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An Introduction to the Art of SINGING by Note.

Fitted to the MEANEST CAPACITIES.

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RECOMMENDED by Several MINISTERS.

Let every Thing that hath Breath praise the Lord. Psalm chi of the OST ON: Printed and Sold by Benjamin Mecom at the New Printing-Office near the Town-House. 1760, 9710



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#### Thoughts on POETRY and MUSICK: By Dr. Watts.

Degree, and kindles a blame of holy Love and Joy in the Heart. If the Memory be well flored with devout Songs, we shall never be at a Loss for divine Meditation: We may easily the Prairies of God and our Saviour at all Times, and feel our Souls borne up, a con the Wings of Angels, far above this dusky Globe of Earth, till we have lost all its flattering Vannties, and its painful Vexations. Poefy was siril designed for the Service of Religion, and dedicated to the Temple. Meses and Javid made divine and illustracts Use of it.

The ART of SINGING is a most charming Gift of the God of Nature, and designed for the Solace of our Sortows and the Improvement of our Joys. Those young Persons who are blest with a musical Ear and Voice, should have some Instruction bestowed on them, that they may acquire this delightful Skill. I am forry that the greatest Part of our Songs, whereby young Centlemen and Ladies are taught to practife this Art, are of the amorous Kind, and some of them polluted too. Will no happy Genius lend a helping Hand to rescue Musick from all its Desilements, and to furthin the Tongue with nobler and more resined Melody? But Singing must not be named alone.

Various Harmony both of the WIND and STRING, were once in Use in Divine Worthip, and that by Divine Appointment. It is certain then that the Use of these Instfuments in common Life is no unlawful Practice, though the New Testament has not ordained the Use of it in evangelical Worship. But if the Voice be happily capable of this Art, it is preferable to all Instruments fashioned and composed by Man: This is an Organ formed and tuned by God himself. It is most easily kept in Exercise, the Skill is retained longest, and the Pleasure transcents all the Reft. Where an Ode of noble and feraphick Compofure is set throughout to Musick, and sung by an artful Voice, while the Spirit at the same Time enjoys a devout Temper, the Joys of the Soul and the Sense are united, and it approaches to the feriptural, Ideas of the celeftial State.

Happy the Youth who has a bright and harmonious Confliction, with a pions Turn of Soul, a CHEARPUL SPIRIT, and a Relish of facred Melody! He takes a frequent Flight above this lower World, beyond the Regions of Souse and Time; he joins the Confort of the heavenly Inhabitants and feems to anticipate the Business and the Bietsedness of Lternity.



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# Recommendatory PREFACE.

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all, more particularly our Young Sacrifice. People, to accomplish themselves with Skill to fing the Songs of At the same Time we would, the LORD, according to the good above all, exhort, That the main Rules of Psalmody: Hoping that Concern of all may be, to make

laudable Performance of that holy the Consequence of it will be, Service, wherein we are to glorify that not only the Affemblies of GOD, and edify one another with Zion will, decently and in Order, the spiritual Songs, wherewith carry on this Exercise of Piety, but also it will be the more introduced into private Families, and And we would encourage become a Part of our Family-

## A Recommendatory PREFACE.

to the Truths in the PSALMS to the LORD.

it not a meer Bodily Exercise, which they sing, and affected but fing with Grace in their with them; so that in their Hearts, and with Minds attentive Hearts they may make a Melody

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Peter Thacher Foseph Sewall Thomas Prince John Webb William Cooper Thomas Foxcroft Samuel Checkley.

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of David. Witness the modern Performances both in the Theatres and the Temple.

Singing is reducible to the Rules of Art; and he who has made himself Master of a few of these Rules, is able at first Sight to sing Hundreds of New Tunes, which he never faw or heard of before, and this by the bare Inspection of the Notes, without hearing them from the Mouth of a Singer: Just as a Person who has learned all the Rules of Reading, is able to read any new Book, without any further Help or Instruction. This is a Truth, although known to, and proved by many of us, yet very hardly to be received and credited in the Country.

What a Recommendation is this then to the following Essay, that our Instructions will a threefold Account. First, They will instruct

give you that Knowledge in vocal Musick. whereby you will be able to fing all the Tunes in the World, without hearing of them fung by another, and being constrained to get them by Heart from any other Voice than your own? We don't call him a Reader, who can recite Memoriter a few Pieces of the Bible, and other Authors, but put him to read in those Places where he is a Stranger, cannot tell ten Words in a Page. So is not he worthy of the Name of a Singer, who has gotten eight or ten Tunes in his Head, and can fing them like a Parrot by Rote, and knows nothing more about them, than he has heard from the Voices of others; and shew him a Tune that is new and unknown to him, can't strike two Notes of it.

