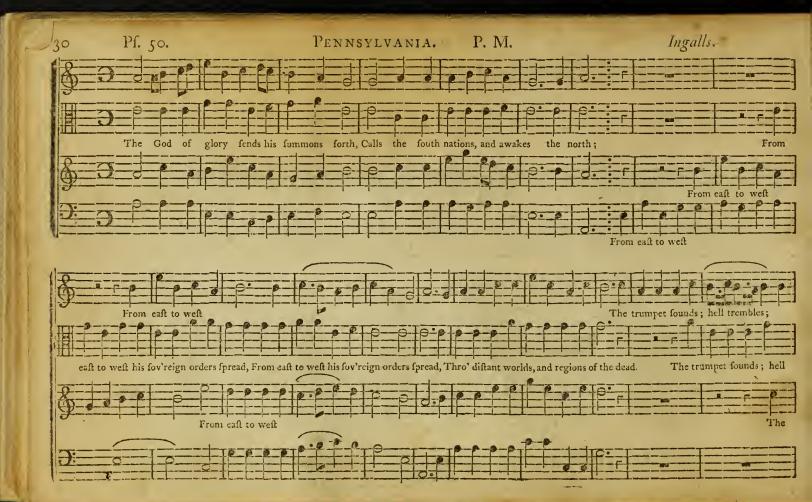


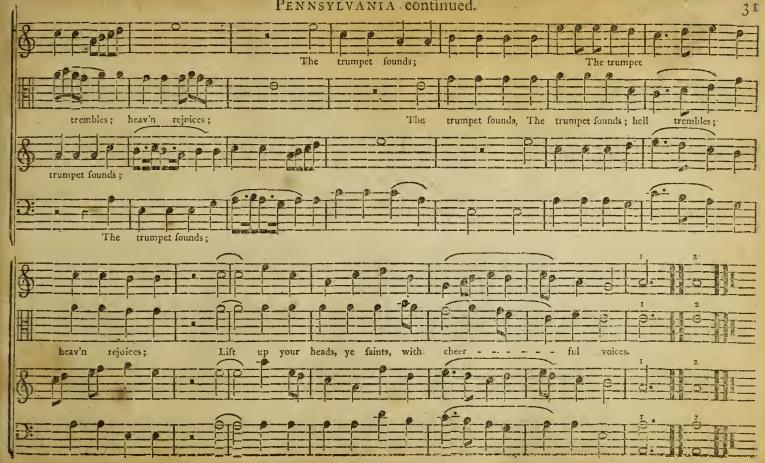


















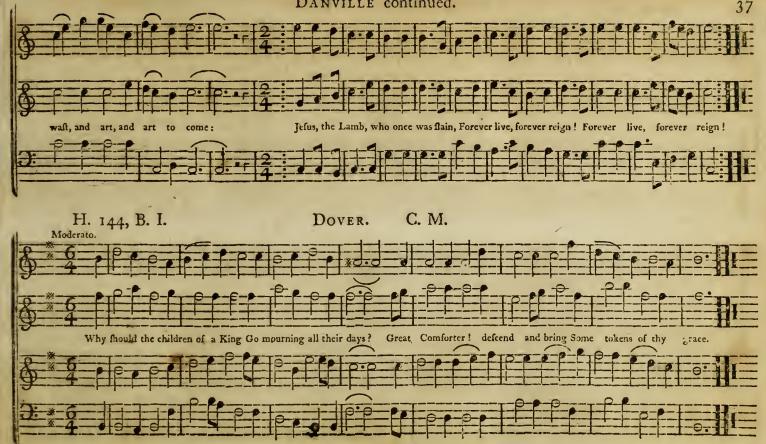






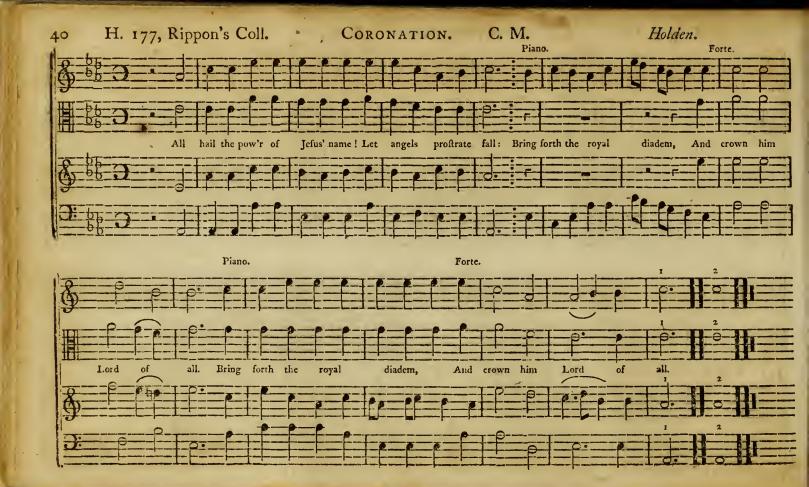
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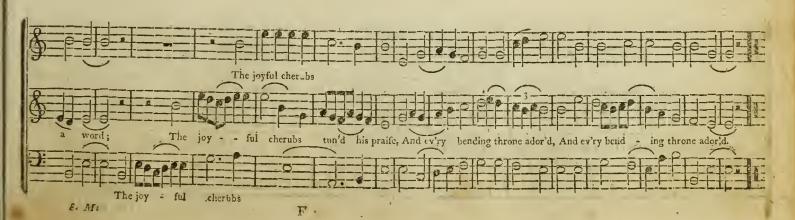




