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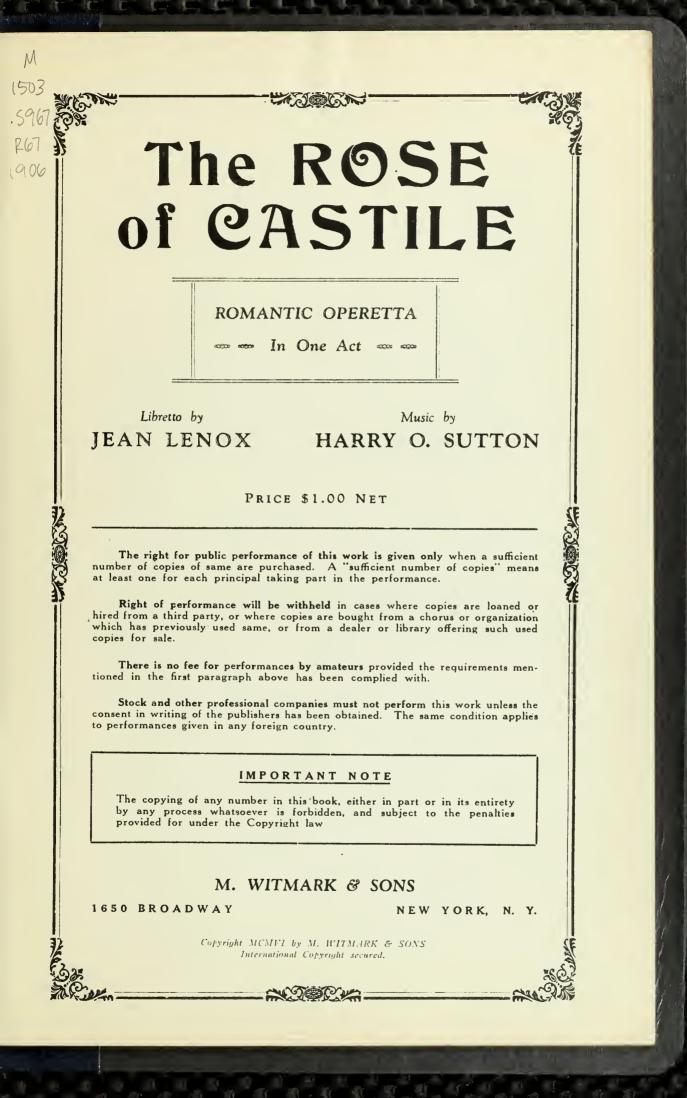
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#### CHARACTERS

DON ENRICO .	 	A Matador	 (Tenor)
DONNA MARITA	 	In love with Enrico	 (Soprano)
		Her mother	
		Enrico's Rival	
		be developed into a s	

#### COSTUMES OF THE PERIOD

The costumes of DONNA TERESA to be somewhat exaggerated.

PERIOD: Eighteenth Century.

SCENE: Spanish, showing Spanish house set up stage, of the period with bal-cony, door (1) opening on same. Also door below, balcony opening on stage, garden benches, flowers and wall surrounding garden; flowers on trellis work balcony. Moonlight.

Note: If impossible to secure stage setting with balcony, ordinary set house or house painted on drop with practical door and window (if possible), will answer the purpose.

#### MUSICAL NUMBERS

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## THE ROSE OF CASTILE

#### ACT I.

#### (Curtain Music.)

(Curtain rises disclosing Donna Teresa seated in garden chair.)

Donna Teresa-

Well, I've thought it all over, and I'm sure I don't know what to do about Marita. Here I've almost impoverished myself in order to bring that girl up in luxury and I certainly expected her to marry money and retrieve our fallen fortunes. Now every hope I ever expected to realize in that direction seems destined to be blasted by the advent of this Don Enrico-a penniless adventurer. (rising) Here on the other hand is Don Eduardo with a million pesos, who loves her. If I could only make her look with favor on his suit! But not a word will she listen to me regarding him. I might as well save myself the time and trouble.

(Exits into house.)

(Enter Eduardo from R. 2 E. goes up stage to front turns toward house, half way.) Eduardo (soliloquizing)-

For the fourth time I have been rejected by the fair Marita, the last but an hour since, and for the fifth time I have come back hoping to get, if only, a glimpse of her.

(Stealthily goes up stage till underneath balcony calling softly. If no balcony goes near door)

"Senorita" (Sotto voce) I'm sure she must have heard me. (again calls)

(retraces steps to front of stage)

'Tis no use, what is that saying, "When a woman won't she won't." Well, I must play my cards well and perhaps she will.

(Is about to exit when voice is heard singing in the distance.)

What is this? A tryst, or some roysterer? I will wait and see.

(Steps back so as not to be observed.)

No. 1. (Enter Enrico L. 2.E. carrying guitar. Looks about stage while interlude is being played, then takes stand under or near door and after looking upward and blowing kiss begins Serenade)

No. : SERENADE-(Enrico)-

Come, sweet Senorita, to thy Matador Waiting here for thee,

Wake! Lovely Marita, from thy lattice there

Speak thy love to me. Come, sweet one, fly with me,

Ah, love fly with me,

To lands fair, love to see,

Fair to see, -

List to my call-

(Marita appears on balcony or at door or window.)

Marita-

My love, my all.

(Marita throws rose from corsage bouquet, Enrico catches it. kisses it and places it in bosom, while Marita retires for a moment in the house.)

Enrico-

Come, my own Marita,-To thy lover's arms Waiting here for thee, Heed, fairest Marita,— To the voice of love,-Whispering to thee,-

To thee.

Marita (rcappearing at door)-Ah! me.

(Interlude while both come to front of stage.)

No. 3. "FOREVER and AVE.

Duet (Enrico and Marita)-

Bright flowers blooming, all sunshine and love,

If thou wilt fly with me.

Marita-

Wilt thy love last like the blue skies above !

#### THE ROSE OF CASTILE.

Enrico-Try me, my love, and see. Marita Wilt thou deceive me? Enrico-Never my love, I swear. ( it this point Eduardo comes back on stage unobserved and steps into house.) Eduardo (exclaiming)-Aha ! Marita-Always believe me? Enrico-For thee I'll do and dare. Marita-If I be scornful? Enrico--I'll love thee till I die. Marita-And if I be mournful? Enrico-I will soothe thine every sigh. Enrico-Tell me, Marita, wilt thou come away Trusting thyself to me, Where there is naught, dear, but love all the day Where we can happy be? Marita-Wilt thou deceive me? Enrico-Never, my love, I swear. Marita-Always believe me? Eurico-For thee I'll do and dare. Marita-It I be scoruful? Eurico---I'll love thee till I die. Both-Forever and ever, Forever my love and aye. (From inside Teresa calls.) Teresa-Marita, come. (Enter Donna Teresa and Eduardo unobserved.) Marita-Fly 'tis my mother. Enrico (pleadingly)-Send me not away. Teresa (aside to Eduardo)-The impudence! Did you hear that, Senor Eduardo? Marita -You must go (pushes him gently away) hurry ere she sees you.