These Rules then will be serviceable upon

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us in the right and true finging of the Tunes that are already in Use in our Churches; which, when they first came out of the Hands of the Composers of them, were fung according to the Rules of the Scale of Musick, but are now miserably tortured, and twifted, and quavered, in fome Churches, into an horrid Medly of confused and disorderly Noises. This must neceffarily create a most disagreable Jar in the Ears of all that can judge better of Singing than these Men, who please themselves with their own ill-founding Echoes. For to compare fmall Things with great, our Pfalmody has fuffered the like Inconveniencies which our Faith had laboured under, in Case it had been committed and trusted to the uncertain and doubtful Conveyance of Oral Tradition. Our Tunes are, for Want of a Standard to appeal to in all our Singing, left to the Mercy of every

unskilful Throat to chop and alter, twiff and change, according to their infinitely diversion no less odd Humours and Fancies. The is most true, I appeal to the Experience of those who have happened to be present in many of our Congregations, who will grant me, that there are no two Churches that fing alike. Yes I have my felf heard (for Instance) O ward Tune fung in three Churches (which I purposely forbear to mention) with as much Difference as there can possibly be between York and Oreford, or any two other different Tunes. fore enyMan that pleads with me for what they call-the Old Way, I can confute him only by making this Demand, What is the OLD WAY? Which I am fure they cannot tell. For, one Town fays, their's is the true Old Way, and are Town thinks the same of their's, and so does a Third of their Way of tuning it. But le fush

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Men know from the Writer of this Pamphlet (who can fing all the various Twistings of the old Way, and that too according to the Genius of most of the Congregations, as well as they can any one Way; which must therefore make him a better Judge than they are or can be; ) affirms, that the Notes fung according to the Scale and Rules of Musick, are the true old Way. For some Body or other did compose our Tunes, and did they (think ye) compose them by Rule or by Rote? If the Latter, How came they pricked down in our Pfalm Books? And this I am fure of, we fing them as they are there pricked down, and I am as fure the Country People do not. Judge ye then, who is in the Right. Nay, I am fure, if you would once be at the Pains to learn our Way of Singing, you could not but be convinced of what I now affirm. But our Tunes have passed through

ftrange Metamorphofes (beyond those of Ovid) fince their first Introduction into the World. But to return to the Standard from which we have so long departed cannot fail to set all to Rights, and to reduce the facred Songs to their primitive Form and Composition.

Again, It will ferve for the Introduction of more Tunes into the divine Service; and these Tunes of no small Pleasancy and Variety, which will in a great Measure render this Part of Worship still more delightful to us. For at present we are consined to eight or ten Tunes, and in some Congregations to little more than half that Number, which being so often sung over, are too apt, if not to create a Distaste, yet at least mightily to lessen the Relish of them.

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There is one more Advantage which will and disorderly, as is beyond Expression bed. accrue from the Instructions of this little Book; and that is this, That by the just and equal Timing of the Notes, our Singing will be reduc'd to an exact Length, so as not to fatigue the Singer with a tedious Protraction of the Notes beyond the Compass of a Man's Breath, and the Power of his Spirit: A Fault very frequent in the Country, where I my felf have twice in one Note paused to take Breath. This Keeping of Time in Singing will have this natural Effect also upon us, that the whole Assembly shall begin and end every single Note and every Line exactly together, to an Instant, which is a wonderful Beauty in finging, when a great Number of Voices are together founding forth the divine Praises. But for want of this, I have observed in many Places one Man is upon this Note, while another is a Note before him, which produces something so hideous

And then the even, unaffected, and in founding the Notes, and the Omission of those unnatural Quaverings and Turnings, will ferve to prevent all that Discord and lengthy Tedioufness which is so much a Fault in our singing of Psalms. For much Time is taken up in shaking out these Turns and Quavers; and befides, no two Men in the Congregation quaver alike, or together; which founds in the Ears of a good Judge, like five bundred different Tunes roared out at the same Time, whose perpetual Interfearings with one another, perplexed Jars, and unmeasured Periods, would make a Man wonder at the false Pleasure, which they conceive in that which good Judges of Musick and Sounds, cannot bear to hear

These are the good Effects, which our Skill in the Gamut will produce. We shall then without any further Preamble, proceed to give the Reader some brief and plain Instructions for singing by Note and Rule.

