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Scene VI.

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David. *O lovely Maid ! thy Form beheld,
Above all Beauty charms our Eyes :
Yet still within that Form conceal'd
Thy Mind, a greater Beauty, lies.*

Both. *How well in Thee does Heav'n at last
Compensate all my Sorrows past.*

[Exeunt.]

C H O R U S.

*Is there a Man, who all his Ways
Directs, his God alone to please ?
In vain his Foes against him move :
Superior Pow'r their Hate disarms ;
He makes them yield to Virtue's Charms,
And melts their Fury down to Love.*

S C E N E VI.

DAVID and MICHAL.

David. *Thy Father is as cruel, and as false,
As thou art kind and true. When I approach'd him
New from the Slaughter of his Enemies,
His Eyes with Fury flam'd ; his Arm he rais'd,
With Rage grown stronger ; by my guiltless Head
The Javelin whizzing flew, and in the Wall
Mock'd once again his Impotence of Malice.*

*At Persecution I can laugh ;
No Fear my Soul can move,
In God's Protection safe,
And blest in Michal's Love.*

Mich. *Ah ! dearest Youth ! for thee I fear !
Fly ! — be gone ! — for Death is near !*

David.



D A V I D.

*Fear not, lovely Fair, for me :
Death, where thou art, cannot be.
Smile, and Danger is no more.*

M I C H A L.

*Fly — for Death is at the Door !
See, the murd'rous Band comes on !
Stay no longer ! Fly ! — be gone !*

S C E N E VII.

M I C H A L and D O E G.

Mich. Whom dost thou seek ? And who has sent thee hither ?

Doeg. I seek for *David* ; and am sent by *Saul*.

Mich. Thy Errand ?

Doeg. 'Tis a Summons to the Court.

Mich. Say, he is sick.

Doeg. In Sickness, or in Health,

Alive, or dead, he must be brought to *Saul*.

Shew me his Chamber.

[*David's Bed discover'd with an Image in it.*

Do you mock the King ?

This Disappointment will enrage him more :

Then tremble for th' Event.

[*Exit.*

M I C H A L.

No ; let the Guilty tremble

At ev'ry thought of Danger near :

*Tho' Numbers, arm'd with Death, assemble,
My Innocence disdains to fear.*

*Tho' great their Power as their Spite,
Undaunted still, my Soul, remain ;*

*For greater is Jehovah's Might,
And will their lawless Force restrain.*

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