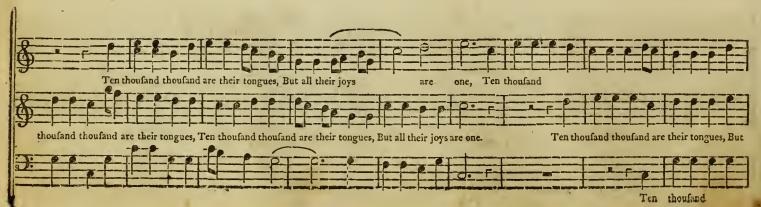


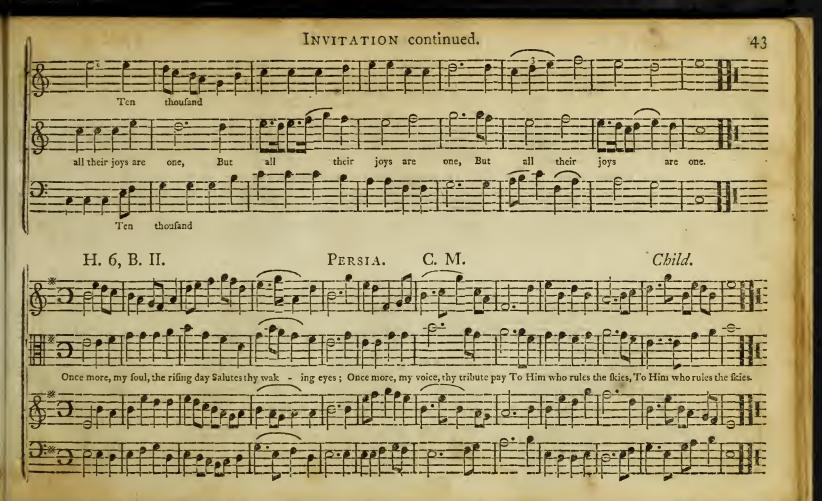


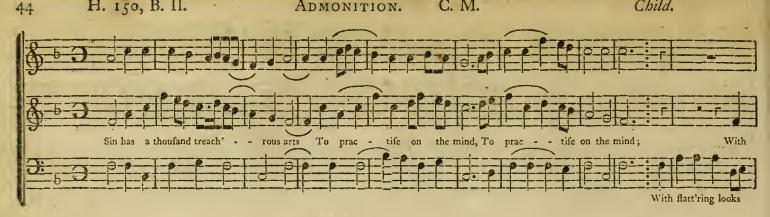






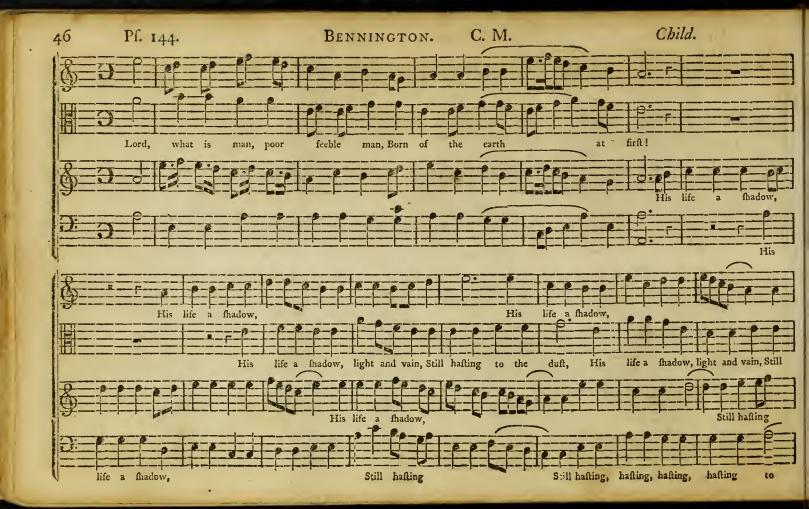




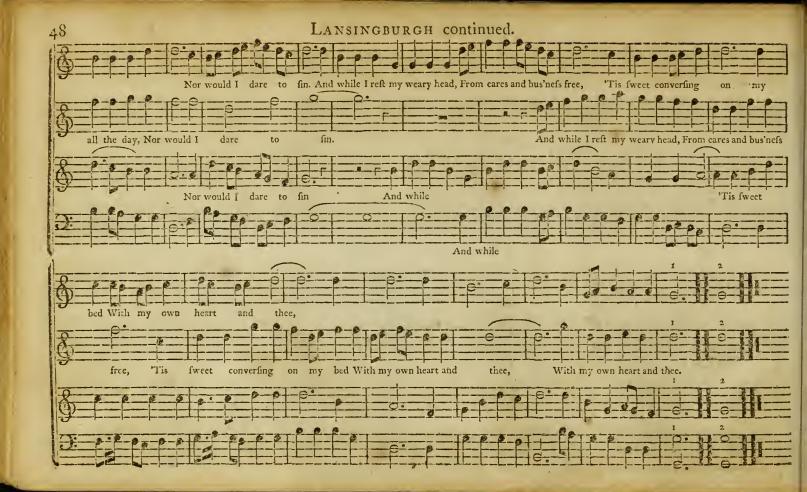


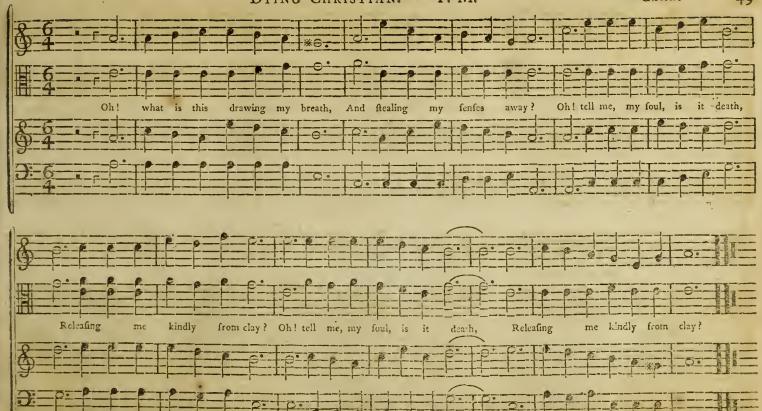












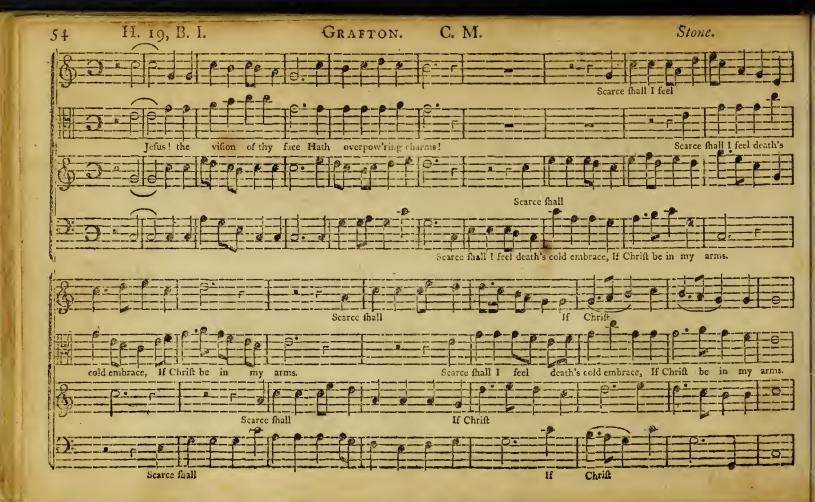


