

# Twelve Italian Songs

*by Albinoni, Caccini, Caldara, Carissimi, da Gagliano, Giordani,  
Lotti, Melani, Monteverdi, Pergolese, Pesenti, and Stradella*

*Arranged by Peter Billam*

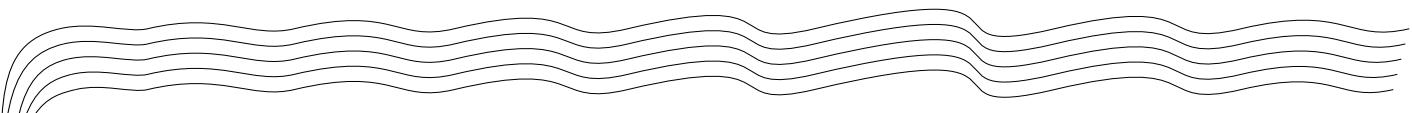
**For guitar accompaniment**

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# Twelve Italian Songs, for voice and guitar

These arrangements were made when I was a guitarist, accompanying the Swiss tenor Franz Anderegg in the late 1970's.

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## Amarilli

4 4

A - ma - ril - li, mia bel - la, non cre - di, o, del mio  
 6e en Re

cor dol - ce de - si - o: d'es - ser tu -

l'amor mi - o. Cre - di lo pur e se ti -

cresc...  
 - mor t'as - sa - le, pre - di questo mio stra - le,  
 f

dim...  
 a - pri m'il pe - to e vedrai scrit - to in co -  
 f

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*p*  
 pet - - - to e vedrai scrit - to in co - re : A - ma -  
  
*mp*  
 - ril - - - ri , A - ma - ril - - -  
  
*mf*  
 li , A - ma - ril - - - li e'il mio a - mo - - -  
*cresc ...* *ff* *#*  
*dim ...*  
  
*pp*  
 re ; A - ma - ril - - - li e'l mio a -  
*molto rit ...* *accell ...* *tempo*  
  
*f*  
 - mo - - - re . 1  
*pp*

# Ruscelletto Limpidetto

*Andante*

6 en Re

*mf*

Ru - scel - let - to li - mpi - det - to , quando I - re - ne a te sen ,

vie - ne , non la fa così vez - zo - sa , non la fa così

vez - zo - sa . Ru - scel -

let - to li - mpi - det - to , quando I - re - ne a te sen , vie - ne ,

no , non la fa così vez - zo - za .

*p*

no , non la fa così vez - zo - za .

**FIN** Se co - no - sce i pre - gi suo - i con gl' a - man - ti el -

la fi - a po - i più cru - de - le e più ri - tro - sa ,

con gl' a - man - ti el - la fi - a po - i più cru - de - le e più

ri - tro - sa , più cru - de - le e più ri - tro - sa ,

# Come Raggio di Sol

Antonio Caldara

Co - me raggio di

sol , mi - te e se - re - no , Co - me raggio di sol ,

mi - te e se - re - no , sovra pla - cidi flut - ti si ri -

*dim...* *sf*

po - sa , men - tre del ma - re , men - - tre del ma - re nel pro -

*cresc...*

fon - do se - no sta la tem - pe -



## Vittoria, Vittoria

Allegro

Vit - to - ria , mio cuo - re ! Non  
 la - grimar più , non la - grimar più , e sciolta d'A - mo - re la  
 ser - vi - tu , Vit - to - ria , Vit - to - ria , mio cuo - re ! Non  
 rit ... tempo ... rit ... tempo ...

la - grimar più , e sciolta d'A - mo - re la ser - vi - tu , e  
 scio - ta d'A - mo - re la

ser - vi - tu . Gia l'empia atuo i dan - ni fra stu - lo di sguardi , con

vezzi bu - giardi di - spouse gl'in - gan - ni , le frodi gliaf - fanni non  
 hanno più lo - co , del crudo suo fuoco e speto l'ar -

- do - re ! Vit - to - ria , mio  
 cuo - re ! Non la - grimar più , non la - grimar più , e

sciolta d'A - mo - re la ser - vi - tu , e scio -  
 ta d'A - mo - re la ser - vi - tu .

