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Solomon

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Recit. My Sov'ring

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Recitative.

An Attendant

My Sov'reign Liege, two Women stand,

And both beseech the King's command to enter here. Dissolv'd in tears, the

one a new born Infant bears; The other fierce and threatening loud declares her

story to the croud, And thus she clamours to the throng. Seek we the

Solomon.

King, he shall redress our wrong. Admit them straight, for when we mount the throne our

1st Woman.

hours are all the People's, not our own. Thou Son of David, hear a Mother's

grief, when Justice hears, she likewise brings relief;

This little Babe my womb conceiv'd, The smiling Infant I with joy

ceiv'd; That woman also bore a son, Whose vital thread was quickly

spin; One house we both together kept, But once unhappy as I

slept; She stole at midnight where I lay, Bore my soft darling

from my arms away, And left her child behind a lump of lifeless clay:

And now, oh impious! dares to claim, My right a lone, a mother's name.

A Tempo Giusto

Violini

1st Woman

Bassi