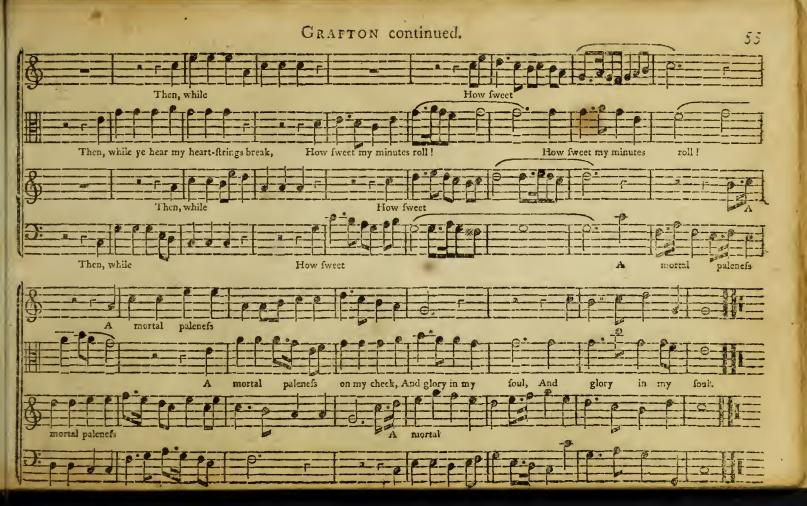




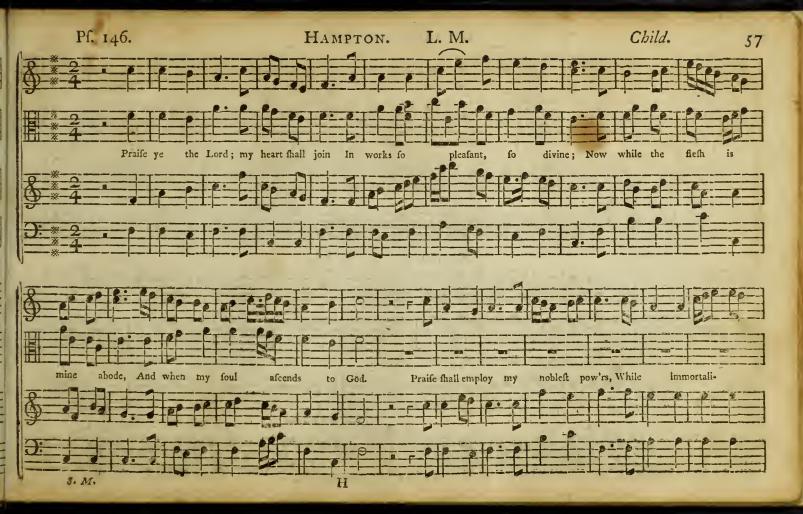






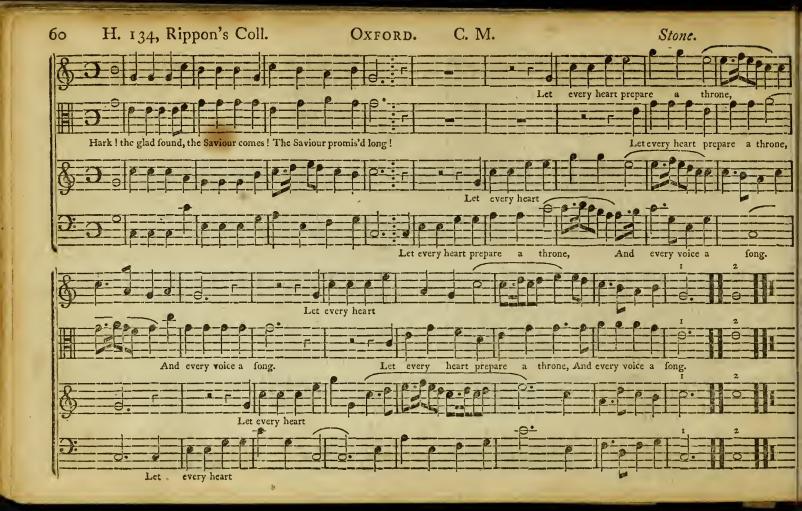








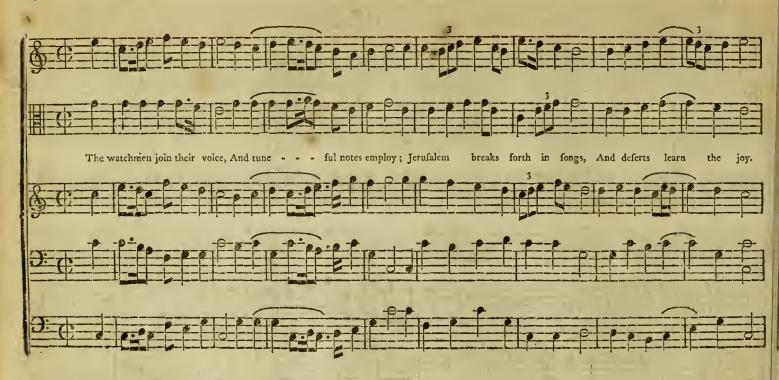


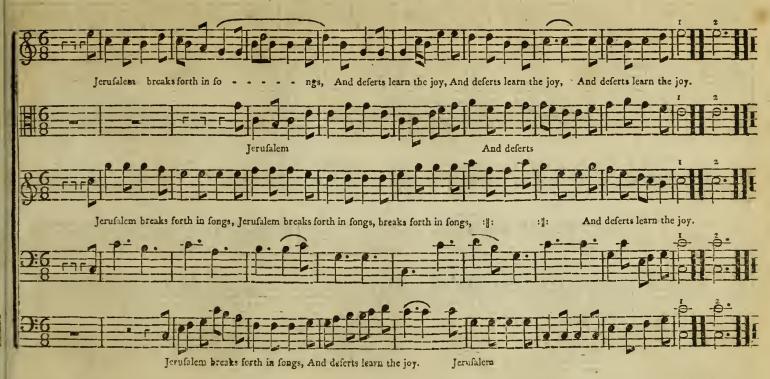


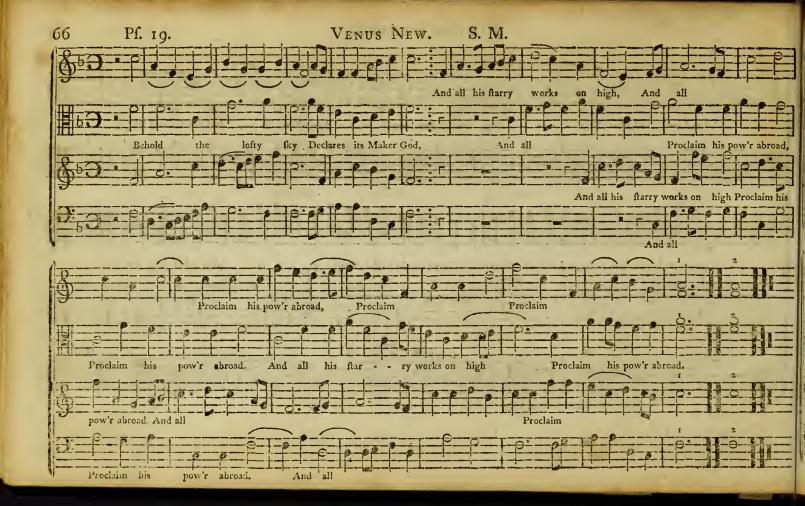


