

The Smiling Hours

Lichas' aria from the oratorio *Hercules* (contralto)

Text by the *Thomas Broughton* (1704-1774) [Br], based on *Sophocles's* (c. 497/6 BC-406/5 BC) *Women of Trachis* and the ninth book of *Ovid's* (43BC-17/18 AD) *Metamorphoses*

Set by *Georg Friedrich Händel* (1685-1759) [Gr /Br]

The smiling hours, a joyful train,
[ðʌ 'smɑːɪl.ɪŋ aːʊəz ʌ 'dʒɔːɪ.fə(ʊ)l tɹeɪn]

On silken pinions waft again,
Waft the moments of delight.

Returning pleasures banish woe,
As ebbing streams recruited flow,
And day succeeds to night.

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