**Caro mio ben**

Tommaso Giordani

*Larghetto*

4  
4

Ca - ro mio ben , cre - di mi al - men , sen - za di te lan - guisce il  
cor . Ca - ro mio ben , sen - za di  
te lan - guis - sce il cor .

*p*      *cresc...*      *f*

Il tuo fe - del so - pira o- gnor , ces - sa cru -

*cresc . . . dim . . .*

del tan - to ri - gor , ces - sa cru - del tan - ro ri -

*pp*

- gor , tan - to ri - gor , Ca - ro mio ben , cre - di mi al -

*mf*

- men , sen - za di te lan - gui - sche il cor . Ca - ro mio

*p*

ben , cre - di mi al - men , sen - za di te

*pp*

lan - Gui - sche il cor .

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*Allegretto***Pupille Arciere**

Pu - pil - le ar - cie - re ,      pu - pil - le ne - re ,  
 O lu - ci a - ma - te ,      lu - ci be - a - te ,  
 Io per voi sen - to      gra - ve tor - men - to ,

reg - gio al - ber - gio d'A - mo - re ,  
 chieg - gio me - rce - de anch' io ,  
 cru - del - lis - si - mi lu - mi .

voi quel - le se - te ,      che tra - fig - ge - re ,  
 Da - te - me a - i - ta ,      da te - mi vi - ta ,  
 Pur v'a - mo e in tan - to ,      d'a - mo ro pia - nto ,

che sa - e - ta - te il co - re .  
 non più tor - men - to, o Di - o .  
 ver - so fo - nta - ne e fiu - mi .

**Pur Dicesti**

*Grazioso*

Pur di - ce - sti , o bocca , bocca bel - la , o bocca , bocca bel - la ,  
sul D ...

quel so - a - ve e ca - ro " si " , " si " , che fa

tut - to il mio pla - cer , il mio pla - cer .

Pur di - ce - sti , o bocca , bocca bel - la , o

bocca, bocca bel - la, quel so - a - ve e ca - ro " si ", " si ",

quel so - a - ve e ca - ro " si ", che fa tut - to il

mio pia - cer - - , il mio pia - - cer, quel so - a - ve e ca - ro " si ", " si ", che fa

tut - to il mio pia - cer - - , il mio pia - - cer.

2a ————— 1a —————

*FIN*

Per o —

- nor di sua fa - cel - la con un ba - cio A mor t'a -

- pri , con un ba - cio A mor t'a - pri ,

dol - ce fen - te del go - der ! Ah - - -

sul D ...

*f* rall ...

- , sì del go - der !

## Vezzosa Aurora

Alessandro Melani

*Andante**mp dolce*

Vez - zo - za Au -  
Al - ba gen -

- ro - ra,  
- ti - le,  
Vez - zo - za Au - ro - ra,  
Al - ba gen - ti - le,

deh, af - sor fret  
gi, ta,  
deh, af - sor - gi, ta il - piè,

E il pra - to in do  
Chè il mon - do è vi  
ra, le,

e il pra - to il do  
chè il mon - do è vi  
ra, le,

The musical score consists of five systems of music, each with two staves (treble and bass). The key signature changes between systems, starting with one flat and moving through various sharps and flats. The time signature is mostly common time.

**System 1:**

- Lyrics: il prato in - do - ra, il mon - do e vi - le, por - tan - do il - di .
- Refrain: Vez - zo - za Au - Al - ba gen -

**System 2:**

- Lyrics: - ro - ra , - ti - le ,
- Refrain: Vez - zo - za Au - ro - ra , Al - ba gen - ti - le ,

**System 3:**

- Lyrics: deh , sor - gi , si , af - fret - ta il pie ,
- Refrain: deh , sor - - - - af - fret - - - -

**System 4:**

- Lyrics: - gi ! Vez - zo - sa Au - ro - ra , Al - ba gen - ti - le ,
- Refrain: deh , sor - - - - af - fret - - - -

**System 5:**

- Lyrics: sì , Vez - zo - sa Au - ro - ra , Al - ba gen - ti - le ,
- Refrain: deh , sor - - - - af - fret - - - -

## Nina

attributed to Giovanni Battista Pergolese

Tre gior - ni son che Ni - na , che Ni - na , che

Ni - na in let - te se ne sta - -, in

let - te se ne sta . *f* Pif - fari , tim - pani

cem - ba - li , sve - glia - te mia Ni - net - ta , sve -

The musical score consists of four systems of music, each with two staves: a treble clef staff for the vocal line and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment.

