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The TROPHY,

BEING

SIX CANTATAS

To the Honour of his ROYAL HIGHNESS

WILLIAM, Duke of CUMBERLAND;

Expressing the just Sense of a grateful Nation, in the several Characters of

The Volunteer, } { The Musician, The Poet, The Painter, The Religious.

By ----.

Set to Musick by Dr. GREENE. 1746.

CANTATA I. The VOLUNTEER.

RECITATIVE.

DEEP in a forest's shadowy seat,
A youth enjoy'd his calm retreat,
Deaf to the din of civil rage,
And discord of the impious age;

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When visionary sleep depress'd
His drowfy lids, and thus alarm'd his rest,
Two rival forms immensely bright
Appear'd, and charm'd his mental sight;
Honour and Pleasure seem'd descending,
On each her various train attending,
Of decent, sober, great, and plain,
Of gay, fantastick, loud, and vain.
With consident, yet charming grace,
Pleasure first brake the silence of the place.

AIR.

Enjoy with me this calm retreat,
Diffolv'd in eafe thine hours shall flow e
With love alone thy heart shall beat,
And his be all th' alarms you know,
Cares to footh, and life befriend,
Pleasures on your nod attend.

CHORUS.

Cares to footh, and life befriend, Pleasures on your nod attend.

RECITATIVE.

Her decent front strait Honour shew'd, Where mingled scorn and anger glow'd; Contempt of Pleasure's slow'ry reign Inrag'd at all her abject train; And thus in rapid strains express'd The tumults of her honest breast.

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Rife, youth—thy country calls thee from thy shade;

Behold her tears,

And hear her cries,

Religion fears,

And Freedom dies,

Amid the horrors of War's dreadful trade.

Thy country groans: forego thy shade—
'Tis Honour calls thee to her aid.

CHORUS:

Thy country groans: forego thy shade—
'Tis Honour calls thee to her aid.

RECITATIVE.

The youth awoke—and flarting wide,
Sleep, with its vifion, left his fide.
His foul th' idea fill'd alone;
The heroick form, the piercing tone
Of Honour on his memory play'd,
And all his heart confess'd the heav'nly maid.

AIR.

Sweet object of my choice,
Adieu, thou calm recess!
My bleeding country's voice
Tears me from thy embrace.

From musing water-falls,
From shades and slow'ry meads,
'Tis virtuous Honour calls,
And princely WILLIAM leads.

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From all a father's love,
From all a nation's care,
Behold where Britain's Jove
Sends forth his god of war:

'Gainst mountains cap'd with snows,
'Gainst foul Rebellion's rage
The willing Hero goes
Gigantick war to wage—

The gen'rous heart what flow'ry scenes can please, Or tempt to waste his youth in useless ease!

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CANTATA II. The POET.

AIR.

Give me, indulgent Muse, to rove
The mazes of thy laurel'd grove,
To chuse a wreath for William's brow
Above Sybilla's golden bough,

RECITATIVE.

I walk—I wander here and there——
How can I chuse where all is fair?
This I prefer, and that refuse——
Guide me, my still-inspiring Muse,
I said, and pluck'd the chosen wreath:
Large drops of blood distill'd beneath;

A figh

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A figh now shook the weeping tree,
And thus a vocal found
Brake from the recent wound,
And set the form of beauteous Daphne free.

AIR.

Coy Daphne you behold in me;
For William's fake I willing bleed.
No wreath but this from Phœbus' tree
Is worthy him, who Britain freed.
Less fair was Phœbus' chace for unfought fame,
Be his the wreath, who woo'd and won the dame.

CANTATA III. The Painter, Air.

Sweet mimick thou of Nature's face,

Thy pencil take, the colour spread;
On thy canvas curious trace

Every virtue, every grace,

That hovers round our WILLIAM's head.

Let Victory before him fly,
And Fortitude with fledfast eye;
Let Prudence with her mirror haste,
Studious of future by the past;
With Industry in vigour blooming,
And Science knowing much, yet less assuming.

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To group the piece and swell the train
With Hydra heads, Rebellion draw,
Spouting at ev'ry vein
The blood of thousands slain;
Thousands too few to glut her rav'nous maw:

Paint her panting, finking, dying,
Paint her fons at distance slying.

