

RECITATIVE - OH, WORSE THAN DEATH INDEED!
AIR - ANGELS, EVER BRIGHT AND FAIR

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Recit

SOPRANO

PIANO

O, worse than death in - deed! Lead me, ye

guards, lead me, or to the rack, or to the flames, I'll thank your gra-cious mer-ey!

Air - Larghetto ($\text{♩} = 72$)

Angels, ev - er bright and fair,

An - gels, ev - er bright and fair, Take, oh, take me,
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Take, oh, take me to your care,

take me, take, oh, take me, An - - gels,

ev - er bright and fair, Take, oh, take me to your care,

(ad lib.)

Take, oh, take me to your care.

*colla voce**f a tempo*

Speed to your own courts my—

p

flight, Clad in robes of vir - gin white, Clad in robes of vir - gin

white, Clad in robes of vir - gin white! Take me,



An-gels, ev - er bright and fair, Take, oh, take me, Take, oh, take me to your

p

care, —— take me, take, oh, take me, An - gels,

(*ad lib.*)

ever bright and fair, Take, oh, take me to your care, Take, oh, take me to your

colla voce

care.

f a tempo