**System 1:** The vocal line begins with a sustained note followed by eighth-note pairs. The lyrics are: "glia - te mia Ni - net - ta, ac - ciò no dor - ma". The piano accompaniment features eighth-note chords. The vocal line continues with eighth-note pairs, and the lyrics change to: "più - -, ac - ciò non dor - ma più . Sve -".

**System 2:** The vocal line starts with eighth-note pairs, and the lyrics are: "glia - te mia Ni - net - ta, sve - glia - te mia Ni -". The piano accompaniment consists of eighth-note chords.

**System 3:** The vocal line begins with eighth-note pairs, and the lyrics are: "net - ta, ac - ciò non dor - ma più .". The piano accompaniment features eighth-note chords. The section ends with a repeat sign and the label "1a" above the vocal line.

**System 4:** The vocal line begins with eighth-note pairs, and the lyrics are: "più . ac - ciò non dor - - ma più .". The piano accompaniment features eighth-note chords. The section ends with a repeat sign and the label "2a" above the vocal line.

**Lamento d'Arianna**

Claudio Monteverdi

*6e en Re*

La - scia - - te mi mo - ri - re , la - scia - te  
mi mo - ri - re .

E che vo - le - te voi  
che mi con - for - te

in cosi du - ra sor - te , in cosi  
in cosi

gran mar - ti - re ? La - scia - te mi mori - re ,  
La - scia - te mi mori - re ,

la - scia - te mi mo - ri - re !  
la - scia - te mi mo - ri - re !

# O Biondetta Lascivetta

*Allegretto leggero*

The musical score consists of five systems of music, each with two staves (treble and bass). The key signature changes from G major (no sharps or flats) to F# major (one sharp) at the beginning of the third system.

**System 1:** Key of G major (4/4 time). Treble staff: eighth-note patterns. Bass staff: eighth-note patterns. Lyrics: O bion - det - ta la - sci - vet - ta pas - to - rel - la, (lil - la - la, ) O ru - bel - la ni - nfa bel - la, nin - fa bel - la, (lil - la - O Lil - let - ta par - go - let - ta, par - go - let - ta, (lil - la -

**System 2:** Key of G major (4/4 time). Treble staff: eighth-note patterns. Bass staff: eighth-note patterns. Lyrics: la,) pa - sto - rel - la tut - ta bel - la ! la,) D'a - mor freg - gio D'a - mor pre - gio ! la,) Lil - la a - ma - ta Lil - la in - gra - ta !

**System 3:** Key of F# major (4/4 time). Treble staff: eighth-note patterns. Bass staff: eighth-note patterns. Lyrics: Se vez - zo - sa, se fe - sto - za io ti mi - ro , ahi Se ri - den - te, pur so - ven - te io ti mi - ro , ahi Me - tre in can - ti, tra - gli a - man - te io ti mi - ro , ahi

**System 4:** Key of F# major (4/4 time). Treble staff: eighth-note patterns. Bass staff: eighth-note patterns. Lyrics: so - spi - ro , ahi - so - spi -

**System 5:** Key of F# major (4/4 time). Treble staff: eighth-note patterns. Bass staff: eighth-note patterns. The first measure is labeled "1a, 2a" above the staff. The second measure is labeled "3a" above the staff. Both measures have lyrics: - ro ! and ro !

## Così, Amor, me fai languir

The musical score for "Così, Amor, me fai languir" features six staves of music. The top staff is for the voice (soprano), and the bottom staff is for the continuo (harpsichord or organ). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music is in common time, with various key changes indicated by sharps and flats.

