

Una furtiva lagrima

(transposed up one whole step)

from

L'Elisir d'Amore

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Gaetano Donizetti
(1797-1848)

1 Larghetto

p

5 *cresc.* *calando*

9 **Nemorino** *dolce*

U - na fur - ti - va la - gri-ma
a secret tear

12 ne - gli_oc - chi suo_i spun - tò.
in eyes her welled

Quel - le fe - sto - se
those cheery

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15

gio - va-ni in - vi - di - ar sem - brò.
girls to envy she seemed

18

Che più cer-can - do io vo?
what more seeking I want Che più cer-can - do io vo?
what more seeking I want

22

M'a - ma, sì, m'a - ma, lo ve - do, lo ve - do!
she loves me yes she loves me it I see it I see

26

Un so-lo_i-stan - te_i pal - pi-ti
a single instant the beats del suo bel cor - sen -
of her beautiful

30

tir.
I miei so-spir my sighs con-fon-de-re per po-co a' suoi— so-

34

spir. sighs I pal-pi-ti, i pal-pi-ti sen-tir, con-

37

fon-de-re i miei co' suoi so-spir! Cie-lo, si può— mo-
to mix mine with her sighs Heaven I could die

40

rir; di più non chie-do, non chie-do. Ah! cie-lo, si può, si può— mo-
for more not I ask not I ask Heaven I could I could die

Musical score for 'Una furtiva lagrima' featuring two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. Measure 44 starts with 'rir; di più non chie-do, non chie'. Measure 45 continues with 'do. Si può mo-'. Measure 46 starts with 'rir, si può mo - rir d'a - mor.'. Measure 47 continues with 'I could die of love'. The music includes various dynamics like forte (f), piano (p), and accents.

*Una furtiva lagrima
negl'occhi suoi spuntò.
Quelle festose giovani
invidiar sembrò.
Che più cercando io vo'?
M'ama, lo vedo.

Un solo istante i palpiti
del suo bel cor sentir.
I miei sospir confondere
per poco a' suoi sospir.
Cielo, si può morir;
di più non chiedo.*

A secret tear
in her eyes welled.
Those happy girls
she seemed to envy.
What more do I want to look for?
She loves me; I see it.

For a single instant, the beats
of her beautiful heart to feel.
My sighs to mix,
for a while, with her sighs.
Heavens, I could die;
I ask for no more.

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