Enrico (about to leave)-I shall return at once. Teresa (to Eduardo)-She is sending him away. Eduardo (aside to Teresa while he listens attentively)-Sh ! ! ! Marita-You must not, I say; she has forbidden me to see thee. Enrico (mournfully)-Then you never loved me. Marita (tenderly)-I must have you believe this of me, I have no choice. (Teresa and Eduardo triumphantly exit into house going to upper balcony or remaining at door or window.) No. 4. PARTING DUET "FAREWELL" Marita-My mother is calling, dear love, we must part Without me, my love, thou must go. Enrico-Must I go? Marita-My tears fast are falling There's woe in my heart And yet I must tell thee to go. Enrico-Ah! why must thou tell me to go? Marita-Farewell ! Enrico-Ah! love, tell me not so. Marita-Ah, my lover farewell. Enrico-Ah. Farewell. (Enrico exits mournfully L. 2 E.) (Marita walks toward door stopping midway and with arms outstretched in the direction Enrico has gone.) Marita (spoken)-Ah! my love, why did I send you away? But, 'tis too late to recall you if I could, I wonder if you would return if you knew. SOLO. No. 5. "IN VAIN REGRET." Marita-I'll dream while the moon's softly beaming Its rays o'er the land and the sea, And wonder if thou, too, art dreaming, Of me dear, as I am, of thee. And my soul will be filled with its anguish,

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And my heart cry aloud with its pain, The past with its burdens of mem'ries Comes before me in dreams once again. Since we, dear, have parted I am broken-hearted, The future seems all darkness, My sun has set : My days once filled with sunlight, Are changed to darkest midnight, My hopes are turned to ashes In vain regret. II. Once again, 'tis the night of our parting, The sky is a deep azure hue, And nature seems fondly imparting A joy that is tender and new, Once again thy-dear arms are around me, And thy kisses how real, love, they seem, I'll open my eyes just to find thee; But alas ! 'twill be only a dream. (Marita is about to exit in house, but is intercepted by Eduardo as he exits from door of house. Marita starts back.) Marita (indignantly)-You here ! I thought I had forbidden you to see me again. Eduardo (tenderly)-But, Marita, love cannot be disposed of in that fashion, and I love you, Marita, aye, better than this penniless Enrico. Marita (in anger) -Leave me ! Eduardo (pleadingly falling on knees)-Exile me not, fair maid. (Enter Teresa from house) Teresa (aunoyed)-What is the matter, my children. Eduardo-Marita has refused me again. (Marita crosses to L. 2 E. as if looking after Enrico.) Teresa (10 Marita)-Silly girl! Silly girl! (to Eduardo in burlesque-dramatic manner) Leave us together, Senor Eduardo; I shall reason with her. (Evit Eduardo.) Marita-(with arms outstretched turns to mother) Mother, do not, I beg of you, condemn me to a marriage without love. You know I love another.

Teresa—(at first in conciliatory tones then works up almost to a freuzy.)

I know all about it; you only think you do. Now do you realize what you are refusing? A million pesos? Think, girl, what you could do with so much money. You could be one of the first ladies in Spain.

(Puts arms across Marita's shoulder in grotesquely and in coaxing manner begs.) Be reasonable, my child.

Marita—

(mournfully moving away from mother.) It is you who will not be reasonable, mother, I cannot marry Eduardo.

Teresa-

(ignoring Marita's answer continues her argument in coaxing manner.) I shall send Eduardo to you-you

dear sweet child !

(Goes toward house with comic skip.) Marita (entreatingly)—

Please do not, mother, I beg of you !

(Teresa throws kiss at Marita then exits in house. Enter Eduardo followed stealthily by Teresa.)

Eduardo-

Your mother says you wish to speak to me, Marita, that sounds like a good one ! Is it so?

Marita (hurt at her mother's trickery) (dramatically.)

Yes! I want to tell you that I will never under any circumstances marry you.

(Teresa uiters a cry of disappointment.) Eduardo (angry)—

Ah, I see! You think to wed my rival, Ah!

(Impulsively falls on knees again ardently)

Marry me we shall go away, You shall have everything : lands, castles, everything, only do not send me away.

Marita (firmly)-

I have given you my answer.

(Eduardo vising with arms still outstretched begins to sing.)

No. 6 TRIO (Eduardo-Marita-Teresa.) Eduardo-

You bid me go, you do not know

To what great depth you would me banish

And yet 'tis so, you bid me go And does it mean my dearest hope must vanish?

Marita-

'Tis as I say you must away Or else be to me like a brother. vii

Eduardo-You mock my woe, is this not so? Marita-Ah! no, I love another. Teresa (in fussy manner)-Oh! foolish child, you drive me wild, You know not what you're saying. Marita ( pleading to Teresa)-Oh, mother mine, this child of thine, To you for love is praying. Teresa (consolingly)-Eduardo here will prize you, dear, You'll be his greatest treasure. Eduardo-For each command I'll be on hand Your wish my only pleasure. Marita-I do not care, for jewels rare No pomp or royalty I care not where there's gardens fair No castle great for me, I crave but love, where skies above Shall be my canopy. Just give me this and life is bliss For love is all to me. Eduardo-But I can give you this, why love another? Marita-But thou cannot be aught to me but brother. Teresa (threateningly)-(starting toward door.) Oh! foolish girl, beware, beware! Be not persistent, have a care. Eduardo (following Teresa)-I fear Marita loves not me Teresa-Leave her alone and we shall see. (Exit Teresa and Eduardo.) (No. 7. Marita sinks sobbing on bench R. I E) (Music, enter Enrico L. 2 E with rose in hand, kisses it and puts it in pocket, then comes down front and sings solo. He does not know Marita is there.) No. 8. "MARITA" (Enrico.) SOLO. In old Castile There lives a maiden Full of grace

Chorus— My Marita there's no one sweeter, Fairest lady in old Castile, There's no hour, my dainty flower, When is silent my love's appeal. If thou art fearful, do not be tearful Do I not love thee, my life, my own? And I'll be near to soothe thy fear, dear,

I live for you and you alone.

#### II.

Not in this world Is there another Maid so fair Or sweet as she, And all our lives We've loved each other We will until Eternity, I am but a Toreador And when the surging crowd doe<sup>S</sup> roar, As the bull lies weltering in his gore, But one sweet face I see.