**Staff 1 (Voice):**

- Key: F major (indicated by a 'F' with a sharp)
- Notes: D, E, F, G, A, B, C, D
- Text: Co - sì, A - mor, mi fai la -
- Text: 6e en Re

**Staff 2 (Continuo):**

- Key: F major (indicated by a 'F' with a sharp)
- Notes: D, E, F, G, A, B, C, D
- Text: - nguir, mi fai la - nguir, co - sì, A - mor, mi fai la -

**Staff 3 (Continuo):**

- Key: F major (indicated by a 'F' with a sharp)
- Notes: D, E, F, G, A, B, C, D
- Text: - nar, mi fai pe - nar, co - sì, A - mor, mi fai la -

**Staff 4 (Continuo):**

- Key: F major (indicated by a 'F' with a sharp)
- Notes: D, E, F, G, A, B, C, D
- Text: - nguir, mi fai la - nguir; non e mi mi - o chi cio che de -

**Staff 5 (Continuo):**

- Key: F major (indicated by a 'F' with a sharp)
- Notes: D, E, F, G, A, B, C, D
- Text: - nar, mi fai pe - nar; non mi dai - chi tan - to a -

**Staff 6 (Continuo):**

- Key: F major (indicated by a 'F' with a sharp)
- Notes: D, E, F, G, A, B, C, D
- Text: - si - o, chi mi fug - ge se - guir deg - gio, e chi si -

**Staff 7 (Continuo):**

- Key: F major (indicated by a 'F' with a sharp)
- Notes: D, E, F, G, A, B, C, D
- Text: - ma - i, il mio be - ne sac - ciar deg - gio, e mi con -

**Staff 8 (Continuo):**

- Key: F major (indicated by a 'F' with a sharp)
- Notes: D, E, F, G, A, B, C, D
- Text: - strug - ge, nel mio fo - co, nel mio fo - co ho da fug -

**Staff 9 (Continuo):**

- Key: F major (indicated by a 'F' with a sharp)
- Notes: D, E, F, G, A, B, C, D
- Text: - vie - ne, chi non a - mo, chi non a - mo pur a -

Sheet music for two voices and basso continuo, showing five systems of music. The vocal parts are in soprano and alto voices, with basso continuo providing harmonic support. The lyrics are in French.

**System 1:**

- Soprano: - gir, mor, a chi si strug - ge, nel mio fo - co, nel mio non
- Alto: - mor, e mi con - vie, chi non a mo, chi non
- Bassoon: (continues from previous system)

**System 2:**

- Soprano: fo - co ho da fug - gir. Co - sì, A - mor, mi fai la -
- Alto: a mo pur a - mor. Co - sì, A - mor, mi fai la -
- Bassoon: (continues from previous system)

**System 3:**

- Soprano: - nguir, mi fai la - nguir, mi fai la -
- Alto: - nar, mi fai pe - nar, mi fai la -
- Bassoon: (continues from previous system)

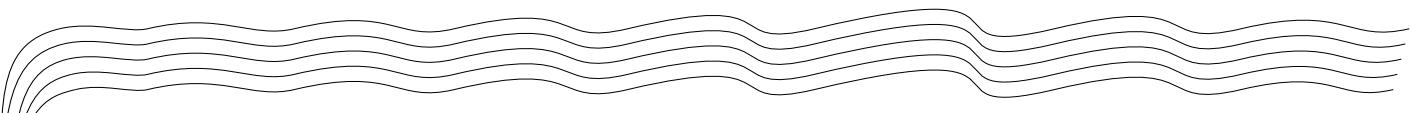
**System 4:**

- Soprano: - guir, mi fai la - guir, mi fai la -
- Alto: - nar, mi fai pe - nar, mi fai la -
- Bassoon: (continues from previous system)

**System 5:**

- Soprano: mi fai la - guir, mi fai la -
- Alto: mi fai pe - nar, mi fai la -
- Bassoon: (continues from previous system)

*1a*                    *2a*



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