

Caro mio ben

Text by an anonymous poet

Set by *Tommaso Giordani* (1730–1806), attributed to *Giuseppe Giordani* (1744–1798)

Caro mio ben,
[ˈka:.ro mi:o bɛ:n]
Dear, my beloved,
(*My dear beloved,*)

Credimi almen,
[ˈkre:.di.mi al.ˈme:n]
believe-me at-least,
(*at least believe me*)

Senza di te
[ˈsɛn.tsa di te]
without (of) you
(*that without you*)

Languisce il cor.
[lan.ˈgwiʃ.ʃe il kɔ:r]
languishes the heart
(*my heart suffers.*)

Il tuo fedel
[il tu:o fe.ˈde:l]
The your faithful-one
(*Your faithful lover*)

Sospira ognor.
[so.ˈspi:.ra ɔn.ˈno:r]
sighs always.
(*sighs constantly.*)

Cessa, crudel,
[ˈtʃɛs.sa kru.ˈde:l]
Cease, cruel-one,
(*End, cruel one,*)

Tanto rigor!
[ˈtan.to ri.ˈgo:r]
so-much severity.
(*this extreme torture.*)

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