(In middle of second chorus Matita rises and attracts Eutico's attention, by coyly throwing roses at him. He refuses them all until the one she takes from her heart, which she kisses. This he catches and puts in bosom. At finish of second chorus Matita begins to sing.)

> No 9. DUET "The Elopement" (Marita and Enrico.)

Marita (determined)-

Ere the morning sun shall leave the sea, I shall flee, love, with thee.

Enrico (surprised)-

Then Marita, thou wilt fly with me, Mine is she, ecstasy. Hoolah.

Marita---

Both-

Hoolalı.

Till life is past our love shall last In blissful harmony, And then upon some other shore Will re-united be, Our lips shall meet while incense sweet Shall o'er our senses seem. For joy like this a perfect bliss And life a golden dream. And when the shadows fall, Thou wilt be there, my all, Thy love shall help sustain, I'll know no fear or pain. Hoolah-Hoolali. Marita-Wilt thou deceive me? Enrico-Never, my love, I swear! Marita-Always believe me?

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There lives a maiden Full of grace All symmetry, Dark soulful eyes, And glance so pleading, With form divine, None fair as she. When dancing with her castanets In watching her one soon forgets All thoughts of other earthly things Save her and her alone.

### THE ROSE OF CASTILE.

Enrico-For thee I'll do and dare. Marita (coquettishly)-If I be scornful? Enrico-I'll love thee till I die. Both-Forever and ever, Forever my love, and aye. (As they are about to exit L. 2 E clasped in each other's arms, Eduardo and Teresa rush on in most excited manner, Eduardo brandishes sword.) Eduardo and Teresa -Stop ! (Enrico and Marita halt near exit) Eduardo-What means all this? Enrico (defiantly)-Nothing more than that this young lady has promised to marry me. Who has aught to say against it? (Unsheaths sword.) Eduardo (fourishing sword)-I have! (Enrico and Eduardo engage in combat. Teresa shrieks and falls in faint on bench L. I E. Marita rushes to her in an effort to revive her, while combat rages. Eduardo falls R. C., Enrico goes to Marita ) Eduardo-He has killed me. (Enrico rushes to him, kneels and tears open his shirt at neck to see wound, saying:) Enrico-Nonsense, man, it is only a flesh wound. (Wiping wound with handkerchief, noticing scar on neck of Eduardo, Enrico suddenly cries:)-"That scar! Your name man, for

God's sake."

(Shakes Eduardo violently.)

Eduardo (faintly)-Eduardo Gonzales.

Enrico-

Tell me, man, your mother's name? Eduardo (still more faintly)-

Consuelo Gomez Gonzales.

Enrico (excitedly)-

And your father?

Eduardo-

Maceo Gonzales.

Enrico (ad lib) - My God!

Embrace me, Éduardo, you are my long lost brother, stolen from my mother in infancy. See !

(Opens shirt at neck disclosing similar scar.)

Eduardo (raises himself on arm)-

Can this be true?

Have I engaged in combat against my own brother? Will you forgive me, Enrico? (weakly)

Will you?

Enrico-

Willingly ! But here, Eduardo.

(putting goblet to lips of Eduardo which Marita has brought from house.)

You'll revive soon-where could you have been all these years? tell me.

Eduardo-

(he is assisted to a chair and begins story.)

There isn't much of a story to tell. Enrico, 1 don't remember much of my early childhood, only a dim recollection of an old gypsy who used to carry me around, and who, when I was old enough, used to make me work feeding the oxen and making myself handy about the place. One day I ran away and the only thing I had been allowed to keep I brought with me. It was a locket with the faces of my father and mother, at least so the gypsy told me. Well, as you can see (showing open lockct)

it bears the inscription "Maceo Gonzales to his wife Consuelo.' Well, I came to Castile, and found that they were both dead, and I was also told my twin brother was That was you, Enrico. dead. (putting arm affectionately across Enrico's neck.)

Well, I went away again and one day had the good fortune to save from drowning a wealthy citizen. He had been thrown overboard by a band of brigands, who, after robbing him, wished to get rid of him. I saved him and after learning my story he adopted me and when he died he left his entire fortune to And how has it fared with me vou Enrico? You have no fortune?

Enrico-

No, the family was impoverished some time before our dear mother died. After her death I dismissed the old servants and started out, changed my name when I became a wanderer so as not to reflect on the good reputation our old family bore, I have managed since to eke out a living with a spear.

Eduardo-

Not a Bull-fighter-you!

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Enrico-

Well, 'twas better than starving.

Eduardo (with tenderness)

My poor Enrico, you have fared badly indeed but 'tis all over now. We will-you and I-try to forget the unhappy past. We will open the old castle and begin our lives over again.

(Voice becomes faint as though exhausted, sinks back as though about to swoon, Enrico buts goblet to lips of Eduardo saying)

Eurico-

You are still faint, my brother, oh! that I should be guilty of arming against my own kin.

Eduardo-

No, I am revived, but we have forgotten Marita.

(Sees Marita who has just succeeded in reviving her mother.)

Come here, Marita.

(Noting her hesitancy.)

Be not afraid, I give you a brother's love and blessing, and Enrico will share with me a million pesos.

Marita (*falling at his feet*) – How I have misjudged you.

Eduardo (helping her to arise)-

Do you, too, forgive me, Marita, and will you accept me as a brother, he whom you spurned as husband?

(Marita is overcome and weeps.)

Teresa (*reviving kicks up heels and exclaims*) Where am I?

(Marita rushes to her.)

(*Rougishly*) Did some one say "pesos"? Am I awake? Marita (cheerfully)-

Yes, mother, Eduardo and Enrico are brothers who have not seen each other for a long time, and now Eduardo is going to share with Enrico a million pesos—Isn't this good news to you?

Teresa (chuckling)-

- I should say it was. Well, Marita (proudly) you are a lucky girl to get so noble a husband.
- Marita (deprecatingly)-

Mother !

Teresa—

Well I certainly did tell you to marry money, didn't I? And you're sure you've got that, aren't you? (turning to Enrico.)

Eduardo-

(who has recovered somewhat rises.) Yes, madame, one million pesos.

Teresa (screams)-

A million? I swoon again. Marita, my fan ! (*short wait*) And when is the wedding to take place?

Eduardo-

Now these young people have waited long enough. Don't *you* think so, Donna Teresa?

Teresa (knowingly)-

I should say so.

Enrico-

Will you marry me today, Marita? (Marita hangs head and nods.)

Eduardo-

(Taking hands of Enrico and Marita, joins them saying)

My blessing.

(Leaves them alone as they embrace and goes over to Teresa who is doing a little comedy dance or waltz by herself.)

Finale 10.

#### CURTAIN.

to music of "Marita."

