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PREFACE

With this edition of the works of Francesco Landini it is hoped that the composer may cease to be the mythological figure he has appeared in the past. By making Francesco's works available to the student in a collated transcription of the manuscript sources, it is my further hope to replace previous speculations regarding many aspects of fourteenth-century music with the music itself, without distortion, in an edition from which deductions may be drawn with a greater degree of accuracy than has hitherto been achieved.

This work has been made possible by the splendid cooperation of the European libraries (referred to in Section III of the Introduction) in the furnishing of complete photostatic copies of all manuscripts concerned, by the excellent services of the Sibley Musical Library, Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester, in securing the materials of the Bibliography, and by the courtesy of the Cornell University Library, which provided the materials on trecento Italian literature from its distinguished collection.

The preparation of the verses is the work of W. A. McLaughlin, Associate Professor of Romance Languages at the University of Michigan, to whom I am indebted for an exhaustive collation of the texts.

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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

The reception and distribution this work has received has been most gratifying to all persons concerned. That a second printing should be required in spite of the limitations imposed by the war augurs well for musical scholarship in America.

I am grateful to the Mediaeval Academy of America for making the second edition possible. I am also indebted to Professors Manfred Bukofzer, Hans David, and Ettore Li Gotti for suggestions which have been incorporated below. The changes which have been made consist of minor emendations in the introduction and a few bibliographical additions. The only transcription which has been altered is no. 10.

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INTRODUCTION

I. Early Italian Polyphony

With the beginnings of <u>ars nova</u> there sprang up a distinctive Italian art of music which used a form of notation at times as radically different from that of the French as was the music itself. This notation, which began to take a separate channel with the writings of Petrus de Cruce in the late thirteenth century, will be discussed at length in another chapter. The music differs from the French first of all in its complete lack of any ecclesiastical influence. There is no <u>cantus firmus</u>; the texts are entirely secular; the 'Trinity,' represented in France by music essentially triple in metre, is forgotten in a music which is predominantly duple. This Italian <u>trecento</u> music may be regarded as derived just as directly from the Troubadours as the vernacular poetry for which the music provides a setting. The musical form has a direct relation with the Troubadour music, while it has none with the earlier French polyphonic music.

Just as the motet of France grew out of the <u>organum</u> of the late twelfth century, so out of the <u>conductus</u> we see evolved the <u>general</u> style of this secular music of Italy. There are the two- and three-part compositions without a liturgical tenor, the occasional instrumental parts, and the contrasting syllabic and melismatic passages which may be noted in the <u>conductus</u>. The only manuscript of polyphonic music which has been preserved in Italy antedating those which have furnished the material for this edition of Francesco Landini's music is MS.

Pluteus I, 29 in the Laurentian library at Florence, a collection of <u>organum</u> and <u>conductus</u>. We should not go so far as to state that the thirteenth-century motets were not known in Italy, but we do believe it is significant that the next considerable collection of polyphonic music after the <u>conductus</u> manuscript should be the two which contain fourteenth-century music in a style closely resembling the <u>conductus</u>.

There are no composers of polyphonic music known in Italy before 1300. Historians have made a point always to mention Dante Alighieri's friend, Pietro Casella, as the first madrigalist; and some have copied the illustrious Dr Burney's reference to a manuscript in the Vatican library, containing a composition by Casella. Ludwig has thoroughly exploded this myth, showing that the reference to Casella is a quotation from one of the novelle of the fourteenth century, and is not a statement of authorship. Direct correspondence with the Vatican library has informed me that the manuscript in question contains no music at all, but is a codex containing the writings of Seneca.

Johannes Wolf has reported³ a single composition by one Bonaiutus de Casentino (c. 1300) which would seem partly to bridge the gap between the

¹Besseler (Archiv für Musikwissenschaft, VII, 188) describes a motet MS. of the library at Ivrea, which is probably a stray MS. from Avignon.

²Archiv für Musikwissenschaft, V, 298.

³In the Acta Musicologica (1937).

conductus and the ars nova forms. It is written in a modified conductus style in two parts, but without the melismas which continued in the madrigal style. It has however the strophic verse and refrain which occur in the later style. The text is a Latin sequence on a medical theme.

The first two composers who can be identified are Giovanni da Cascia and Jacopo da Bologna. Following shortly in their footsteps is a considerable group of men whose works are to be found together in the codices of the late fourteenth and early fifteenth centuries. One of these manuscripts, the Squarcialupi codex, Laur. 87, at Florence, has its music grouped under the individual composers in approximately their chronological order. This order is accurate insofar as I have been able to check with the few dates which are known concerning these men. Comparing this list with the classification of their style of notation, as worked out by Wolf, I venture to suggest the following lists, showing the three generations of composers in trecento Italy.

First generation:

Giovanni da Cascia (in the service of Martino della Scala sometime between 1329 and 1351)

Jacopo da Bologna
Bartolino da Padua
Grazioso da Padua
Vincenzo d'Arimino
Piero

Second generation:

Francesco Landini (1325-1397)
Paolo tenorista
Nicolo da Padua
Ghiraldello da Firenze
Donato da Firenze
Lorenzo da Firenze
Andrea da Firenze
Egidio
Guglielmo di Santo Spirito

Third generation:

Zacherio (Papal singer 1420-1432) Matteo da Perugia Giovanni da Genoa Giovanni da Cinconia Antonello da Caserta Filippo da Caserta Corrado da Pistoria Bartolomeo da Bologna

⁴Cf. the quotation from Villani given in the Documents.

⁵Geschichte der Mensural-notation, I.

One should note that the distinctive period, known as the trecento or ars nova in Italian music, is from 1325 to 1425 rather than the exact fourteenth century.

The peak of the period comes with the second generation, and in particular with Francesco Landini who, like his French contemporary Machault, has left the greatest number of works.

The composers listed above wrote music in three styles and forms: madrigal, an art song derived from the melismatic conductus, the caccia, a type of descriptive music in the general form of the madrigal but also in canon, and the ballata, a song-dance which has close connections with the Troubadour music and also resembles the French virelais. All of this music is very close to the social life of the period. It is, for example, the sort of music which was used in the daily interludes of Boccaccio's Decameron. The growing prosperity of the independent cities of northern Italy, through their extensive commercial interests and their comparative freedom from the interference of the Holy Roman Empire, gave rise to a class of people who had leisure time to devote to an interest in art, letters, and music. The humanist movement, which found expression in literature and education, is reflected in the writings of the musical theorists of the time to a greater degree than is often realized. The human emancipation, which was being expressed more and more in the paintings of the early Renaissance, found an immediate expression in these madrigals, cacce, and ballate of the Italian ars nova.

Francesco Landini, in the text which he wrote for one of his madrigals, has the following lines:

I am Music, who weeping regret to see Intelligent people desert my sweet And perfect effects for the frottole....

He is referring to the popular music of his own time, but this same popular music, with the decline of the melismatic madrigals which he wrote, developed into the frottola, strambotta, and villanella of the late fifteenth century, which in turn furnished a basis for the madrigals of the sixteenth century.

II. Francesco Landini

It is generally accepted that Francesco was born in 1325 at Fiesole, near Florence. Villani states that his father was Jacopo the painter. It is quite likely that this was Jacopo del Casentino, the one distinguished painter named Jacopo of the first half of the fourteenth century in Florence, first mentioned in 1339 as a painter; he died in 1358. There is no direct association of the family name of Landini either with father or son save in the references to Francesco as a relative made in the next century by Cristoforo Landini, and in the use of the Landini coat of arms on Francesco's tombstone. Villani refers to him simply as 'Franciscus,' the death record in the Florentine archives as 'Magister Francischus de Orchani,' the motto on the gravestone as 'Franciscus';

⁷No. 11.

⁸Liber de civitatis Florentiae famosis civibus, a work originally written in 1348 by Giovanni Villani, a Florentine merchant, and later revised and augmented by his brother and nephew. The entire section about musicians is given in the Documents.

Off. Offner, Corpus of Florentine Painting, Section III, Vol. II, Pt. II.

¹⁰Described at the end of this section of the Introduction.

Cino Rinuccini and Franco Sacchetti address him as 'Francesco,' Guido del Palagio as 'Francesco degli Organi.' One nearly contemporary theorist, Anonymous V, 11 speaks of Francesco as 'Checus de Florentia.' In the manuscripts of music his name, as author, is indicated in a similar fashion, denoting either his blindness, his favorite instrument, or his native city. The Squarcialupi codex combines all three appellations, and gives the line 'Magister Franciscus Cecus Horghanista de Florentia' at the top of each folio containing his music.

Villani calls attention to the fact that Francesco became blind in early childhood as a result of the smallpox. This affliction, which was not uncommon among musicians of the preclassical periods, furthered his career if anything, for men continually marvelled at the prodigious memory which he developed and at his great skill in improvisation, necessary accomplishments for a blind musician.

In spite of his blindness, Francesco was well trained in fields other than music. Several writers refer to his knowledge of the seven liberal arts. His grandnephew, Cristoforo Landini (1424-1504), professor of rhetoric and poetry at Florence, wrote of Francesco 'non indotto in Filosofia, non indotto in Astrologia' and then adds 'ma in Musica dottissimo.' ¹²That Francesco was not inactive among the ranks of the philosophers is evidenced by the fact that he was the only member of the Florentine circle who stood out in support of the theories of William of Ockham. Wesselofsky¹³ gives some extended Latin verses by Francesco written in praise of the logic of Ockham and addressed to Antonio, rector of Vado.

Ludwig¹⁴ lists several events in Francesco's life which he has gleaned from the writings of two older composers, Giovanni da Cascia and Jacopo da Bologna, under whom Francesco probably studied. They are to the effect that Francesco was in Verona for a while serving the despot Martino della Scala, who ruled from 1329-1351. During this time he participated in an artistic 'duel' with Giovanni da Cascia. In 1346 he celebrated the birth of two Visconti princes in song.

Villani refers to Francesco's reception of the laurel wreath from the king of Cyprus at Venice. Van den Borren¹⁵ has confirmed this fact, showing that it took place in 1364 during the festival in honor of the subjugation of the rebels in Candia. The award, in recognition of his poetry, was made by Pietro il Grande. Petrarch was a member of the jury, but has made no reference to Francesco in his writings. Van den Borren also shows that Francesco was defeated in a contest on the organ by Francesco da Pesaro, the organist of St Mark's.

In 1375 we find Coluccio Salutati petitioning the bishop of Florence in Francesco's behalf, and referring to the 'light which is shed on the glorious name of our city and the Florentine church from this blind man.'16

¹¹ Coussemaker, Scriptores, III. The occasion is a criticism of the notation used in one of Francesco's ballate. A full discussion of this criticism is given in the notes following No. 38.

¹²Quoted by Wesselofsky, Il Paradiso degli Alberti, I,104, from Cristoforo's Apologia nella quale si difende Dante e Firenze da' falsi calunniatori.

¹³Ibid., I, 295-301.

¹⁴ Die mehrstimmige Musik des XIV Jahrhunderts, Sammelbände der Internationale Musikgesellshaft, IV. Ludwig does not give the source of this information.

¹⁵ Les débuts de la musique à Venice.

Cf. Document V.

An account book of Andrea de' Servi records a payment of nine 'solidos' to Fr. Landini on 29 September, 1379, 'pro quinque moctectis.' If these are sacred motets, no further trace of them has survived.

If we may judge by the preponderance of his known works, Francesco's compositions must have been popular during his lifetime, for over a third of the extant Italian music of the fourteenth century is by him. Yet, like many more recent composers, his chief glory appears to have come from skill as a virtuoso, in his case as an organist. In 1389 Giovanni da Prato wrote a Romanza called Il Paradiso degli Alberti.18 In many respects this surpasses the Decameron of Boc-. caccio in the clarity with which it describes the Florentine circle in which the ars nova music was performed. The narrative relates the daily activities, in the Paradiso or lovely suburban villa of the Alberti family, of a group similar to the later Florentine Academies, consisting of many notable figures of the day. Interspersed among the philosophic discussions are stories, novelle, which are told by the various characters, contemporary personages, among whom is Francesco. Each tells a story typical of his own occupation, so that Francesco's is a story of a musician who is serenading a fair lady in the evening. He is overheard by the local despot, who is so entranced by the music that he takes the musician into his service. Complications rise, however, when this service is neglected for the charms of the fair lady.

Several passages in the discussions between novelle give us vivid portraits of the blind musician. In one of the interludes in the third book, when the members of the group were congregated at the villa, Francesco played his love verses so sweetly 'that no one had ever heard such beautiful harmonies, and their hearts almost burst from their bosoms.' On another occasion, when all were gathered in the garden, 'much to the pleasure of all, and especially of Francesco, two young maidens appeared who danced and sang his Orsu, gentili spiriti19 so sweetly that not only the people standing by were affected, but even the birds in the cyprus trees began to sing more sweetly.' At another time 'the organ was made ready and brought to Francesco.....everyone marvelled at his playing.! In the fourth book after one of the stories, when the sun was coming up and beginning to become warm, while 'a thousand birds were singing,' Francesco was ordered to play a bit on his organetto to see if the singing of the birds would lessen or increase with his playing. As soon as he began to play many birds at first became silent; then they redoubled their singing, and, strange to say, one nightingale came and perched on a branch over his head. When he had finished playing, the question was raised whether one creature had the power of listening more than any other in view of the fact that the one nightingale appeared to hear the sweetness and harmony of Francesco's music more than any other bird which happened to be there.

Considering the relative accuracy with which the frameworks of these stories such as the <u>Decameron</u>, the <u>Heptameron</u>, the <u>Canterbury Tales</u>, the <u>Paradiso</u>, and others reflect the true life of their times, we may consider it not at all unlikely that such an incident as the above actually took place under the conditions described. At any rate, the characters are not fictitious nor is the scene. The

¹⁷Gotti, Il Sacchetti.

¹⁸ Edited in 1867 by Wesselofsky.

¹⁹No. 138. For an account of another contemporary performance cf. the notes to No. 100.

Alberti family was one of the leading industrial families of Florence during the fourteenth century. They were eventually eclipsed by the rising power of the Medici and much of their wealth was confiscated, Antonio degli Alberti, the probable owner of the Paradiso, being exiled from Florence in 1401. The villabecame a convent of the Camaldulensian order, which controlled it until the end of the eighteenth century.²⁰

Beginning the section which contains Francesco's music in the Squarcialupi codex there is a quarter-page illumination²¹ showing the beloved artist seated with his <u>organetto</u>. The text of the madrigal on this folio²² reads as follows:

I am Music, who weeping regret to see Intelligent people desert my sweet And perfect effects for popular songs; Because ignorance and vice abound Good is deserted, and the worst is seized.

Everyone wants to arrange musical notes, Compose madrigals, catches, and ballads, Each holding his own to be perfect; He who would be praised for a virtue Must first come down to earth.

Formerly my sweetnesses were prized By knights, barons, and great lords. Now gentle hearts are corrupted. But I, Music, do not lament alone For I see even the other virtues deserted.

At the bottom of the folio there is a small figure of Saint Cecilia weeping over her instrument at the sentiments expressed above.

Death came 2 September 1397, with burial two days later in the church of San Lorenzo, Florence, where he had long served as organist. The following motto was carved upon his tombstone:

Deprived of the light, Francesco, whom alone Music extolls above all others for his great intellect and his organ music, rests his ashes here, his soul above the stars.

The musician's figure with an organetto is a notable example of the sculpture of the period. In the border are two little angels, one playing a viol, the other a late. Above the head is the Landini coat of arms, a pyramid with six golden mounds on a field of azure, with three branches of laurel protruding from the mounds.²³

At the end of the following century the slab was removed, and the under side turned up and used for a Bernardo Torni (died 1497) who was a professor of

²⁰Gerstfeldt, 'Francesco Landini,' Deutsche Rundschau, CXXIII, 444 ff.

²¹ Frontispiece.

²²Cf. no. 11.

²³Cf. Plate II. See also Rietstrap, Armorial Général, II, 16; Planches, IV, 15.



II. Francesco's Tombstone in San Lorenzo, Florence.

philosophy and medicine at Pisa. Gandolfi²⁴ suggests that this may have been brought about by Gerolamo Torni, brother of Bernardo, who was Vicario-generale of Florence at the time. The slab was found in the middle of the nineteenth century at the convent chapel of San Domenico at Prato, and was restored to San Lorenzo in 1890, through the efforts of the Royal Commission of Fine Arts.

III. Manuscript Sources

Johannes Wolf, in his detailed work <u>Geschichte der Mensural-notation von 1250-1460</u>, has carefully listed the contents of the various sources for the music of that period. The chief manuscripts which contain the works of Francesco are as follows:

Florence, Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana, Pal. 87
Florence, Biblioteca Nazionale, Pan. 26
London, British Museum, Add. MS. 29,987
Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale, Fonds fr. nouv. acq. 6771
Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale, Fonds ital. 568.

In addition to these principal sources there are the following which contain only one or two works by Francesco:

Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale, Nouv. acq. 4917
Prague, University Library, XI, E, 9
Modena, Biblioteca Estense, L. 568
Padua, Biblioteca Universitaria, MS. 684
Padua, Biblioteca Universitaria, MS. 1475.
Oxford, Bodleian library, C.S. eccl. 229
Pistoia, Archivio capitolare della cattedrale, frammento musicale (without number).

It proved possible to secure photostatic copies of all save the last three manuscripts for collation in this study. The music contained in these three occurs in at least two other manuscripts, so that their lack has not been a handicap.

FLORENCE, LAURENTIAN LIBRARY, PAL. 87

This vellum manuscript is known as the Squarcialupi codex in honor of its first owner. After his death (c. 1470) Antonio Squarcialupi left it to his nephew Raphael de Bonamicis. It then became the property of Giuliano de Medici and thence of the Laurentian Library. It is unique in its large collection of exclusively Italian ars nova music. Of the 23 Italian composers listed in section I above, 12 are represented in this one manuscript; the works of each are grouped together rather than scattered through the codex, as is more commonly the case. Each man's portrait is given in the large illumination which begins the text of his first work. Francesco is represented by 145 pieces, the largest single collection of his works.

The manuscript is written throughout in a humanist minuscule hand, with an elaborately traced capital at the beginning of each work. The music is clearly

²⁴Una riparazione a proposito di Francesco Landini.

The field has been surveyed further by Besseler, Archiv für Musikwissenschaft, VII, 167 ff.

These have been reproduced in Gandolfi, Illustrazioni di alcuni cimeli concernanti l'arte musicale in Firenze. Cf. the frontispiece to the present work.

set forth, although with a considerable number of brief omissions disconcerting to a transcriber. In some cases the spelling of the text varies between the two parts of the same composition; usually one is more phonetic than the other. The names of the different parts and of the two sections to each composition are indicated only when a text is not given with that part. Final notes are always Longs; bar-lines are double, with a design worked out between them. The parts are always given in the following order when on a single page: superius, tenor, contratenor. When on a double page the superius is given at the upper left side, the tenor beneath beginning on the left and sometimes continuing beneath the contratenor, which is on the upper right side. Across the top of each double page is written 'MAGISTER FRANCISCUS CECUS HORGHANISTA DE FLORENTIA' with alternate red and black uncials.

The manuscript will be referred to during the course of this work as \underline{S} .

FLORENCE, NATIONAL LIBRARY, PAN. 26

This is a paper manuscript containing 85 of Francesco's compositions, 7 of which are not found elsewhere, which with the works of other composers makes a total of 151 Italian and 24 French compositions. There are no illuminations, even the capitals being plain. The author is usually indicated by initial only. The text is written in the same style as \underline{S} . but less carefully. The music, on the other hand, has fewer mistakes than the latter. The final Longs are exag-

gerated, lacktriangle. The use of ligatures varies considerably from \underline{S} . without

changing the time values of the notes concerned. Occasionally the contratenor part is given before the tenor part. The second section of the ballate, instead of being marked secunda pars as in all the other manuscripts, is marked andare here. This manuscript contains the only use of the term cantus in connection with Francesco's music, the term occurring in the upper part of the tritextual madrigal, no. 11. In many of the parts without text the end of a phrase is indicated by or. This is probably a repetition of the last syllable of the opening indication: Tenor or Contratenor. This practice is found once or twice in the other manuscripts as well. Few of the time signatures sometimes found in S. are

given here. Many times 🎵 J becomes 🚚 J in this manuscript.

In several of the madrigals the second section is separated from the first almost as though it were a different composition. The extra stanzas are then given between the two sections rather than beneath, and the line suggesting the stanza to follow is that of the second section. In each of these madrigals

the word <u>ritornello</u> or its abbreviation • 27 is given at the beginning of the

second section. This has been a most useful factor in aiding in the identification of the madrigal form as distinguished from that of the ballata. In no other manuscript is this form as carefully indicated.

This manuscript will be referred to as \underline{F} .

²⁷Cf. Plate IV.

LONDON, BRITISH MUSEUM, ADD. MS. 29,987

With this vellum manuscript we have a source which is generally conceded to be one of the earliest for the music of the Italian ars nova. It contains Italian works exclusively. Little is known of its history; on the second folio the arms of the Medici family appear, and the catalogue of the British Museum states that in 1670 it belonged to Carlo di Tommaso Strozzi. The script borders on the cursive in style; capitals are simple and without ornamentation; the notes are written very crudely, and so carelessly that one would work with difficulty unless it were possible to compare with other copies. The sharps are inaccurately placed, in direct contrast to the other manuscripts, where they are either on the correct line or space a slight distance before their note or else are beneath the note. Many times this manuscript has superfluous rests; occasionally these come at places where they could be considered comparable to points of syncopation or of division, but not all can be so explained. Sometimes the note values are out of proportion to their proper size; especially is there a tendency to make large notes still larger.

This manuscript is the only one in which the form of the music is stated. In many of the works the initials are given to show the form, while occasionally the words Madrialle, Balata, Chaccia are written out, together with the name of the composer, e.g., 'Madrialle di francescho degli orghanni.' In some of the compositions the continuation of the penultimate syllable through the final melisma is indicated, e.g., bo o o schi.28 The repetition of the first stanza is never suggested in this manuscript, nor is the third stanza of the ballata ever placed with the music, as is the case occasionally in the other manuscripts. The

final notes are frequently shaped thus:



This is one of two manu-

scripts where a composition of Francesco's appears with no text whatsoever, 29 suggesting that it may have been used upon some occasion with instruments only.

Professor McLaughlin has called my attention to the fact that many variants in the texts as found in this particular manuscript are of a sort which would indicate that the contents were taken down from dictation rather than from another copy. The musical variants to which attention has been called would bear out this hypothesis.

In all there are 29 of Francesco's works here, of which two appear nowhere else.

This manuscript will be referred to as B.

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Here is another paper manuscript, the only principal one containing a considerable portion of French music. There are 117 works by French composers, 104 by Italian. It is called the Reina codex after its former owner. There are 19

²⁸Cf. no. 37 below.

²⁹No. 126. The other composition is no. 143, which appears without text in the Prague MS. XI, E, 9.

works by Francesco here, all of which are <u>ballate</u>. All are contained in \underline{S} as well, and all save one are in some third manuscript also. There are enough variants, however, between \underline{S} and this Reina codex to prevent our considering one a direct copy of the other.

Few authors are indicated for the various works. Sections of the compositions are infrequently labelled. The final notes are usually written as in \underline{F} . Points of division are used much more prolifically than in any of the other manuscripts. The sign, \bullet which is quite rare elsewhere, is met with more frequently here.

This manuscript contains two compositions, Phiton, Phiton, beste tres veneneuse and De Narcisus, by a Magister Franciscus. The former has three opening measures which correspond to the beginning of Machault's Phyton, le merveilleux serpent. Several writers have referred to this as a work of Francesco Landini. Gerold 31 suggests that if written by Francesco, it is homage to Machault because of the similarity just mentioned. However, the notation of both Phiton and De Narcisus is in a style entirely different from that used for Francesco's works in this same manuscript. The musical form is also that of the French ballade rather than one of the Italian forms. Furthermore these works appear again in the Chantilly Mus. Con. 1047, a manuscript containing none of the Italian trecento music. For these reasons the two compositions in question are definitely not attributable to Francesco Landini.

In this manuscript on one occasion the first and second endings of a section are marked ouverts and clus, rather than the customary verto and chiuso.

In further discussion this manuscript will be referred to as R.

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This is probably the oldest of the principal manuscripts with which we are concerned. The text is a modified Gothic script, clearly written, with ornamented initials somewhat similar to although less ornate than those of \underline{S} . It is largely devoted to Italian composers, and contains 60 works by Francesco, all of which are contained in at least one other manuscript. There are closer connections between the notation of this and of \underline{S} . than between any other two manuscripts. Also, since some errors in \underline{S} . are given correctly here, we may safely assume that \underline{S} . was copied in part from this manuscript.

From this manuscript, which will be subsequently called \underline{P} ., Fétis in 1827 made the first modern transcription of Francesco's music, section one of Non arà ma' pietà, no. 135.

The remaining manuscripts consulted, each of which contains only one composition by Francesco, are sufficiently discussed in the footnotes beneath their respective works.

³⁰Cf. the section on notation, below.

³¹La musique au moyen âge, p. 351.

IV. The Notation

Contrary to the usual view that the Italian notation and art of music were off-shoots from the French, both notation and art represent parallel developments which in the early fifteenth century merged into the French style, greatly to the enrichment of the latter. One wishes that the music of a generation prior to Giovanni da Cascia were known today, for the theorist's who describe the Italian notation of that time must have had a practical basis on which to work. At the present time, however, it is only from the theorists that we can learn about the development of the Italian notation, a development that is completed by the time of the first known generation of Italian composers, and which has already begun to merge in the French system during the second generation. In the last generation of the ars nova group there is hardly any distinction between the two, although for a time their fundamental conception still remained different.

The French conception of notation during the ars nova was of a possible triple or duple division of each note value. Thus the Long might contain either three or two Breves, the Breve either three or two Semibreves, etc. In practice the triple or 'perfect' divisions were favored. In four of Francesco's later works, nos. 6, 10, 75, and 141, we find the French time signatures given at points where the metre changes from duple to triple, or the reverse, in the middle of a composition.

The Italian practice appears to have developed from the music of Petrus de Cruce who in the thirteenth century established the use of the point for division. His own theoretical writings do not refer to this practice, but other theorists³³ have quoted him to the effect that if two, three, four, five, six, or seven Semibreves are set off by points of division each group will have the value of one Breve.³⁴ This changeable content of the Breve and the emphasis on the use of the point for division constitute the peculiarities of the Italian system of notation. Their use caused the writers Marchettus de Padua and Prosdocimus de Beldemandis to list eight different time signatures or divisiones: binaria, ternaria, quaternaria, senaria imperfecta, senaria perfecta, octonaria, novenaria, duodenaria. These signatures were sometimes indicated at the beginning of the music by the appropriate initial letter. In Francesco's music this indication is found only in connection with the madrigals and the pescha.

Where the number of Semibreves within the Breve-measure is more or less than the normal two or three, the first Semibreves receive their regular value,

³²⁰ for tempus perfectum and \underline{C} for tempus imperfectum. In Francesco's music these signs are small in size, covering only one space on the staff.

³³ Robertus de Handlo, Regulae; Jacques de Liége, Speculum.

³⁴This usage may be observed in the few compositions by Petrus de Cruce which have been transcribed by Rokseth, Polyphonies du XIIIe siècle.

³⁵Prosdocimus in his <u>Tractatus practice de musica mensurabili ad modum Italicorum</u> presents the outstanding contemporary exposition of the Italian art. He is most patriotic in speaking of its merits: 'Et ex hoc patet artem Italicam pulcriorem et laudabiliorem esse arte Gallica.'

³⁶For a complete table of the various arrangements of Semibreves within the Breve measure cf. Wolf. Geschichte der Mensural-notation, I, 30 ff.

while the last ones are sustained longer than their regular value in order to fill the entire Breve-measure. This is known as <u>via naturae</u>. To vary this the com-.

posers developed via artis by introducing a tail,

, beneath the Semibreves they wished to prolong.

