

## As When the Dove

Galatea's air from pastoral opera *Acis and Galatea* (soprano)

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

### *Recitative*

**Oh, didst thou know the pains of absent love,**  
[o:ʊ dɪdst ðə:ʊ no:ʊ ðə pe:ɪnz əv 'æb.sənt lʌv]<sup>1</sup>

Acis would ne'er from Galatea rove.

### *Air*

As when the dove  
Laments her love,  
All on the naked spray;  
When he returns,  
No more she mourns,  
But loves the live-long day.  
Billing, cooing,  
Panting, wooing,  
Melting murmurs fill the grove,  
Melting murmurs, lasting love.

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IPA transcription is available for download.

*Thank you!*



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<sup>1</sup> The IPA transcription is in Mid-Atlantic pronunciation with British Received Pronunciation (RP) alternates.