

- to dear friends and teachers Amico Dolci, Conrad Steinmann and Kees Boeke -

# Languisce al fin

- after Prince Gesualdo's madrigal:  
"Languisce al fin" (Book V) -

Slow ( $\text{♩} = 40$ )  
always very flexible

- for six madrigalists\* -

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Soprano

Alto

Counter-tenor  
(or alto)

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bass

\* : to be sung without vibrato.

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S

A

fin,

lan-

-gui - sce al

fin,

da la vi- -ta par- -te,

chi

da la vi- -ta par- -te,

T 1

T 2

-gui- -sce al

fin,

lan-

-gui - sce al

fin,

B

lan-

-gui- -sce al

fin,

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Soprano (S) vocal line:

*p < mp > pp      mp < mf > p      mp —————— mf < mf > p*

Alto (A) vocal line:

*pp < mp > p < mp > p      mp < mf > p < mp >*

C. Tenor (CTen) vocal line:

*p < mp > p —————— mf < mf > pp*

Tenor 1 (T 1) vocal line:

*p —————— mp < mp > p      mp < mp > p      mp < mf > p*

Tenor 2 (T 2) vocal line:

*mp < mf > p      p ——————*

Bass (B) vocal line:

*p —————— mp < mp > p      mp < mf > p      mp p < mp >*

Text lyrics:

e di mor-te il do-lo-re, e di mor-te il do-lo-re l'af-flig-ge  
e di mor-te il do-lo-re, il do-lo-re l'af-flig-ge  
e di mor-te il do-lo-re

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e di mor-te il do-lo-re, il do-lo-re, il do-lo-re -re

e di mor-te il do-lor, l'af-flig-ge

e di mor-te il do-lo-re, e di mor-te il do-lo-re l'af-flig-ge sì, l'af-flig-ge

13 <*mf*> *p* <*mf*> *p* <*mf*> *mp* <*mf*>

S: sì, l'af- -flig- -ge sì che in cru - de  
*mf* > *p* <*mf*> *p* <*mf*> *mp* <*mf*>  
A: sì, l'af- -flig-ge sì l'af- -flig- ge sì che in cru - de pe-  
*p* <*mf*> *mp* <*mf*> *p*  
CTen: l'af- -flig- -ge sì che in cru - de pe - ne mo-  
*p* <*mf*> *p* <*mf*> *mp* <*mf*>  
T 1: 8 l'af- -flig- -ge sì, l'af- -flig- -ge sì che in cru - de pe-  
<*mf*> *p* <*mf*> *p* <*mf*> *mp* <*mf*>  
T 2: 8 sì, l'af- -flig- -ge sì che in cru - de pe-  
<*mf*> *p* <*mf*> *p* <*mf*> *mp* <*mf*>  
B: sì, l'af- -flig-ge sì l'af- -flig- -ge sì che in cru - de

The musical score consists of six staves, each representing a different voice: Soprano (S), Alto (A), C. Tenor (CTen), Treble 1 (T 1), Treble 2 (T 2), and Bass (B). The music is in common time. Measure 13 begins with a dynamic of <*mf*>. The soprano and alto sing "sì, l'af- -flig- -ge sì". The bass and tenor sing "che in cru - de". The dynamic changes to *p*. The soprano and alto sing "l'af- -flig-ge sì". The bass and tenor sing "che in cru - de pe-". The dynamic changes to <*mf*>. The soprano and alto sing "sì, l'af- -flig- -ge sì". The bass and tenor sing "che in cru - de pe - ne mo-". The dynamic changes to *mp*. The soprano and alto sing "l'af- -flig- -ge sì". The bass and tenor sing "che in cru - de pe-". The dynamic changes to <*mf*>. The soprano and alto sing "sì, l'af- -flig- -ge sì". The bass and tenor sing "che in cru - de pe-". The dynamic changes to *p*. The soprano and alto sing "l'af- -flig- -ge sì". The bass and tenor sing "che in cru - de pe - ne mo-". The dynamic changes to <*mf*>. The soprano and alto sing "sì, l'af- -flig- -ge sì". The bass and tenor sing "che in cru - de pe-". The dynamic changes to *mp*. The soprano and alto sing "l'af- -flig- -ge sì". The bass and tenor sing "che in cru - de pe-". The dynamic changes to <*mf*>. The soprano and alto sing "sì, l'af- -flig- -ge sì". The bass and tenor sing "che in cru - de pe - ne mo-". The dynamic changes to *p*. The soprano and alto sing "l'af- -flig- -ge sì". The bass and tenor sing "che in cru - de pe-". The dynamic changes to <*mf*>.

17 <*mf* pp <*mf* pp <*mp* pp <*pp*

S pe - ne mo - re, che in cru - de pe - ne mo - re.

A -ne mo - re, che in cru-de pe - ne mo - re.