At the beginning of the <u>ritornello</u> to Francesco's madrigal no. 11 there is the sign m, modus longarum perfectus, indicating the change from a duple to a triple division of the Long.

Points are used throughout the period of mensural notation in four ways:

- (1) punctus perfectionis
- (2) punctus divisionis
- (3) punctus additionis
- (4) punctus demonstrationis.

The first is used after a note to make certain that the musician understands it is to have a perfect value, i.e., to equal three of the next smaller note values. In the case of the larger notes where it usually appears, it has practically the same force as (3), which, in Francesco's music at least, is more commonly limited to the smaller notes. Again, (1) has the force of (2) when it is used with a note which fills the entire measure.

The second class of point has been mentioned above as being used to a much larger degree by the Italians than by anyone else. Since it has the same significance as the bar-line of today, it is indicated in our transcriptions by means of a solid bar. Its use was most necessary in the works which were written with the Italian system of the changeable Breve value. Thus, in a work such as no. 22, there was so much use of via artis, making it difficult to distinguish the Breve units, that the point of division was used where all the bar-lines come in transcription, except before the final Longs and beside the ligatures, where there could be no question.

The third class is better called a point of augmentation, for it serves the same use as does our point in modern notation, increasing the value of a duple or imperfect note by one-half its original value. Thus, it corresponds in part to (1). It is used most commonly with Breves and Semibreves. It may be used with ligatures as well as with individual notes; in such cases it affects that note of the ligature after which it is placed.

The fourth class of point, that of 'demonstration,' is better called a point of syncopation, as its function is to demonstrate the beginning of a syncopation. It is always placed either before or after the first note of the syncopation and might many times pass as a point of division, marking the beginning of a measure. In the last period of Italian trecento music, this point was many times

written rather than as the single point more commonly used. This later usage is much less confusing to the transcriber.

The ordinary note values and their corresponding rests are listed in section VIII below. In this music by Francesco, the Maxima is used only four times, in cases where a note longer than the augmented Long is desired. On these occasions it has the value of two Longs. The Maxima rest is not used in this music. At the beginning of the delayed part in the two canons, numbers 10 and 13, the prolonged rest is indicated by an appropriate number of Long rests.

The Long is a fundamental basis for metre, and establishes the boundary for the measure we use today in two instances. Its division may be duple (imperfect) as in those works which we have transcribed in 4/2 time, where it equals two Breves, or its division may be triple (perfect), equalling three Breves as in 3/1 time. In both these instances where the Long is the metrical unit the divisions of the Breve and Semibreve are always duple.

Where the Breve is the metric unit there are three possibilities. The first we have transcribed as 6/4 time. This is our modern duple-compound measure. In it the Breve unit is subdivided into two Semibreves, each of which is in turn split into three Minims. This metre is readily distinguished by the combination

of two Minim rests followed by a Minim _____, a popular rhythmic combination

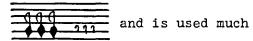
and one which can occur only in this or the third possibility. Somewhat less frequent is the second possible division of the Breve into triple-simple time, resulting in a 3/2 measure, where the Breve contains three Semibreves, each of which is in turn divided into two Minims. The third division is into triple-compound time, 9/4, the Breve containing three Semibreves, each containing three Minims. Finally there are seven compositions in which there are not an even number of Breve values, thus preventing the use of the Long as metric unit. These have been transcribed as a duple-simple division of the Breve in 2/2 time.

Other infrequent subdivisions of both Long and Breve are indicated by means of white notation. The most common use of the white or hollow notes is in compositions where the division of the Semibreve is simple, i.e., in two parts, and the composer wishes to change it to compound, i.e., in three parts, for a brief space. In such cases three white Minims or a white Semibreve and white Minim are used, these having together the same value as two black Minims or a black Semibreve. White notation is used for this purpose in nos. 27, 38, 61, 66, 150, and 152. On each occasion the fundamental metre of 3/2 changes temporarily, while the white notes are used, to an equivalent of 9/4. A similar use is found in no. 93, with the exception that since the metre is 4/2 larger sizes of white notes are used to produce larger triplets. So complicated did these varying sizes of triplets become that it was found advisable to use a 6/4 metre in the transcription.

In two other works, nos. 141 and 134, white notes are used in an entirely different manner, although the underlying principle is the same. Each uses the white Breve and Semibreve, or its equivalent in the special forms of the following paragraph, to change the original 6/4 metre into a 3/2 metre. In other words, here the duple-compound metre is changed by the white notation to a triple-simple metre. In the latter of these two works this same division is carried a step further, so that the white Breve forms the basis for a short succession of measures in a 4/4 metre.

We have discussed the sign of <u>via artis</u> and its use above. Other special signs are occasionally used. The most common of these is the equivalent of our modern triplet, a group which provides an occasional change from a simple to a

compound division of the Semibreve. It is written



more commonly than its equivalent in white notation, leading us to believe that the white notation was a later innovation. Another equivalent of white notation, found several times when the composer has wished to change a measure from duple-compound to triple-simple metre, is the note \d , which has the value of two Minims

in a 6/4 measure ordinarily containing six Minims. In other words = Jin a J.J. rhythm. One other note, , is occasionally found; this equals an augmented Semibreve in duple time, i.e., J. in 4/2 time.

Ligatures are groups of notes collected together in one prolonged sign. They have a direct connection with the more complicated neumes of the mediaeval period, and are never alloted more than a single syllable of text. Thus their use is limited to melismatic passages or to parts which have no text. As will be noted, the smallest possible notes which are obtainable in ligature are Semibreves, while the majority are Breves and Longs. For this reason ligatures are most commonly found in the tenor parts.

The rules concerning ligatures remained practically constant throughout their entire history. For a contemporary source I have referred to the rules as given by Prosdocimus de Beldemandis. 38 He arranges the rules as follows:

An initial note is a Long if (1) there is a tail down on the right, or (2) if there is no tail at all and the following note descends, whether these notes are square or oblique.



An initial note is a Breve if (1) there is a tail down on the left, or (2) if there is no tail at all and the following note ascends; in either case the notes may be square or oblique.



³⁷In R. only, the note is used to indicate the equivalent of the first two notes of this triplet. In all other MSS, the copyist has been forced to use white notation for this rhythm.

³⁸Cf. p. xxi. n. 35.

The first and second notes of a ligature are Semibreves if there is a tail up on the left, regardless of the shape or direction of the notes. This is the most common of all ligatures. There is a single indirect exception to this, where



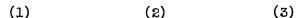
via naturae augments the size of the second Semibreve of the ligature.

Except for the last rule above, all notes after the first are always Breves until the final note is reached.

If there are only two notes in the ligature, the last note may be a Semibreve if affected by the tail up on the left of the initial note.

All other final notes are Breves unless, because of the rules that follow, they are Longs.

A final note is a Long if (1) there is a tail either up or down on the right, if (2) it descends from the preceding note and is square, or (3) if it is directly above the preceding note, both being square, and is connected to it by a tail down on the right.





While the flat sign is used in this music much as it is today, the sharp sign serves a double role--raising the note half a tone or cancelling a previous flat, the function of the more modern natural sign. When once used in a part, an accidental remains in force throughout the melodic phrase in which it occurs. Occasionally when an accidental is introduced near the end of a line its presence or absence at the beginning of the following line helps to determine its duration. When it is introduced near the beginning of a line its duration is more difficult to determine unless the phrase is well marked.

V. The Musical Forms

Francesco has referred, in the second stanza of his madrigal number 11,40 to the forms in which his music is set—the madrialle, cacce, ballate. These forms predominate in the Italian ars nova music, and are characteristic of this period and country alone.

³⁹ For a concise example of the full effect of this principle cf. no. 62, n. 1.

⁴⁰Cf. p. xvi above.

Their literary form was discussed in the first half of the fourteenth century by two outstanding writers, Antonio da Tempo⁴¹ and Gidino da Sommacampagna.⁴² Both these writers describe five forms of the madrigal, based on the arrangement of lines containing either eleven or seven syllables, with three lines to each stanza, and with from two to four stanzas. There are two additional forms which have a ritornello of one or two lines. All of Francesco's madrigals consist of one or more stanzas of three lines, each containing eleven syllables, and a ritornello containing two such lines. Biadene ⁴³ has shown that the term madrigal is derived from a mediaeval Latin term matricale meaning a rustic song in the mother tongue. Wherever the word is used in the manuscripts of Francesco's music the later form madrialle occurs.

The forms of several compositions in \underline{B} . are marked at the top of the folio, showing that the copyist considered them to be madrigals or ballate as the case might be. The same madrigals when given in \underline{F} . have the word ritornello as the indication for the second section. Those in \underline{F} . having this indication place the additional stanzas before the second section, rather than after it as is the custom in all other compositions; the beginning of the ritornello section is then indicated by its first line. Through such evidence, it has been possible to isolate nine madrigals in two parts and three madrigals in three parts from the works of Francesco.

The musical style of the madrigal shows considerable similarity to that of the conductus with its long florid melismatic passages. These melismas, before and after each phrase, make the madrigals much longer than the ballate. The first section is broken up into three phrases corresponding to the lines of text. In the case of the three-part madrigals this number becomes a multiple of three. At the ritornello the metre frequently changes with the appropriate signature indicated. The ritornello always consists of two phrases in keeping with its text. The use of time signatures in the two-part madrigals, their more complicated style of notation involving the changeable Breve, and the more extended melismas, all lead us to believe that these two-part madrigals were among Francesco's earlier works.

Each of the three-part madrigals is unique in its structure. All are undoubtedly works of a late period in his life. No. 10 is one of the finest canons to be found in the fourteenth century and is well worth a careful study. No. 12 is the first example we have been able to find of what may be called 'Variations above a Ground.' No. 11 is written with a different text under each part of music. The verses however are all parts of a single poem, 45 and if an audience were to grasp their meaning they must have been sung separately, one at a time. It is possible and even probable that the other two parts may have been played on instruments, for there are many contemporary references to the accompanying of singers by instrumental players. 46 There are several possible arrangements: the

⁴¹Trattato delle rime volgari (c. 1352).

⁴²Trattato de li rithimi volgari (c. 1350).

⁴³ Rassegna bibliografica della letteratura italiana, VI, 329.

⁴⁴Cf. the author's paper, 'Origins of the Italian ars nova,' Papers read by members of the American Musicological Society, Dec. 29 and 30, 1937. Cf. also his article, 'The conductus,' Musical Quarterly, XXVII (1941), 165-204.

⁴⁵Cf. again the translation on p. xvi.

⁴⁶Cf. section VII below.

superius may have been sung in all three stanzas, the other two parts being played by instruments each time, or the parts bearing each stanza may have been sung in turn, the remaining parts being played. According to the appearance of the composition in the manuscripts, either manner is possible after a little rehearsal, and rehearsal would be necessary for this music even if it were written unitextually. Francesco wrote one other composition⁴⁷ in this manner, i.e., tritextually. In this latter case the texts with each part, combined with the added stanzas following each part, form a single extended ballata such as occurs in 23 other compositions.

The verses of the madrigals, as contrasted with the more frivolous texts of the <u>ballate</u>, are serious and expressive, in keeping with the fundamental conception of art-song which they represent. There is frequent use of the incidents of Greek mythology in their lines.

There are undoubtedly close connections between the Italian caccia, the French chace, and the later English 'catch.'* With each of these terms there is associated the thought of a chase which is expressed in the music by a canon between two or more parts. Many writers insist on a connection with hunting because of the literal meaning of the terms. If we examine the verses written in this style we will find that while hunting scenes are used as occasional subjects, any scene that entails a vivid description of action might be used. Thus the battle scene was one of the most popular subjects.

In Italy this form took the shape of an extended canon in two parts accompanied by a third independent part. The music is frankly descriptive, with free use of hocket and imitation to portray the excitement of the scene described. The music is written in the form of an extended madrigal, with phrases in groups of three and with a ritornello at the end. The canon ends at the close of the first section and is started anew in the <u>ritornello</u>.

The poem of the <u>caccia</u> is written in a very free style with little regard for rime schemes or metre. Great stress is laid on vividness of description, to which end considerable onomatapoeia is used. If the subject permits, street cries and other similar calls and ejaculations may be inserted. For a heightened effect through contrast, the section portraying excitement is usually inserted in an outer frame of a quiet nature. To show the full significance of this contrast we quote the text of Francesco's only <u>caccia</u>, better termed a <u>pescha</u> since it deals with a fishing scene:

Thus, thoughtful, as love guides me
Along the green coast slowly,
I hear: 'Lift that rock!'
'Look at the crawfish, look! Look at the fish!
Catch him, catch him!'
'This is marvelous!'
Isabella began screaming,
'Oh! oh!' 'What's the matter? What's the matter?'
'I've been bit in the toe!'
'O Lisa, the fish is swimming away!'
'I've got him! I've got him!!' 'Ermellina's caught him!'

[&]quot;'No. 140.

^{*}Cf. Fr. Novati, 'Per l'origine e la storia della cacce,' Studi mediaevi, II (1906-7), 303-326.

'Hold on to him!' 'This is a grand fishing hole!'
Meanwhile I reached the troop of lovers
Where I found fair ladies and their swains
Who welcomed me with kindly looks.

Wooldridge 48 has described the plot of another of these cacce, with an entirely different setting but with the same degree of excitement portrayed.49

The ballata, as described by Antonio da Tempo and Gidino da Sommacampagna, may be in one of four principal forms, grande, mezina, menora, or minima, depending on whether the number of lines in the first section is four, three, two or one. Each form varies within itself in the use of lines with eleven or seven syllables. In each of these cases, as with the madrigals, definite models of the arrangement of lines and the rime scheme are given. Francesco's music, most of which was probably written in the quarter-century following these two writers, does not limit itself to the exact patterns which they describe.

In all of the extant accounts of performances of trecento music--in the Decameron, da Prato's Paradiso, Sercambi's Novelli; Prodenzani's sonnets --it is the ballata which is described. This is not strange when we consider that out of the 154 known works by Francesco all but thirteen are in this form. As the name implies, it is a composition which was sung and played while others danced, an art-dance as contrasted with such social dances as the estample and danse royale.

The form closely resembles that of the French virelai or chanson balladee⁵³ and presents a distinct contrast to that of the madrigal. Each ballata is divided into two sections which are nearly equal in length. The most common distribution of verses is that of three lines in the first section and two in the second section. In S., B., R., and P. the latter section is plainly marked secunda pars in all parts given without text. In F. alone this section is marked andare. The relationship of rime schemes and the position of verses beneath and after the music have enabled scholars to determine that these two sections bear an ABBA relationship. After the composition has been sung once, the second section is repeated with new words, after which the first section is likewise repeated with new words.

An inconsistent practice is that of placing at the end of these four stanzas the opening words of the first stanza. This practice is never adhered to in any one manuscript, nor is it the same for otherwise identical pieces in different manuscripts. It is a matter of speculation therefore whether it was an accepted custom to close the composition with a repetition of this first stanza and the corresponding first section of music, or whether this indication merely suggests that the song may be repeated to accommodate the dancers, in the manner

⁴⁸⁰xford History of Music, II, 2, 323, (2nd edition).

⁴⁹The texts for many others may be found in Carducci, Cacce in rime.

⁵⁰Cf. the note to no. 100 below.

⁵¹Cf. section VII below.

⁵² Antonio da Tempo: 'Et tales ballatae cantantur et coreizantur.'

⁵³Cf. Machault, Werke (Ludwig ed.), I.

⁵⁴Antonio and Gidino refer to the four stanzas of the <u>ballata</u> as <u>volta</u>, <u>primo piede</u>, <u>secondo</u> piede, and represa.

of a perpetuum mobile. Twenty-three of these ballate have one or two additional sets of stanzas. Nearly always, in such instances, the opening words of the first stanza are given before each new group of stanzas. The extended form may be indicated thus:

Music: ABBA ABBA ABBA

Poetry: ABCD AEFG AHIJ

The position of the text of stanza three is variable. Sometimes it is placed beneath stanza two where sung, and at other times it is placed after the music as an added stanza. While the text of the first two stanzas may be written under either one, two, or three parts, that of stanza three never occurs under more than any one of the three parts. Presumably the only reason it is placed there at all is to help in distinguishing the form, yet it is not inconceivable that during the performance of this third stanza only the one part having the text was sung, while the other parts were played on instruments, as in the case of parts having no text at all. In three cases only, stanza four is placed under one part in the first section; otherwise it is placed after the music. The above query about the performance of the third stanza would be equally applicable to the fourth stanza. However, since in the majority of cases all save the first two stanzas follow the music we may safely assume that all the stanzas were performed in the same manner as the first two, much as additional stanzas beneath hymns are sung today.

Often, especially in the three-part ballate, the second section has first and second endings, marked verto and chiuso, 55 to be used with stanzas two and three respectively. As will be shown in the following section, these alternate endings shed considerable light on fourteenth-century tonality. Nos. 111 and 139 have these endings after the first section. They may have been written in imitation of the French rondeaux, just as the two tritextual works discussed on page xxvi-xxvii may have been written in imitation of the motets. In the present instance the ballata nature is clear, for the entire text of no. 111 is carefully placed: stanza one beneath section one of music ending in the verto of the first section, stanza two beneath section two of music ending in its verto, stanza three beneath section two of the music ending in the chiuso to section two, and finally stanza four beneath section one ending in the first chiuso. The relationship between closing and initial harmonies of these stanzas is most interesting. No. 139 is unique in that the second section is durchkomponiert; stanza two follows the first as usual, but instead of a repetition of the music for stanza three, there is an entirely new section, yet one well in keeping with the others in form.

Another irregularity among the <u>ballate</u> is found in no. 73. Here stanza one consists of a single line of verse, which is followed by a single rendition of the music of the second section. Although this latter section is twice as long as the first it cannot be considered <u>durchkomponiert</u> as was the above. In all there are two groups of stanzas for this <u>ballata</u>, arranged in an A B A form rather than the customary A B B A, as follows:

Music: ABA ABA A

Poetry: A B C A D E A

⁵⁵ In R., no. 120, they are marked ouverts and clus after the French manner.

Finally there is a group of fragments, nos. 150 to 154, which have only two stanzas of text to go with the two sections of music, and which thereby lack the full verse form of the ballata. They are quite normal otherwise.

Like the madrigals, the two-part compositions among the <u>ballate</u> reflect for the most part earlier tendencies. They differ in musical style from the two-part madrigals mainly in the length of the melismatic passages at the ends of phrases and consequently in the ornateness of their figures. Among the three-part <u>ballate</u> are many works for a single voice and two instruments, reflecting the tendency toward the <u>chanson</u> of the fifteenth century. In a considerable number of the three-part <u>ballate</u> the closing measures of both sections are identical, thus enhancing the homogeneity of the music.

In transcribing these <u>ballate</u> one encounters less use of the earlier Italian notation with the changeable Breve and <u>via artis</u>, but a greater use of white notation for changing metres. Inconsistency is frequently noted in the middle of a section at phrase endings, where the sizes of final note and rest at times vary even between parts in the same manuscript.

VI. The Musical Style

In these compositions of Francesco the entire history of music for nearly ten centuries may be traced. Signs of organum, improvised descant, conductus, even of the monodic tropes and plain-song are plentiful. At the same time there are experimental uses of the triad in partial cadences and simple attempts at imitation between parts, both indications of the direction that musical style was to take in the following century.

Yet one should not conclude that this music is an artificial creation, full of mechanical devices. While the reading of the printed page of music may encourage such a view, listening to it gives one an entirely different impression. Nothing could be more natural and spontaneous than these works, especially the ballate, which reflect in their symmetry of structure a close association with the music of the people, as contrasted with the cloistered music of the church.

The principal melody in this music, whether madrigal, caccia, or ballata, is always to be found in the superius or upper part. The difference between the melodies of the three forms is only one of degree: those of the madrigals are most florid, that of the caccia most rhythmic and marked with bits of hocket, while those of the great mass of ballate vary, sometimes being very simple and at other times approaching the florid nature of the madrigal melodies. Almost any one of Francesco's melodies opens with a florid melismatic passage on the initial syllable, followed by a syllabic passage until the penultimate syllable is reached, where there is another melismatic passage until the final syllable is reached at the cadence. These melodies follow closely the diatonic progressions and simple skips of the traditional plain-song, the chief difference being

⁵⁶For a discussion of the controversies over the instrumental implications of these passages, cf. the author's article, 'Francesco Landini and his Music,' Musical Quarterly, XXII, 190.

⁵⁷Note the two augmented Seconds which appear in the melodic line of no. 144 as found in \underline{P} .

the increased variety of rhythm in the music of Francesco. This variety of rhythm is seen in the use of ornamental groups of notes of smaller values which many times assume the nature of an instrumental figure. Some of these figures are listed in the following section.

The tenor part is always the simplest melodically. If it has a text its resemblance to the superius increases, although it seldom has the groups of small, ornamental figures. In the later three-part <u>ballate</u> where the tenor is given without text the diatonic element is at times almost nonexistent. The skips become more constant and of larger proportions, sometimes including the Seventh and Ninth, which are never found in the parts with text. At such times the part is written almost entirely with ligatures.

The contratenor, found only in the three-part compositions, is a curious composite of the style of the superius and that of the tenor. This is due to its harmonic role, which will be discussed below. The contratenor contains many of the figures which the superius uses, often in direct imitation of the latter, yet it is never written as diatonically as is the latter. In every part there is a brief pause at the end of each phrase of text, dividing the music into corresponding phrases.

The following metres are used in this music:

- 3/1 a triple-simple metre, corresponding to the French perfect mode, time and prolation imperfect-used in 48 works.
- 4/2 duple-simple metre: mode, time, and prolation all imperfect--in 53 works.
- 6/4 duple-compound metre: time imperfect, prolation perfect--in 26 works.
- 3/2 triple-simple metre: time perfect, prolation imperfect--in 28 works.
- 9/4 triple-compound metre: time and prolation both perfect--in 8 works.

In addition to the above there are 7 works which, owing to an odd number of Breve values, we have been forced to transcribe in 2/2 metre, time and prolation both imperfect. Thus in 108 works the divisions of Breve and Semibreve are both duple, whereas in only 8 works are they both triple. The Long is duple in all save 48 instances. The Breve is triple in only 36 works, the Semibreve in 34.

In all the madrigals save 3, the metre changes at the beginning of the ritornello section. In 5 of the entire list of compositions there are metrical changes within a section. These are nos. 3, 70, 75, 134, and 141. In the case of no. 134 the metre changes eleven times during the course of the work. Frequently minor changes from duple to triple patterns are made by the use of white notation or the special devices of notation discussed in a previous section. The most complicated of these is no. 93, where the introduction of white notes of all sizes from Long to Minim continually varies the pulse. An interesting change in the time values, although one not affecting the basic metre, is found in the comparison of manuscript copies of no. 33. In \underline{R} , the note values are twice as long as in the other manuscripts.

The use of syncopation is frequently resorted to in the melismatic passages especially at the ends of sections. One of the longest of such passages is the following:

No. 129



Hocket is frequently used with moderation in these same places:

No. 127



As in the case of other mechanical devices which were introduced prior to this time they are both used with artistic discretion.

Although we continually hear discussions of the freedom of mensural notation as contrasted with the tyranny of the written bar-line, we are not at all conscious of any such contrast when this music is actually performed. Indeed when taken at a brisk tempo there is a splendid pulse to these works, especially the ballate, for the value of each Long or Breve has the effect of being a measure apart from every other such value, with only occasional suspensions from the preceding measure and then in but a single part.

In the two-part compositions, and in the two first-composed parts of the three-part works, i.e., the superius and tenor, there are clear traces of that style of improvised descant based on an alternation of Fifths and Octaves which the Anonymous III describes. The following example is one of the simplest to be found; usually the progression is less obvious. This style furnishes the basis for all work in contrary motion.

No. 30



Parallelism is often noted in this music, but like all other devices is used in moderation. The same interval is seldom used more than twice consecutively. Most of the intervals which one would expect to find are used—the Unison,

⁵⁸ Coussemaker, Scriptores, I, 325 ff.

Octave, and Fifth of organum, and the Third and Sixth of Gymel. The Fourth is used but seldom as an interval in two-part writing, and consecutive Fourths are even rarer. Parallel Seconds or Sevenths are so uncommon that we question the accuracy of the notation where they are found. One fact which must be borne in mind when examining parallelism in this music is that to the composer of this period the slightest melodic embellishment or passing-tone sufficed to remove the stigma of excessive use of this device.

When a third part, the contratenor, is added to this music it serves as the harmonic complement to the two previously written parts. If these are at a consonant interval such as the Octave the contratenor supplies the Fifth between them, while if they lie at a point where dissonance is desired the contratenor supplies the third tone of the triad. With the contratenor there frequently occur brief bits of <u>faux-bourdon</u> which are used to prolong the space between a dissonance and its resolution.

No.~122



As we noted in the use of descant and <u>organum</u>, the character of this device varies from a simple succession of first inversions to an independent progression of Thirds beneath an elaborate figuration or syncopation.

Anyone examining Francesco's music does not proceed far before becoming acutely conscious of the fact that triads while plentiful are nevertheless treated without exception as a dissonance (or 'imperfect consonance,' as the contemporary writers called it) of two superimposed Thirds. This is borne out in the treatise of Prosdocimus de Beldemandis, De Contrapuncto, written in 1412 near Padua:

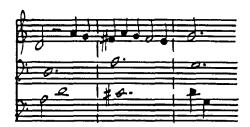
Item sciendum quod combinationum consonantium quedam sunt perfecte et quedam imperfecte; perfecte sunt, scilicet: unisonus, quinta et istis equivalentes, uti sunt octava, duodecima et huiusmodi; Imperfecte sunt, scilicet: tertia, sexta, et sibi equivalentes uti sunt decima, tertia-decima et hujusmodi . . . 59

The intervals actually termed 'dissonantes' are the Second, Fourth, and Seventh, or their equivalents—intervals used in this music only in passing. With Frances-co the Unison, Fifth, or Octave, or in three-part writing the two latter combined, represent consonance from which one moves directly to a dissonance based on a Third or a triad consisting of two superimposed Thirds. From this in turn there

Coussemaker, Scriptores, III, 195.

is a smooth progression back to consonance, as in the following instance:

No. 105



Francesco is not afraid to use dissonance with remarkable freedom, however. Thus in a few instances he begins the second section of a work with the dissonant triad, although he resolves it promptly.

No. 106



While he is still conservative enough to avoid this at the beginning of the first section, the effect is frequently approximated by a direct movement into the triad from the initial consonance.

No. 143



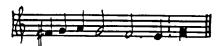
Likewise at the first ending or <u>verto</u> of the second section he frequently uses the triad in much the same manner as we use the partial cadence today.

No. 137

Because of the manner in which triads are formed, i.e., by the juxtaposition of two Thirds between the three parts as they are written horizontally, there is no marked preference for any particular form; augmented, major, minor, and diminished triads are all found as the occasion permits.

Francesco's cadences are based primarily on the principle of complete diatonic progression. The one exception to this statement is found in the melodic progression which the <u>Riemann Lexikon</u> calls the <u>Landinosche Sext</u>. This is used infrequently in all types of cadences by all the ars nova composers in Italy.

No. 52



In the two-part works diatonic progression to the consonant interval desired is a comparatively simple matter. In the three-part works there are two distinct patterns employed. The first consists of contrary motion in the outer parts with an independent inner part.



The second pattern makes use of the faux-bourdon device.



Almost without exception the root of the consonance is approached from the tone above it; the Fifth is approached from the tone beneath; and the Octave is reached from the first or second tone beneath.

Theorists of the Middle Ages and Renaissance wrote a great deal about the Gregorian modes and about a modal theory for melody; none of them succeeded in formulating an adequate theory of the tonality which evolved in the polyphonic music during this period. Such descriptions of the music as we find consist of accounts of proper progressions and consonances, most of the pages of the treatises being devoted to descriptions of the complicated system of notation. An

organized study of tonality still remains to be completed. In this discussion of the music of a single composer in a narrowly circumscribed period, we can offer only an itemization of the basic traits which we have observed as material upon which such a study may in part be based.