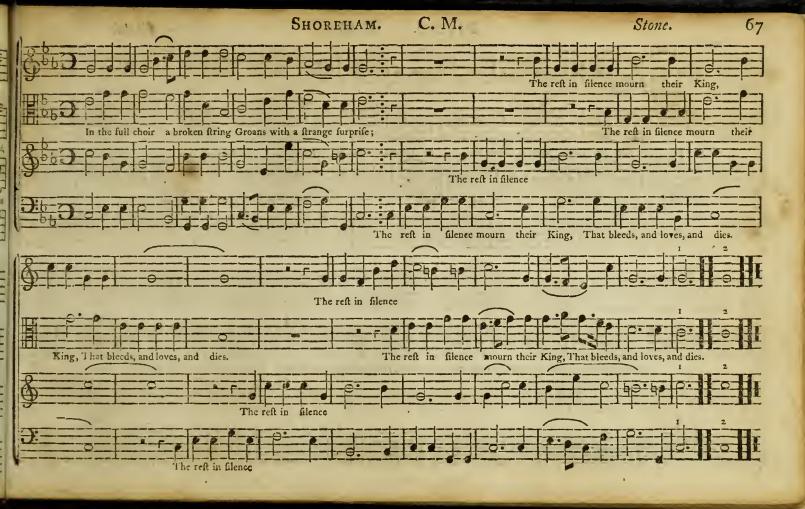


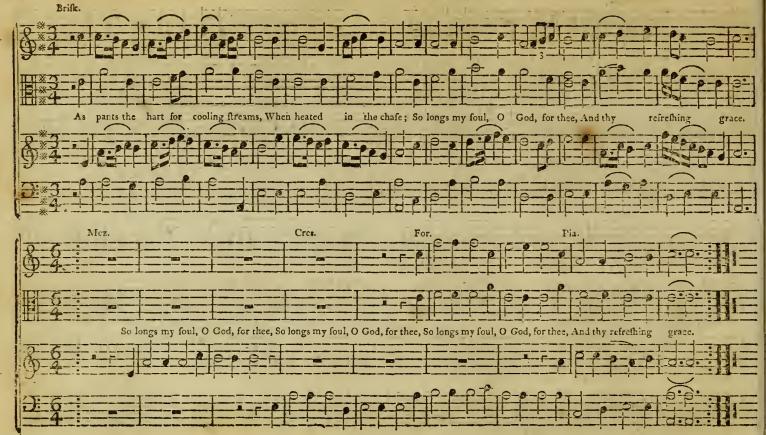




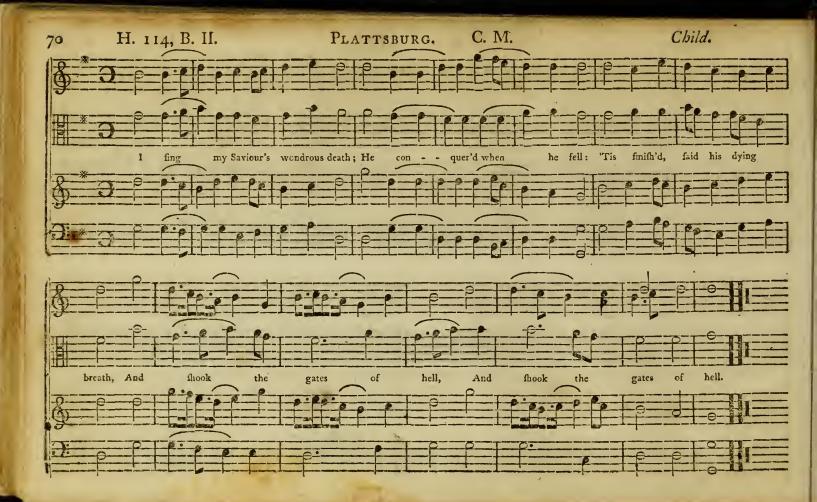






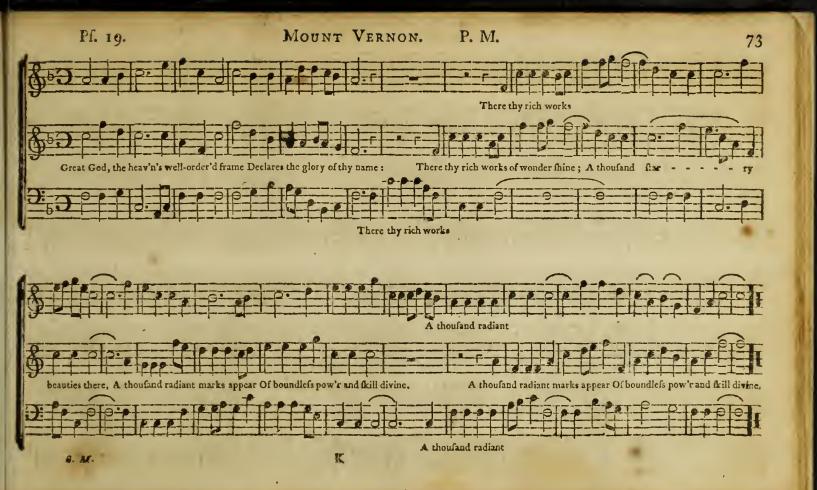




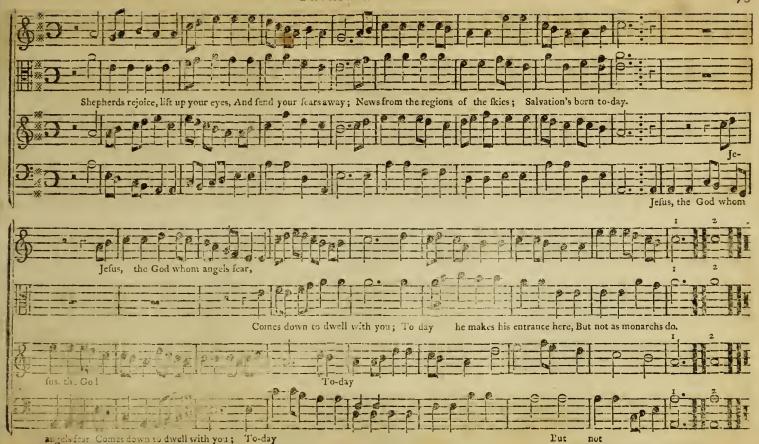


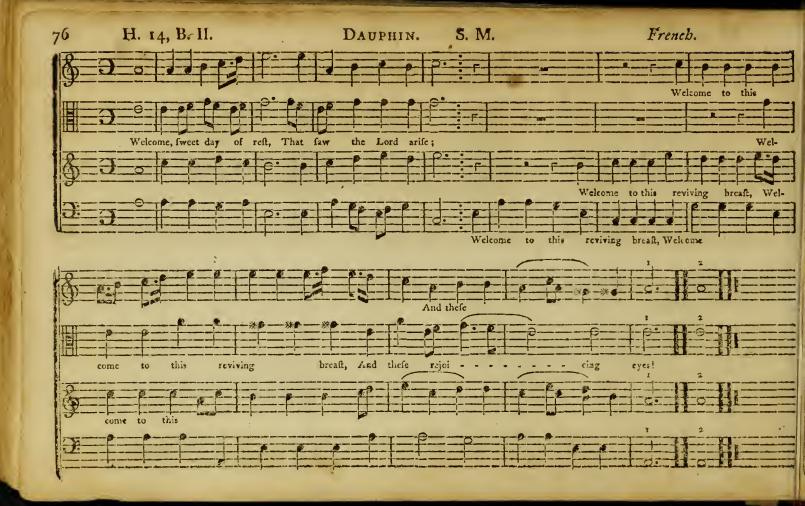




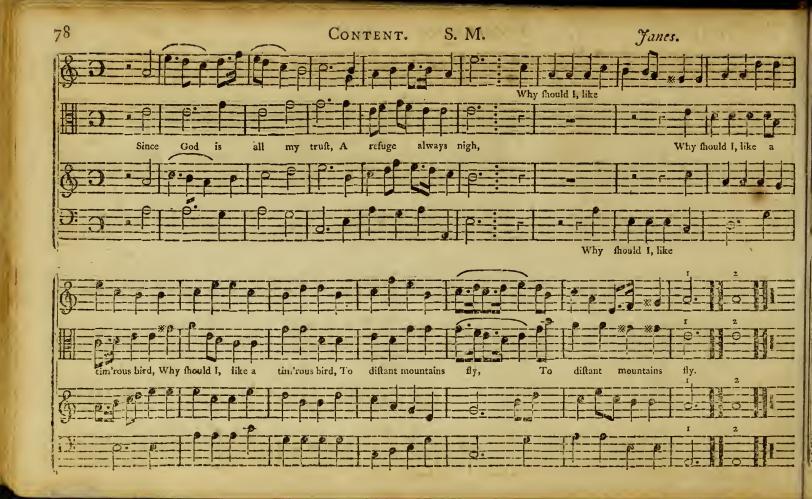




