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**Saul, An Oratorio**

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Scene I.

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S A U L,  
AN ORATORIO.

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ACT I. SCENE I.

AN EPINICION, or Song of Triumph, for the Victory over  
*Goliath* and the *Philistines*.

I.

**H**OW excellent thy Name, O Lord,  
In all the World is known!  
Above all Heav'ns, O King ador'd,  
How hast thou set thy glorious Throne!

II.

When thou to quell the Rebel Host  
An Infant didst ordain,  
Thy Rebels to the Child oppos'd  
A Giant's dreadful Rage in vain.

III.

Along the Monster Atheist strode  
With more than Human Pride,  
And Armies of the Living God  
Exulting in his Strength defy'd.

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## IV.

*The Youth inspir'd by Thee, O Lord,  
With Ease the Boaster slew,  
Our fainting Courage soon restor'd,  
And headlong drove that impious Crew.*

## V.

*How excellent thy Name, O Lord,  
In all the World is known!  
Above all Heav'ns, O King, ador'd,  
How hast thou set thy glorious Throne!*

Hallelujah.

## SCENE II.

SAUL, JONATHAN, MERAB, MICHAL, &c. ABNER introducing  
DAVID, High Priest.

*Michal.* He comes! ———

*O God-like Youth! by all confests'd,  
Of Human Race the Pride!  
O Virgin among Women blest,  
Whom Heav'n ordains thy Bride!  
But ah! how strong a Bar I see  
Betwixt my Happiness and me!*

*Abner.* Behold, O King, the brave, victorious Youth,  
And in his Hand the haughty Giant's Head.

*Saul.* Young Man, whose Son art thou?

*David.* The Son of Jesse,

Thy faithful Servant, and a Bethlemite.

*Saul.* Return no more to Jesse: Stay with me.

And as an Earnest of my future Favour  
Thou shalt espouse my Daughter: Small Reward  
Of such Desert! since to thy Arm alone  
We owe our Safety, Peace, and Liberty.

DAVID.