One defect in our methods of musical scholarship, in the past at least, seems to be the tendency to go to the two extremes in the interpretation of a given problem before the correct middle ground may be found. This has been the case as regards several aspects of this music, tonality being one such aspect. The first of the modern writers assumed that these compositions were based as a matter of course on the Gregorian modes which the contemporary theorists wrote about. Later writers who were able to examine a little more of the music, and who saw at once the considerable chromaticism, jumped to the other extreme and proclaimed the use of a major tonality. Actually a middle channel is the correct solution in this case as in so many others, for we witness the traces of Gregorian influence in the melodic line, traces greatly modified when combined with the other melodies with resultant adjustments.

Francesco's music uses the following chromatics: c*, f*, g*, b', occasionally eb, and once ab. Sometimes these are indicated in places where the current laws of musica ficta would supply them in any case. At other times they are carefully placed to indicate a breaking of these laws, apparently for the sake of a definite tonal effect. Their use in musica ficta can best be summarized by quoting an example from the writings of Prosdocimus de Beldemandis, the theorist whose works describe most closely the style of this music and its notation.

Coussemaker, Scriptores, III, 199



These two parts illustrate the use of <u>musica ficta</u> in the melodic line. Actually Prosdocimus bases his rules on the perfection of the interval involved, using <u>musica ficta</u> to make the pitches of the interval as close as possible to those of the following consonance.

B is frequently used in the key signature, b and e are used together twice in the signature. We cannot detect any marked difference in tonality between these compositions and the many others which secure the same effects through the insertion of the accidentals in the course of the parts. One composition, no. 34, appears in different 'keys' in different manuscripts. In S. the work opens and closes with the consonance on d. In F. it is transposed down a Fifth throughout and has the accidental b added in the signature of the one part that would use that tone.

In the following table, which outlines the harmonic structure of the 49 three-part ballate, the predominant finals used are \underline{c} and \underline{d} . The other two finals used are \underline{f} and \underline{g} . It is certainly no coincidence that these two latter finals,

⁶⁰The effect of polyphony on the Gregorian modes is graphically summarized by the decree of Pope John XXII in 1322. Cf. the Oxford History of Music, I, 294.

both a Fifth below \underline{c} and \underline{d} respectively and in a Subdominant relationship thereby, should appear much more frequently in compositions bearing the signature of one flat, \underline{b}^{\flat} . We have chosen the three-part ballate for this tabulation since they constitute all save four of Francesco's three-part works, and since the definite feeling of tonality is more pronounced in the three-part works. The table shows the various initial consonances of the first section which are used in conjunction with the corresponding final consonances of that section. It must be remembered that in the ballate this section both opens and concludes the work. The table indicates for the second section the initial consonances, the final consonance in the verto (with stanza two), and that of the chiuso 61 (with stanza three).62

First section	Second section	No. of
Initial: Final:	Initial: Verto: Chiuso	times used:
dd gd ad	\begin{cases} ee &d \\ ae &d \\ de &d \\ de &d \end{cases}	18
ad	gad	1
dd	ad	1
fd	gc	1
gd	{ dg eg	2
cc fc ec	$\begin{cases} d &c \\ c &c \end{cases}$	4
cc gc dc	{ eeccc gec	3 .
fc ac gc cc	gc cc dc ec	6
cc	cg	1
cc	da	1
cg	{aag dag	2
dg	gc	1

⁶¹In works which do not use a first and second ending we have indicated the final consonance of the section under the heading chiuso.

The single letter used in the table, e.g., the first <u>d</u>, indicates the use of any one of the following consonances based on that pitch: Unison, Fifth, Octave, Octave with Fifth, and more rarely a triad as indicated above.

First Section	Second section	No of	
Initial: Final:	Initial: Verto: Chiuso	No. of times used:	
dg ag	{ dd gd	2	
ff cf af	{ caf gaf aaf	4	
ff	{ gf af	2	

In the first patterns are represented more than one-third of the compositions examined. In the following table are indicated the most common individual rather than composite patterns:

First section	Second	No. of	
Initial: Final:	Initial: <u>Verto</u> :	Chiuso:	times used:
dd	ee	d	4
gd	ee	d	4
ad	ee	d	2
gd	ае	d	2
dd	ae	d	2
dg	d	- - d	2

These tables tell their own story—of the predominance of a tonality built on the consonances of \underline{d} . But most prominent of all is the fact brought out by the relationship between the two sections. Notice how many times, in the case of a first section tonality built on \underline{d} , the second section is built on the \underline{e} or supertonic, taking advantage of the chiuso to return to a tonic cadence; this is also true of the related key \underline{g} . In the case of the tonality on \underline{c} and its relative \underline{f} , the subsidiary section is sometimes built on the supertonic, but in an equal number of cases it is placed on the mediant tonality.

VII. The Role of Instruments

An elaborate discussion of the several controversial aspects regarding the performance of this music lies outside the scope of this present work. For an evaluation of the theories which have been advanced, the reader should consult the writer's article in the <u>Musical Quarterly</u> for April 1936. For an excellent survey of the instruments of this period, consult Gerold, La musique au

moyen âge, chapter XX, and the references given by that author. We shall limit ourselves here to a discussion of the instrumental elements and evidences found directly in connection with Francesco's music.

That instruments were used to a considerable degree none will deny. The parts given without texts have intervals difficult or impossible to sing, and have an excessive use of ligatures which again excludes the possibility of singing.

No. 119



In the frequent instances where the ballata parts have texts omitted in one or more manuscripts, but not in others, there is a constant simplification made by omitting repeated notes and by using more ligatures.

No. 116 in S.



in \underline{F} .



These parts must have been performed on instruments.

With two exceptions ⁶³ parts such as the above were always the tenor and contratenor parts. Occasionally, especially in the madrigals, there is a short passage without text between the final syllable of one phrase and the opening syllable of the following phrase; this is likewise of an instrumental nature. In all the above instances the lower range of the parts, their simpler nature with few melismatic figures, the use of the larger skips, all lead us to believe that they were performed on stringed instruments such as the viol and lute. ⁶⁴

The florid superius part, while not showing any of the characteristics described above and while always having a carefully placed text, nevertheless has many small figures in the melismatic passages such as the following, figures that are typical of the possibilities of a simple wind instrument or a keyboard instrument like Francesco's own organetto. The higher range and faster tempo of these parts would be more readily handled on these instruments.

⁶³No. 126 in \underline{B} . and no. 143 in the Prague MS.

⁶⁴Cf. the sonnets on p. xli below.

⁶⁵Villani '...manuque adeo velocissima,...organa tangere coepit... .'



Undoubtedly there was considerable adjustment for the immediate occasion as regards manner of performance. This is attested by the lack of texts for certain parts in some manuscripts, by the change in time values of no. 33, and by the transposition of no. 34.

As regards the instruments which actually appear in connection with this music 66 we find the standard ones of the day. On the illuminated folio of the Squarcialupi codex at the beginning of the section devoted to Francesco's music there are portrayed two organetti, two groups of pipe-like instruments, a psaltery, and three forms of the lute. On the tombstone, in addition to Francesco's organetto there are viol and lute. While Giovanni da Prato 67 and other contemporaries always associate him with the organ, Villani68 speaks of Francesco's skill on a list of instruments which comprises practically all the common instruments of the period. The description of the performance of no. 100 given by Sercambi and of no. 138 by da Prato do not specify regarding the performance except to say that they were sung and played.

The one definite connection between music and instrument in the works of Francesco is found in the following sonnets of Prodenzani, nos. 33 and 34 from the section entitled <u>Mundus Placitus</u> in his <u>Il Saporetto</u>.

⁶⁶The only mention of an instrument in the verses themselves is a reference to Orpheus and his lyre (no. 12), where the instrument is doubtless as mythological as is the player.

⁶⁷ Il Paradiso.

⁶⁸Cf. the Documents below.

⁵⁹Edited by Debenedetti, <u>Giornale storica della letteratura italiana</u>, Suppl. 15 (1913).

No. 33. Con lo liuto fè ballo amoroso
E ll'alvadança e'l trotto et la striano
Ciò che lui fa stampita par sorana,
Se fecto avesse Chi ama 'l delectoso.

Voleti udir se lui fo virtuoso? Che venir fe' una pigmatta sana; Con essa lui vi fe' la chiarintana, Puoi fece Matre mia, questo gilloso.

Con la chitarra fe' suoni a tenore Con tanta melodia, che a ciaschuno Per la dolceça gli alegrava 'l core.

Con la cetera ancor ne fece alcuno, Puoi venner pifar sordi cum tenore: Solaço incontenente ne prese uno.

No. 34. Stregnie le labbra fiero incontenente,

Da puoi fecer Con gli occhi assai ne miro,

De, pon questo amor giù, 71 et, con suspiro,

L'alma mia piango 22 et puoi fe' Polgli mente.

Tu si mi vuoi ferire amaramente Fecoro ancor, Galiaça et Bel siro, Vostre bellege li miei sensi apriero, Gram pianto agli occhi⁷³ non gli uscier di mente.

L'altra sera puoi venner suon d'archetto, Rubebe, rubechette et rubecone, Ch'a tucta gente diedar gran dilecto;

Tanto me piacque et puoi Gram pena pone Vi fecer su, ma tucti non le metto Per non tenervi in più longhi sermone.

According to Sachs, 74 the chitarra was a small instrument of the lute family. Gérold 75 describes the cetera as an instrument in the form of a vielle or early viol, but which was plucked. The pifar, according to Sachs, 74 was a transverse flute much like our fife today. These three instruments and their use in connection with the music furnish the one precise description of contemporary performance. Note that they are all played 'cum tenore' part.

⁷⁰ No. 27.

⁷¹No. 34.

⁷² No. 127.

⁷³ No. 123.

⁷⁴ Handbuch der Musikinstrumentenkunde.

^{75&#}x27;Les instruments de musique au moyen âge,' Revue des Cours et Conferences (1928).

VIII. The System of Transcription

The following notes are used in the original manuscript:76

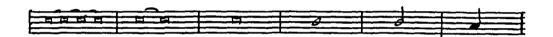


Maxima, Long, Breve, Semibreve, Minim, Semiminim

The corresponding rests:



Their modern equivalents:



These values have been reduced one-half in the transcriptions as follows:



The \underline{c} and \underline{f} clefs are used consistently on a six-lined staff. In the transcriptions, for purposes of convenience, we have substituted th \underline{g} clef for the \underline{c} clef, but all the pitches remain the same as in the manuscript.

When a time signature is given in the manuscript it is reproduced below. The modern signatures, and all other additions by the editor, are given in parentheses. Either the Long or the Breve value is used as a unit for each measure; the bar-lines are solid only where points of division occur in the original.

All musica ficta which has been suggested by the editor is placed above the note concerned; this has been kept down to a minimum, so that more might be needed in many cases for performance of the music. All accidentals placed before the notes were so placed in the various manuscripts. If a sharp appears in the manuscript in the role of a natural, the latter is given in the transcription.

Ligatures are indicated thus: $\ \ \ \ \$. There is so much variation in their use in the different manuscripts, without any change in the value of the notes concerned, that the transcriptions show only the ligatures of \underline{S} . or of the only manuscript in which the particular work is found.

⁷⁶Cf. section IV for a comprehensive discussion of the problems of this notation.

Too much credence must not be placed upon individual progressions of an unusual nature in those compositions appearing in only one manuscript. As will be noted by a comparison of many of the variants given in connection with works appearing in several manuscripts, there are enough variants which are obvious errors on the part of the copyist to make us extremely careful in accepting any unusual melodic or harmonic progression as the true intention of the composer. The transcriptions, however, have followed the rendering of the copyist in such passages unless otherwise indicated in the notes.

All melodic and rhythmic variations are indicated in the notes. Many cases in which a note is sustained in one manuscript through the rest given in others, without otherwise affecting the rhythm, are not indicated. In such cases the part is given in the manner used in the majority of the manuscripts concerned.

We have been able to identify the authors of the texts of but fourteen of Francesco's compositions. In no manuscript of music is the author of the text indicated, but a check in all published anthologies pertaining to this period has shown that of these Franco Sacchetti wrote three ballata texts and one madrigal. Carducci⁷⁸ gives the text of another sonnet by Franco, Ne te nè altra voglio amar già mai, with the common caption 'Franciscus de organis sonum dedit,' but the music to this work is not known. We know that Francesco himself wrote at least eight of the ballata texts and one madrigal. He was well known as a poet so that it is quite likely that the bulk of the verses are by him. One ballata may be credited to a Bindo d'Alesso Donati, and the caccia was written by Gianarozzo Sacchetti, a brother of Franco who was beheaded 15 October 1379 for his part in a conspiracy against the Florentine state.

All of the verses are in the Florentine vernacular except no. 101, the ballata Adiu, adiu dous dame Iolye. This one exception has been quoted by several writers to show the French influence in this music. Judging by the style and the location in the Squarcialupi codex it is a late composition.

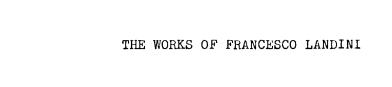
The texts, as prepared by Professor McLaughlin, are drawn from \underline{S} . with the modifications found necessary for clarity after an exhaustive collation with the other manuscripts. No attempt has been made to modernize either vocabulary or spellings. Variants in spelling, as found in \underline{S} . between the superius and tenor parts, are preserved in this edition except where they obscure the meaning of the passage. Frequently this variation is of a phonetic character; othertimes it is due to the demands of musical phrasing as in the second phrase of no. 85, or the third phrase of no. 133.

The compositions are arranged and numbered alphabetically according to their form:

Two-part madrigals .	•	•	•	•	1	_	9
Three-part madrigals	•	•	•	•	10	_	12
Pescha	•		•				. 13
Two-part ballate				•	14	_	100
Three-part ballate .				.]	101	_	149
Two-part frammenti .				.]	150	_	154.

^{77&}lt;sub>E.g.</sub>, o = d = .

⁷⁸ Le rime di Cino.....e d'altri...., p. 487.



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<u>s</u> .	Florence, Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana, Pal. 87
<u>F</u> •	Florence, Biblioteca Nazionale, Pan. 26
<u>B</u> •	London, British Museum, Add. MS. 29,987
<u>R</u> .	Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale, Fonds fr. nouv. acq. 6771
<u>P</u> .	Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale, Fonds ital. 568

<u>P</u>.





- 2. Et che niun si rimanga d'amore
 Perch' a llui non ne paia esser cambiato
 C'amor vuol che chi ama si' amato
- 3. Et che niun amante si disperi Per lung' amar che giugnendo agli effetto¹⁰ Ogni suo pena tornera in diletto.

1. Note that the opening syllable is repeated after the melisma, suggesting that it was to be sung. This also occurs in no. 7 and 127.

2. This sharp is omitted in S.

3. This sharp appears only in S.

4. An <u>f</u> in S.

5. Note the following four measure sequence. In <u>F</u>. this reads:

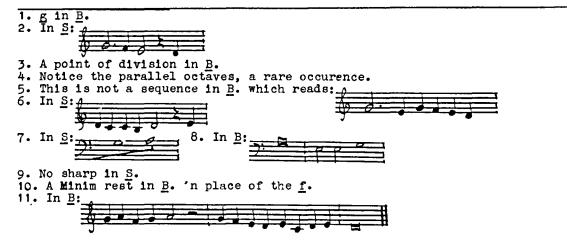
6. In F; 7. In S:

8. In F. these extra stanzas come after the first section, before the ritornello.
9. Carducci (Opere, VIII, 381) gives these stanzas in the above order but with the ritornello at the end.
10. In F: 'all'effetto'.





 Tanto contento son del gran piacere Di questa vaga luce dilectosa Che sança lei non spero d'aver posa.







2. Fortuna gli tenea la vista chiusa, Contra laquale usava ogn'arte e ingegno Sol per driçarsi all' onorato segno.5

i. A point of division in P.

ia. This flat appears first in measure seven of P; thereafter it is in the signature in the first section.

2. Notice the simple imitation.

3. Uses instead of a point of augmentation.

3a. Not s point of division in P.

4. Divisio duodenaria. Notice how frequently the point of division, as represented by solid bar-lines, is used in this ritornello. This is necessary because of the changeable value of the Breve in this older notation.

5. In the edition of these verses by Trucchi (Poesie ital., II, 165) the lines of the ritornello are repeated exactly as they would be sung.

6. This sharp appears only in P.

7. In P:

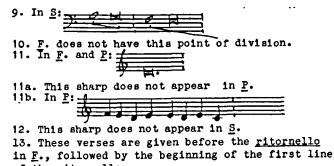




2. Così sperando per seguirla invechio. Quella spiatata fugge raguardando Che io sança merçe mi mor amando.



7. F. and P. have barlines here instead of the Long of the ritornello.
8. In F. and P: rest.



5. 5.128r; F.43v-44r. 1.0-.. te





2. Però c'all'ombra di tuo fresche fronde Donna possossi piena di virtute Sì che in quel punto a me desti salute.5.

- This sharp appears only in F.
 This sharp is omitted in F.

- 3. An e in F.

 4. This b is missing in S.

 5. In F. these lines come before the ritornello, the first line of which is indicated. The entire text has been edited by Levi (p.233).





^{1.} No rest in B.

2. This sharp appears in B. only.

3. S. ends at this point with a Breve on d. It is evidently a copyist's error judging by the entire part as given in B.

4. Two Semibreves here in B.

5. A small :ircle appears here between two lines of the staff in S. only. It refers to perfect time, but is inconsistent with the other time indications.

6. A point of division in B. only.

7. This point of division appears only in S.

^{7.} This point of division appears only in S.

This work is definitely marked $\underline{\text{Madrialle}}$ in $\underline{\text{B}}$., and has thus been useful in accurately determining the form of the madrigal.







1. This flat is introduced before the first b (measure eight) and thereafter is continued in the signature of the succeeding lines.

2. This is only a Minim rest in the MS.

3. This is an unusually long parallel passage.

4. Notice the manner in which plain consecutive Fifths are avoided.

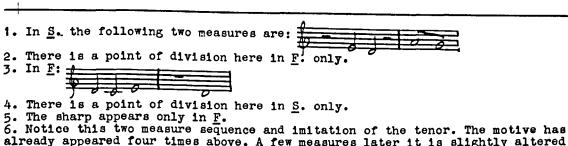
5. The text is by Franco Sacchetti, and has been published, with an additional stanza, by Capelli (Poesie Musicale, p.35).







- 2. Se giudichi secondo el tuo parere E la ragion non vedi, ispesse volte Ispregi quel che degna lode molte. 13.
- 3. Dunque debba tacer chi parla affatto, Che suo ignorança schuopre al uom che intende, Cosi colui pur se medesimo offende.



already appeared four times above. A few measures later it is slightly altered in further development.

7. This sharp is in S. only.

8. This sharp is also given only in S. Note the tritone if it is used.

9. Duodenaria time. 10. In S. this measure is:

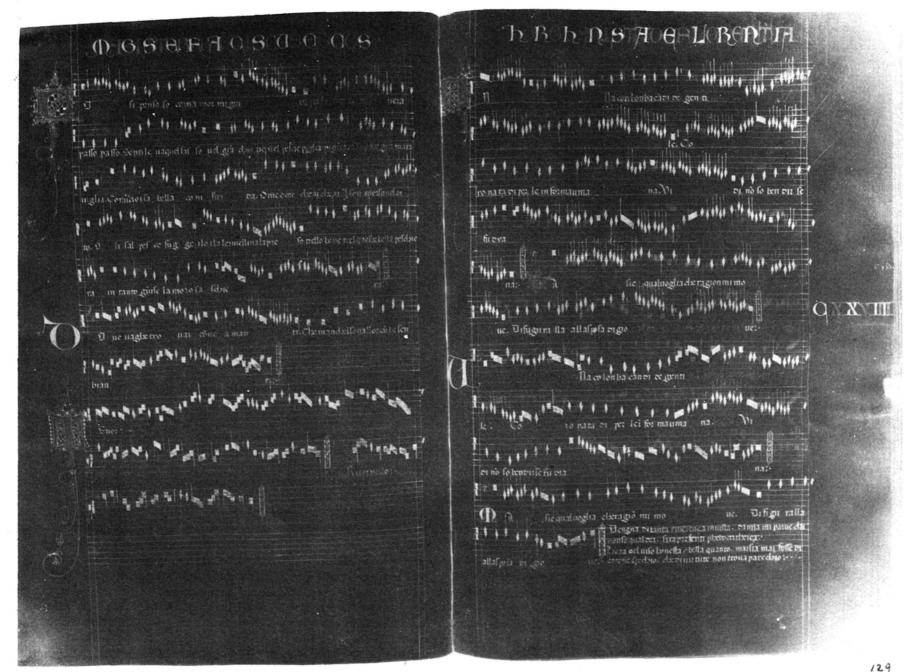
11. In F: 12. In S:

13. F. suggests the beginning of the ritornello here; it does not give the third stanza.

This work was first edited by Wolf($\underline{S}.\underline{I}.\underline{M}.\underline{G}.$, III, 64). It is based primarily on \underline{via} artis and uses many points of division, here shown by the solid bar-lines.







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- 2. Dengna di tanta riverença in vista, Dama⁷mi parve ch'i'non so qual dea Si rapresenti, Phebo o Citherea.
- 3. Lieta nel viso, honesta e bella quanto Marsia mai fosse, di Catone spechio Chi di virtute non trova parechio.

2. The time signature, octonaria, is found only in B.

3. The sharp appears only in B.

4. These points of division appear only in B.

5. An <u>f</u> in <u>B</u>.

6. Senaria perfecta in <u>B</u>.; simply perfecta in <u>S</u>.

7. This is the reading of Carducci(Opere, VIII, 362). S. reads'Da mia', <u>B</u>.'donna'.

8. In <u>B</u>.portions of the text in the first section are unaccountably missing; stanza three is also not given.

Notice the unusual amount of sequence, imitation, and hocket which appears in this madrigal. Judging by the style of notation and the few parallel Fifths 1t is a comparatively early work. Cf. Plate III.

^{1.} This signature is given only in B. S. has the first b lowered but none after that until the next to the last one.









is omitted in the transcription at this point, as it appears to be a repetition on the part of the copyist of the last of the preceding

Tempus perfectum is indicated in the tenor part only.
 A point, possibly of demonstration, occurs in the tenor part only.
 If a point of division, then the metre cannot be tempus perfectum.

This should rank as one of the greatest of fourteenth century compositions in spite of the fact that it appears in but one manuscript. Its canon on the Fifth is unique, as is the triple canon of the ritornello. When performed, the work is remarkably coherent for such extended canon. Note the repeated notes in frequent measures which, with a few slight sequences of phrase and rhythm, make for greater symmetry.









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1. This term appears in F. alone. It is the only time the term cantus is used in connection with Francesco's music.

2. This sharp is omitted in F.

3. This sharp appears only in B.

4. This sharp is omitted in S.

5. Here the sharp appears only in F.

6. In B. the fourth note of this measure is c.

7. In F. this note is sustained and the rest following it is omitted.

8. This point of division is found only in S.

9. This is the only place in Francesco's work where this time indication, modus longarum perfectus, appears. It is omitted in F.

10. Note the opening triad.

11. S. has a c clef here which is corrected in the next line.

12. This sharp is found in S. only.

13. In B:

14. This sharp is omitted in B.

15. This point of division is in B. and F.

16. In B. and F:
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Even though this is written in imitation of the French motets, it still retains its madrigal character. Cf. the tritextual <u>ballata</u>, no. 140. The verses have been numbered as they appear in the edition of Carducci (<u>Opere</u>, VIII). We believe that they were sung in this order rather than simultaneously; they would hardly make sense otherwise. Cf. the translation of the verses given near the end of section II of the Introduction.

The entire madrigal has been transcribed and published with a facsimile of the original by Ludwig (Adler, Handbuch, I). The facsimile is also reproduced in the Musical Quarterly, April, 1936.

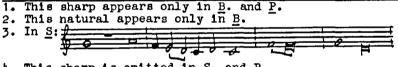








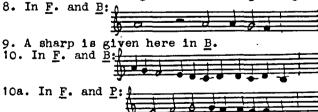




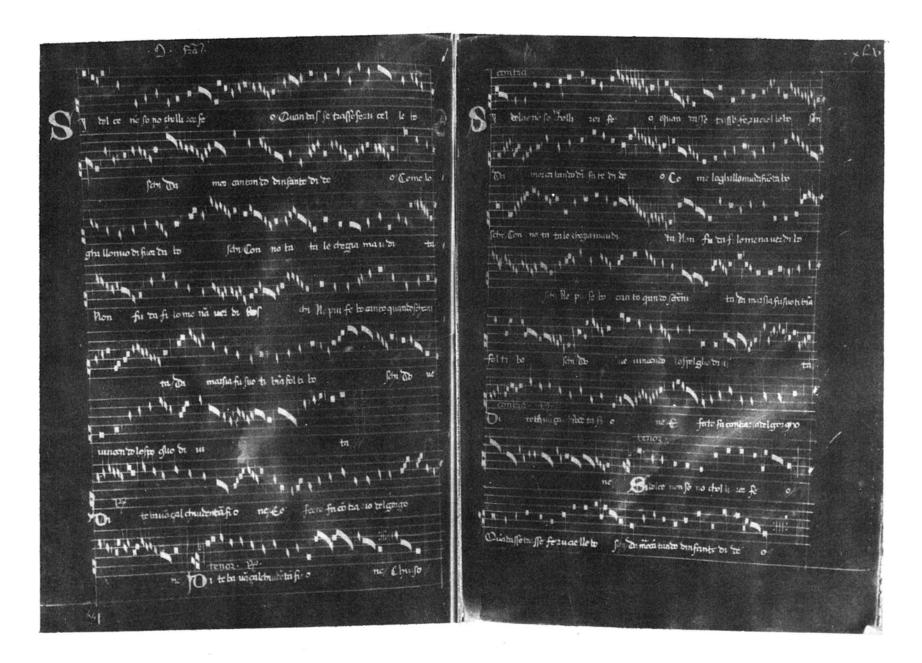
4. This sharp is omitted in S. and P.

4a. This is a g in P. 5. This sharp appears only in \underline{F} .

6. There is a point of division here only in B.7. This marks the beginning of the repetition of the tenor. Notice that the upper parts are very different from what they were before. All the MSS. except B. have complete texts to this point, and likewise as far in the <u>ritornello</u>. This is more text than would be given at the beginning of an instrumental part. Cf. Plate IV.



11. P. has no flat in the signature of the ritornello. 12. The tenor to the ritornello is repeated only once. The following two measures are given as a first ending, the last two then follow as a second ending. The second line of the verse is given beneath the first in S; other MSS. omit it.



IV. \underline{F} . 44v-45r, containing No. 12.



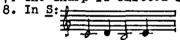






- 1. Senaria imperfecta. This time signature is given only in B.
- 2. This point of division is only in F.

- 3. Here the point of division appears only in B.
 4. There is a rest in place of this note in F.
 5. The following two notes are omitted in S. apparently through a copyist's.
- 6. This sharp appears in B. only.
- 7. The sharp is omitted in S.



octonaria, appears only in S. 9. This signature,



12. In \underline{F} , this measure is identical to that in the part given above.
13. Note that we have augmented the time values of the given notes in these last three measures.

In \underline{S} , the canon is not indicated in any manner. In \underline{F} , and \underline{B} , the parts are written exactly similar except that a long rest is indicated at the beginning of the superius. This indication is not given for the ritornello but we venture to suggest its most plausible form, in keeping with the cacce of other composers. Cf. Plates III and V.

The text, by Giannozzo Sacchetti, is published in Carducci, Cacce in Rima.

