

The ANACREONTICK SONG

harmonized by the Author 53

The musical score consists of three systems, each with three staves (Soprano, Alto, and Bass). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves, and the piano accompaniment is on the bottom staff of each system. Performance markings such as *Pia* and *For.* are placed above the notes.

System 1:
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 To A-nacreon in Heav'n - - where he sat in full glee

System 2:
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System 3:
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Pia *dim^o* *For*

Voice Fiddle and Flute no lon-ger be mute I'll lend you my

Pia *For*

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Pia *For*

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For

The Myrtle of Venus the Myr-tle of Ve-nus with Bac-chus-es Vine.

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The news through Olympus immediately flew;
 When Old Thunder pretended to give himself Airs —
 If these Mortals are suffer'd their Scheme to pursue,
 The Devil a Goddess will stay above Stairs .

"Hark! already they cry,

"In Transports of Joy,

"Away to the Sons of ANACREON we'll fly,
 "And there, with good Fellows, we'll learn to entwine
 "The Myrtle of VENUS with BACCHUS's Vine .

"The Yellow Hair'd God and his nine fusty Maids,
 "From Helicon's Banks will incontinent flee,
 "Idalia will boast but of tenantless Shades,
 "And the bi-forked Hill a mere Desert will be,
 "My Thunder no fear on't,
 "Shall soon do it's Errand,
 "And soundly I'll swinge the Ringleaders I warrant,
 "I'll trim the young Dogs, for thus daring to twine
 The Myrtle of VENUS with BACCHUS's Vine .

Ye Sons of ANACREON then join Hand in Hand;
 Preserve Unanimity Friendship and Love!
 'Tis yours to support what's so happily plann'd
 You've the Sanction of Gods and the Fiat of Jove .
 While thus we agree,
 Our Toast let it be,
 May our Club flourish happy united and free!
 And long may the Sons of ANACREON entwine
 The Myrtle of VENUS with BACCHUS's Vine .

Apollo rose up: and said, "Pr'ythee ne'er quarrel,
 "Good King of the Gods with my Vot'ries below:
 Your Thunder is useless, — then shewing his Laurel,
 Cry'd, "Sic evitabile fulmen," you know!

"Then over each Head

"My Laurels I'll spread,

"So my Sons from your Crackers no Mischief shall dread,
 "While snug in their Club-Room they Jovially twine,
 The Myrtle of VENUS with BACCHUS's Vine .

Next Momus got up with his risible Phiz,
 And swore with Apollo he'd cheerfully join
 "The full Tide of Harmony still shall be his
 "But the Song and the Catch and the Laugh shall be mine,
 "Then Jove be not Jealous
 "Of these honest Fellows
 Cry'd Jove "we relent since the Truth you now tell us,
 And swear by Old Styx that they long shall entwine
 The Myrtle of VENUS with BACCHUS's Vine .