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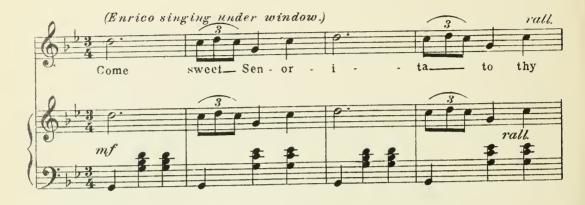


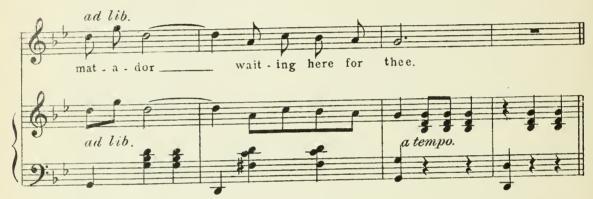


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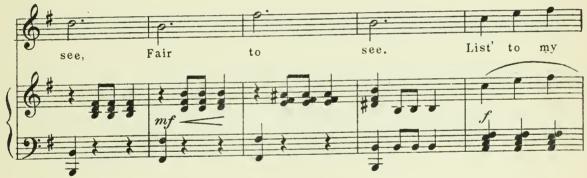




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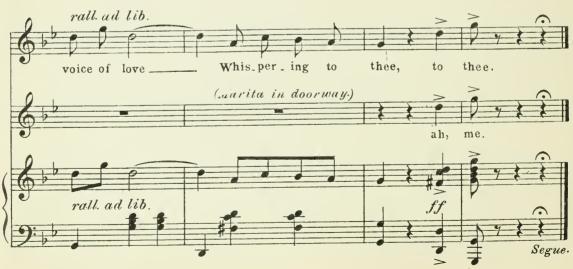










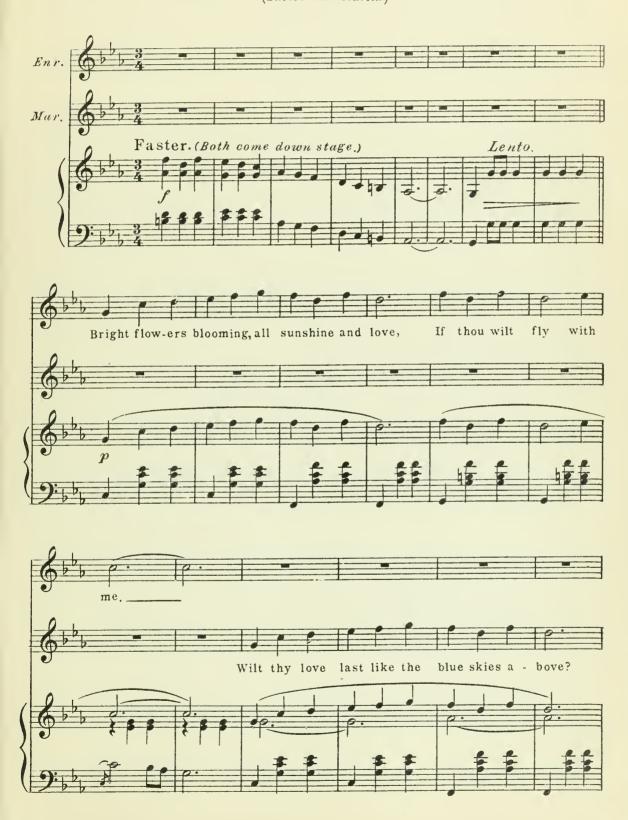


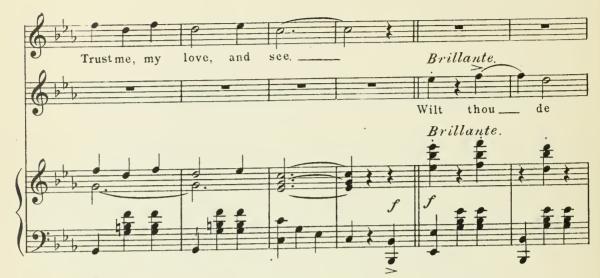
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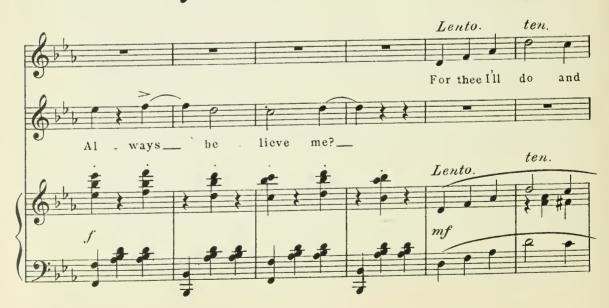
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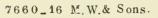
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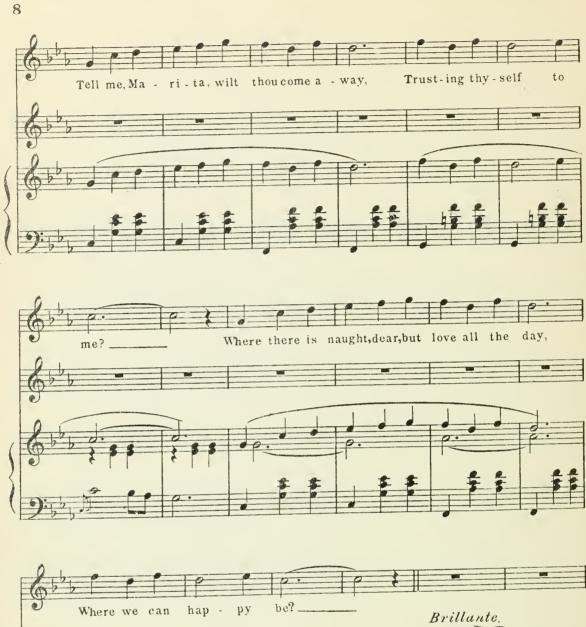