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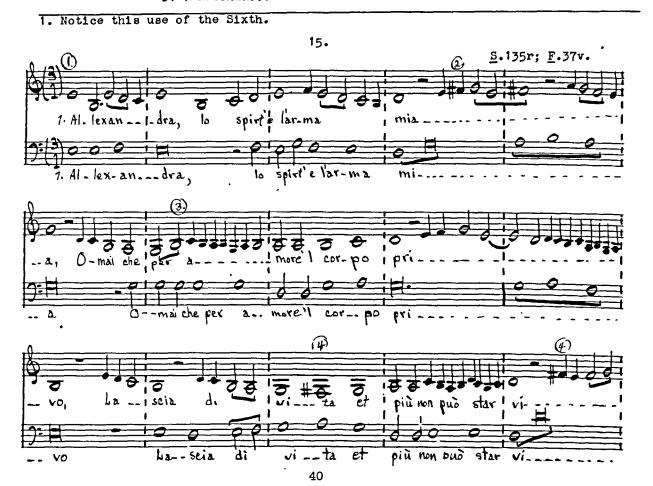
V. B. 39v-40r, containing No. 13. (Cf. Plate III).





- 3(2). Vuol senno con virtu e gentileça Di cuore e sie cortese et insegnato
- 4(1). Cui d'onestà quel sir vedrà dotato Per servo lui terrà nel suo ospicio.

5(1).Abbonda...





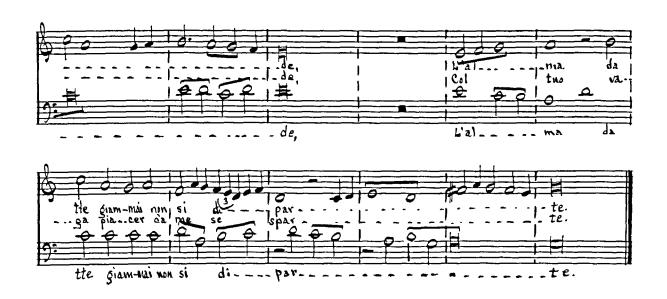
2. In F. the sharp is here; in S. it is placed three notes later.

3. An a in F.

4. This sharp appears only in F.

5. In F:





4(1).D'amor se' sola il più nobile parto Sopr' ogn' altra gradita Cui adoro et senpr' ò nel cospecto.

5(1).Altera...





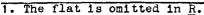
1. There is a measure lacking at this point.
2. The triplet was not indicated in the MS. which thus contained one Minim too many. Cf. the measure as given here with the fifteenth measure of the first section.

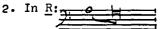
The text is by Franco Sacchetti and has been edited by Carducci (Cant., p.250).





- 3(2). Perche tu sola darmi vita puoi Tanto disio di tua bellega sento.
- 4(1).L'alma mie, serv' a tte di buon talento, Tanto spera et disia Quanto nella tua cara luce vede.
- 5(1).Ama donna...





- 3. This sharp is omitten in \underline{R} . 4. This point of division appears only in \underline{R} .
- 5. This flat appears only in F, although it is implied in the other MSS. due to the b flat in the tenor part.



- 7. This point of division is omitted in S.
- 8. In S: __
- 9. This sharp appears only in F.
- 10. A Long in R.
- 11. In F:0
- 12. This flat is omitted in R.
 13. In editing these verses, Trucchi (Poesie, I, 155) has an extra line after this. He attributes the text to Francesco. In R. stanza four is placed before stanza



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- 3(2).Pur pieghera l'alter cor quello strale Che rrenda a sensi el perduto vigore
- 4(1).Et la virtù dell' eccelso splendore Renderà pace al mio molesto affanno.
- 5(1).Amor....

Ma s'umiltà contra dureça vale'.

Unfortunately there is no other copy of the text with which to check.

^{1.} A Long in the MS.

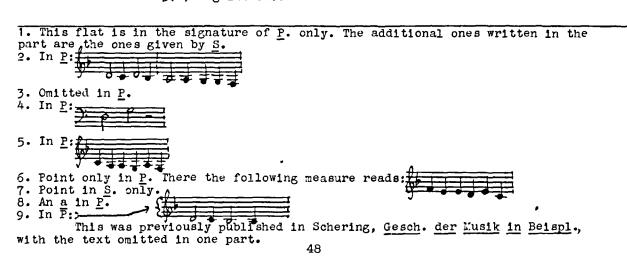
^{2.} The MS. has an extra Semibreve rest at this point.

^{3.} A more logical order for the text would be::

^{&#}x27;2.Innamar senpre con sincero core



- 3(2). Veng'a veder costei ch'e sol vagheça. Ara di lei si com'à l'alma mia
- 4(1).Ma, non credo, con pace tanta guerra.
- 5(1).Angelica....





- 3(2).Onde piangendo grido a cciascun passo De'! dolce morte or mi fa finire.
- 4(1).Poscia che mai nè mirar nè seguire Potrò l'alta belleça, Piena d'aspreça, Di voi, mia guerriera.
- 5(1).Benche....



4(1).Così vechieca la vede noiosa Al guardo di chi più n'avea diletto.

5(1).Benche ora piova...

This ballata is written entirely with via artis. Notice that the point of division is used at all bar-lines except where there are ligatures and before the final Longs. A reproduction of the original notation may be found in Wolf, Gesch. d. Mens.not., II, 94. It is transcribed in the same work, III, 128.



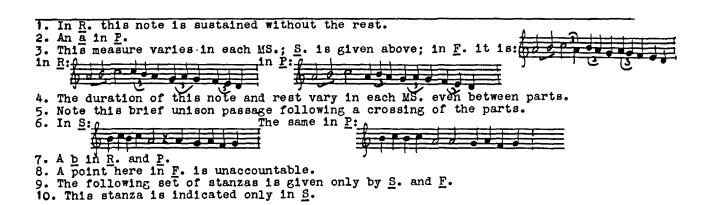


- 3(2). Dunque stolto è qual buon vede'l piacere Et nol prende, per dire il vo' più netto,
- 4(1). Chè rado un dolce caso tornerà.
- 5(1).Chi più le vuol sapere...
- Through some oversight this was copied into S. twice.
 Notice how smoothly this measure of unison fits into the general style.





- 3(2).Virtu de tte, gentil, dove si posa L'anim' anobilisce et fallo umile
- 4(1).Però seguir d'amore el vero stile, Virtù s'intende, l'altr'è grande errore.
- 5(1).Chi pregio...
- 6(2).Alcuna volta fu' degl' ignoranti 6 Che dicien che virtu è donna amare.
- 7(2).Non conoscieva ancor i lor senbianti Falsi da far la mente giusta errare.
- 8(1).Or ch'i'so quel che son e quanto vare Prova m'à ttratto fuor del lor ardore.
- 9(1).Chi...¹⁰





- 4(1).Ne raguard' altra, avendo lei giammay Et per dar vita a llei mort'are'chiesto.
- 5(1).Coma seguir...³
- 6(2). Et or mi veggio, pur bene sperando, Amor, del mio servir, esser tradito.
- 7(2).Da llei ancor del che e'l come e'l quando Tacer mi pare per non esser udito.
- 8(1).Con isperança di mostragli a dito Quanto l tradirmi suo è disonesto.
- 9(1).Coma...
- 10(2).Però mie nuova nello stremo morso 4 Vedi che son de di quando m'a offeso
- 11(2).Coste' da chu speray' aver soccorso Che pur demay el più gravoso peso
- 12(1).Ond'e partito fra mie sospir preso Di star fuggiendo.

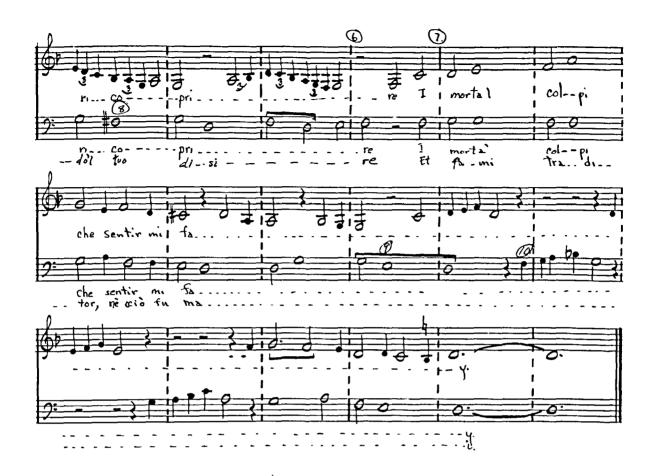
- 13(1).Com'al seguir....
- 1. These are Long rests in F.
- 2. In F:



- only in F.
- 4. The remaining lines, found in
- F. only, are obscure.







4(1).Dunque signor, che'l sai, Scuopri le el mio dolore, Dille:"e'more sança colpa in martiro.m

5(1).Cogli ochi assai...11

1. This composition uses white notation to change the division of the Semibreve from duple to triple.

2. The tenor is given without text in F.

3. This point of division is given only in F.

4. This very necessary flat appears only in S.

5. This accidental is found only in F.

6. In F:

7. This point is missing in S. 8. This accidental is found in P. only.

9. An f in F.

10. This point is missing in \underline{P} . Note the fine hocket in these measures. 11. This stanza is not indicated in \underline{P} .





- 6. In S: 7
- 7. In F: 4 8. There is no point here in P. Notice the unusual a flat which follows.

 9. This point appears only in P.

 10. F. omits this accidental; P. has it two notes later.

 11. These points are omitted in F.

- 12. This accidental is omitted in S.
- 13. In F:-14. In F:
- 15. This accidental appears in F. only.
- 16. In F:
- 17. This stanza is not indicated in P.



3(2). Piango la mie fortuna per ch'io sento Da suo salute ogni mie ben diviso,

4(1). Si che già di pietà m'è'l cor conquiso Da llagrime e sospir cotante sparte.

^{1.} A Long rest in the MS.
2. A Minim rest in the MS.
3. 'contate' in the MS.







- 3(2). Tu sola se'che m'à preso et conquiso. Tu sola se'mie sperança, mie vita.
- 4(1). Piacciti dar rimedio alla fedita, C'altra che tu non mi può aitare.
- 5(1).Da poi che...

1. Notice this progression of successive Octaves and Fifths, an echo of the art of improvised discant described by an anonymous writer of the thirteenth century. Cf. Gérold, La musique au moyen age, p.424, or Coussemaker, Script., I, 325.

2. These were each Longs in the MS.





Note the extreme rhythmic complexity of this measure.
 This use of a Semibreve rest instead of two Minim rests in a compound metre is rare.

^{3. &#}x27;prest'a' as given in the tenor part is the proper reading. The extra '1' is a nonsense vowel added for the musical pulse.





4(1).D'oggi in domane, e qual fu', sono ancora, Cost talor aviene per troppa fede.

5(1).De'! che mi giova...

1. These measures are necessarily small because of the odd number of Breve values. 2. A Long in the MS.





- 3(2). Che chi mal fa e pur segue l'errore Più è da reputare magior difetto.
- 4(1).Dunque segui d'amore el dolce effetto Che nel misero petto Ritorni el bene che già solea avere.
- 5(1).De'! non fugir....

In this composition are found the shortest note values to be found in any of Francesco's music. In \underline{R} , it appears doubly augmented, so that the note values are there the customary ones.

This sharp is omitted in R.
 This point of division appears only in F.
 This sharp appears in F. only.





- 4(1).Di lei degno non se' Nè a llei degno pare Che tu la degi' amare. Leva dunque el pensier; non amar più.
- 5(1).(De'! pon' quest'....)9
- 6(2).Levar non potrei mai
 Il mio amor da llei
 Tanto legato m'à.
- 7(2).Et tu sempre staraj Com pena e dolglie, o mei! Tuo non si curera
- 8(1).Cierto nessun lo sa,
 Donna di gran valore,
 A picciol servidore
 Per sofferença già benigna fu.
- 9(1).(De'! pon' quest'....)9
- 10(2).A quest' a chu non cale
 Di questa ballatetta con riverença di'
- 11(2). Che sa ben che nol vale
 Ma fuggir la saetta non può la qual sentì.
- 12(1).E'sì forte'l ferì Che chura pocha pacie. Se tal servo li spiacie, Amor lo scusa e lla sua gran virtù.
- 13(1).De'! pon' quest' amor giù....

1. In <u>F</u>. this entire composition is transposed a Fifth down. In the superius the signature contains one flat (<u>b</u>) thus maintaining a corresponding tonality. In the tenor the same result is achieved by the omission of sharps and the addition of one flat throughout the part. This is the only work of Francesco's which has been transposed thus between two MSS.

2. In <u>F</u>:

3. In F:

4. This sharp is omitted in the transposed F.
5. In F there is a flat before this note which would be a b.
6. In F:

7. In <u>F</u>:

9. This stanza should be assumed here although it is not indicated in either MS.

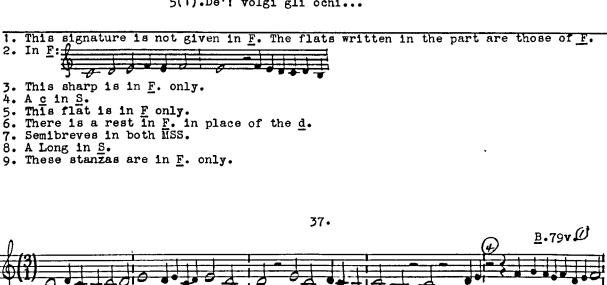
10. The remaining stanzas appear only in F.
11. The verses up to this point have been published, with considerable variation, by Carducci (Cant., p.318) and by Trucchi (Poesie, II, 153). The latter accredits them to Francesco.





4(1).Per chè quando il tuo è più serrato ? Tanto più arde e più fia donn'altruj?

5(1).De'! volgi gli ochi...







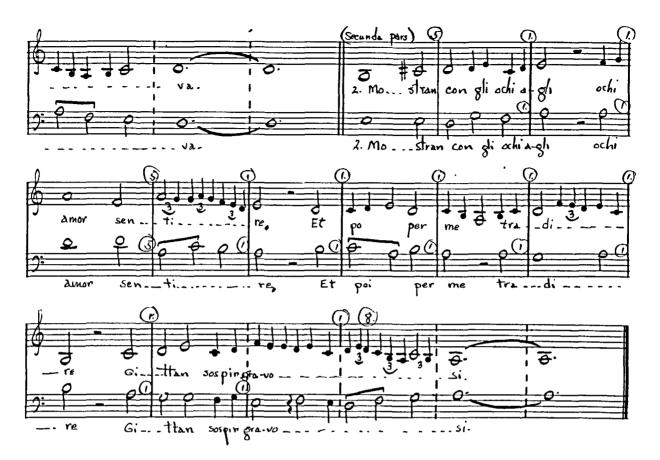
1. The form of this work is definitely marked <u>Ballata</u> above the music in the MS. Like many of the compositions in <u>B</u>. this is written so inaccurately one wishes there were another copy extant. Each liberty which has been taken in the transcription has been indicated, however, in the following notes.

- 2. There is an extra Breve rest here.
- 3. This note is a Long in the MS.
- 4. A Breve rest in the MS.
- 5. This was a Semibreve in the MS.
- 6. Note the Third which begins this section.

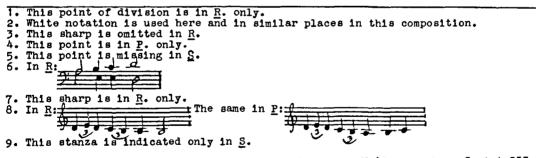


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VI. P. 104v-105r, containing No. 148 above and No. 38 beneath.



- 3(2). Tenpo ne lloco non guardan se dire Posson farmi morire Mostrandosi angosciosy
- 4(1). Et s'allor par nostri ochi esser pietosi Si vantan che nno portian dentr'al core Il lor amore. Chi'l sa fatt'à lla prova.
- 5(1).Donna, che d'amor....9



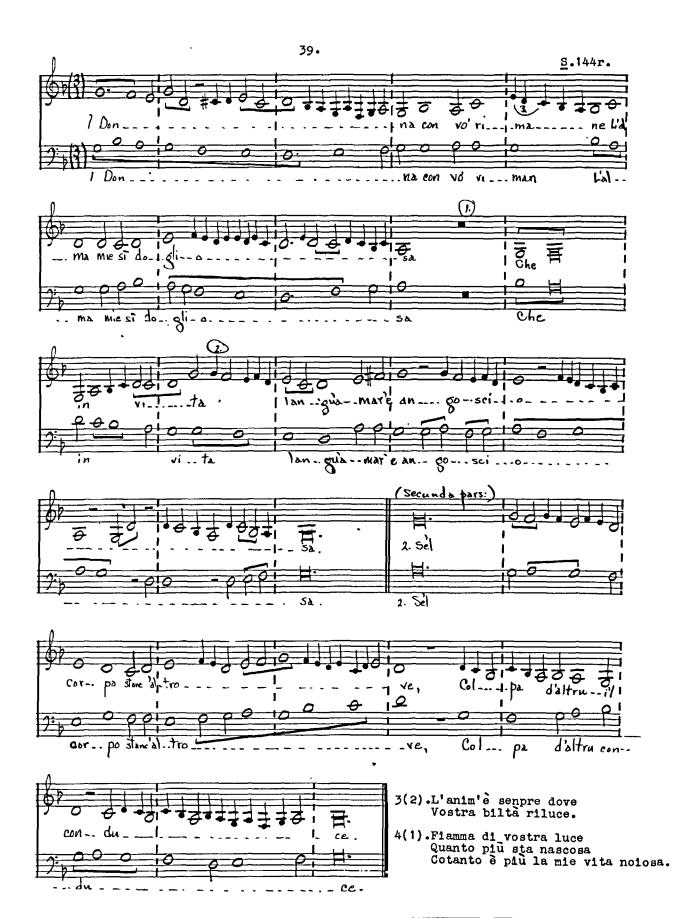
This ballata is referred to by the Anonymous V (Coussemaker, Script.III, 395-6) as follows:

'And NICOLAUS DE AVERSA, of the order of the Celestines, said that when CECHUS DE FLORENTIA placed red imperfect Semibreves in the discant of his ballade he did not err, but rather did he make a mistake in placing red Semibreves in the tenor, since the tenor is of minor prolative.

The unknown author goes on to discuss the rules as given by Jacques de Liège referring to the correct usage in the Gloria and Credo of PERINETUS, a 'great motet Rex Karole', the cantilena of NICOLAUS DE AVERSA. He concludes: This is the form of CHECUS DE FLORENTIA, however'; and then quotes the first five and one-half measures of the superius part, and the first four measures of the tenor part.

There is no variation of notes between the MSS. in these measures; however in the use of noints Anonymous V agrees with P. which may mean that he was

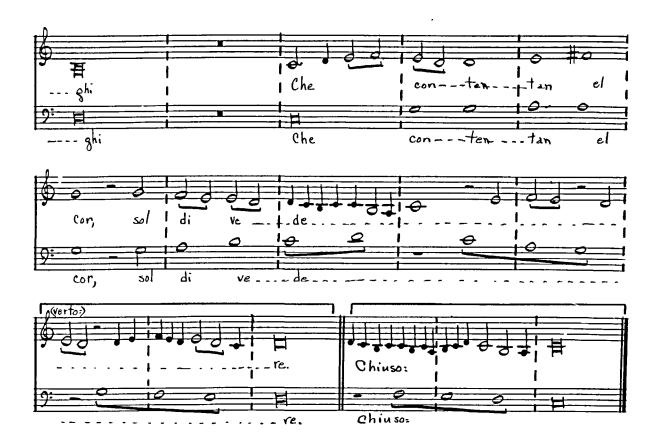
There is no variation of notes between the MSS. In these measures; now-ever, in the use of points Anonymous V agrees with \underline{P} , which may mean that he was familiar with that MS. Eventhere the tenor does not use any red notes or their equivalent in white notation in spite of the reference to them. Cf.Plate VI.



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^{1.} A Breve rest in the MS.
2. There is a point of syncopation here.





- 3(2).Nè cos'al mondo so che più m'apaghi Che mirar te, Nè cheggio altro piacere.
- 4(1).Però ch'à di virtu tanto podere La tua soma biltate Ch'a onestat'e amor sempre m'invita.

i. In the MS. there is a single bar-line across the staff at this point instead of the usual Long rest.

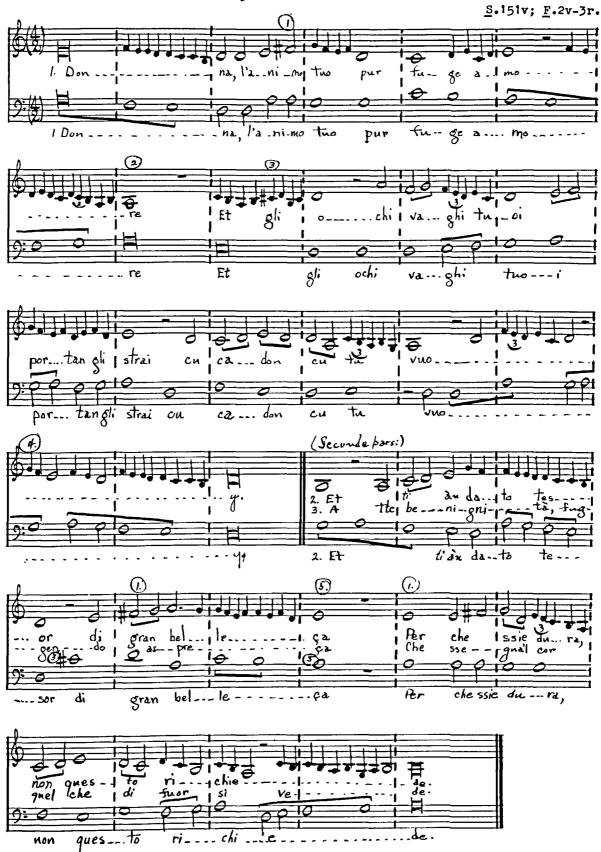






1. This composition is one Breve short. The above is offered as a likely solution. 2. Note the similarity with the last three measures of the first section. 3. As in no.41, this unusual position of the final syllable appears to be an error.

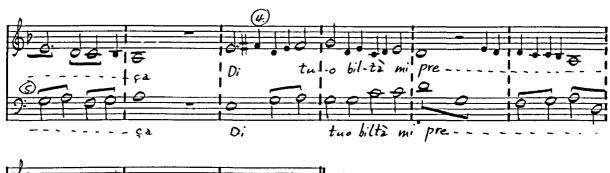




4(1).Mostrare'l volto bel, pien di merçede E dureça aver poy, Non è dolor che tanto al servo noi.

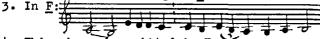
5(1).Donna,....







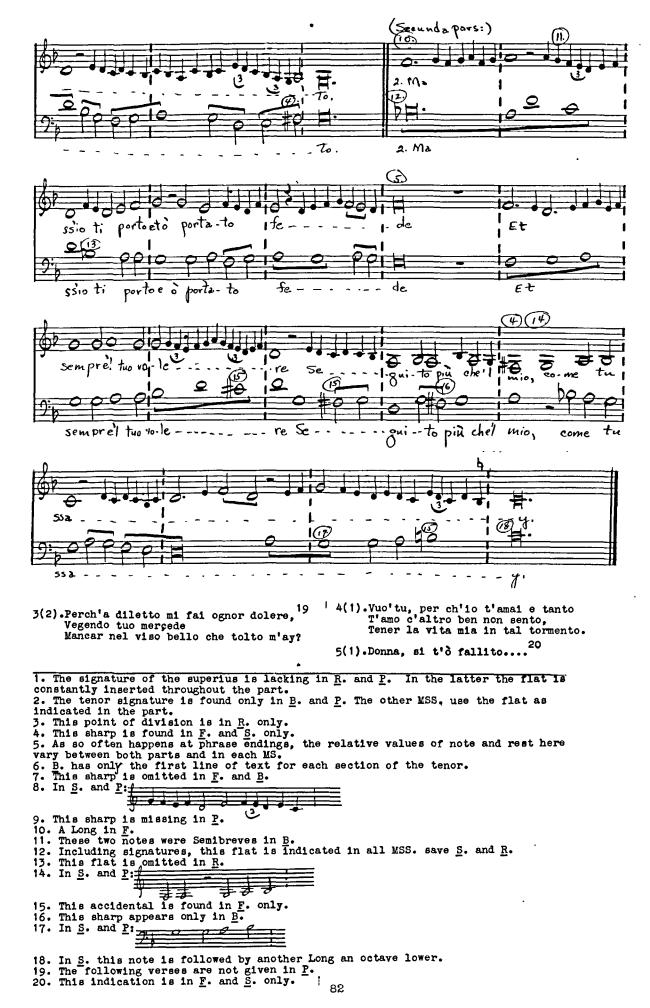
- 3(2).Ma pur tuo gentileçça E il valor mi conquise.
- 4(1). Pero c'amor mi misse Nel cor ch'i'mi donassi Quando m'innamorassi A donna d'alto stato.
- 1. This signature is given only in S. The flats given with the part are those of F.
- 2. This rest is missing in S.



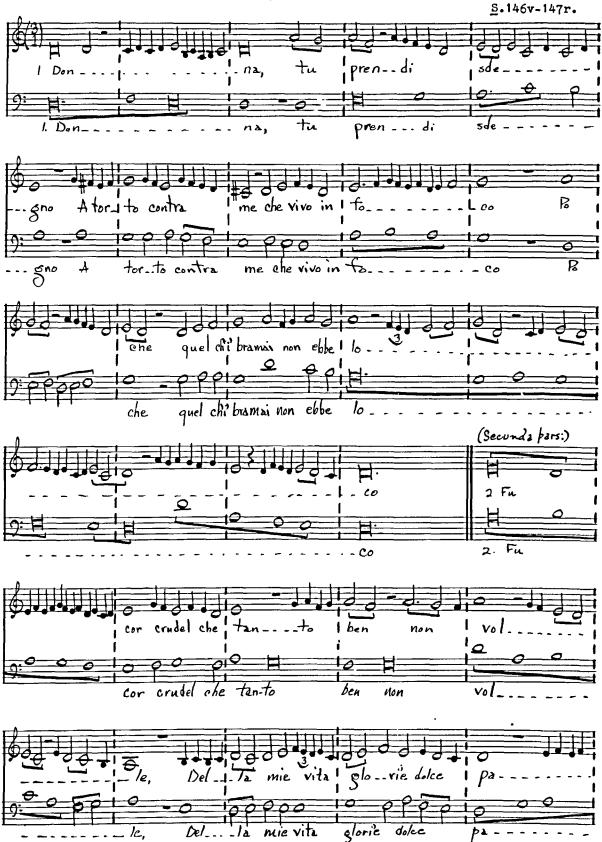
- 4. This sharp is omitted in F.
- 5. In <u>F</u>:
- 6. Trucchi (II, 156) attributes these verses to Francesco.



Bellata no. 45 has also been observed by Bukofzer in the Bodleian manuscript, C.S. eccl. 229, fol. 38, a fragment from the same source as the two Paduan fragments.











3(2).Et non lodo soccorrere Se da onor non fugommi.

4(1).Ond'io ora ben purgomi S'a dio ma'volli offendere, C'amor m'à fatto accendere E'l'timor mi dissanima.

1. Notice these spaces between the end of one phrase of text and the beginning of the next. They are much more irregular than similar places in the two-part madrigals, and here tend to make the text appear poorly placed.



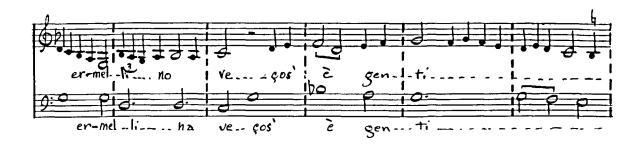
3(2).In questo vago tempo Ogni cosa à vagheça

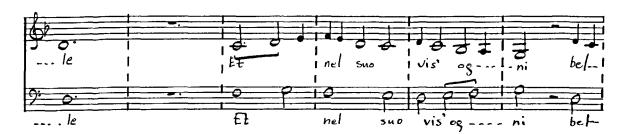
4(1).L'erb'è con gran frescheça E fiori coprono prati E gli alberi adornati Sono in simil manera.

1. This note was a Semibreve in the MS.

This is the shortest of the entire works of Francesco.Notice the very unusual ending in each section, two Semibreves and a rest instead of the usual Long. The relative size is caused, not by a change in the verse form, but rather by a reduction in the use of melisma in the music.









