

Honour and Arms

Harapha's air from *Samson* (bass)

Text by *Newburgh Hamilton* (1691-1761) [Br]

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

Recitative

The honour certain to have won from thee
[ði 'ɒn.ə 'sɜː.tən tu hæv wʌn frʌm ði]

I lose, prevented by thy eyes put out;
To combat with a blind man, I disdain.

Aria

Honour and arms scorn such a foe,
Though I could end thee at a blow;
Poor victory,
To conquer thee,
Or glory in thy overthrow!

Vanquish a slave that is half slain:
So mean a triumph I disdain.

Honour and arms scorn such a foe...

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