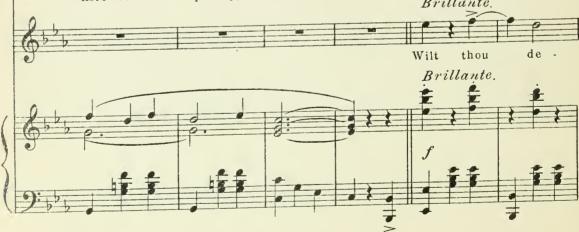




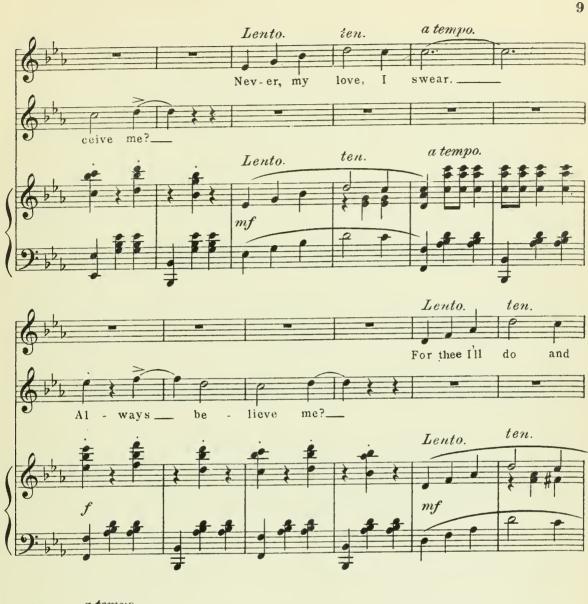




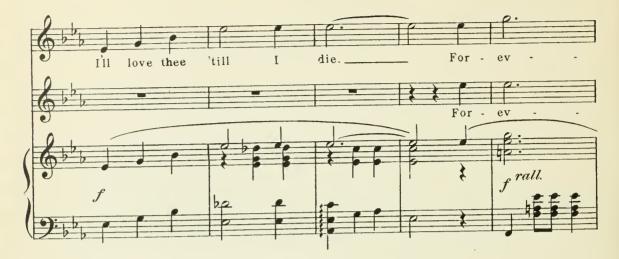












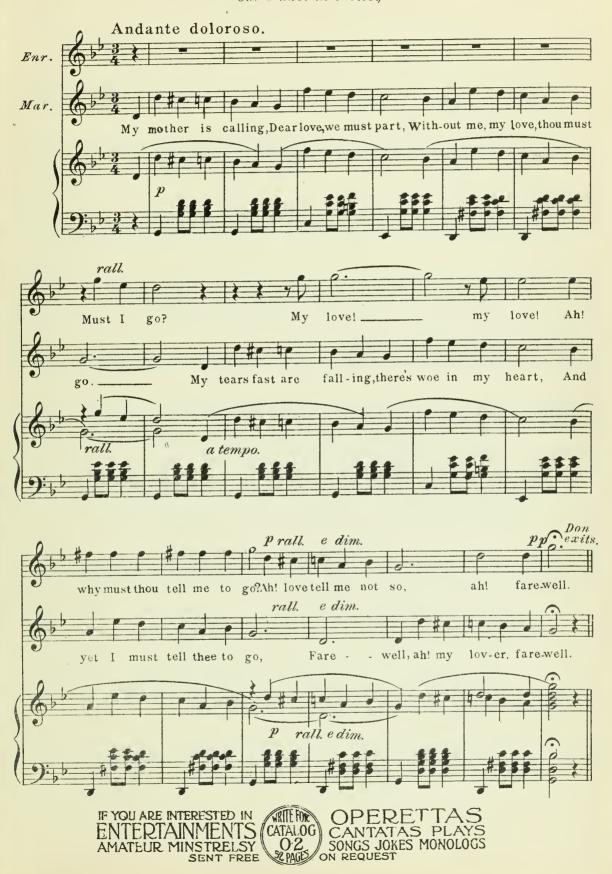




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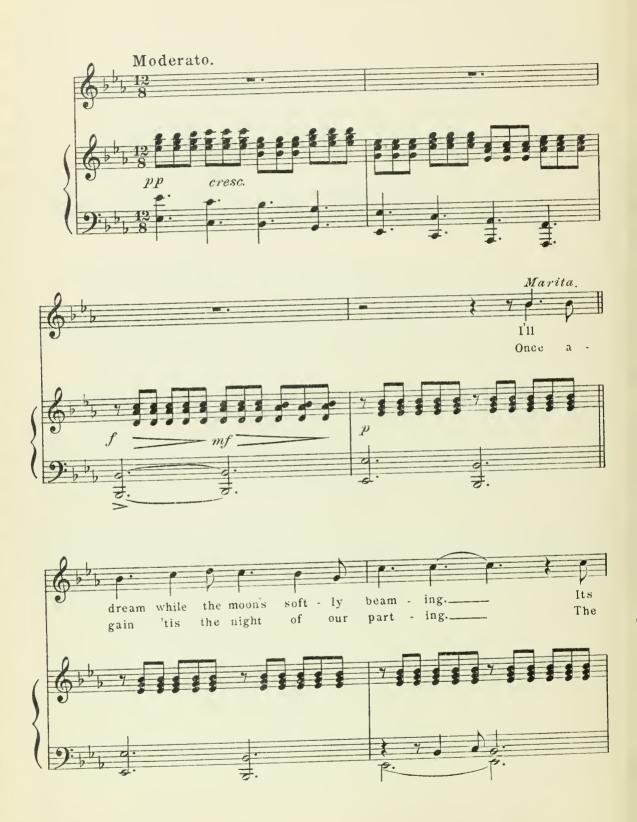
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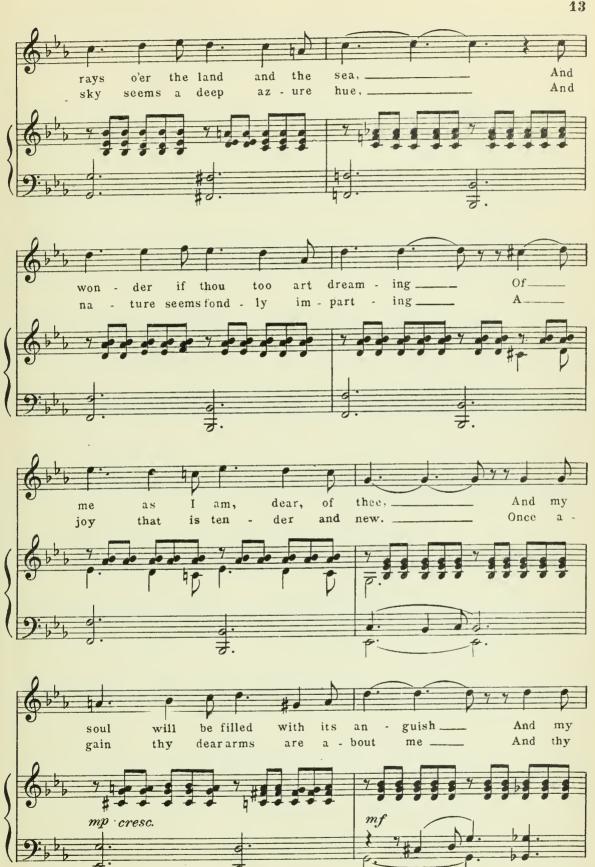
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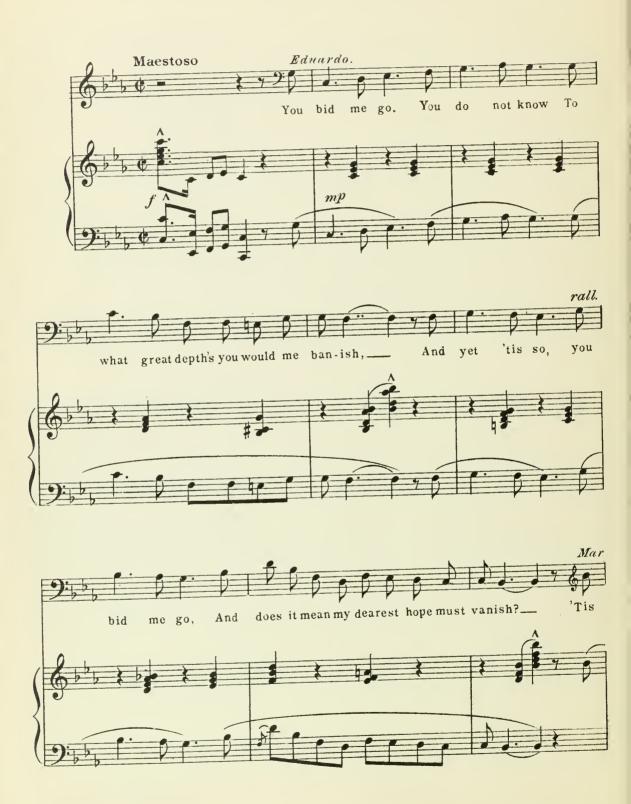