- 3(2).Quanto soave, altera, umile, D'ogni virtù per suo natura scorta
- 4(1).Et per mie grave sorta
 Tu vuoi ch'i'le sia servo, signor mio,
 C'appena tu, non ch'io,
 Farle potresti degnamente honore.
- 5(1).Facto m'à serv'amore....





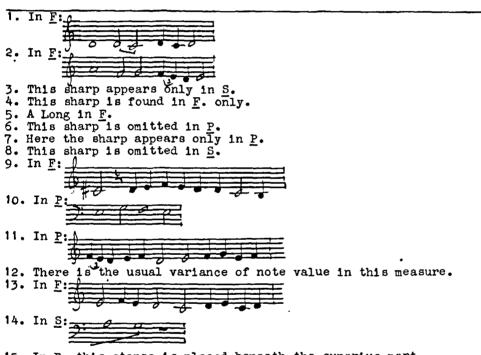
- 3(2).Per te di e nocte moro Et ramentarti mai mie cor non tace,
- 4(1).Ma ss'io nonn'ò tuo pace Staranno lagrimosi gli ochi miei.
- 5(1).Fjor....

^{1.} Notice this imitation of the tenor.

^{2.} Scribal error for 'i'.



- 4(1).Con fortuna amor sempre si tene
 In un volere al mio dolore intera.
 Ma pur non temo c'ancor nonn'è sera.
- 5(1).Fortuna ria.... 16
- 6(2).Più ch'altro d'altra, quest'amor m'accende Il cor e l'alma mia, Di star suggetto a llei:
- 7(2).Non vera fè, nè mio dolor l'arrende. Amor vuol che ciò sia Per força di costej.
- 8(1).Ch'à volto contra me 'l cielo e li dej. Di vita'l mie pensier se ne dispera Ma pur non temo ch'ancor non è sera.
- 9(1).Fortuna ria....



15. In P. this stanza is placed beneath the superius part. 16. The following stanzas appear only in F.

A unique feature of this work is that the last line of each stanza which is sung to the music of the first section is identical. The verses have been published by Trucchi (II, 166).



4(1). Et con gran fè dispuosi Al suo servigio tutta la mie vita, D'ogn'altra amore essendomi partita.

1. Due to their irregular number, the Breves must be used as units in this composition.

2. One wonders why this accidental was considered necessary since there is no signature. It is not before a note which might be lowered by <u>musica</u> <u>ficta</u>, and even if the part were transposed it would still be unnecessary.





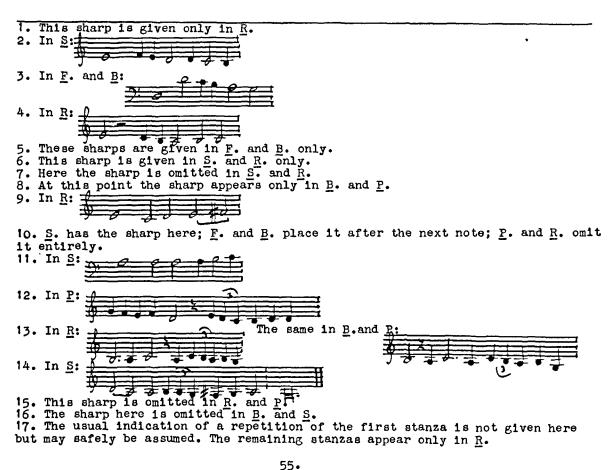
- 3(2). Anno avuto poder di far suggetto A voi'l mio cor ch'esser'liber'solea.
- 4(1).Sì che la mente mia Non può sperar salute, Se da voi concedute Non son a me movendovj a pietade.
- 5(1).Gja....
- 6(2).Mai non permise força di fortuna Nè amor, poi ch'i'ebi ingengno e vita
- 7(2). Che di me signoria avesse alchuna Dall'altre donne assai fosse pulita,
- 8(1).Salvo che voi, gradita Sopr'ogn'altra, m'avete D'amor preso con rete Ma non usate però crudeltade.
- 9(1).Gjà.....

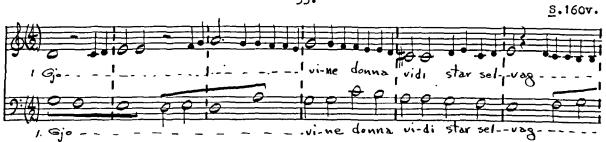
Notice the long ligatures in the instrumental tenor part to this composition.

^{1.} An extra 'Gja' is inserted here, inconsistent with the form.



- 4(1).I'temo, vaga donna, c'a quell'ora
 Che fi'el tuo partimento
 Non sie greve'l tormento
 A ffar partir da mme l'alma smarrita.
- 5(1).(Gjà per....)¹⁷
- 6(2).De'! discreto signore, Ussa nel servitore Pietà alguna a scampo di sua vita.
- 7(2).E però il tuo valore deponga, Al mio dolore Se può riparo de la tua partita,
- 8(1). Se pur da morte si difende vita, Fia me'pena saputa Seray crudel tenuta Dove non se'sol per questa partita.







4(1).Suo treça bionda, dorato colore, C'amor conseco, non credo, che'll'aggia.

A Long rest in the MS.
 Notice the use of dissonance at the beginning of the section.
 Note that the last six measures are identical with those of the first section.



%(1).Et non pensando al poter degli dei Mi stava pargoletto Poi cercandomi el petto Lo stral dorato dentro vi trovay.

^{1.} A Breve rest in the MS.





- 4(1).Onde piangendo l'anima s'atrista E mor sì di dolore Che gli ochi con amor non può vedere.
- 5(1).Gli ochi che in prima....8

- 6(2).Cost pien di tormento'l cor mi veggio Nè so nè penso che cuor là si mova
- 7(2).Dimmi singnior perche di mal en peggio Costei mi guida non con giusta prova
- 8(1).Ch'a gientil cor dè parere cosa nova Usando tel errore verso di chi si muore Pe' suo valore.
- 9(1).Gli ochi che in prima.....

1. F. has no signature for the superius part. In both F. and P. the tenor has no signature but has a flat before the only note affected.

2. In S:

4. This appears in P. only.

5. This is inserted in P. to cancel the accidental noted above.

6. A Breve ligature in S.

7. In P:

8. This stanza is indicated only in S. The following stanzas occur in \underline{F} . only.

Trucchi (II, 157) accredits this poem to Francesco.





- 4(1).Però ringratio te, benigno sire, Chè mi ramenta ancora Del ben ch'i ebbi allora Per tuo virtù et per altrui pietate
- 5(1).I'fu tuo serv', amore,....⁵
- 6(2).Passato e'l fiore e'l tempo puerile, Immaginay porre fin al mio amare,
- 7(2).Disposto più nell'animo virile Della gloria mondana um po'cerchare.
- 8(1).In ciò fu vano il mio imaginare Per una vaga luce da tte pur mi riduce Tant'e'l valore della sua gran biltate.
- 9(1).I'fu....

- 10(2).Po che tua singnoria pur questo vole Più che giamai contento vive'l core.
- 11(2).Ma un sinistro solo forte mi dole Chè'ndengno mi reputo a tanto honore
- (12(1). Ma sse degno mi fay, ti priego, amore Che qui fermo mi tenga tanto che'l mio fin venga In questo stato di felicitate.
- 13(1).I'fu....
- 14(2). Maravigliomi assay del gram podire Ch'ai dato a lley, così gentile e bella,
- 15(2). Che m'à mutato con dolcie piacere Della mia lingua in tedescha favella.
- 16(1).La qual promessa in me mai non si svella Da me par alcun tempo, fe'ciò saper a tempo Non spero may sentire aversitate.

Non

- 17(1) .I'fu ...
- 1. The next four measures of this part are omitted in P.
- 2. In F::
- 3. Note this rare use of the Third as the initial interval.
- 4. In F. and P:
- 5. This indication is omitted in \underline{F} . and \underline{F} . The following stanzas are given only in F.





Don - -- na più c'attra



- 3(2). Ma sempre amando questa in pura fede Servendo che cciò'l vede Merito alcuno ancor trovar dovrei.
 - 4(1).Ben temo a tanto sospirar per lei Força non n'abbia intera Che morte pria m'ancida, in che ella spera.

5(1).Il suo bel viso....

1. S. begins the first line with an f-clef instead of the c-clef used in the other MSS. The mistake is not continued in the second line. MSS. The mistage is not continued in the second quently some of the notes which are repeated in order to accommodate the text as given in \underline{S} , are sustained in the former MS. This evidence definitely indicates that the text in \underline{F} , could not have been fitted in by a singer - in the manner in which stanzas three and four were fitted to the music by the singer of the superius part - and that it was consequently either played directly by an instrument or else sung on a single vowel, which after all is an instrumental style.



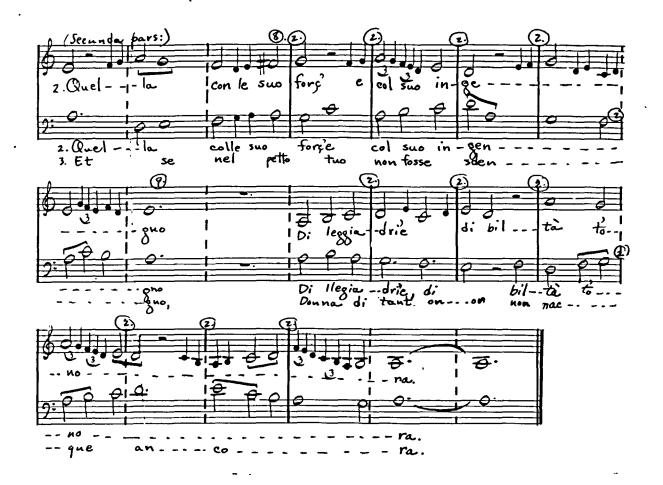
5. An f in S. 6. This accidental is found in \underline{F} . only. 7. The following stanzas are found in \underline{S} . only.





- 3(2).Ch'e imme d'ongni biltà vera cholonna Et di virtù sopr'ongn'altra pregiata.
- 4(1).Sentir per me quel ch'io per lei non fai Terrà mi sempre'n guai e in pavento.
- 5(1).I'non ar.....





4(1).Ma quella crudeltà che in te dimora Non ista ben in sì gentil figura.

- 1. This point of division is in S. only.
 2. This point if found only in R.
 3. An f in R.
 4. In R:

5. S. uses white notation for the triplets in this composition. R. secures the same rhythm by use of via artis and special forms of notes discussed in chapter four.

6. In R: 7. In R: 8. This sharp appears only in S.

9. There is the usual discrepancy in size between this note and rest.





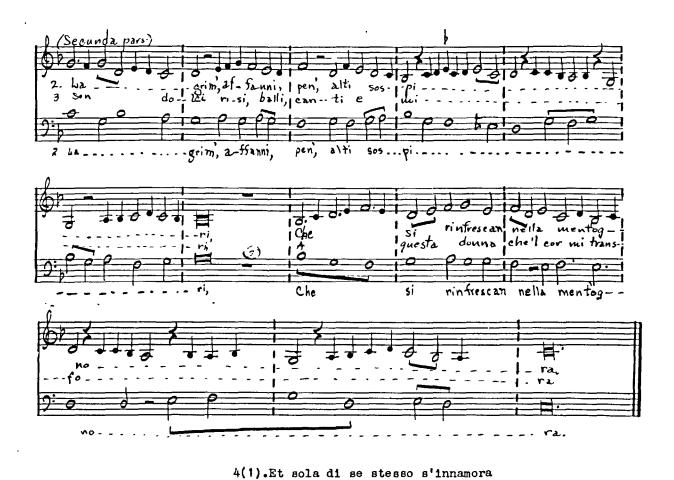
- 3(2).0 giovineça in cui piacer si stende, Nessun grave pensier in te s'annidia.
- 4(1).Tutt'ài il diletto e vechieça la'nvidia, Ma poco dura il tuo giocondo stato.
- 5(1).I'piango.....

1. This sharp was placed directly beside the flat which appeared in the part several notes before it was needed. This practice of indicating changes in advance suggests that normally an accidental influences the entire phrase before which it is placed, rather than just a single note. Thus in the present instance, were it not for the sharp given with the flat the latter would have continued in force for two measures.

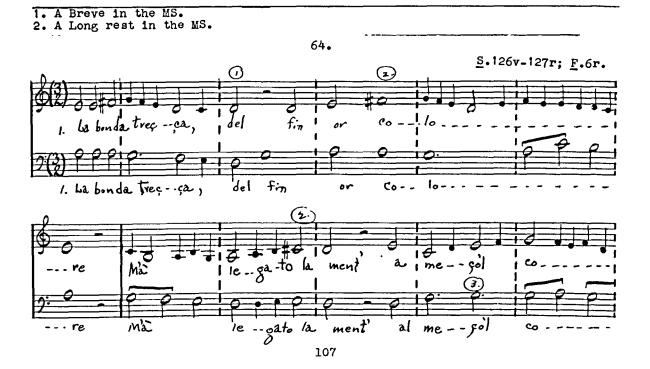
2. A Breve rest in the MS.

3. This g represents the lowest note reached in any of Francesco's works. Cf.no.75.



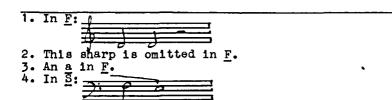


Ne'specchi vaghegiando Pur mirando l'ombra sua fallace.





- 3(2). Che com pura neve al sol mi sface Et non si cura per ch'io mi scolori.
- 4(1). Et so gli affetti del mie mal giori Che lle parole e bello vede amore.
- 5(1).(La bonda tregga....)⁵
- 6(2). Dunque amor che sai lo stato mio Che mi fa nel foco esser beato
- 7(2).De'! Fa che nel bel viso il qual io Con voci assa'piatose t'ò chiamato
- 8(1). Ore per me vi ti veggia a guisto grato Acciò che me non vengnia in dolore.



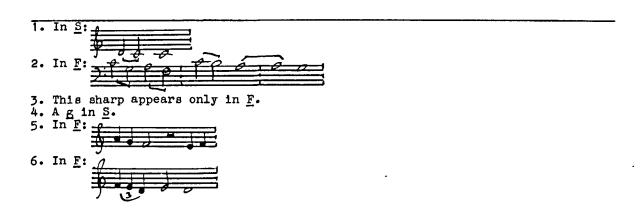
5. This stanza, necessary for the form, is not indicated in either MS.; the following stanzas are in \underline{F} only.







- 3(2). Sarai sempre per me di pietà gnuda Come ancora sempre ciascun vede.
- 4(1).Ma ll'amor che mi tien, questo non vede. Che in tale errore ti tengha Per men male mi spengha Dalle tuo fiamme el cor per servir mio.
- 5(1).L'alma.....







4(1). Et tal sotto color di bene a inganni Parla che più tacer sarie felice.

- 1. White notation is used for all triplets in this work.
- 2. In P: =
- 3. This point of division appears only in \underline{P} . 4. This sharp is found only in \underline{S} .
- 5. In P: -

6. Cf. the ending of the same stanza in no. 41. In the present case an immediate conclusion of the vocal part, followed by an instrumental postlude, is possible.





4(1). Veggendo ch'a mmie prieghi non discende L'angelica figura e'l viso pio.

5(1).L'antica.....



A c in F.
 The relative sizes of note and rest vary.





4(1).Di ritornare a llei sì mmi parti Chè'l corpo sança'l cor star no pò.

5(1).L'aspecto....





- 3(2).A quel disio c'a morte mi conduce Seguendo tu tuo crudel nome a ttorto
- 4(1).Ma prima sofferrò mi vegha morto, E indarno poy mi chyami, Che per tuo crudeltà volghi al mio core.

^{1.} A Breve in the MS.

^{2.} A Semibreve in the MS.
3. This rest is preceded by a superfluous Semibreve rest.
4. Notice this dissonant Third, used as a phrase-ending.

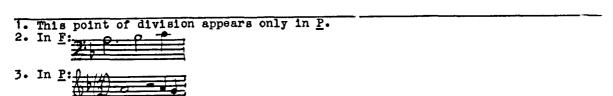




Mostrando ligto a mme suo viso adorno E poi pare smarrita

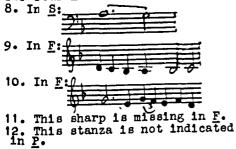
4(1). Dunque perd'io l'anima sbigottita.
Dolce morte ti prendi
Sì ch'a un otta e non a stento pera.

5(1).Ma'non s'andra.....



4. This point appears in \underline{F} . only. 5. S. has the signature octonaria here. From the style of the notation, the change should come as indicated, three measures earlier.

6. An a in S. 7. Wolf (Gesch.d.Mens.not., III, 124) reverts to the original metre at this point for four measures.



Riemann (Gesch.d.Musik, II,1,87ff.)
believes that this is a canon in augmented
porportion, indicated by what he considers
to be the meaning of the text, and gives the
music transcribed accordingly. We cannot
agree with him.

There is a reproduction of the original notation in Wolf, op.cit., II, 91.





- 3(2). Et sempre spanderò lagrime fora Fin ch'i'gli rivedrd lieti tornati
- 4(1).Et son d'ogni biltà sì adornati Che chi gli guata e non prende amore Quel si può dir che ssia sança valore.
- 5(1).Nella partita....6
- 1. An f in F.

 2. In both F. and P. this note is a c. Notice that this measure, as given in S., is repeated by the superius.

 3. This sharp is omitted in F.

 4. Here the resolution of the dissonant Third, with which the section begins, is
- delayed longer than is customary.

 5. This sharp appears only in F.

 6. This stanza is not indicated in P.

72. S.169r; B.28v. Tenor:



- 3(2). Che fanno in terra un nuovo paradiso Con lo splendor d'un ciel di nove stelle.
- 4(1).Amor com'è più bella delle belle Mi dà cotanta donna per signore.

- A Long in B.
 A Semibreve in B.
 This accidental appears only in S.
 S. has a superfluous Breve rest here.
 This point of division appears only in B.
 B. has a superfluous Semibreve rest here.







- 3(1).Et amor che mmi duca eterno fia
- 4(1).Nella tua.....
- 5(2). Dunque per tua et non per mia virtute Spera d'allor in me qual che salute
- 6(1). Chè ll'alma questo piange et sol disia
- 7(1).Nella tuo luce.....

This was a Breve in the MS.
 There is an extra Semibreve rest here.

4. Notice that this ballata is irregular in that each group of lines contains but one stanza for the second section. Thus the musical form is ABA ABA while the poetical form is ABC ADE

5. This is a direction only, the abbreviation of et cetera.



^{1.} There is a Semibreve or its equivalent lacking at this point. We venture to suggest the above possibility.



- 3(2). Seguisse da quel dì ch'i'le mi diedy Con la ment'e col core.
- 4(1).Nè fede nè pietà nè caldo amore Nè merçe mai trovai Ma ssolamente guay Et lei crudele, ingrata et inportuna.
- 5(1).Nessum provò.....



- 3(2). Che ben vedresti inn esso stare Amore Et la tuo vista bella et amorosa
- 4(1).A chiu servir non è l'alma angosciosa Che tte servendo pur servir dysia.
- 5(1).Non creder, donna......¹⁰

1. Tempus imperfectum; the sign is missing in F.

2. Tempus perfectum; again missing in F. In P. these come five measures later.

3. In S:

4. This point appears only in P.

5. This point is missing in P.

6. F. omits this note.
7. This point is found only in F.
8. In S:

9. Again in this work we have the lowest register used in Francesco's music. Cf. no. 62.

10. This stanza is not indicated in P. The text to this work is by Franco Sacchetti. It has been published by Carducci (Cant., p.239), who gives stanza five in full, identical with stanza one. In his Rime di Cino...e d'altri..., Carducci prints two additional groups of stanzas for this ballata.









- 3(2). Usando pura fe mi tien nascoso El tuo veçoso viso e'l dolçe amore
- 4(1).De tuoi pretiosi ochi onde'l mie core Per gran doglia si sface. O me! rendimi pace Del disio, donna, ch'io da tte sentia.
- 5(1).Non per fallir....
- 6(2).Pensando che sança mia copla sento Pianti, sospir, lamenti et gran langore,
- 7(2).Credo ch'arà piatà del mio tormento Che ma'non merita pena'l servire
- 8(1).Oi me!, donna et signore, fammi sentire Quella gioia e diletto C'avea dal tuo aspetto Qual mi fu tolto per falsa resia.
- 9(1).Non per fallir....



2. These are Longs in F.

3. In F. this flat is not introduced until the following measure. Once used, it is continued in the signature throughout the composition.

4. This flat is subsequently continued in the signature of each LS.

5. In S:



14. This stanza is indicated only in \underline{S}_{\bullet} . The following stanzas are found only in \underline{F}_{\bullet}







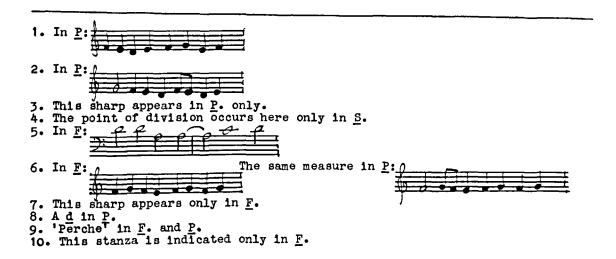
- 3(2). Perche nessuna vaga quanta lei .
 Mai nacque al mondo tanto oltra misura
- 4(1). Et più c'altra bella in suo figura.
 Risplende sì che concede chiareça
 A chi chom a llei tra gentileça.
- 5(1).Ognor mi trovo.....
- 1. One of the rare places where a ledger line is used. This could easily be avoided by placing the clef in a different position as the range is still small.

 2. This interval would be most awkward if performed otherwise than with an instrument.
- 3. The following intervals are so uncommon that we venture to suggest that the copyist has again erred, and that this phrase be raised a Third and the following one lowered a Third to read as follows:

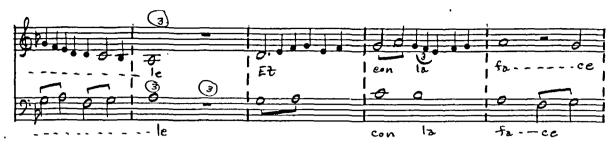




- 3(2).Quando gli occhi mirai C'ànno traffitto el cor pensoso et lasso
- 4(1). Che sol partirs'un passo Lo spirito mie d'amore Nè força à nè valore Ma sospirando lei sempre disio.
- 5(1).0r'è ttal......









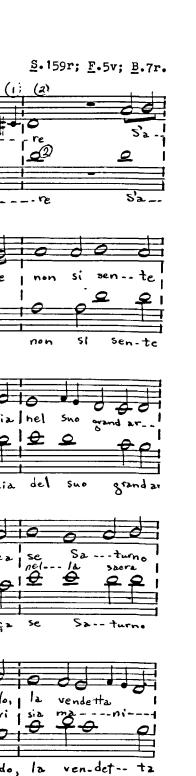


- 3(2). Et poi mi lasci et di me non ti cale Nè a costei per cui non trovo loco
- 4(1).0 lass a me quant è penoso el givoco Che sotto speme affligi ogni amatore.
- 5(1).(Oyme! el core....)4
- 6(2).Per più tormento m'à facto fedele Di così alta et nobil figura
- 7(2). Che vede la mie pena sì crudele Et non m'aiuta nè di me non cura.
- 8(1). Fanciulla, ome!, com'è penosa et dura La fiamma che di te m'incende el core.

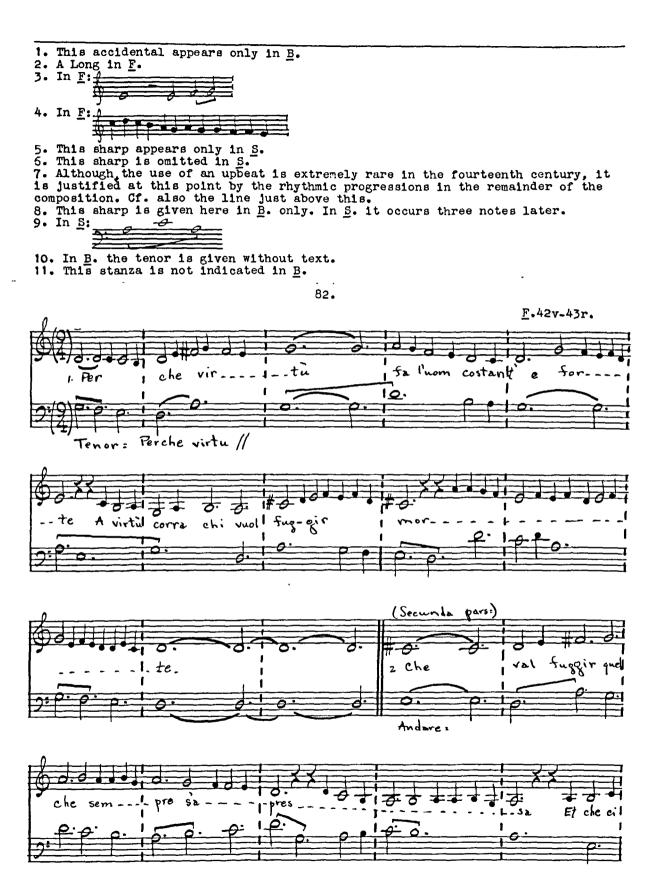
^{1.} The signature of the superius occurs only in \underline{P} . Secures the same tonality by the use of accidentals. 2. This sharp appears only in \underline{P} .

^{3.} Longs in \underline{P} .

4. This stanza, essential for the form, is not indicated in either MS. The remaining stanzas are found only in \underline{P} .

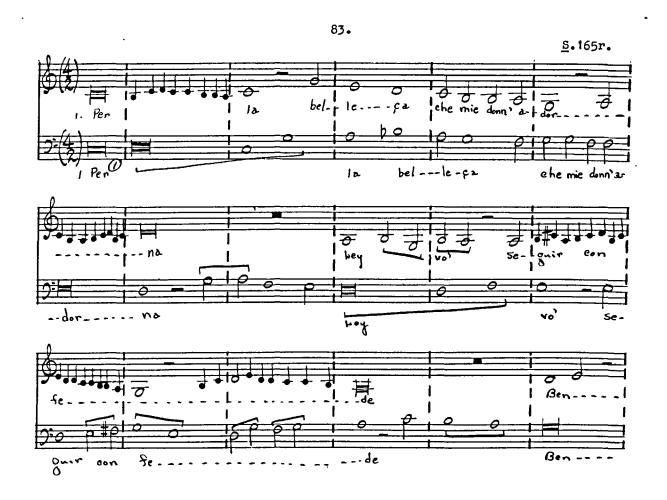








4(1).Chi più combatte contra a tai ruine Più tost'è vinto et più s'apressa morte.





- 4(1). Che gentileça esser piatosa suole Però el cor non crede Che non soccorrà, si languir mi vede.
- 5(1).Per la belleça....

1. Note the relationship of the text in the tenor to that of the superius. Most of the time it is rhythmically in canon although not melodically.





- 3(2). Questa che mortè mi torrà da llei Non pietà d'altra donna ne piacere.
- 4(1). Ma quanto seguo suo crudel volere Et a costei più darmi Tanto a disfarmi più la trovo fera.
- 5(1).Per servar umiltà.....7
- This sharp is in <u>F</u>. only.
 This accidental is omitted in <u>F</u>.
- 3. This accidental appears only in S.
- 4. A Long in S.
- 5. This flat is omitted in S., in keeping with the accidental appearing in the next measure.
- 6. This flat appears only in \underline{P} . It is presumably inserted to cancel the natural three measures earlier which Is understood by musica ficta and actually written there by S.
- 7. This stanza is not indicated in P.





- 3(2).Ond'i'non posso, o vera virtuosa, Veder quant'io vorrei la tuo biltate
- 4(1).Ch'è mie tesoro e mie felicitate; Quest'è la cagion del mie tormento.
- 5(1).Per un amante rio....
- 1. This point is lacking in the MS. 2. This rest is omitted in the MS.
- 3. A Semibreve in the MS.





