

# B A C C H U S's Speech in Praise of W I N E

To a Minuet of Mr. HANDEL's

G. F. Händel (1685–1759)

B.c. arr. by Christian Mondrup

Voice

Bac - chus one Day gay - ly striding On his nev - er  
Sneak - ing emp - ty Pots de - rid-ing, Thus ad - dress'd each

Basso Continuo

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1. 2.

sail - ing Tun; Son: Praise the Joys that nev - er  
toap - ing

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va - ry, And a - dore the li - quid Shrine; All things

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nob - le, gay and ai - ry, Are per - form'd by ge - ne - rous Wine.

2. Ancient Heroes, crown'd with Glory,  
Owe their noble Rise to me;  
Poets wrote the flaming Story,  
Fir'd by my Divinity:  
If my Influence is wanting,  
Musick's Charms but slowly move;  
Beauty too in vain lies panting,  
'Till I fill the Swains with Love.
  
3. If you crave a lasting Pleasure,  
Mortals, this way bend your Eyes;  
From my ever-flowing Treasure,  
Charming Scenes of Bliss arise.  
Here's the soothing balmy Blessing,  
Sole Dispeller of your Pain;  
Gloomy Souls from Care releasing:  
He who drinks not, lives in vain.