CTen <*mf* pp <*pp* <*mp* pp <*pp* <*mp* pp <*ppp*

T 1 <*mf* >*p* <*mf* >*p* pp <*mp* pp <*pp* <*pp* pp <*ppp*

T 2 <*mf* >*p* <*mf* >*p* pp <*mp* pp <*pp* <*pp* pp <*ppp*

B pe - ne mo - re, mo - re, mo - re, mo - re.

a little faster ( $\downarrow=46$ )

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S Ahi,  
*mf* — *p*

A Ahi,  
*mf* — *p*

CTen dol - cis - si - mo cor mi - o, che da  
*mf* — *p*      *mp*      *mf* — *p*      *mf* — *pp*      *p*  
*mf* > *mp*      *mf* > *mp*      *mf* — *pp*      *p*

T 1 8 Ahi, che quel-lo son io, dol - cis - si - mo cor mi - o, che da voi  
*mf* — *p*      *mf* — *mp*      *mf* — *pp*  
*mf* > *mf* > *p*

T 2 8 Ahi, ahi, dol - cis - si - mo cor mi - o,  
*mf* — *p*      *mf* — *pp*  
*mf* > *mf* > *p*

B Ahi, ahi, dol - cis - si - mo cor mi - o,  
*mf* — *p*      *mf* — *pp*

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Soprano (S) vocal line:

**p** che da voi par-  
*mp* -to,  
*pp*

Alto (A) vocal line:

**p** che da voi par-  
*mp* -to,  
*pp* **p** che da voi par-  
*mp* -to,

CeCilie Tenor (CTen) vocal line:

*mp* -to,  
*pp* che

Tenor 1 (T 1) vocal line:

*mp* -to,

Tenor 2 (T 2) vocal line:

**p** che da voi par-  
*mp* -to,  
*pp*

Bass (B) vocal line:

**p** che da voi

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Soprano (S):  
e per mia cru - del sor - te,  
e per mia cru-del sor - te,

Alto (A):  
e per mia cru-del sor - te,

C. Tenor (CTen):  
da voi par - to, da voi par - to e per mia cru - del sor - te,  
mp      mf >

Treble 1 (T 1):  
e per mia cru-del sor - te, per mia cru - del sor - te,  
p      mp      pp      mp      mf > < f >

Treble 2 (T 2):  
da voi par - to e per mia cru-del sor - te, la vi - ta  
< mp > pp      mp      mf >

Bass (B):  
par - to e per mia cru - del sor - te,

Dynamics:  
p, mp, pp, mf, f

## **Tempo I°** ( $\text{♩} = 40$ )

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Soprano (S) vocal line:

**p**      < *mp* — *pp*      *p* < *mp* — *pp*

e me ne va - do a mor- -te, a mor- -te,

*mp* — *pp*      **p**      < *mp* — *pp*

va - do a mor- -te, e me ne va - do a mor- -te,

CeCilie Tenor (CTen) vocal line:

> *pp*      **p**      < *mp* — *pp*

-te, e me ne va - do a mor- -te,

Tenor 1 (T 1) vocal line:

*pp*      **p**      *pp* — *mp* — *pp*

8 -te, a mor- -te,

Tenor 2 (T 2) vocal line:

*pp*      **p**      < *mp* — *pp*

8 e me ne va - do a mor- -te,

Bass (B) vocal line:

*pp* — *mp* — *pp*      *pp* — *mp* > *pp*

e me ne va - do a mor- -te, a mor- -te,

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Soprano (S): *a mor-*  
*-te,* *a mor-*  
*-te,*

Alto (A): *a mor-*  
*-te,* *a mor-*

C. Tenor (CTen): *a mor-*  
*-te,* *a mor-*  
*-te,*

Treble 1 (T 1): *a mor-*  
*-te,* *a mor-*

Treble 2 (T 2): *a mor-*  
*-te,* *a*

Bass (B): *a mor-*  
*-te,*

48

S

A (h) -te.

CTen a mor- -te.

T 1 8 -te, a mor- -te.

T 2 8 mor- -te, a mor- -te.

B a mor- -te.

The musical score consists of six staves, each representing a different voice: Soprano (S), Alto (A), C. Tenor (CTen), Treble 1 (T 1), Treble 2 (T 2), and Bass (B). The score begins at measure 48. The vocal parts are primarily silent or feature sustained notes. The Alto part has a dynamic marking of *ppp* with a crescendo line. The C. Tenor part has a dynamic marking of *ppp*, followed by *mp*, and then *pppp*. The Treble 1 part has a dynamic marking of *ppp*, followed by *mp*, and then *pppp*. The Treble 2 part has a dynamic marking of *mp*, followed by *ppp*, and then *ppp*. The Bass part has a dynamic marking of *ppp*, followed by *mp*, and then *pppp*. The lyrics include "a", "mor-", "-te.", and "-te,". The time signature changes between common time, 3/2, and 2/4. The vocal parts are mostly silent or feature sustained notes. The dynamics are indicated by *ppp*, *mp*, and *pppp*.