- 3(2). Che spesso sol per gli ochi so'selvagia Mi fano sparger gran pianti e sospir molti
- 4(1). Che dentro nella mente son raccolti Per ch'io non vegio anchora ----5 Quell'ora che siate pia.
- 5(1)(Pju bella...)⁶
- 6(2).Merçè, al lasso! i'sol merçè dimando Et ben servando degna paccie aspetto
- 7(2). Istringavy a mi piatate, oime! mirando Gli gran afanni del fedel sugetto
- 8(1).E cho⁷ benignio e gratioso aspetto D'alqun beatto signior Fattemi degnio com me'cor disia.

2. This progression is most unusual.

3. This sharp was placed before the preceding a. Cf. measure four above.

4. A Semibreve in the MS.

5. This word was illegible in the MS.

6. This stanza, necessary for the form, was not indicated in the MS.

7. Scribal error for 'con'.

^{1.} This is one of the group of compositions definitely labelled <u>ballate</u> in <u>B</u>. As evidenced by the many points of division, there is considerable use of <u>via</u> artis.







- 3(2).Et che sommo dolore mie vit'assale 6 Che sel abandonat'esser si vede
- 4(1).Ma se lecito m'è chieder merçede, Humile quant'io deggio, V'a llei, ballata, di ch'i'glele cheggio.
- 5(1).Po c'amor ne.....

1. In \underline{S} , there is not room for the text in the tenor part so only the beginning of each phrase is given in the MS. as indicated. In \underline{F} , the complete text appears.



5. A Breve in the MSS. 6. The following stanzas appear only in $\underline{\mathbf{F}}$.



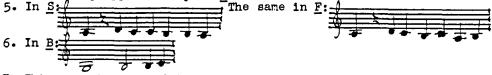






3. There is a point of division here in \underline{R} . Throughout this composition \underline{R} . frequently uses the point in such a way as to indicate a division of the metre into 2/2 time. We have not shown these points in the above transcription.

4. This sharp appears only in S.



7. This rest is omitted in B.

8. R. has a bar-line in place of these rests. The other MSS. vary slightly as to the size of the rest.

9. In R. this bar is no different from those between phrases.

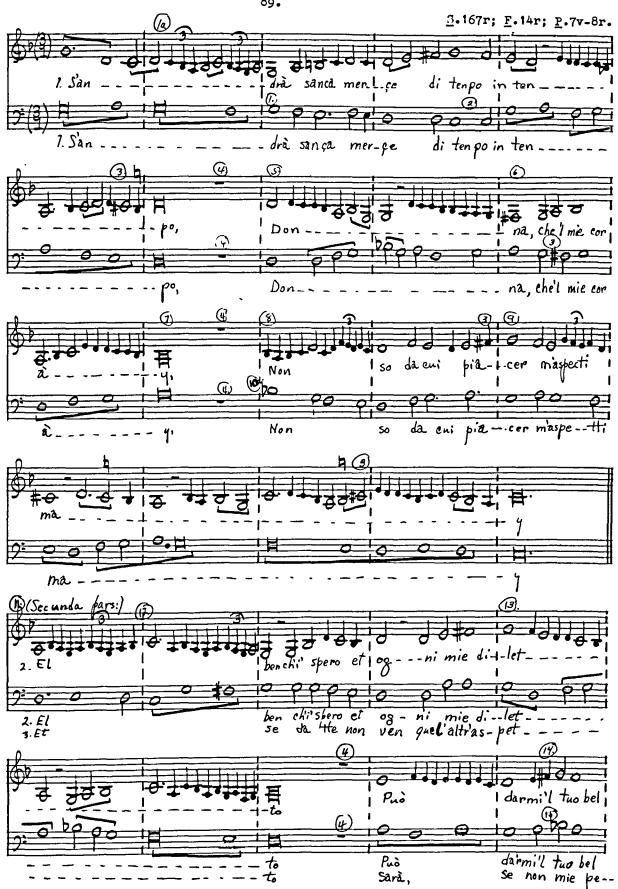
10. The appearance in R. of stanza four as given here has helped immeasurably in ascertaining the true ballata form. In all the other MSS. it appears at the end as usual, and is followed by the restatement of the beginning of stanza one.

11. In S. this stanza is given under the superius part.

12. In \overline{F} . and \underline{B} :

13. This point appears in \underline{B} . and \underline{R} .
14. In \underline{B} :

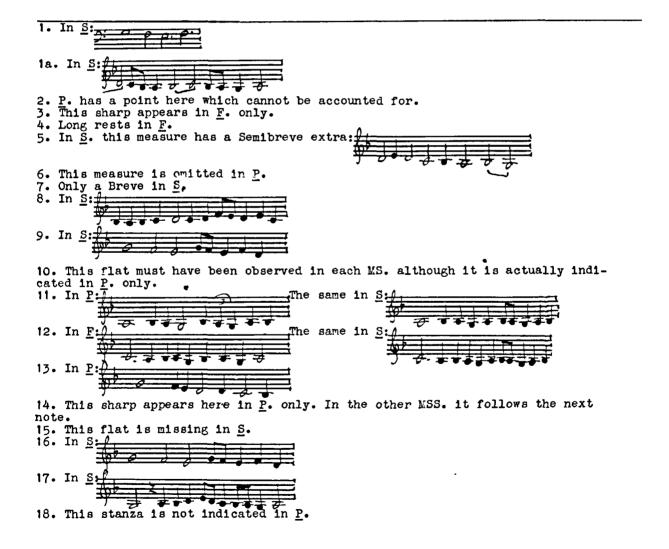






4(1). Dunque da poi che sol per te sospiro, Donna, che'l vedi et say Esser men'dura pur conviensi omay.

5(1).S'andra......¹⁸







- 3(2). Ma che a mme, perc'al mie servir merto, Si piega a darmi suo giusto volere Se'l mio distino in ciò può di te più,
- 4(1). Se la tua força per tenpo non more, Vinci, signore, di mie fortuna i venti. Si che buon porto i mie disiy contenty.
- 5(1).Se la nimica.....

^{1.} There is a point of syncopation here in the MS. 2. This point of augmentation is missing in the MS.



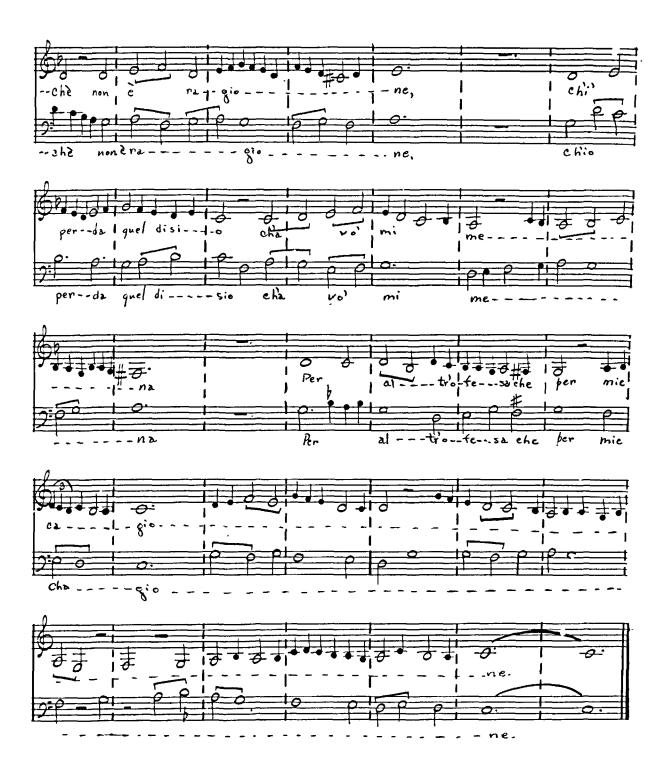


4(1). Se offendo tua honestate Seguendote, la tuo biltà ne colpa, Et di te è la colpa Che tolto gli ai di libertà la chiave.

5(1).Se lla vista soave...

^{1.} The copyist failed to put the flags on this triplet in the MS.





- 3(2).Per servar onestà soffert'ò tanto Pena ch'esser dovrei di pacie dengno Et non è la colpa, l'altruy difetto.
- 4(1). Deh! mercè mova collei'n c'or'aspetto Vosta biltà serena In atto di pietà del mie martire.
- 5(1).Se merçe,.....





- 3(2).Ne questo fare alcun debb'esser greve Pensando'l fin c'aspetta di vedere,
- 4(1).Se non s'aspetti ancor molto dolere Quando'l passato non potrà tornare.
- 5(1). Se pronto non sarà l'uom....10

This sharp appears in F. only.
 In F. and S. this note is a c.
 This flat appears in B. only.

5. B. has an extra Semibreve rest here.
6. In B:

7. In B:

8. A Breve in B.

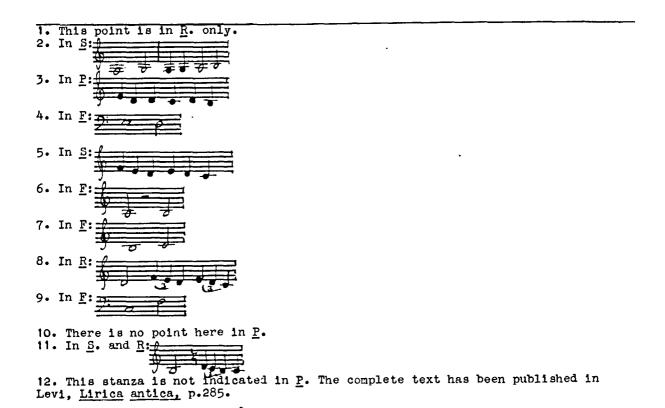
9. This flat appears in P. only.
10. This stanza is given in S. and F. only.

^{1.} This composition was actually written in 4/2 metre, but it employs so many triplets of various sizes, indicated in the MSS. by white notes, that we have changed it to the above metre for the sake of clarity. Rhythmically this is the most intricate of any of Francesco's music. It has been transcribed by Coussemaker and published in Capelli, Poesie musicale, and Riemann, Beispielen.





- 3(2). Sie la costança mie, le fè, le prove, Le lagrim'e sospir ch'i sparsi may
- 4(1). Sie benedetta tu che lieta stay Del mio greve dolore Tanto se'bella e di virtute honore.
- 5(1).Sie maladetta.... 12





- 3(2). Et non farà tua dureça tal piagha Ch'a servir te mie fe non sie più nova
- 4(1).La qual cercando, altro modo non trova Per farti ben piatosa di crudele.
- 5(1).S'j'ti son.....
- 1. There is the usual variation between the relative size of note and rest here.
- 2. In R:
- 3. This sharp appears in R. only.

 4. In S:

 This is a good example of the use of the rest to which Schering calls attention (Stud.z.Mg.d.Frühren., p.54), a rest to give the organist an opportunity to fill the windbox of his instrument. Coming in the only MS. known to have been made especially for an organist such an explanation is reasonable.
- 5. This sharp is omitted in \underline{F} .
- 6. This point of division appears in P. only.
- 7. This sharp appears in F. only.







- 3(2).Perche'l mie cor tuo suol esser consente Sì vago oggetto in sè veder gli fay
- 4(1).Et benche tuo piacer contenga guay E'pensier di sperança inançi vanno.
- 5(1).Tante belleçe.....

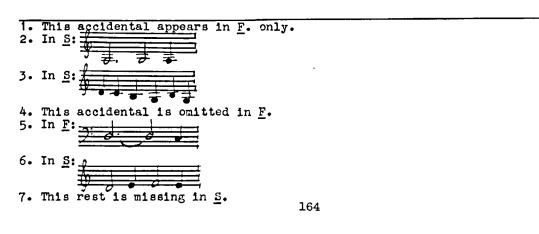
1. The relative sizes of note and rest vary here.





4(1).D'ongni doglia e sospiro son contento Et d'esser tuo fedele. Po chè non se' crudele A darmi di tuo vista dolçe posa.

5(1). Vaga fanciulla....





- 3(2).Nè potra'mai con tua sagicetate Pigliami po ch'io conosco il rapace
- 4(1). Tuo pelago, le reti e la fallace Esca che come sui Assalti, e tuoi aversi, E abassi tuoy.
- 5(1).Va pure, amore, colle reti tue...



1. 1' tu

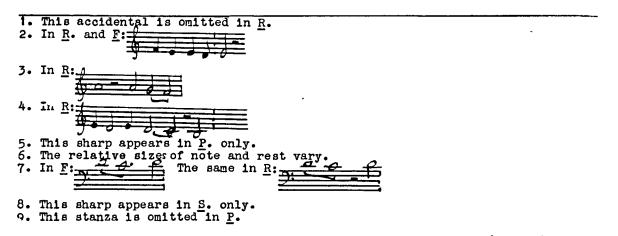
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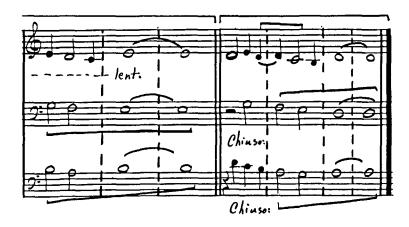
- 3(2). Po che principio fosti della piaga Si'a ssanarla com'a ffarla ardita,
- 4(1).Virtù che.regna in te non sie smarita Sichè in due corpi un solo animo sia.
- 5(1).Vjta non e.....9



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- 11 3(2). Bien che loyal sera'n tout ma vie
- 4(1). Poyr tant, ay! clere stelle, vos prie Com lermes e sospirs très dousmante Che loyauté haies pour vestre amye.
- 1. This is one of the compositions definitely marked ballata in B.

- This part is not given in B.
 A Breve rest in B.
 There is an extra Semibreve rest here in B.
- 5. There is a point here only in B.
- 6. This sharp appears in B. only.
- 7. There is no point here in S.
 8. This change is made necessary by the odd number of Breve values in this section.
- 9. This sharp is missing in S.
- 10. S. has an extra point here.
- 11. The following stanzas appear only in B.

This is the only work by Francesco that is not written in the Florentine dialect. Neither is it in the French form which Machault uses. It rather shows many traits of the Provencal dialect, supporting other evidence as to the influence of the Troubadour art on the Italian music of the fourteenth century.







- 3(2). Et certo son seguir fin alla morte. Così sança martir mi penso stare.
- 4(1). Et se per ben servir mi vorra atare Di scioglier dal legame si crudele, Inbalsimar farò poi le catene.
- 5(1).Amar si....7

7. This stanza is not indicated in \underline{P} .



Seeunda parsi



3(2).C'a nulla cosa si può aguagliare Tal la produsse chi tutto potea.

4(1).Per chè tutta virtù in lei si crea. O felice cui leghi a ttal catena!

^{1.} This part is not given in P.

2. In S.





- 3(2).Et senpre lej segul per dritte strade Nè ancor trovai piatà per dire omei.
- 4(1).Amor tu, solo, sa'quelch'io vorrei, Nè la stagione a tte mancrà, nè'l tempo.
- 5(1).Amor in te spera'....





Verto:



- 3(2). In ben oprar veloce, al male è lento Et 11 suo passo aretra Per non voler del mondo false lode.
- 4(1).Onde sua vita a buon porto conduce Di che suo fama splende E magior gloria dal superno attende.
- 5(1).Amor....7

1. This point of division is found only in F.

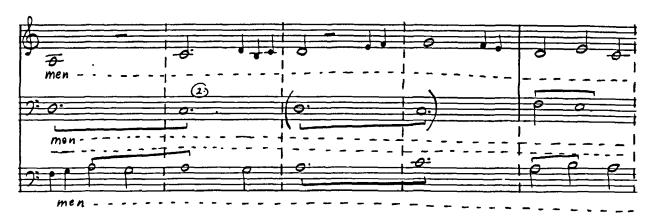
2. There is a point here in P. only.
3. This point is not given in S.
4. This sharp is omitted in S.
5. This sharp appears only in P.
6. In F:

7. S.alone indicates a return to the first stanza here.











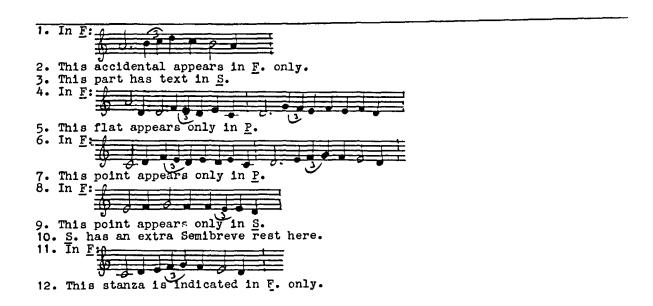
4(1).Però ch'i't'amo si perfectamente Che come che del dono i'mi sia vago Pocho nel cor m'apaga Pensando ch'appagata te non senta.

^{1.} A Breve rest in the MS.
2. There is a point after this ligature. If we assume that this could mean a repetition of the ligature as indicated above, the tenor part comes out evenly with the others; otherwise it is two measures short. There is no precedent for such an assumption however, so the omission is probably a copyist's error.

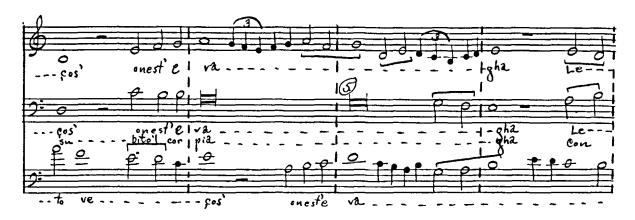


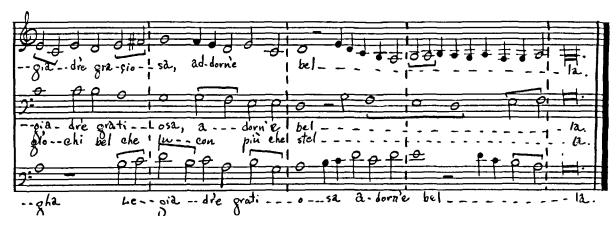


- 3(2).Ne ispergiuro sente o'nganno vede Pur c'adenpia suo voglia con dilecto
- 4(1).De! non ti sia dispecto
 Quell'amorosa ferça ch'ell'accesa,
 Fiamma ch'i'ò nel pecto
 Usar mi fece a mmie vita difesa.
- 5(1).Caro.....¹²

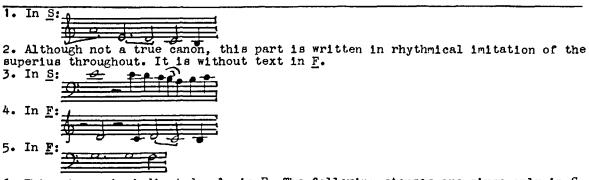








- · 4(1). Et a chui lice star fixo a verderla Tutta gioia e virtù in se conduce.
 - 5(1).Che....
 - 6(2). Ancor l'alme beate che in ciel sono Guardan questa per fena e gentil cosa
 - 7(2).Dicendo: fia che in questo trono Segga costei dov'ogni ben si posa.
 - 8(1). E qual nel sommo idio ficcar gli ochi osa Vede come esso ogni virtu in lei induce.



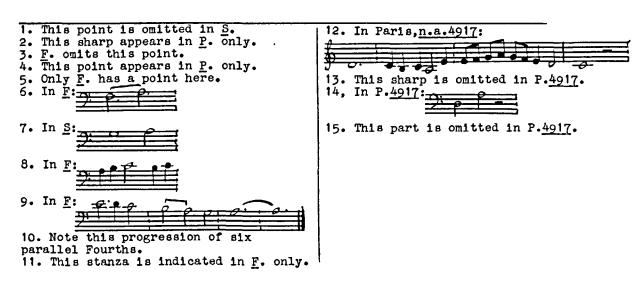
6. This stanza is indicated only in \underline{F} . The following stanzas are given only in \underline{S} .





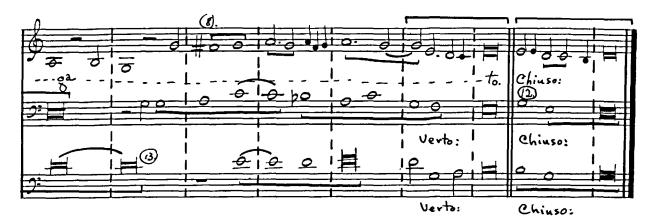


- 3(2).Ben potranno dir mal, se dir vorranno Ch'i'non seguiti quel ch'i'mi dispuosi.
- 4(1).Già lungo tempo e farogli dogliosi Non già con villania Ma per tener tal via Che far non mi potran diventar rosso.
- 5(1).Che pena.....11









- 3(2). Che quanto lo'ntelletto è più possente Nella ragion più manca d'ogni lato
- 4(1).Ma vengamo a rrimedio che cc'è dato Che toglie el viver mesto Del creder puro e stiam contenti a questo.
- 5(1).Contemplar....

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    This composition is definitely marked <u>ballata</u> in <u>B</u>.
    This sharp is omitted in <u>S</u>. Notice that the interval, with the sharp inserted,

is the tritone.
3. A Breve in S.
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4. A Long in B.
5. This sharp is omitted in S.
6. This point appears only in B.

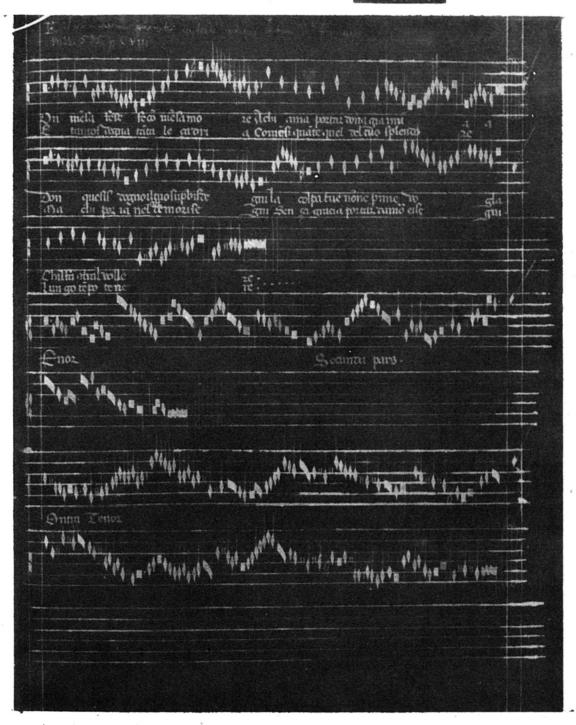
7. B. has a sharp before this g.
8. This sharp appears only in B.
9. This point occurs in P. only.
10. B. has an extra Breve rest here.
11. In S:

12. In P:

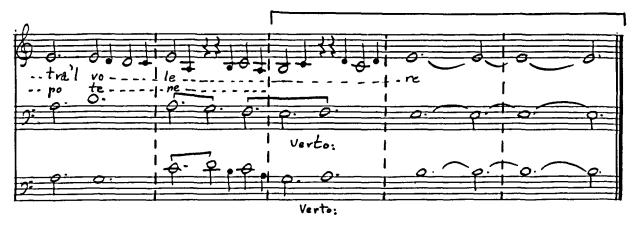
13. This is one of the few points at which the Maxima is used. 14. This stanza is indicated in \underline{S} . only.







VII. R. 71r, containing No. 111.



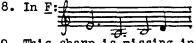


- 5(1).Conviens'a fede.....
- 6(2). Non può l'animo alter senpre tenere Subgietto el suo albitro a chi nol cura,
- 7(2).Ma vuol dovere ogni cosa a misura Che con disdegno isdegno fuge'l core.
- 8(1)....?
- 9(1).Conviensi a fede fe.....21

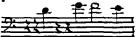
1. In F. stanzas four and five are given after stanzas six and seven.

- 2. This point is missing in F.
- 3. This sharp is omitted in \overline{S} .

- 4. R. omits this point.
 5. This point appears only in S.
 6. This point is given in P. only.
 7. Note this imitation of the contra-
- tenor of two measures previous.



9. This sharp is missing in R. 10. In R:



11. This is one of two compositions which have the verto and chiuso in the first section. Cf. the discussion in chapter V.

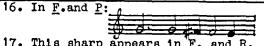
12. In \underline{F} .and \underline{R} :

13. In S:4



14. A Semibreve in S.

15. In P:



- 17. This sharp appears in F. and R. 18. This point appears in \overline{F} . and \overline{P} .
- 19. This sharp is missing in F. 20. In S:



21. The true order of stanzas in this work is uncertain, due to the variation between MSS. In S. stanzas 1,2,4 are given with the music, as above. After the music stanzas 3,6,7,9 appear in order. In F. 1,2 are with the music; 3,6,7,4,5 are after. In R. 1,2, 3,4 are with the music; none follow. In \underline{P} . 1,2,4 are given with the music; 3 only is given after the music. Cf. Plate VII.

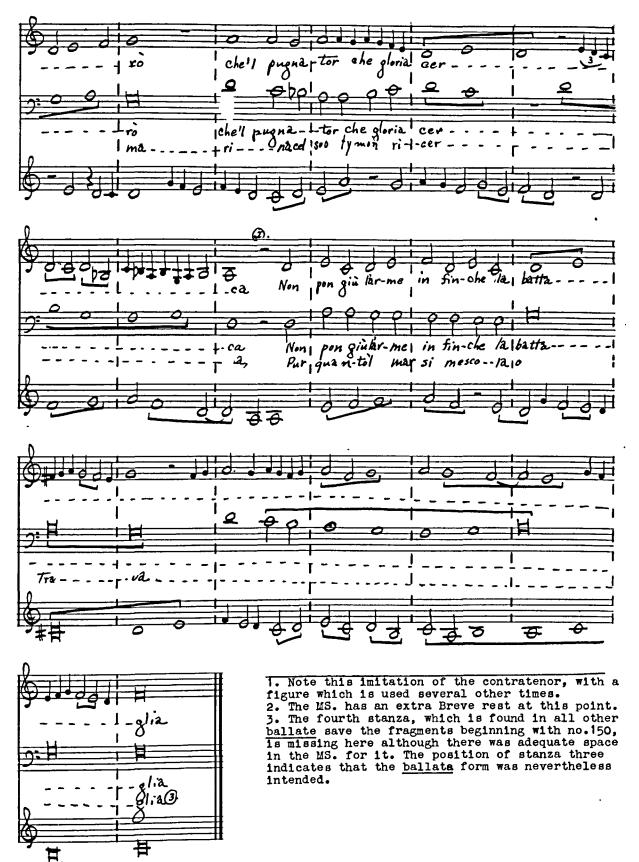




- 4(1).L'arco per saettar cuor che contenda A llegiadrie per mostrarsi a che'l vede.
- 5(1).Cosa....
- 6(2).Ma cerca amor un fedel cuor gentile, Honesto, umile et cheto et quel saetta.
- 7(2). Et sottomette al suo caldo fucile. Se quest'è, dunque a tte, donna, s'aspecta
- 8(1).D'aver pietà della mie fè perfecta Che grida ognor merçe, merçe, merçe.

- 1. The relative sizes of note and rest vary.
- 2. A d in S.
- 3. There is an extra Semibreve rest here in P.
- in P. 4. This stanza is placed here only in P. The other MSS. place it after the music. 5. This sharp is omitted in \underline{S} .
- 6. This stanza is indicated only in F.
 The following stanzas appear only in S.
 7. The contratenor is without text in F.









- 3(2).Ritorna a immaginare quella serena Vista la qual mi par candida rosa
- 4(1).Et così guido mie vita noiosa Et tanto sto in guerra quant'io tardo D'immaginar per chui passommi il dardo.

^{1.} There is a cross at this point in the MS., indicating the exact beginning of the verto. It is the only place where this is clearly indicated; usually the transcriber must judge by the length of the chiuso.





- 3(2). Et se lle sentirai tanto angosciose Quanto le sente el mie cor con affanno
- 4(1). Forse che allor ristorerai il danno Delle mie pene amare Et per te poy non fien tenute care.
- 5(1). Donna, 1'prego.....

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1. A Minim in B.

2. This point is missing in B. and P.

3. Here the point is omitted in S.

4. This flat appears only in F.

5. This point is given in P. only.

6. This part has text in P. Many times notes, sustained in other MSS. as given above, are divided in this MS. to fit the syllables.

