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**Saul, An Oratorio**

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Scene IV.

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*Sin not, O King, against the Youth,  
 Who ne'er offended you :  
 Think, to his Loyalty and Truth  
 What great Rewards are due !  
 Think, with what Joy this God-like Man  
 You saw, that glorious Day !  
 Think, and with Ruin, if you can,  
 Such Services repay.*

S A U L.

*As Great Jehovah lives, I swear,  
 The Youth shall not be slain :  
 Bid him return, and void of Fear  
 Adorn our Court again.*

J O N A T H A N.

*From Cities storm'd, and Battles won,  
 What Glory can accrue ?  
 By this the Hero best is known ;  
 He can himself subdue.  
 Wisest and greatest of his Kind,  
 Who can in Reason's Fetters bind  
 The Madnejs of his angry Mind !  
 Appear, my Friend.*

## S C E N E IV.

Enter D A V I D.

*Saul. No more imagine Danger :  
 Be First in our Esteem ; with wonted Valour  
 Repel the Insults of the Philistines :  
 And, as a Proof of my Sincerity,*

(O Hard





(O Hardness to dissemble!) instantly  
Espouse my Daughter *Michal*.

D A V I D.

*Your Words, O King, my Loyal Heart  
With double Ardor fire :  
If God his usual Aid impart,  
Your Foes shall feel what you inspire.  
In all the Dangers of the Field,  
The Great Jehovah is my Shield.*

[Exeunt Dav. and Jon.

*Saul*. Yes, he shall wed my Daughter! — but how long  
Shall he enjoy her? — He shall lead my Armies!  
But have the *Philistines* no Darts — no Swords,  
To pierce the Heart of *David*? — Yes, this once  
To them I leave him; they shall do me Right!

[Exit.

## S C E N E V.

D A V I D and M I C H A L.

*Mich*. A Father's Will has authoriz'd my Love:  
No longer, *Michal*, then attempt to hide  
The Secret of thy Soul. I love thee, *David*,  
And long have lov'd. Thy Virtue was the Cause;  
And that be my Defence.

D U E T.

*Mich*. O Fairest of ten thousand fair,  
Yet for thy Virtue more admir'd!  
Thy Words and Actions all declare  
The Wisdom by thy God inspir'd.

David,