

## Thrice Happy the Monarch

Ptolemee's ['tɒl.ə.miz] aria from the oratorio *Alexander Balus* (bass)

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*Recitative*

**And**    **thus**    **let**    **happy**    **Egypt's**    **king**  
[ænd    ðʌs    lɛt    'hæp.i    'i.dʒɪpts    kɪŋ]

Speak his affection with the trumpet's sound,  
That the surrounding nations all may know,  
Balus commands the pow'rs of Ptolemee,  
Or to secure, or to adorn his throne.

*Air*

Thrice happy the monarch, whom nations contend,  
With counsels to guide, and with arms to defend.

Secure stands the throne, that on concord relies,  
As by concord preserv'd are the earth and the skies.

Thrice happy the monarch...

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IPA transcription is available for download.

*Thank you!*