7. This sharp is given in B. only.

8. This flat appears in P. only.

9. These are Long rests in B.

10. This point is given only in F.

11. This point appears in F. and B.

12. In addition to the signature of F. this flat appears in B. and P.

13. This sharp is given in B. and P.

14. This point occurs in B. only.

15. A d in B.

16. Notice the triad at this cadence.

17. In S:
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- 3(2).Po che non vedrete El bel viso lucente et gratioso.
- 4(1).Lasso, a mme doloroso Dunque omai vi chiudete Po che'l piacer perdete Che consolava ongni altro sentimento.
- 5(1).Donna,....
- 6(2).Quel ben che tu m'a'dato Amor, de!, dimmi se gli è da gradire
- 7(2).Da po ch'i'son privato Dal dolcie, po che s'è facto sentire
- 8(1).Non è maggior martiro Ch'esser abandonnato Di'l diletto gustato E ben 110 provo onde me ne lamento.
- 9(1).Donna'l tuo parti.....

2. A Breve in S. In P. this measure reads:

3. This sharp is omitted in \underline{P} . 4. \underline{F} . has text with this part, dividing some of the notes to accommodate all the syllables.

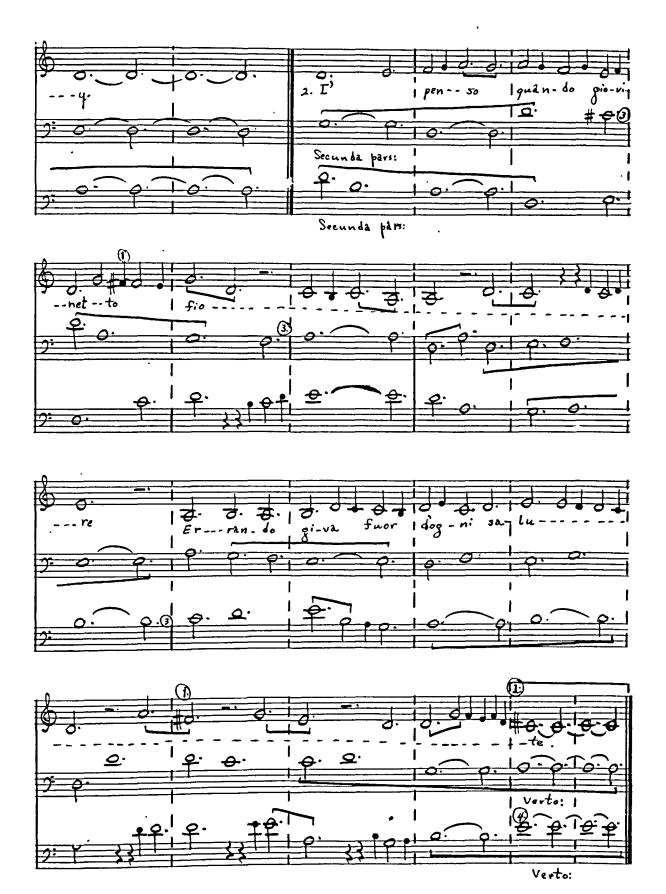
5. This sharp appears in F. only.

6. In S:4 7. In F:

8. This stanza is omitted in P. The remaining stanzas are given only in F.

^{1.} S. has a c-clef by mistake at the beginning of this part instead of the f-clef. The part is not given in F.







- 3(2). Et penso quando ad te mi diede amore Che frutto diventai per tuo virtute
- 4(1).Morto nell'ombre con nove ferute A lluce ritornai La quel mirando, non morrò giamay.
- 5(1).Donna....⁵
- 6(2).Questo valor tien seco la mie fede Et fammi d'ogni pena trar diletto.
- 7(2). Se l'occhio fer'aver di me ti vede, Ricorre la memoria al primo effetto
- 8(1).Mostrandoti pietos'all'inteletto Tal che gli amari guay Da mme discaccio e fa cio che tu say.
- 9(1).Donna....
- 10(2).Fa', credi, pensa et di'pur a tuo posta C'ongni mal quanto in me pace mi fia.
- 11(2).È ver che tua vergongni assai mi costa, Che biasmo segue a donna usar follia
- 12(1). Dulmi che lla tua colpa vuo' far mia Ma quanto più diray, Tacendo mosterro ch'i'non fallay.
- 13(1).Donna per farmi.....

2. In <u>F</u>:

3. This point appears in \underline{F} . only.
4. Notice again the use of a triad as partial cadence at the <u>verto</u>. Here its resolution is shown in the <u>chiuso</u>.
5. This stanza is indicated in \underline{F} . only.

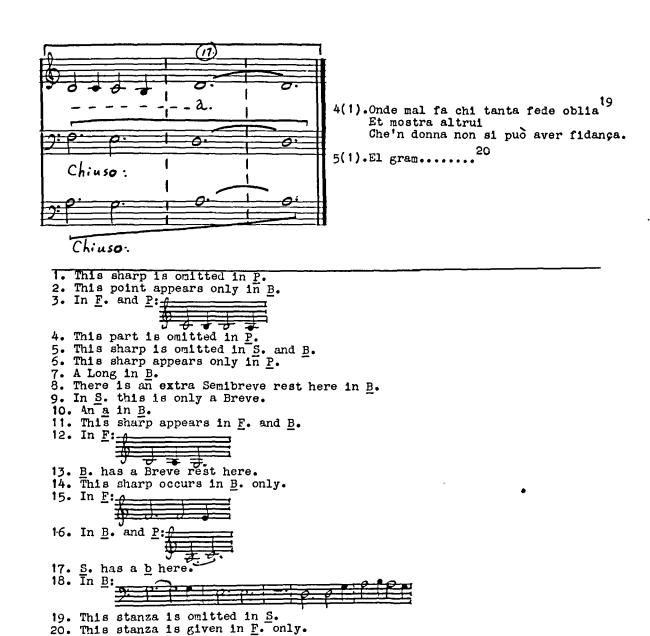
6. This and subsequent stanzas are indicated in \underline{F} . only.

^{1.} This sharp occurs only in F.













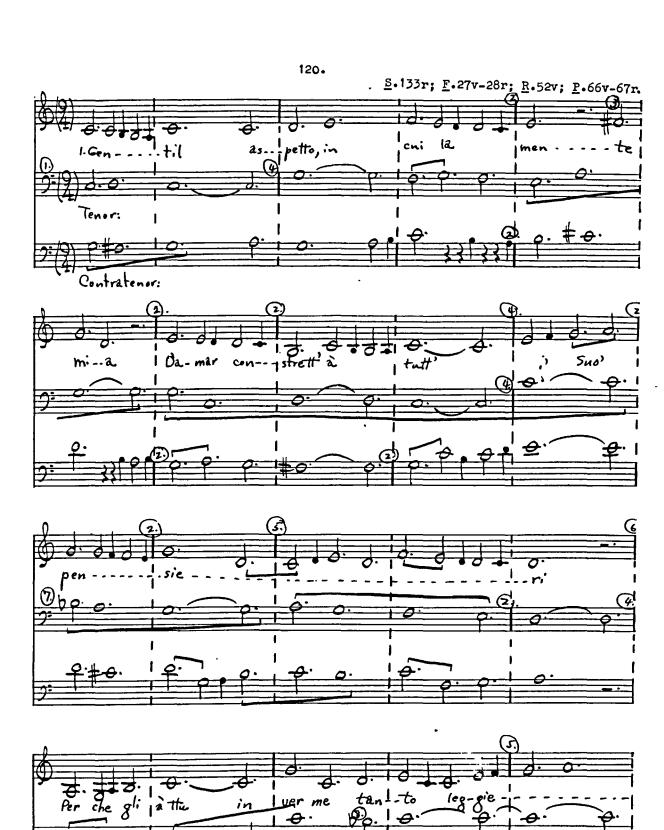
- 3(2).Pogli dinanci al volto acciò che grave Conprenda quanto a mm'è del suo conspecto
- 4(1). Esser lontano e gli è c'altro diletto Non è che llei veder di tutt'el fiore.
- 5(1).El mie dolce....

This sharp appears only in F.
 This is the highest note reached in any of Francesco's music.

5. In F:

6. Notice this imitation of the contratenor. It is repeated inversely in the next measure of the superius. Cf. a similar passage six measures later. 7. This stanza is indicated in \underline{F} . only.

Wolf has published this composition in his <u>Sing- und Spielmusik</u> and his <u>Geschichte der Muslk</u>, confusing it with the <u>madrigals</u> as to form.







4(1). Po che la tuo biltà tanto mi tene Sugetto a tte che d'altro non mi cale Sosta la grave pena che m'assale Vegendo a ssì gram fè far villania.

5(1).Gentil aspetto.....²³

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1. The unusual signature of two flats occurs here in P. The use of these acci-
dentals (b and e) in other MSS. is indicated at the appropriate places through-
out the part. P. also has text with this part, dividing some notes to accommodate
all the syllables.
2. This point occurs only in R.
3. This sharp appears in P. only.
4. This point is given only in P.
5. Here the point appears in both R. and P.
6. This point is omitted in F.
7. This flat occurs in R. as well as P.
8. This flat is given in \underline{F}. as well as \underline{P}.
9. In \underline{F}. and \underline{R}:
10. This flat is given in S. as well as P.

11. This accidental appears in all MSS. save R.
12. This accidental is found in all MSS. save P.
13. This flat appears only in S.
14. Here the sharp occurs in all MSS. save f.
15. In S: 2: 0. ...
16. This accidental appears in P. and R. only.
17. This flat is given in F. only.
18. This sharp is found in R. only.
19. This point appears in \underline{F}. and \underline{R}.
20. In P: 4
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21. This is the only composition by Francesco in R. which has the first and second endings marked. They are called Overts and Clus.

22. In R. the stanza ends at this point and is followed by the indication for stanza five.

23. This stanza is indicated in \underline{F} . only.

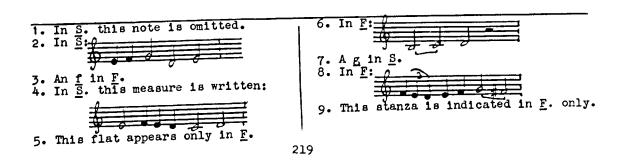
The first section of the music to this work has been published in Besseler, <u>Musik</u> <u>d</u>. <u>M.A.</u>, p.162. The text has been published in Carducci, <u>Cant.</u>, p.317.

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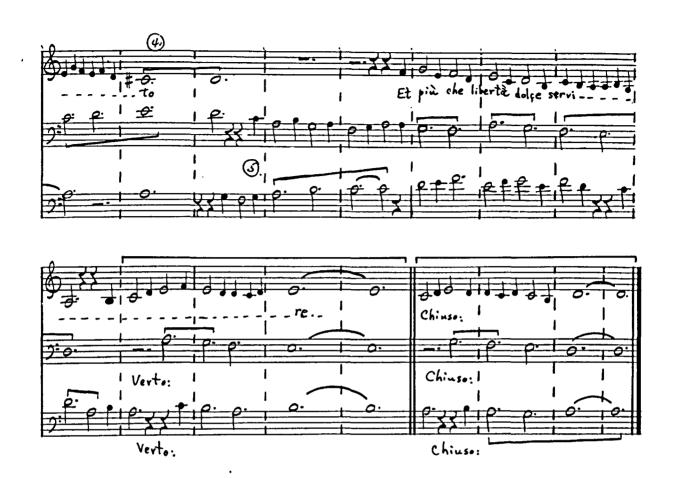




4(1).De! per Dio, sì mi dolgo; abbimi un poco
Per iscusato, amore,
Chè'l tu'ardore non à in costei effetto.
5(1).Gjà.....







- 3(2). Chè come son dinanci al suo conspetto In pace pongo clascun mie desire
- 4(1). Ogni viltà nel cor sento perire E'n sè virtù destare. Chi l'usa di mirare, Ha nne'costumi suoi l'anim'aveçça.
- 5(1).Giunta....

2. In S:

3. A <u>b</u> in <u>F</u>.
4. This sharp is lacking in <u>F</u>.
5. S. unexpectedly begins the last phrase of the text to stanza two at this point in the tenor.

The complete text has been published in Capelli, Poesie, p.29.

^{1.} S. lacks the following four measures.





4(1).Et ben ch'io viva, mai non vo'seguire Se non vo', chiara stella et dolc'amore.

5(1).Gram piant'agli ochi.....

2. In B. only; in all others the c is repeated here.

3. A point of division only in B.

7. Note that the last four measures are alike in both sections.

This is one of the few compositions which are definitely marked ballata in B. It was previously published by Ludwig, Z. f. Kw., V, 459. The verses have been published by Levi, p.142.

^{1.} In all three parts in all five MSS. the time values vary here, some having a Long note and Breve rest, others having a Long note and Long rest.

^{4.} This flat appears only in B.

^{5.} A g in <u>F</u>.
6. In <u>F</u>:









- 3(2).Pero pur spera l'anima mie trista, Per ben servir, suo merto in tal creatura.
- 4(1). Che mal saría che('n) ssì nobil figura Celato stesse sdegno o crudeltade.
- 1. This part is omitted in B.

 2. A Breve rest in B.

 3. A Semibreve rest in S.

 4. There is a Long rest here in B.

 5. This flat appears in B. only.

 6. This point is given in B. only.

 7. Note again how the phrases of the contratenor overlap and imitate the superius.

 8. A d in B.

 9. This sharp is given only in S.

 10. In B:
- 12. This Maxima is given in \underline{B} . only; \underline{S} . has two Longs instead.
- 13. B. has an extra Minim rest here.

 14. There is a point after these two notes in B.
- 15. B. has an extra Breve rest here.







- 3(2).Adorna se'colla suo gentileçça Humana, nc, ma su, dal paradiso
- 4(1).Donne, vedete el più bel c'altro viso, Da llei aprendete, ch'i'dir nol saprei, Quanto bisogna a ttal virtù da ley.
- 5(1).La dolce.....

1. In B. this is definitely marked ballata. Only the first three words are given as title; otherwise the text is entirely missing in each part. Except for no.143 in the Prague MS., this is the only occasion where one of Francesco's compositions is given in such a manner, indicating its probable use as an instrumental number. 2. This point appears only in \underline{R} . 3. This point is given in B. and R. 4. In B: 1 5. \underline{R} . and \underline{P} . have text with this part, dividing some of the note values in order to accommodate all the syllables. The flat is found in the signature of \underline{S} . and \underline{P} . 6. This part is given only in \underline{R} . Its style is so different from that of the other contratenors, especially the passages of parallel Fourths at the end of each section, that we doubt very much if Francesco wrote it. There are no captions given with the part. 7. In B: 8. In B: 9. B. has an extra Breve rest here. 10. In R: 11. In B: 12. In P 13. In B: The same in P: 14. This is only a Minim in B. 15. In R: two extra Minim rests here. 16. B. has 17. In R: 18. This stanza is given only in P. 19. The following stanzas are omitted in R.

The text to this ballata has been published by Trucchi, Poesie, II, 161.







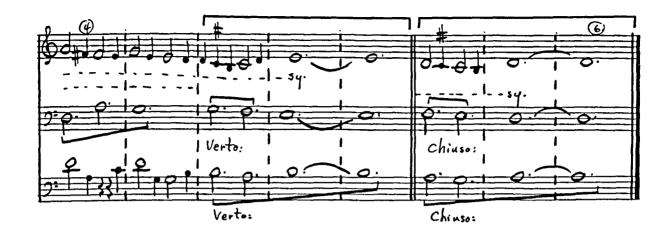
- 3(2). Sperando aver la gratia che ss'aquista Ispesse volte per virtù d'amare
- 4(1).Or vegio la sperança mia mancare Chè l'uso non mi fay Che tu solevi, ond'io sto in pene et in guay. 5(1).L'alma.....24

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This composition is definitely marked ballata in B.

    This accidental is given only in B.
    This sharp appears only in P.
    This part is given without text in B.

5. In B:+
6. This sharp is omitted in \underline{B}. and \underline{P}.
7. A c in B.
8. This is only a Breve in S.
9. In B: #
10. This sharp is omitted in P.
11. This Breve rest is lacking in S.
12. A Long in B.
13. In B:
14. An a in S.
15. In B:#
16. B. omits this sharp.
18. In F.
19. In P:
20. In B:
21. B. lacks this Breve rest.
22. This point appears only in B.
23. In S. and \underline{F}:
24. This stanza is not indicated in \underline{B}. and \underline{P}.
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4(1).E ben ch'io m'accostassy A mirar suo biltate Pur mia lealtate Ruppe el vago aspecto Che risplende.

5(1).La mente.....



- This is only a Minim in both MSS.
 This sharp appears in F. only.
 This entire measure is missing in S.
 The last six measures of both sections are identical in each part.

The text of this ballata, with four additional stanzas, has been published in Carducci, Cant., p. 155.





- 1. The alternative to this upbeat is a metre based on the Breve value. Cf. no.153.
- 2. In S:4
- 3. This sharp appears only in F.
 4. This sharp is given in both F. and P.
 5. Note this triad coming at the beginning of a section, and its prompt resolution.
- 6. A c in F.
- 8. The last seven measures are identical in both sections. 9. This stanza is indicated only in \underline{S} . 7. An f in S.

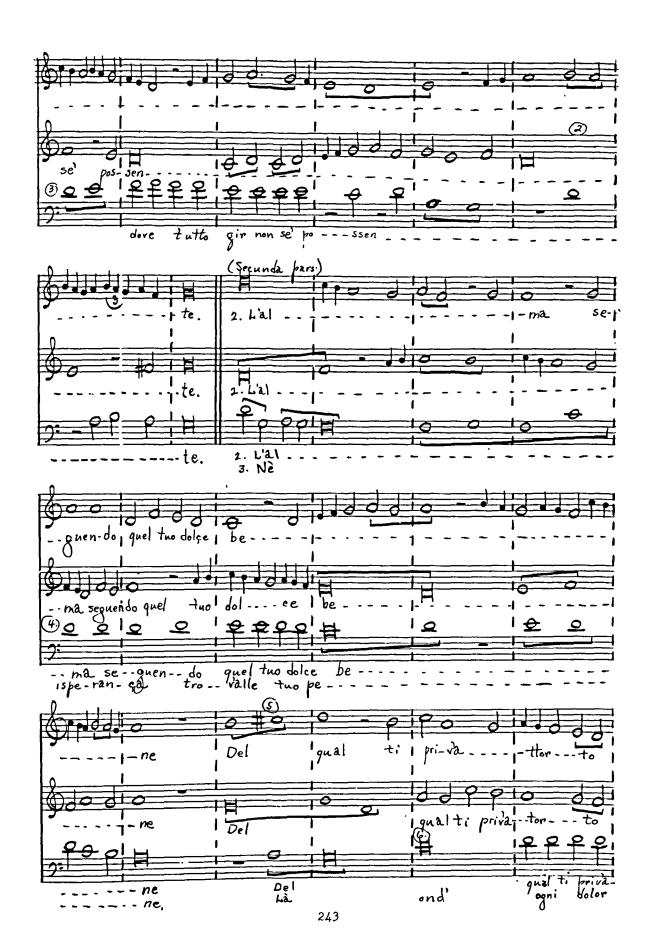




- 5. A Breve in B.
 6. In B:
- 7. There is a point here in B. 8. A Semibreve in B.



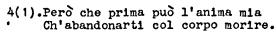
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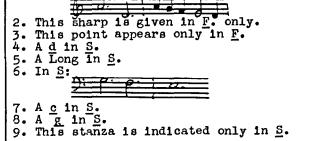








5(1).Nella mie vita....9





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- 3(2).Ma i dolci mie sospiri Chi torra? che con più mi fai dolere Più sento amore che mmi consuma e sface
- 4(1). Tu sola, la mia pace, Quel ben che'l mio cor chiede, ai in tua balla Et fuor di te non spera nè disia.
- 5(1).Ne'n ciascun.....8

- i. F. and S. have a flat and sharp side by side here; P. has only the latter.
- 2. A d in S.
- 3. This flat appears only in P.
 4. This accidental is given in F. only.
 5. This accidental is omitted in S.
 6. This flat is missing in F.

- 7. In <u>S</u>:⊈
- 8. This stanza is indicated only in S.







VIII. P. 116v-117r, containing No. 134





3(2). Che se nel tenpo verde non s'appara, Tropp'è greve nel tenpo.

- 4(1). Voi, giovani, per tenpo, Vogliate el tenpo porre, Che ssì veloce corre. Nella virtù c'ogn'altra cosa avança.
- 5(1).Nessun ponga sperança....20

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1. This point is given in P. only.
2. B. has an extra breve rest here.
3. In B:
4. In B. this part is without text. The three following measures have a confused
succession of via artis signs.
5. This point is missing in F. and P.
6. This point appears in F. and B. only.
7. This point is given in B. only.
8. There is a sharp here in F. only.
9. This is a Semibreve in \underline{S}.
10. There are two Minims here in B.
11. There is a point here only in \overline{F}.
12. In B:#
13. This is a Long in \underline{B}.
14. This measure is made out of proportion in B. with via artis signs.
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- 15. This point is found in F. and P.
 16. In P. the flat of the signature is omitted for one line. This has the effect of raising this and the following b. Cf. Plate VIII.
- 17. B. has an extra Semibreve rest here.
- 18. This accidental appears in \underline{F} . and \underline{B} .

 19. From this point to the end, \underline{B} . has an incoherent succession of \underline{via} artis.

 20. This stanza is indicated in \underline{F} . and \underline{B} . only.

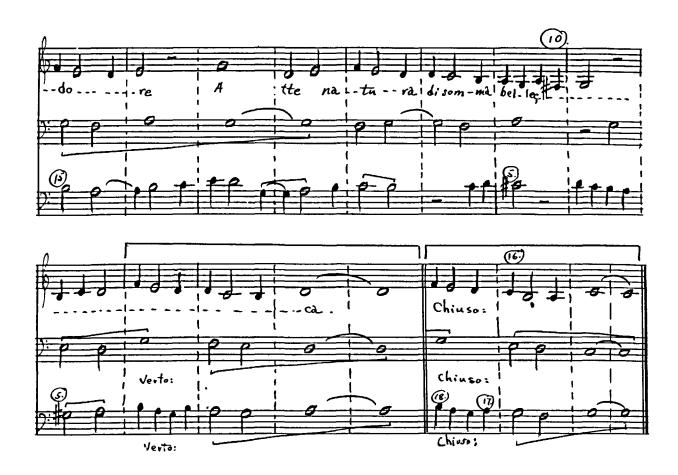




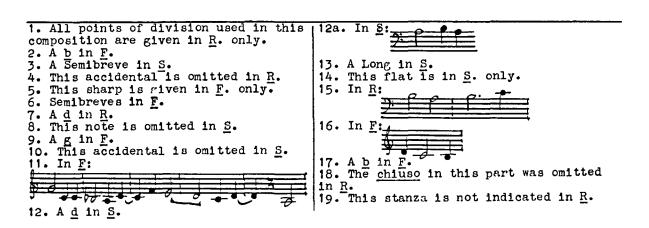
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1. This point appears in B. and P.
2. This sharp is given in S, B, and P.
3. This point appears in B. only.
4. B. lacks this point.
5. In <u>P</u>:#
6. This part has text in
7. This point is only in \overline{R}.
8. B. has a Semibreve rest and point here.
9. This sharp is found in F. and B.
10. This point is missing in S.
11. This point is found in B. and R.
12. This sharp is omitted in R.
13. B. has an extra Breve rest here.
14. This point is found in R. and P.
15. This accidental is in \overline{F} only.
16. In S. and P. this flat comes in the previous measure.
17. In F:,
                         The same in R:
            . . . . . . . . .
18. In \underline{B}. the following two measures contain only Minims.
19. This accidental is in S. and B.
20. S. and P. omit this accidental.
21. In S. and P. this flat occurs two measures earlier.
22. This accidental is given only in S. and P.
23. In R:
24. In R:
25. In S.
           and P:
26. This point appears in \underline{F}. and \underline{R}.
27. In F. and R:
28. In R:
29. This point is found in \underline{F}. only.
30. This sharp appears in B. and P.
31. In R:4
32. This point appears in R. and P.
33. S. and R. lack this accidental.
34. This point is missing in R.
35. In F. this is the first Semibreve of a ligature.
36. In F:1
                           The same in R:4
37. This sharp is given in S.
38. In S. this stanza is beneath the second section of the tenor part.
39. This stanza is indicated in F. only.
                This was the first of Francesco's works to receive transcription
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This was the first of Francesco's works to receive transcription to modern notation. Fetis deciphered the first section and published it in the first issue of La Revue Musicale, 1827. It was later reprinted in his Hist. de la musique, V. The text is by Bindo d'Alesso Donati, and is published in Carducci, Cant., p. 309.



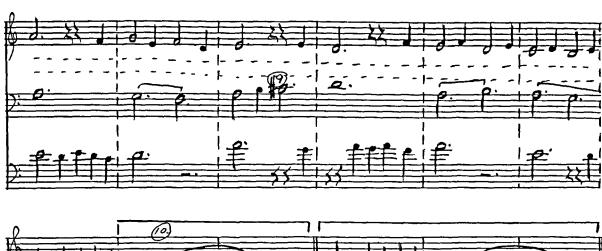


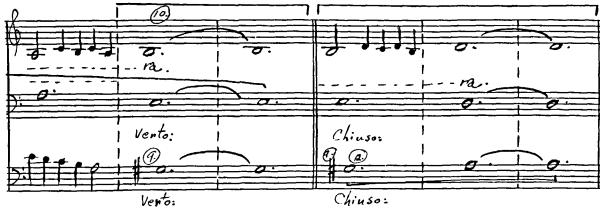
- 3(2).Ma per tormento del tuo servidore Che in te si specchia e muor per tuo vagheça
- 4(1).Po che degli ochi vaghi uscì la freçça Che 11'amoroso cor conquide a ttorto.
- 5(1).Non do la colp'a.....



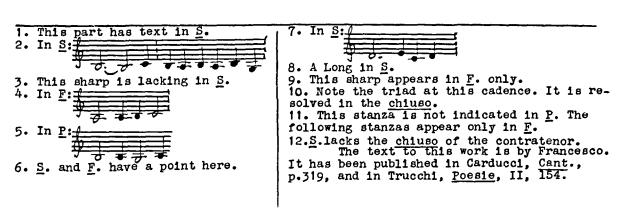








- 4(1). Se conteço dimora
 Benignità che sdegnosa non sia,
 Per certo ogni altra da parte si stia.
- 5(1).0 fanciulla giulia....
- 6(2). Ognor fra me quanto più te ripenso Più cresce'l foco e più sospir fuor mando.
- 7(2).Per che di te mi pare aver conprenso Sempre maggio virtu a cciò pensando.
- 8(1).De'! giovine sta'quando Che tu di me pensassi esser porria, Et ch'io vedessi un poco a me te pia.







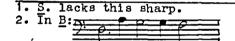
- 3(2).(Ma l'alma mia, fedelissima ancilla, Piatà non trova in questa chiara lampa, E null'altro che lei ama o disira.
- 4(1).0 sacra iddea, al tuo servo un po'spira Mercè: mercè sol chiamo, già conquiso: Dè, fallo pria che morte m'abbia anciso,

^{1.} Stanzas three and four do not appear in S. but are given by Carducci, Cant., p.320, and by Wesselofsky. The text is probably by Francesco. This is the ballata which was sung in the Paradiso degli Alberti. The text as given there has the following line in place of line three of the first stanza: 'Mirate d'esta Cosa suo bel viso'.









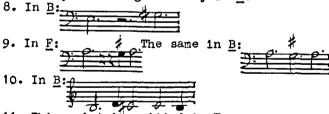
3. This point is missing in B.

4. From this point to the end of the first section, S. was copied a Third higher.

5. This sharp appears in B. only.

6. An a in S.

7. This point was given only in S.



11. This point is omitted in F.

12. Cf. these last seven measures with those of stanza one. There is a Long rest here in S. and F. In the tenor and contratenor parts these MSS. have a phrase indication, as shown above, at the beginning of the next measure. B. has a single barline here, similar to the ones which it has at the verto and chiuso earlier. These facts indicate a distinct division of the work at this point, so that the music which follows may be regarded as a new setting for the third stanza, in place of the usual repetition of the music of stanza two.