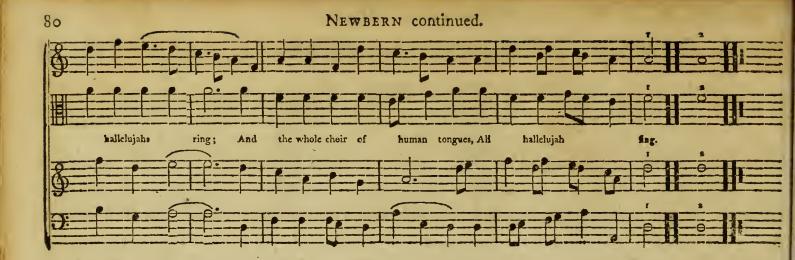












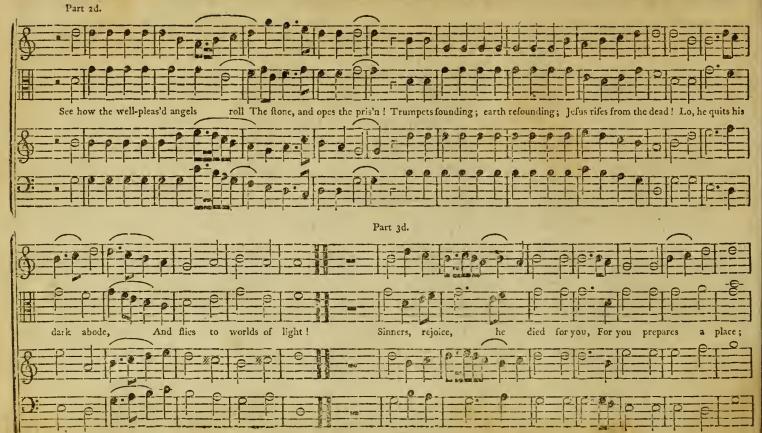
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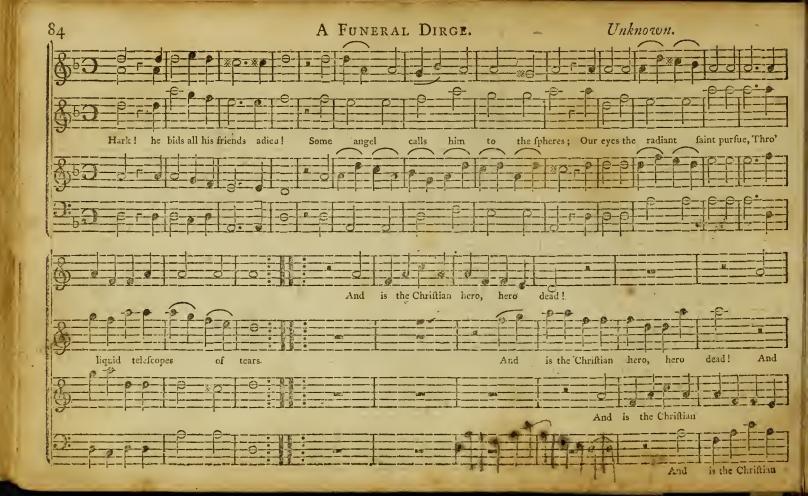
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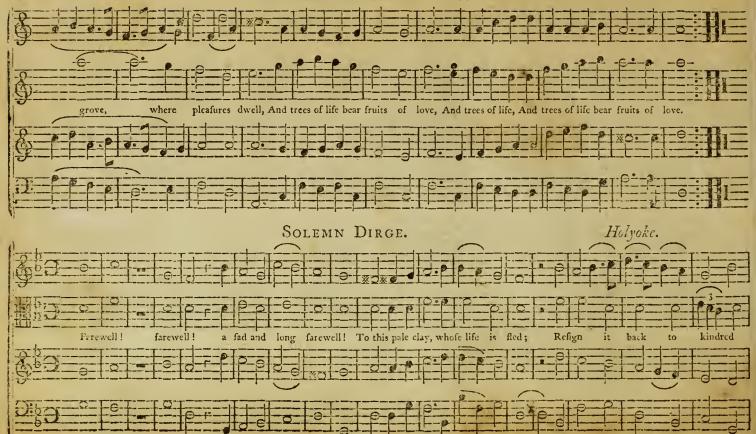