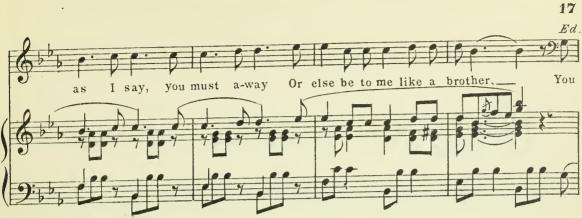


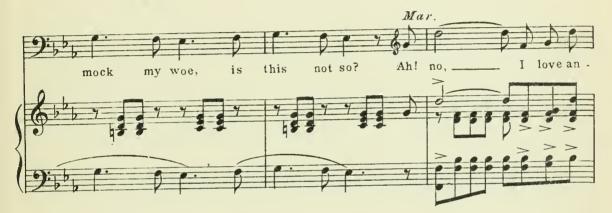
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Trio Eduardo, Teresa and Marita. Cue: "I have given my answer."



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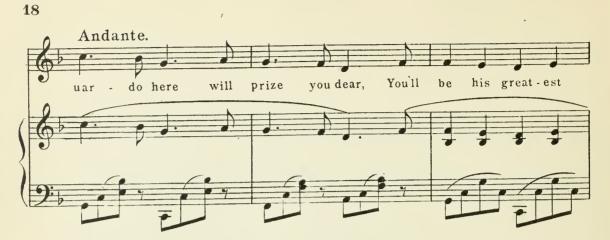








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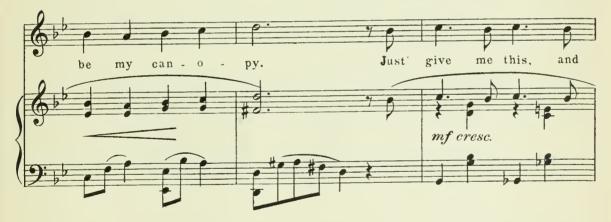




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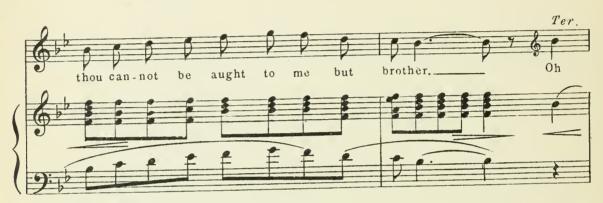


