Diffuse the soothing strain; The song of hope shall save, When powerless all beside To stem wild passion's tide.

O, for Timotheus' strain!

Or thine, Cecilia divine!
In holiest rapture's vein,
In harmony sublime,
Let both combine,
The spheres conjoin,
As echo to the cascade's chime
Thy tones, divinest maid,
That "drew an angel down."

Or thine, upon the sounding lyre that made Those master lays that mortals bore

In ecstacy to Heaven!
In songs all new be given
Oh hill and plain,
Hope's cheering strain!