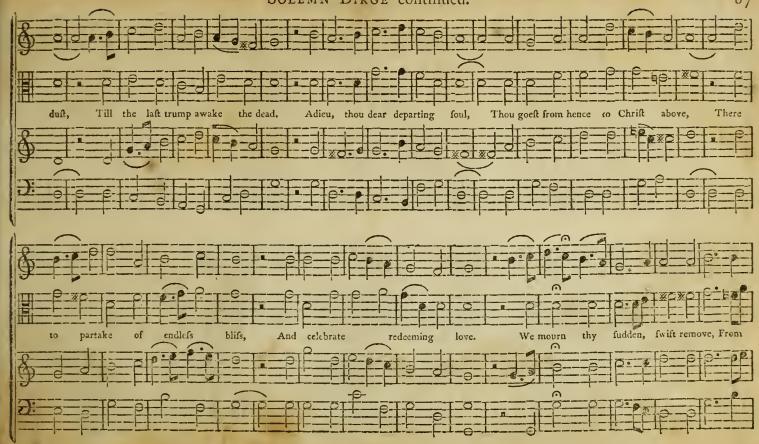




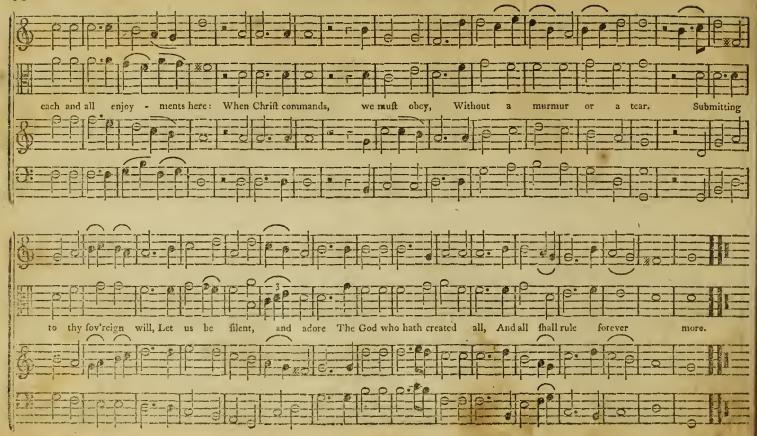


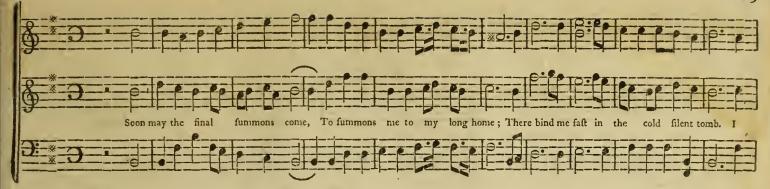






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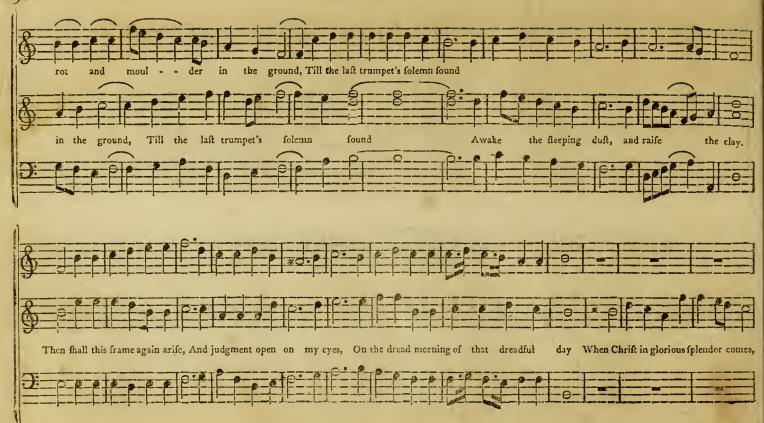


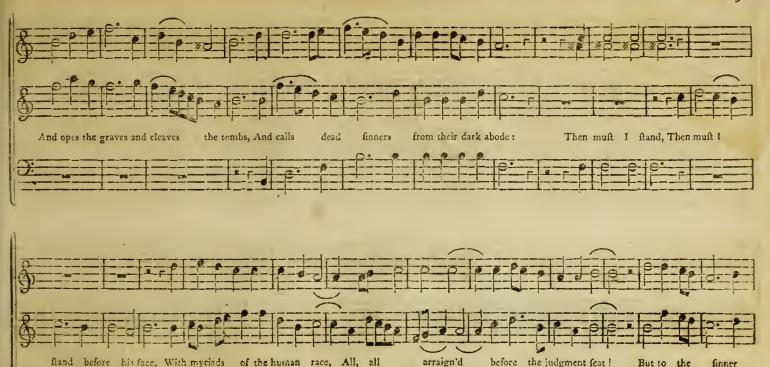




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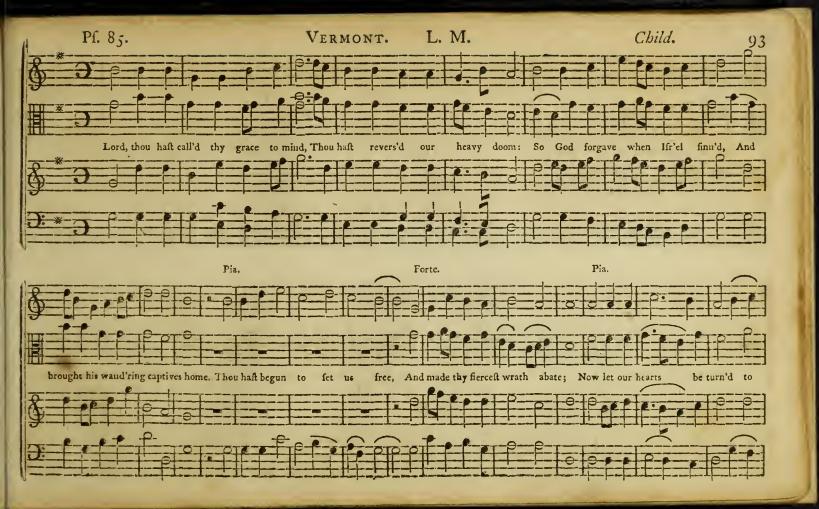
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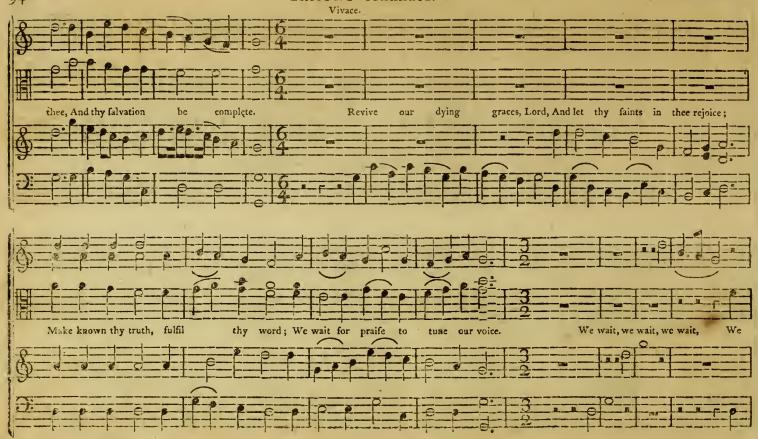