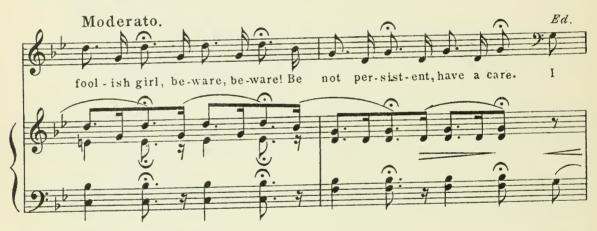








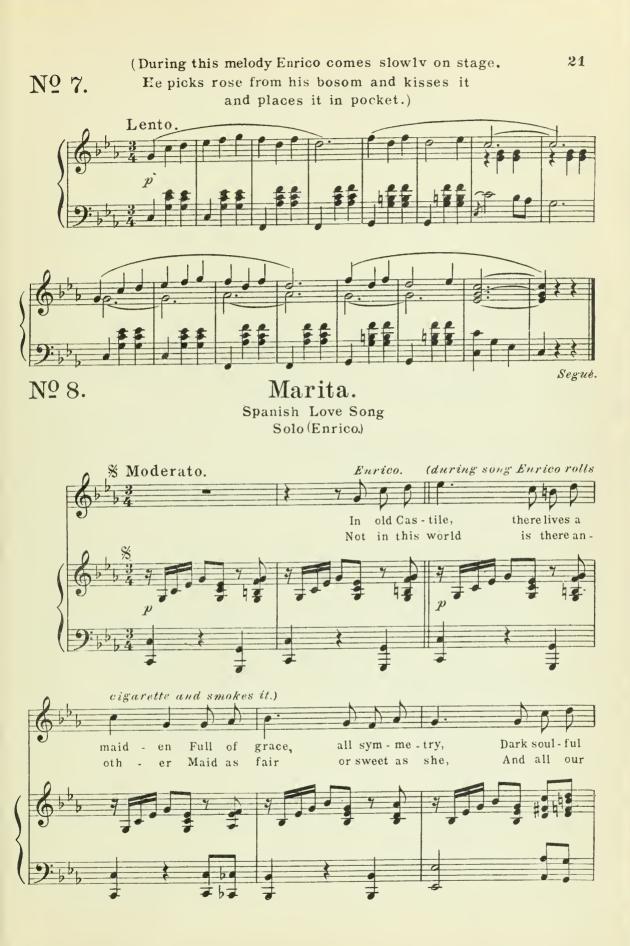






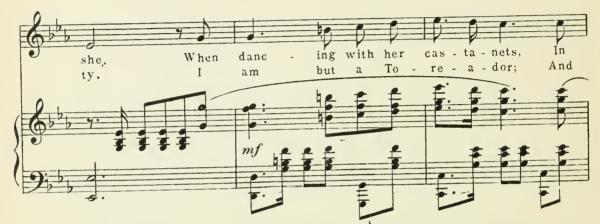
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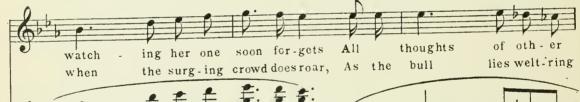
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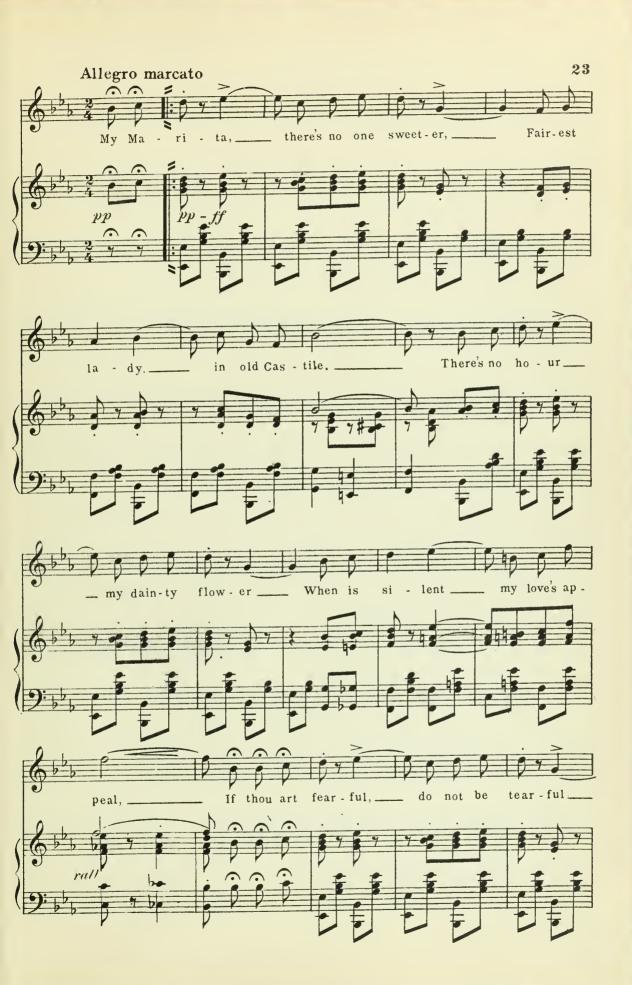


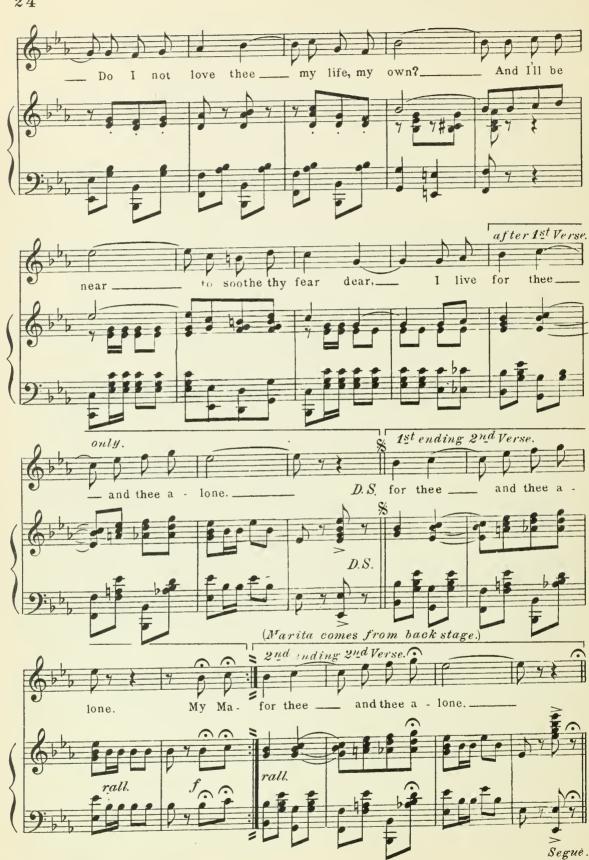




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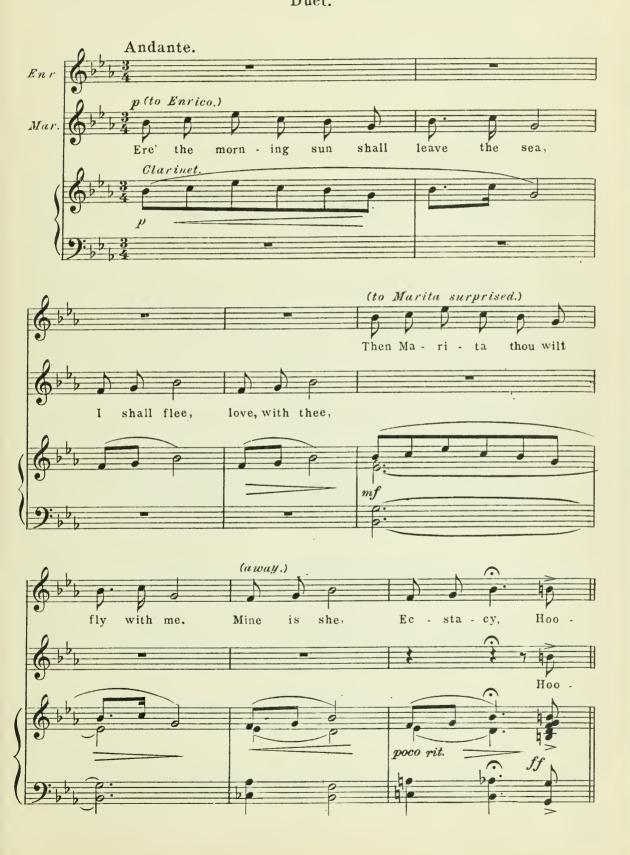


