

When I Am Laid in Earth

Dido's Lament from the opera *Dido and Aeneas* (mezzo)

Text by *Nahum Tate* (1652-1715) [Br]

Set by *Henry Purcell* ['hɛn.i pɜ.'sɛl] (1658/9-1695) [Br], Z. 626, #37

Recitative

Thy hand, Belinda, darkness shades me;
[ðɑ:ɪ hænd bə(ɪ).lɪn.də 'dɑŋk.nə(ɪ)s ʃe:ɪdz mi]

On thy bosom let me rest.
More I would, but death invades me:
Death is now a welcome guest.

Aria

When I am laid in earth,
May my wrongs create
No trouble in thy breast.
Remember me, but ah! forget my fate.

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