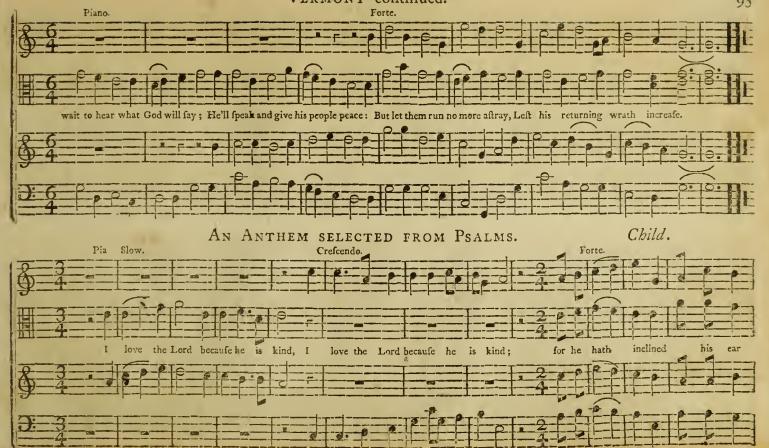


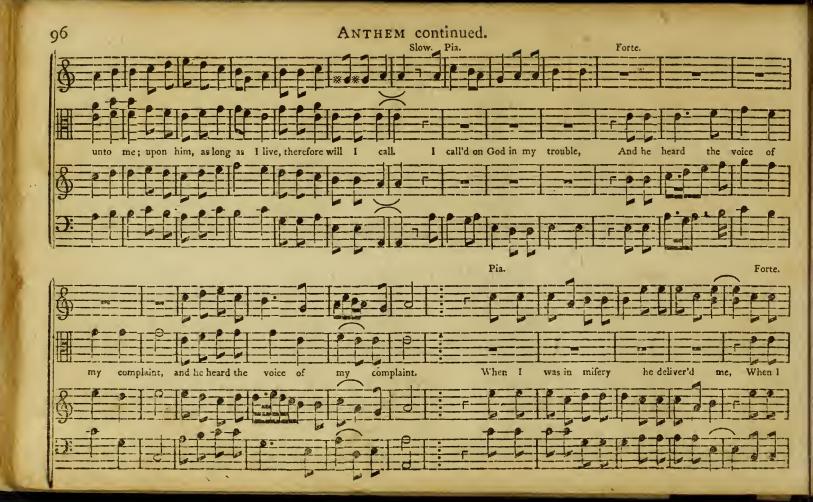


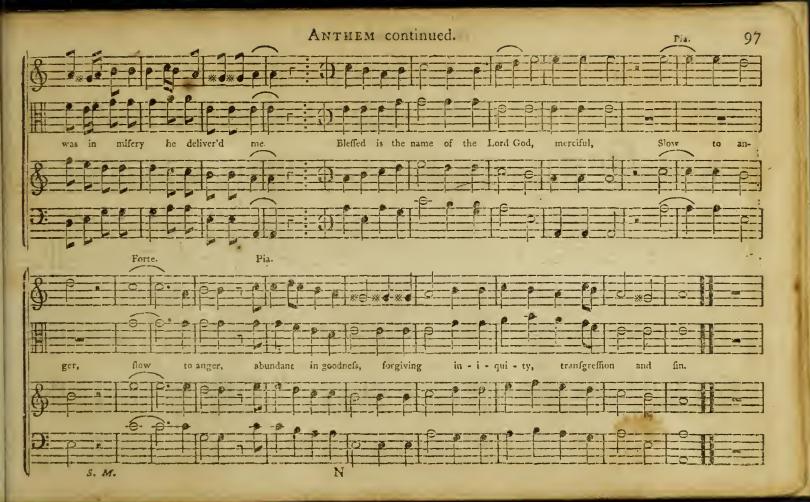


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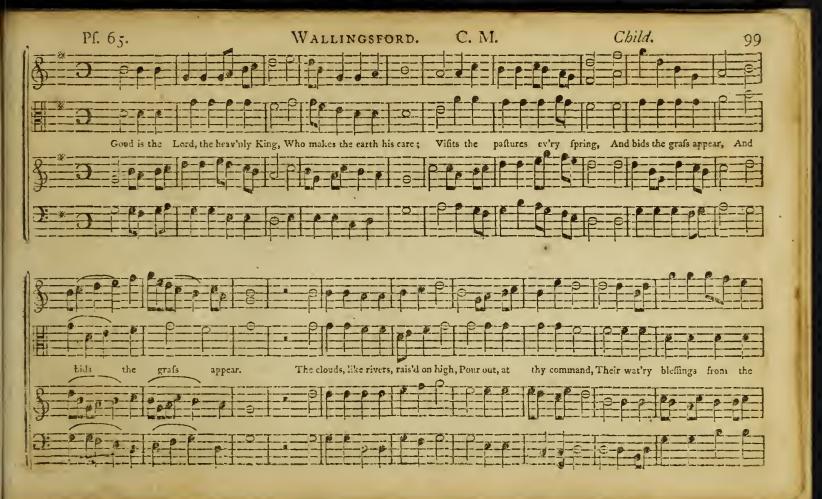