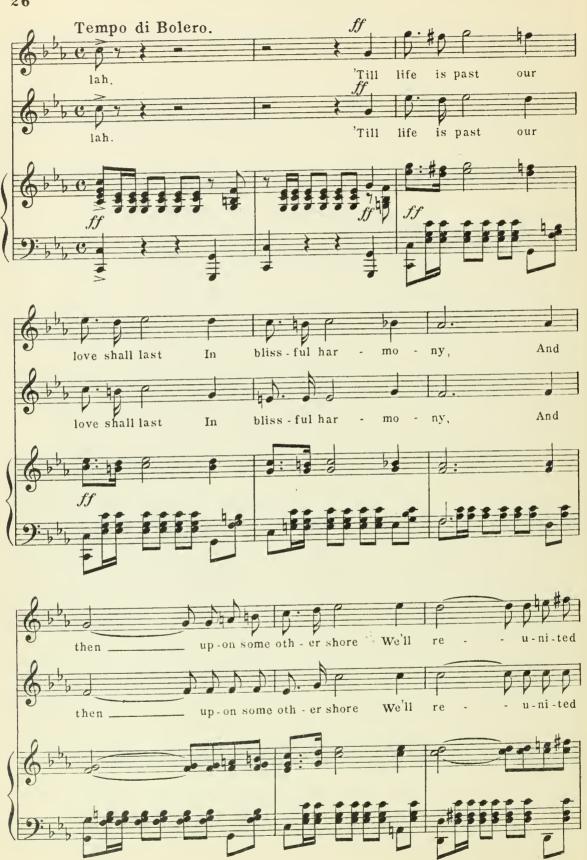


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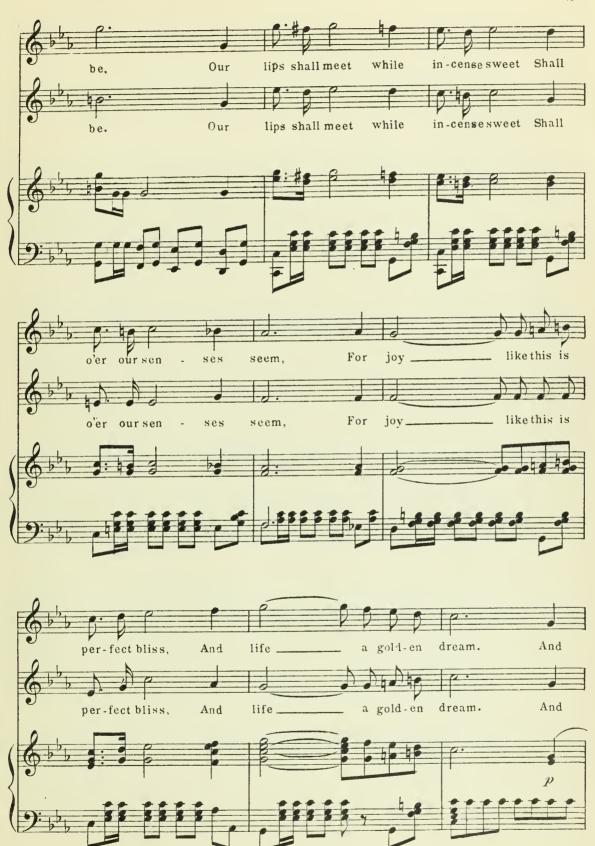
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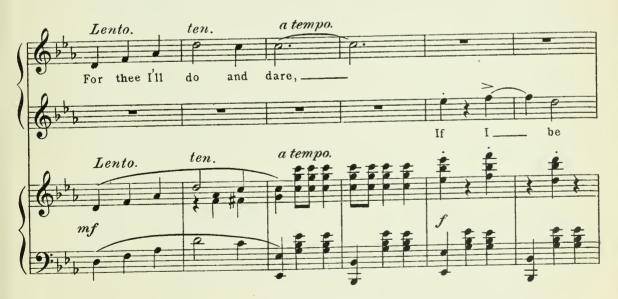


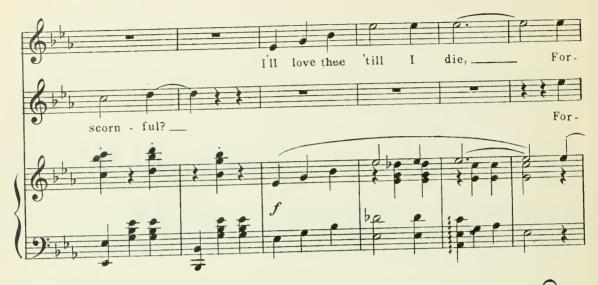


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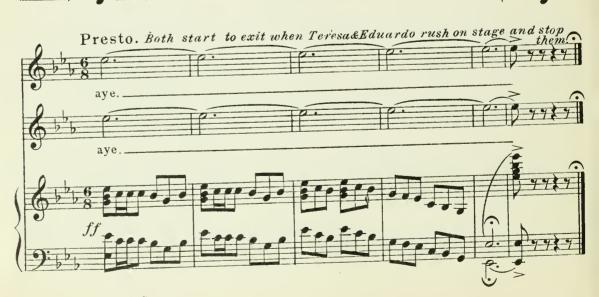




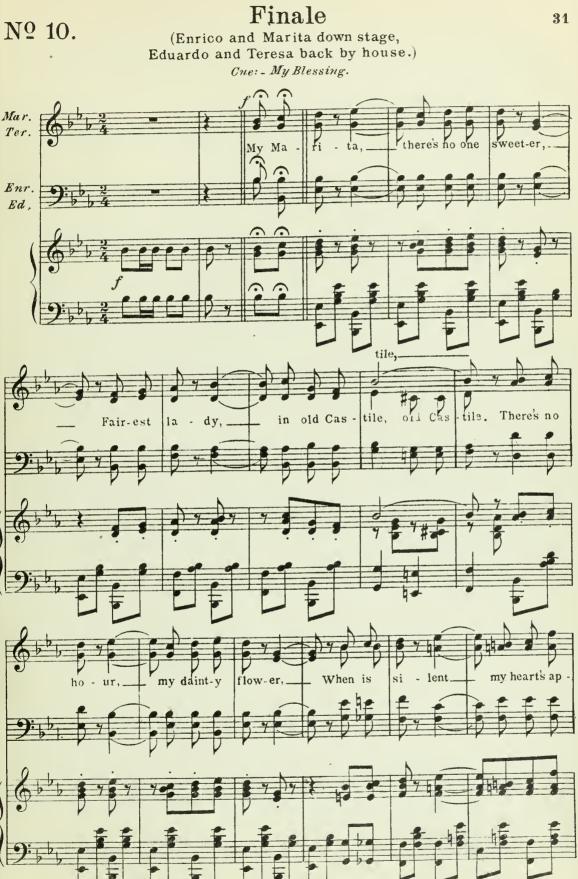




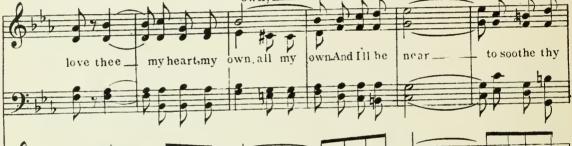




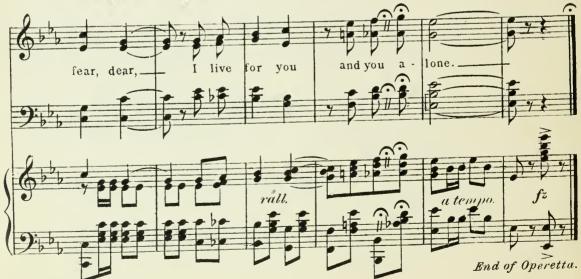
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