

Non so se sia la speme

Arsamene's aria from the opera *Serse* (contralto)

Libretto adapted from *Serse* by *Silvio Stampiglia* (1664–1725) which was based on an earlier libretto by *Nicolò Minato* (1627–1698)

Set by *Georg Friedrich Händel* (1685–1759)

Non	so	se	sia	la	speme
[non	sɔ	se	si:a	la	'spe:.me]
Not	I-know	if	it-be	the	hope,
<i>(I do not know if it is hope)</i>					

Che mi sostiene in vita,
O l'aspro mio dolor.

So che quest'alma geme
Da che mi fu rapita
La gioia del mio cor.

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