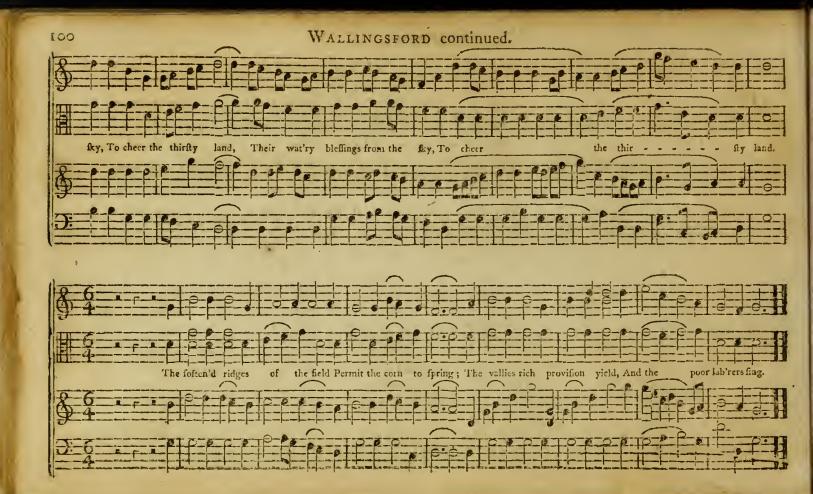








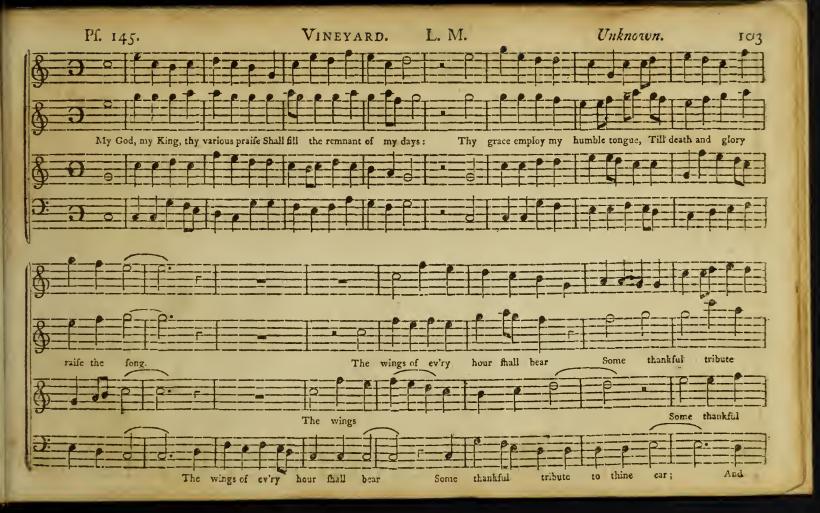


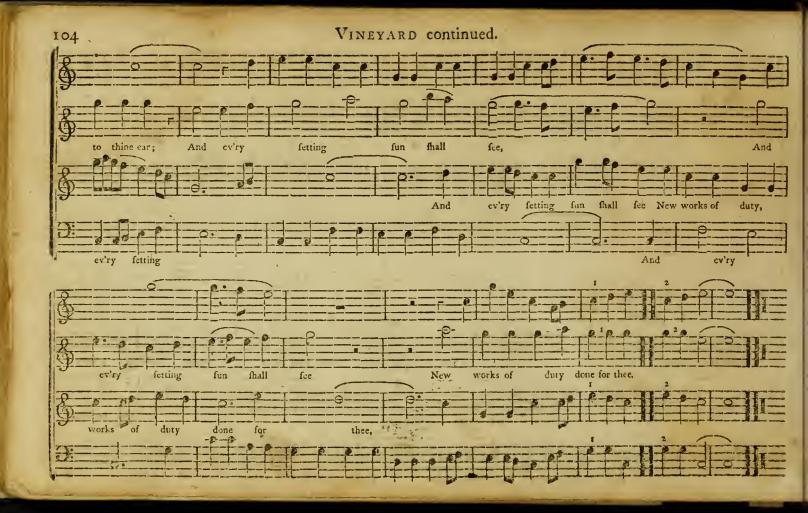


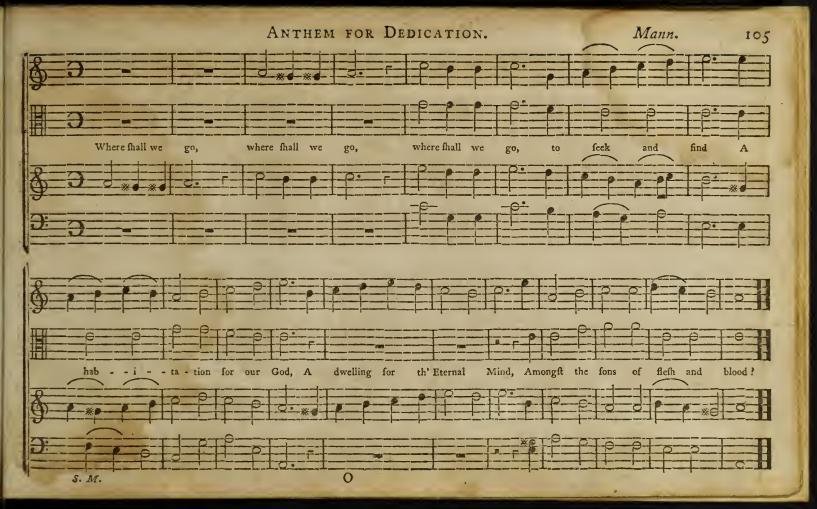


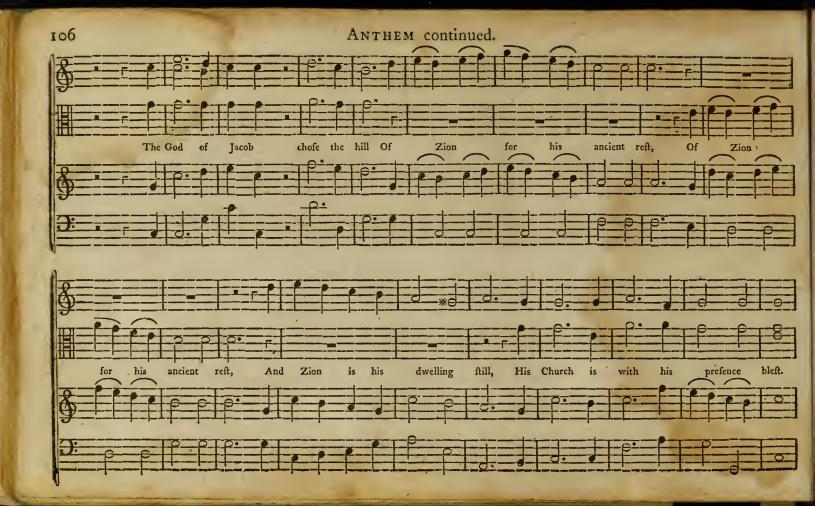
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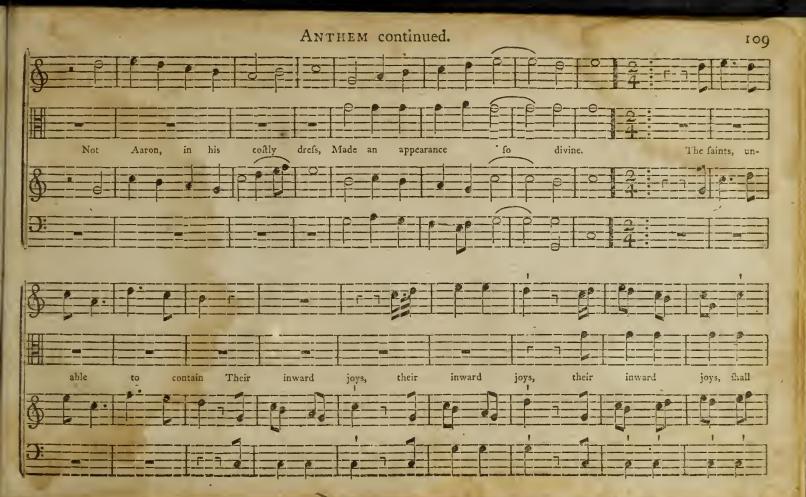




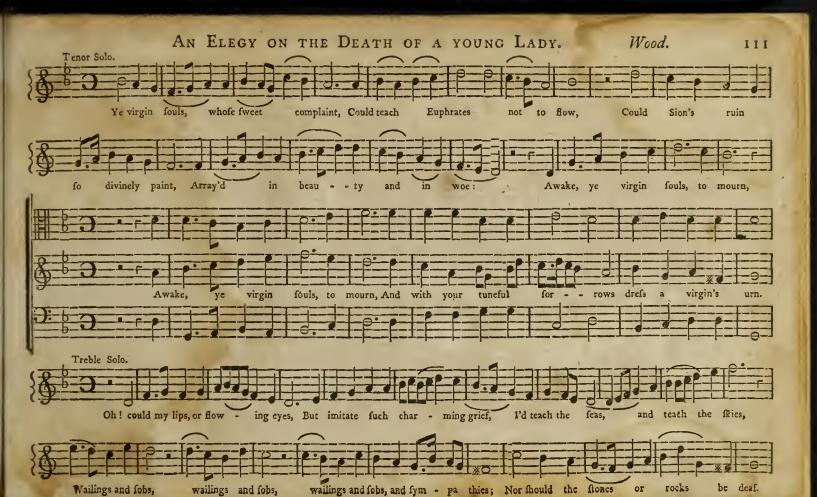












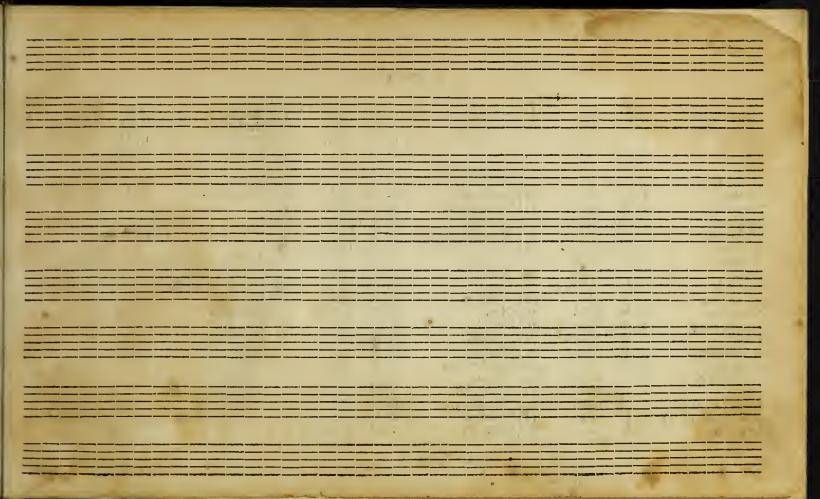






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