13. In B. this work is definitely labelled a ballata.

14. This stanza is not given in B.

15. Cf. the use of the verto and chiuso in the first section of no.111. The music continues with stanza two, reserving the chiuso for the return in stanza four.

16. This point appears in F. only.

17. This sharp is given in F. only.

18. The following three measures of the tenor are missing in S.

19. The last eight measures are identical to those to be sung with stanza four, and are also very similar to those of the first two stanzas.





- 4(1).Convien che sia sentita.

 Da lli quanto'l nimica la mie voglia
 Se già con greve doglia
 La vita non conduce a mortal segno.
- 5(1).Perche.....16
- 8(2).Di ciò che'è ffatto mi fia sofferente La mente da che vuoi, donna gradita.
- 9(1).Ma la fortuna mia or'e smarita, Forse tenpo verrà con miglior segno.
- 10(1).Per che tuo serv'e......16
- 13(2).Perche cerca la mente 18
 Far cosa che dallei fosse gradita
- 14(1).Adunque se'punita.

 Non vuol che sia l'offesa

 Non è far più contesa,

 Pe'riverença del suo aspecto degno.

1. This is marked ballata in B.

2. This point appears in B. only.

3. This accidental is given only in P.

4. A c in S.

5. This accidental is missing in B.

6. B. has an extra Breve rest here.

7. B. has a Semibreve rest extra here.

8. In S:

9. A Minim in S.

10. This sharp is lacking in B. and P.

11. This sharp is given in P. only.

12. A Semibreve in S.

13. In P:

14. The sharp is given in P. the three parts read:

14. In S:



15. Stanza four is given after the superius part in each MS. These first four stanzas have been published by Trucchi, Poesie, II, 163.

16. This stanza is indicated in F. only.

17. Stanzas eight and nine are given after the tenor part in each MS.

18. Stanzas thirteen and fourteen are given after the contratenor part in S. and P.

Each part has a complete ballata text of four stanzas unto itself. As in the case of no.11, the continuity of the text justifies the belief that the verses were sung separately, one at a time in order, as numbered above.











- 3(2).Principal verbo fosti al gran disio Perfecto, gratioso e tanto soro
- 4(1). Che come tra metalli fulge l'oro.
 Alla virtu di te ogni altra more,
 Tanta nel mondo se'degnia d'onore.
- 5(1).Per la mie dolce piaga.....
- 6(2).0 nobil treça di color d'argento Troppo serrasti el cor al tuo servire.
- 7(2). Che nullo amante più io, bene el sento, Nel fraile mondo giù potrebbe patire.
- 8(1). Tante virtù'n un corpo el sommo sire À giunto alle bellece e'l gran valore Per legar ben'e stretto el servidore.
- 9(1).Per la mie dolçe piaga.....

A reproduction of the original notation may be found in Wolf, Gesch. d.Mens.not., II, 92, with a transcription in III, 125. Riemann (Hdb.d.Musikgesch., I,2,330) gives this in a distorted form to support his hypothesis regarding instrumental preludes, etc. With this he also gives an added distortion to show the fundamental structure based, as he maintains, on faux-bourdon.

[.] Tempus perfectum.

^{2.} This is a d in the MS.

^{3.} A Minim in the MS.

^{4.} Tempus imperfectum. In the MS. both these signs fill only one space, rather than the entire staff as was the later practice.





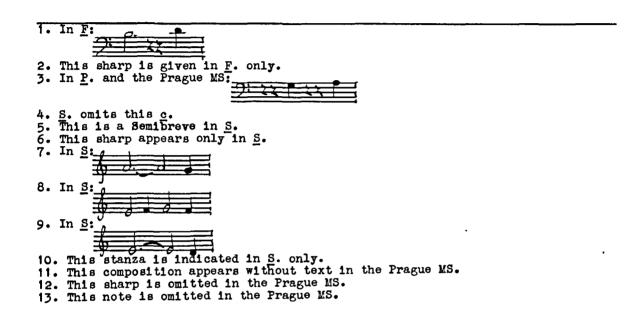
- This accidental is omitted in P.
- 2. An <u>f</u> in <u>P</u>.
- 3. There is a natural here in F.
- 4. The sizes of note and rest vary here in each MS., in all three parts.
- 5. This sharp appears in F. only.
- 6. In R. from this point to the end of the first section, the part is written a Third higher.
- 7. This accidental is found in \underline{F} . and \underline{B} .
- 8. In F. and R., this sharp does not occur until the next measure; whereas in \underline{S} . It affects the entire phrase.
- 9. Note that the last six measures are identical with those of the first section.
- 10. In R. and P. this sharp is placed before the following \underline{f} rather than here. 11. This stanza is indicated only by S. and P.

This text, accredited to Francesco, is published in Trucchi, Poesie, II, 156.





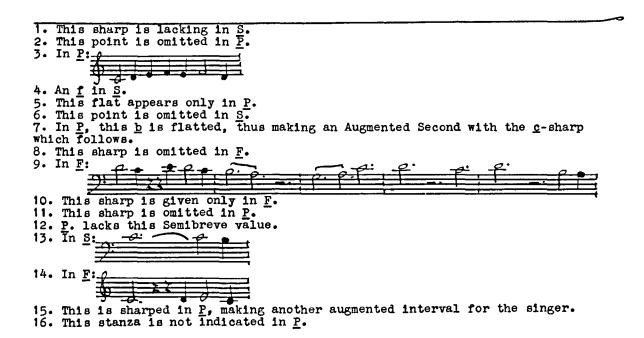
- 3(2).Solo il pensier ch'i'sie da llei diviso Ben che l'ochio mental sempre la vede
- 4(1).Onde ti chero, alta donna, mercede. Che quando tornera quel dolce tempo Al quale per vederti'i'spendo'l tenpo Non mi sia del tuo aspetto avara.
- 5(1).Po che partir con.....10







- 3(2). Et benche separato el corpo dolga Raccordarsi di lui dà refrigerio
- 4(1).Quando da sse a sse l'uom nel pensiero Rassegna e suoi fidati et chi è stato.
- 5(1).Posto che.....¹⁶







- 3(2).El non sarà che'l contrario fa prova Più si disia quel ch'è duro ad avere.
- 4(1).Ma vuole el mio piacere,
 Allor che'l tuo si move
 A rriguardar altrove.
 Da tte seguire non partir giamay.
- 5(1).Quanto più caro fay.....20
- 6(2). I'credo c'onestà et tua grandecca Isdenga me e non ti cal d'amore.
- 7(2). Ma più amante in donna pon fermecc'a Servir quand'è onesta e di valore.
- 8(1). Però si ch'è non creder fore Esser della mia mente. Però ch'è ssì possente Mi fe'che non tem partirà giamay.
- 9(1).Quanto.....

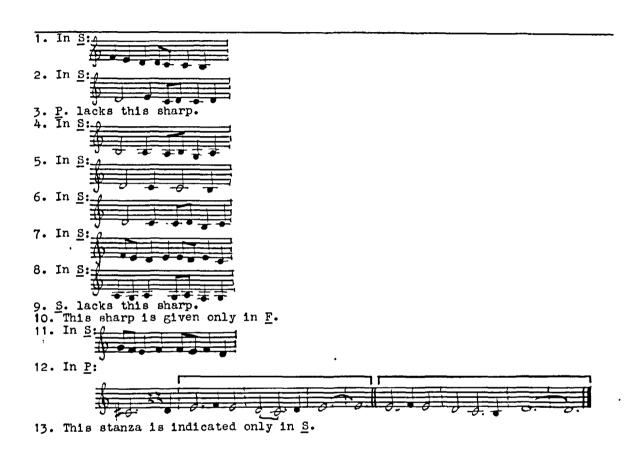
in F.

1. This part lacks text in R. This part lacks text in R. and P.
 This sharp is given in B. and R. only.
 This is a Long in B. 5. A Semibreve in S. 6. There is a point here in B. 7. An e in R. 8. A Breve in the MSS. 9. A Breve in F. 10. This accidental is in R. only. 11. In B: 12. This and the following Semibreve are each Linims in B. 13. A Breve in B. 14. In R: The same in \underline{B} : 15. R. has a sharp here which ought to go with the note before this if anywhere. 16. This sharp is given in \underline{B} . only. 17. A Long in B. and P. 18. This point is given only in P. 19. This rest is missing in F. In S. the note which follows it is missing. 20. This stanza is indicated in S. and B. only. Those following are given only





- 3(2). Come nel sole nonn è mai difetto Sperai che tu di me non fussi dura.
- 4(1).Or vegio bene che contra natura Son di dureça tuo biltà vestute Poi che non ai pietà di mie ferute.
- 5(1).Quel sol che raça......13











- 3(2).El cor di me da mme tu ai rimosso Cogli ochi belli et la faccia gioyosa
- 4(1).Perd al servo tuo, del sie pietosa Merce ti chiegho alla gram pena mia.
- 5(1).Questa fanciulla.....
- 6(2).Se non soccorri alle doglose pene Il cor mi verrà meno che ttu m'a'tolto
- 7(2). Che la mia vita non sente ma'bene Se non mirando'l tuo veçoso volto
- 8(1).Da poi fanciulla che d'amor m's involto Priego ch'alquanto a mme beningmia sia.
- 9(1).Questa fanciulla.....
- This part lacks text in F.
- 2. This point is found only in P.
- 3. This note is omitted in F.
- 4. In P:4
- 5. This measure was omitted in S.
- 6. This sharp is given only in $\overline{\underline{S}}$. 7. This stanza is indicated only in $\underline{\underline{S}}$. The following stanzas are found only in $\underline{\underline{F}}$.

Wolf (Hdb.d.Not.kunde, II, 254) gives an arrangement of this work in two-part organ tablature, taken from R. where it appears anonymously. Ludwig (Adler, Hdb.d. Musikgesch., I, 281) refers to an arrangement in the Munich MS. 3232a as a Kyrie.





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3(2).Vinca pietà la tuo voglia gelata Si ch'a tte piaccia el mie leal servire 4(1).Non per ch'i'ntenda mai da tte partire Sii quanto vuo'ver me spietata et acerva.

5(1).Selvagia fera,7

6(2).Nel primo aspetto fosti graciosa Colle tue belle et figurate membra

7(2).Or pur selvagia, altera et disdegnosa Ti se'mostrata a me se ben t'inmebra

8(1).0 quanta chiara et fulgida ti senbra. Quella veloce stella di Minerva.

9(1).Selvagia.....

10(2).Gioia, graveça, piacimento et doglia Fan per pietà di me duro lamento

11(2).Per non ben cerner di qual più si spoglia Quest'angelica forma per cui spento

12(1).Riputo me s'el mi è duro tormento, . Nel mod'usato lunghamente osserva.

13(1).Selvagia fera,

1. This point is given only in P. 2. In S. there is a break here in the staff which is so even in each line as to indicate the use of a sixpointed lining pen by the copyist. 3. This point is given only in \underline{S} .

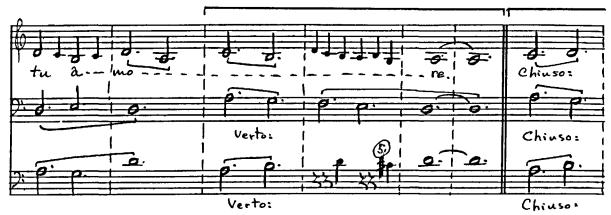
4. This flat appears only in \underline{P} . 5. This accidental occurs only in \underline{S} . 6. Another use of the triad at the cadence.

7. The following stanzas are lacking in P.

The original notation of this work may be seen in Plate VI.

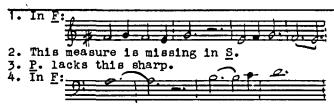








- 3(2). Et se in me pene tte vedro allegrare Serà contento l core.
- 4(1). Chè lumi tuoi mi tolgon el dolore Et fan mi sì contento Che mai non sento che ssi sia martire.
- 5(1).S'j'fossi.....⁶



- 5. This sharp is only in \underline{F} . 6. This stanza is indicated only in \underline{F} .





1. Fragments of ballate, having stanzas one and two only. Note that they are found only in \underline{S} . No.138 would also be in this category were it not for the text found elsewhere by Carducci.

This work uses white notation for the triplets.





These verses have been published in Capelli, Poesie musicali, p.28.





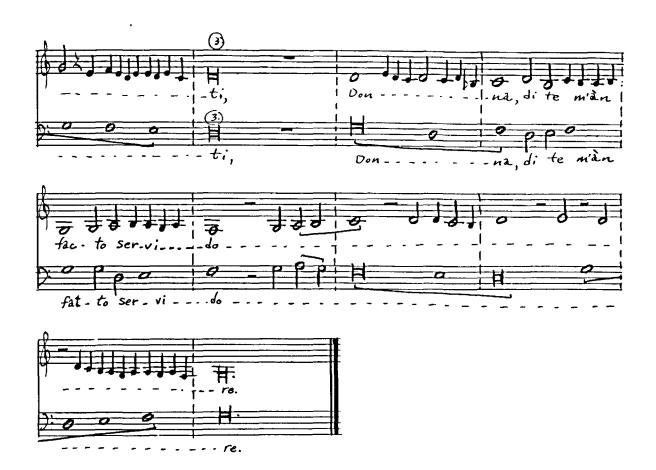
This work uses white notation for all triplets.





1. These flats are not in the signature of the MS. but are inserted each time the note appears in a phrase throughout both parts of the composition. 2. A \underline{c} in the MS.





The MS. has an extra Semibreve rest here.
 The MS. lacks a Semibreve rest here.
 This is only a Breve in the MS.

DOCUMENTS

Ι

From the records of Magistro della Grascia nell' Archivo centrale di Stato (Florence):

MCCCLXXXXVII die IIII mensis setembris Magister Francischus de Orchani, de populo S. Laurentii, decessit; de quarterio S. Johannis; sepultus fuit in dicta ecclesia per Giglium Luchini bechamortum.

II

The inscription on the grave stone:

Luminibus captus, Franciscus mente capaci cantibus organicis, quem cunctis Musica solum pretulit, hic cineres, animam super astra reliquit. M.CCC.LXXXXVII.die.II.sep.

III

Giovanni Villani (c.1275-1348) was a patriotic merchant of Florence who, attending the Roman Jubilee of Pope Boniface VIII, conceived the idea of writing a history extolling the glories of his native state. After his death the work was continued to 1363 by his brother, Matteo, with a still further continuation by the latter's son, Filippo. The entire section devoted to music is given below, taken from the edition of 1847:

De IOANNE BARTHOLO et FRANCISCO Musicis

Musicae artis disciplinam Florentini multi memorabiles habuere; sed qui aliquid in ea scientia ediderint pauci exstant, inter quos <u>Ioannes a Cascia</u>, <u>Bartholus</u> et <u>Laurentius Masini</u> prae ceteris praestantius et artificiosius cecinerunt.

Quorum primus, cum partim organo, partim modulatis per concentum vocibus in nostra maiori ecclesia symbolum caneretur, tam suavi dulcique sono artisque diligentia eumdem intonuit, ut relicta consueta interpositione organi, cum magno concursu populi, naturalem sequentis harmoniam, deinceps vivis vocibus caneretur, primusque omnium antiquam consuetudinem chori virilis et organi aboleri coegit. Nam cum Mastini de la Scala tyranni atria quaestus gratia frequentaret, et cum Bononiensi artis Musicae peritissimo, de artis excellentia, tyranno eos irritante

^{&#}x27;Gandolfi, Una riparazione a proposito di Francesco Landino.

muneribus, contenderet, mandrialia, sonosque multos intonuit, mirae dulcedinis et artificiosissimae melodiae, in quibus magne quam suavis fuerit in arte doctrinae manifestavit.

Sed hos reliquosque omnes, quos laudabilis tulit antiquitas, vivus adhuc Franciscus excedit, de quo non sine affectatae fabulae timore scribere ausim.

Hunc vix tempus medium infantiae egressum, sors iniqua varioli morbo coecavit, hunc eumdem ars Musices famae luminibus reformavit. Severior illi occasio corporalia abstulit lumina, sed interioris hominis oculos speculatio lyncea fecit. Argumentum sane, si verum amemus, quo illos verberibus adigamus, qui plenis censibus miserrimo torpescunt otio, quibus abuti honestius putarem, quam illos sinere sub ignava desidia obdormire.

Hic natus est Florentiae, patre Iacobo pictore, vitae simplicissimae, rectoque viro, etcui scelera displicerent. Postquam tamen infantiam luminibus orbate am excesserat, caecitatis miseriam intelligens, ut perpetuae noctis horrorem in aliquo levamine solaretur, Caeli, ut puto, benignitate, quae tantae infelicitati compatiens solatia praeparavit, decantare pueriliter coepit. Factus deinde maiusculus, quum melodiae dulcedinem intellexisset, arte primo vivis vocibus, deinde fidibus canere coepit et organo, cumque in arte mire profecerit, omnium stupore musicae artis instrumenta, quae nunquam viderat, tractabat, prompte, ac si oculis frueretur, manuque adeo velocissima, quae tamen mensurate tempora observaret, organa tangere coepit, arte tanta tantaque dulcedine, ut incomparabiliter organistas omnes, quorum memoria haberi posset, sine dubio superaret. Et quod referri sine commento fictionis fere non potest.

Musicum instrumentum organum tantis compositum fistulis, tantis interius contextum artificiis, tamque dissimilibus proportionatum servitiis, expositis tenuissimis cannulis, quae facile etiam contactu perminimo laeduntur; et exenteratis visceribus instrumenti, quorum stilus si locis dimovetur suis per linear spatium, corrumpitur, et intromissum follibus spiritum stridulis compellit vocibus dissonare; omnibus remotis quae ad compagem eius et ordinem pertinerent, temperatum et consonantiis modulantium restituat in integrum, emendatis quae dissonantiam obstrepebant.

Et quod est amplius; lyra, limbuta, quintaria, rebeba, avena, tibiisque et omni musicorum genere canit egregie, et quae reddunt sonitum concinnum per varias symphonias ore aemulans, humanoque commiscens concentui, tertiam quamdam ex utroque commixtam tono musicae speciem adinvenit iucunditatis ingenuae.

Insuper genus quoddam instrumenti ex limbuto medioque canone compositum excogitavit, quod appellavit Serenam Serenarum, instrumentum sane quod reddat verberatis fidibus suavissimam melodiam.

Referre quanta et quam pulcra fuerit in arte molitus supervacaneum puto, cum hu iuscemodi virorum ephemeridas dicentes obnubilare soleant gratiam brevitatis. Scire tamen operae pretium est neminem organo unquam excellentius cecinisse: ex quo factum est Musicorum consensu omnium eidem artis palmam concedentium, ut Venetiis ab illustrissimo ac nobilissimo Cyprorum Rege publice, ut poetis et Caesaribus mos est, laurea donaretur.

Praeter haec ad laudis eius cumulum accedat, quod grammaticam atque dialecticam plene didicerit, artemque poeticam metro fictionibusque tractaverit.

VVLGARI BUSQVE RHYTHMIS egregia MVLTA dictaverit: in contumeliam, ut ita dixerim, Florentinae inventutis effeminatae, quae muliebri studens ornamento, turpi mollitie, virili animo deposito, fatigatur.

IV

A eulogy by Christoforo Landino, grand nephew of Francesco: 2

Sed nec tu fueras una contentus in arte Cum posses veterum dogmata nosse patrum, Nam solers rerum causas, penitusque repostae Naturae occultas tendis inire vias; Et quod terrenis oculis vidisse negatum est, Cernere mente parens Calliopea dedit.

V

A letter from Archiv. centr. di Firenze: Signori, Carteggio, Missive, Registri. l Cancellaria, filza 16.3

Episcopo Florentino

Reverende in Christo pater. Speculari pulcerrimum est ingentia Dei dona, quae humano generi immensa sua bonitate concessit, quibusque fuerunt mortales ornati participesque divinae beatitudinis sunt effecti.

Ea propter, ut aliquando concludamus, sentientes de hospitali Sancti Iohannis, quod Sanctae Reparatae vulgariter reputatur, de quo fuerat cuidam vestro familiari provisum, controversiam nuperrime suscitatam, ut dicatur ad comune Florentiae pertinere, nos, Franciscum Iacobi musicum et organistam honorare suarum virtutum meritis cupientes, cujus in hac quam longa oratione commendavimus, facultate, non quasi caecus, sed plus quam Argus oculatus emicuit, ex quo et urbi nostrae gloriosum nomen et ecclesiae Florentinae ab isto caeco lumen accedit, Paternitatem vestram affectuosissime deprecamur, quatenus ad tolendum omnem litigium, de eo sibi praemissis opportunis, canonice dignemini providere: ut qui in ecclesia Dei, ornatus moribus et decoratus tantae professionis splendore, laudabiliter est versatus, possit suppetentibus necessariis ad divini cultus ampliationem quod sibi superest vitae ferventius dedicare.

-- Datum Florentiae X septembris XIII Ind. [1375]

²Wesselofsky, Il Paradiso, I, 104.

³Ibid., App. 10.

VI

A eulogy from Cino Rinuccini, written shortly after the death of Francesco:

E acciochè nelle arti liberali niuno savio ci manchi, avemo in musica Francesco, cieco del corpo, ma dell' anima illuminato, il quale cosi la teorica come la practica di quell' arte sapea, e nul sul tempo fu migliore modulatore di dolcissimi canti, d'ogni strumento sonatore, e Massimamente d'organi, co' quali con piacevole dolcezza ricreava i stanchi.

VII

A eulogy from Guido del Palagio, a poet contemporaneous with Francesco:5

Fioriva in quel tempo Francesco degli Organi, musico teorico e practico (mirabil cosa a ridire!) il quale cieco quasi a natività, si mostrò di tanto intelletto divino, che in ogni parte piu astratta mostrava le sottilissime proporzioni de' suoi musicabili numeri, e quelle con tanta dolcezza col suo organo praticava, che (cosa non credibile pure a udirla!) non ostante questo, egli, con ogni artista e filosofo disputava, non tanto nella sua musica, ma in tutte le arti liberali, perchè di tutte quelle in buona parte erudito si era.

VIII

A letter in verse from France Sacchetti, inviting Francesco to some proposed festivities: 6

Veggendo tante piaghe e tanti segni,
Francesco, io temo che nel ciel sovrano
Non abbia preso gia la tromba in mano
Que' che voirà che ciascun si rassegni;
E temo ch' al gridar: Venite, a' degni,
Il numero non si ritrovi vano,
Perchè lo 'ngrato popoi cristiano
Segue pur mal con forze e con ingegni.
Abbiam fame e discordia, morte e guerra,
Chi vacilla e chi fugge, e non sa dove,
Ma da' suc' vizi nessun si disserra.
Dunque col dolce suon che da te piove,
Anzi che quell' orribil giunga in terra,
Priego ch' adorni le parole nove.

⁴Wesselofsky, <u>Il Paradiso</u>, I, 251.

⁵Trucchi, Poesie Inedit., II, 152.

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Francesco's reply:

Se per segno mirar che dal ciel vegni
Dover tosto finire il monte e'l piano
Pensar si può, temp' è che noi veggiano
Di ciò dimostrazione, e tu l'assegni:
 Discordia, fame, e regni contra regni,
Aer disposto a dar morte all' uom sano,
C'hanno a significar fine mondano;
Di che possibil è quel che disegni.
 Ma se'l mimer de' buoni andrà sì a terra,
Come tu temi, a me lagrime piove,
E'l visio n' è cagion che'l mondo affera.

Vestita la canzon, che'l cor commove, Rimando a te, si ch'omai per la terra Cantando potrà gire qui e altrove.

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126	3	В	La dolce vista	127r 150r		80r	47⊽	100r			Trucchi,II,161
65	2	В	L'alma legiadra	155v	13r					Ì	
127	3	В	L'alma mie piange	156r 131r		75 v 76r		65v 66r		,	
66	2	В	La mala lingua,	140v				107r			
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67	2	В	L'antica fiamma	155v	4r						
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69	2	В	L'onesta tuo biltà,	155r							
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70	2	В	Ma' non s'andrà	141r	66v 67r				Wolf, Gesch. Not. Riemann, Gesch.	ļ	
3	2	M	Mostron mi amor	124v				13v 14r			Trucchi,II,165
131	3	В	Muort' orama	129v 130r				127 v 128 r]	
1			Musica son che mi	121v 122r				1201	Adler, <u>Handbuch</u> , I	F.Landini	Carducci, Opere,VIII,320
132	3	В	Nella mie vita	168 v	23▼				!		
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1 1			Nella tuo luce	134⊽							
133	3	В	Nè 'n ciascun	139v	38₹			115v 116r			
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74	2	В	Nessum provò giam-	159r							
4	2	М	Non a Nnarcisso	125r				117			
135	3	В	Nonn arà ma'pietà	134r	47r 30⊽	23v 24r	52r	12r 61v 62r	Fétis, <u>Histoire</u> et al.	Bindo d'Al- esso Donati	
75	2	₿	Non creder, donna,	136v	2₹			4v 5r			Carducci, Cant.
136	3	В	Non do la colp [*] a	134₹	24r		37 r	or	•		* Rime d.Cino
76	2	В	Non per fallir	168r	4₹			95 v 96r			
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77	2	В	Ochi dolenti	135₹							
137	3	В	O fanciulla giulia	159₹	34₹			86v 87r		F.Landini	Carducci, Cant., Trucchi, II, 154
78	2	B	Ognor mi trovo	136r							
5	2	M	O pianta vagha	128r	43v 44r						Levi, p.233
79	2	В	Or'e ttal l'alma	141r	7₹ 8r			108v			
			Orsu, gentili spir-	142r					Kllinwood, Mus.Quart.XXII	F.Landini	Carducci, Cant., Levi, p.225
80	2	В	Oyme: el core	141v				103r			
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81	2	В	Per allegreça	159r	5₹	7r				 	
140	3	В	Perche di novo	164r	30r	25⊽		.64∀ 65r			Trucchi, II, 163
140	(7	l'ei	nor) Per che tuo ser-	164r	30r	25⊽		64 ∀			
82	2	В	Per che virtu fa		42v 43r			65r	Gotti, Il Sacchetti	F.Sacchetti	
83	2	В	Per la belleça	165r							
141	3	В	Per la mie dolce	143r					Wolf, Gesch. Not. Riemann, Gesch.		, '
6	2	M	Per l'anfluença	126 v		50 v 51r			,		
142	3	В	Per seguir la sper-	166r	21 v	orr	48r	62v 63r	Ellinwood, Mus.Quart.XXII	F.Landini	Trucchi, II, 156
84	2	В	Per servar umilta	158 v	3r			88 v 89 r			
85	2	В	Per un amante rio	166 v				""			
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143	3	В	Selvagia fera,	137r				104v 105r			
92	2	В	Se merçe donna		20r		ĺ	1051			
154	2	F	Senpre giro caendo	170⊽							
93	2	B	Se pronto non saral	170r	12v	28r			Coussemaker in Capelli, Poesie Riemann, Bei-		Capelli, <u>Poesie</u> , p.23 Levi, p.294
12	3	M	Si dolce non sono	123v 124r					spielen Ellinwood,	:	
94	2	В	Sie maladetta	170v		TOF	28r	13r 67v 68r			Levi, p.285
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95	2	В	S'j'ti son ²	142⊽	8r		48v 49r	89 v 90r			
7	2	M	Somma felicità,	127⊽			131	301		F.Sacchetti	Capelli, Poesie, p.32
96	2	В	Tante belleçe	139r							Toeste, p.o.
8	2	М	Tu, che ll'oper'	122 v	42v 43r				Wolf, <u>S.I.M.G.,</u> III		
9	2	М	Unna conlonba	129r		llv 12r			Ellinwood, Mus Quart XXII		Carducci, Opere, VIII, 362
97	2	В	Vaga fanciulla	165r	10v 11r	121			mao-Anate WII		obele'itti'oos
98	2	В	Va pure, amore,	171r				70r			
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99	2	В	Vidi ti, donna,	171r							
100	2	В	Vjta non è più	167r	10v		4 9r	103⊽			

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