Paint Britannia full of fmiles,

Scarce recover'd from her toils: Paint Justice ready to avenge her pain,

Dragging the monster in her massy chain:

Near her paint Mercy crown'd: fost-smiling let her stand,

With arm out-stretch'd to stop her just, determin'd hand.

AIR.

Cease to declaim, the artist cries,
Of ev'ry virtue, ev'ry grace,
See, by degrees the features rise:
Behold them all in William's face.

CANTATA IV. The Musician.

RECITATIVE.

O various pow'r of magick strains,
To damp our joys and sooth our pains!
Ev'ry movement of the will
Obedient owns the artist's skill.
Thus in gay notes, and boastful words

Thus in gay notes, and boaftful words, The master of the tuneful chords;

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But foon he found his boast was air, His love still blasted with despair, And Chloe cold, or seeming cold To all the tuneful tales he told.

AIR.

To love when he tun'd the foft lyre,

It figh'd and it trembled in vain;

Tho' warm'd by his amorous fire,

The fair one ne'er answer'd his strain.

RECITATIVE.

Hear, cries the artist, pow'r divine, Great leader of the tuneful Nine; Teach thy votary to swell With love-inspiring strains the shell, Such as please my Chloe best, And easiest glide into her breast.

AIR.

No more I woo in warbling strains,

No more I sing the lover's pains

To cold and careless ears:

To warlike notes I tune the string,

The song to William's praise I sing—

The nymph with rapture hears.

CANTATA V. The SHEPHERD.

RECITATIVE.

Beneath an oak's indulgent shade

A shepherd at his ease was laid;

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He pluck'd the bough, the wreath he wove Sacred to William, and to love,
And taught the vocal woods around
His name and Delia's to refound.

AIR.

Of peace reftor'd the fhepherd fung,
And plenty finiling o'er the fields;
Of peace reftor'd the woodlands rung,
And all the fweets that quiet yields;
Of love he fung and Delia's charms,
And all reftor'd by WILLIAM's arms.

RECITATIVE.

Driv'n from his native foil belov'd,
By cost and care not unimprov'd,
A northern swain himself betook
To rest, in that sequester'd nook.
One fav'rite lamb escap'd the spoil,
The only meed of all his toil;
Which now o'erspent he drove before,
Now fondling in his bosom bore.
He heard, and strait the cause requir'd,
With wonder more than envy sir'd.

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Say, fwain, by what good pow'r
Thou wing'ft the fleeting hour,
With ftrains that wonder move,
And tell of ease and love;

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While I by war's alarms Am forc'd from fafety's arms; From home and native air, And all their focial care. Say, fwain, &c.

RECITATIVE.

Again, replied the fwain, repair
To northern fields and native air;
Again thy kindly home review,
And all its focial cares renew.
Within what cave, or forest deep,
To grief indulgent or to sleep,
Hast thou escap'd the gen'ral joy,
Sweet gift of Britain's fav'rite Box?

AIR.

'Twas William's toil this leifure gave,
By him I tune my oaten reed,
By him yon golden harvests wave,
By him these herds in safety feed:
Him shall our grateful songs declare
Ever to British shepherds dear.

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CANTATA VI. The Religious.

RECITATIVE.

Here tyrant Superfition, ugly fiend,
Harpy with an angel's face,
Monster in Religion's dress,
Thy impious pray'rs and bloody visions end.

Hence with thy fifter Perfecution, go—
Hence with all her pleafing dreams
Of martyrs' groans, and virgins' fcreams,
The ftretching rack, and horrid wheel,
Slow fires, and confectated fleel,

And ev'ry prieftly implement of woe,
And ev'ry threat'ned tool of hoodwink'd zeal,
Ingenious Rome can find, or tortur'd Nature feel.

From Britain's happier clime repair To fouthern funs and flavish air—

> To empty halls, To midnight bells, To cloifter'd walls, To gloomy cells

Where moping Melancholy dwells— WILLIAM's name shall reach you there, And fink your fouls with black despair.

RECITATIVE.

The Hero comes, and with him brings Fair Hope, that foars on Cherub's wings;

Firm