

## Angels, Ever Bright and Fair

Theodora's air from the oratorio *Theodora* (soprano)

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### *Recitative*

**Oh worse than death indeed!**  
[o:ʊ wɜs ðæn dεθ ɪn.'dɪd]

Lead me, ye guards,  
lead me or to the rack,  
or to the flames;  
I'll thank your gracious mercy.

### *Aria*

Angels, ever bright and fair,  
Take, oh take me to your care!

Speed to your own courts my flight,  
Clad in robes of virgin white!  
Take me,

Angels, ever bright and fair...

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IPA transcription is available for download.

*Thank you!*

