

My Dear and Only Love

Marquis of Montrose (1640)

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Allegro moderato.

My dear and on - ly love, I pray That

lit - tle world of thee Be gov-ern'd by no o - ther sway But

pur - est monarchy: For if con-fu - sion have a part Which

vir-tuous souls ab - hor, I'll call a sy - nod in my heart, And

nev-er love thee more. As Al - ex-an-der I will reign, And I will

animato.

reign a - lone; My thoughts did ev - er - more dis - dain A ri - val

on my throne. He ei - ther fears his fate too much Or

his de - serts are small, Who dares not put it to the touch, To

gain or lose it all.

con energia.
f
But I will reign and go - vern still, And al - ways give the

law, And have each sub - ject at my will, And all to stand in

awe. But 'gainst my bat-tries if I find Thou storm or vex me

p *cresc.*

sore, As if thou set me as a blind, I'll nev - er love thee

f

more, I'll nev - er, nev-er love thee

sempre f *rall.* *colla voce.*

more. But if no faith-less ac - tions stain Thy love and con - stant

meno mosso. *mf deciso.*

cresc. *f*

word, I'll make thee fa - mous by my pen, And glo - rious by my

cresc. *>* *>* *>* *>* *sf colla voce. sf*

sword. I'll serve thee in such no - ble ways As

ne'er was known be - fore; I'll crown and deck thee all with bays, And

ff colla voce. sf sf

love thee more and more.

sf sf ff