#### The Instructions for finging.

I. There are in Nature but seven distinct Sounds, every eighth Note being the same. Thus when a Tune is fung by another upon a Key too low for the Compass of my Voice, if I will fing with the Person, it must be all the Way, eight Notes above him. I naturally found an Eighth higher. So a Woman naturally strikes eight Notes above the grum and low founding Voice of a Man, and it makes no more Difference than the finging of two Persons upon a Unison, or a Pitch. So on the contrary, when we would fing with a Voice too high and shrill for us, we strike very naturally into an Offave, or Eighth below. And

here let it be observed, that the *Height* of a Note and the *Strength* of singing it, are two different Things. Two Notes of equal Height may be sounded with different Degrees of Strength, so as that one shall be heard much further than the other.

II. These eight Notes, for the sake of the Learner, are called by the Names, Fa, Sol, La, Mi. As thus,



Fa Sol La Mi Fa Sol La Fa

Where it must be observed, that from Mi to Fa, as also from La to Fa is but a Semitone or Half-note; and from Fa to Sol; from Sol to La; and from La to Mi, is a Tone, or whole Note.

Note. That is, in rifing from Mi to Fa, or La | feven Notes, in order to the Knowledge of their to Fa, I don't raise my Voice but half as much as in rising from Fa to Sol, from Sol to La, and from La to Mi. On the other Hand, when I fall from Fa to Mi, or Fa to La immediately below it, I fall but half as much as I do from Mi to La, La to Sol, Sol to Fa immediately under it. And this you will perceive with your Ear when your Singing Master shall have taught you to raise and fall your Notes.

III. The Question then will be, How shall I know which is La, Fa or Mi, Fa; and which is Fa, Sol, and Sol, La, &c. that I may give the former the true Sound of an Half Note, and the latter the Sound of an whole Note? For this End was the GAMUT by Musicians constructed and made, where there are Seven Letters of the Alphabet made use of to design out the Names, Fa, Sol, La, Mi, and by Confequence the giving them their true and proper South As we faid before, every eighth Note is the fame, and that there are but seven distinct Sounds in Nature, so there are but just that Number of Letters, viz. the seven first in the Alphabet, to design and mark them out, every eighth Letter as well as Sound being the same.

I shall here therefore present to the Reader's View a GAMUT, containing all the unal Keys of Musick, in all the divers Placings and Removes of the Notes Fa, Sol, La, Mi; and then explain it, which when we have finished, and it is well studied by the Learner, it will be an easy Matter, by the Application of the Gamut to any Tune, to name the Notes thereof.

# Mufic. SCALI or AMUT

MIII Fa Sola Sola Sola Sola Sola Sola Sola re re G foreut in E la ut
E la ut
E la ut
G folleut

IV. We shall now go on to give an Explanation of the Gamut, or the above marked Scale of Musick. And here are (as the Reader may observe with his Eye) upon the Gamut or Scale of Mufick two Marks, one over against the uppermost G but one, (mark'd thus gs) the other over against the lowermost F but one (mark'd thus 2:) these are called Cliffs, the former is called the G fol re ut Cliff from the Place where it stands; the other is the F fa ut Cliff, so denominated from it's Station upon the Gamut. How they are both marked, you may fee yet plainer in the Begining of this Book. The first of these is placed upon the Trebles, or upper Parts; and wherever it stands upon your Tune, call the Line it stands upon G, as you find it stands upon the same Letter in the Gamut. Then you are to call the Lines and Spaces above in order, A, B, C, D, &c. as you find they are

fo called in the Gamut. Call the Lines and Spaces below this G fol re ut Cliff F, E, D, C, B, A, G, &c. as you find they are placed in the fame wife upon the Gamut under the faid Cliff.

V. The other is the Cliff used upon the Bass, or lower Parts of a Tune, and you are to call the Line it stands upon F. Then the Lines and Spaces above afcending are G, A, B,  $\infty$ . those descending are E, D, C, B, A, G, &c. just in the Order you find upon the Gamut. To illustrate this by a familiar Instance, take Notice. That any Tune is only so many Lines and Spaces (upon which Notes may be placed) taken from the Gamut; and that each Line and Space corresponds with the Line and Space anfwering it on the Gamut; and the fame Letter and Name is understood to be thereupon, which is in the same Places of the Gamut. will then take the first Line of Winasor Trebe



Here observe every Line and Space is marked at the Begining of the Tune with its proper Letter. Upon the lowest Line but one stands the G sol re ut Cliff, which answers to the Line upon the Gamut where the same G sol re ut Cliff does stand. If a Note stand upon that Line I say it stands upon G, as you find the last Note does fo. The Spaces and Lines above I call in the Order of ascending, and as they are there marked; A,B,C,D,E,&c. I observe on the Space above the Cliff A, as the Space above the G sol re ut Cliff upon the Gamut, is A, as you will there find. And therefore the two first Notes, and the two last Notes but one, being a

Space above the G Cliff, I say they stand on A. The third and sifth Notes are on the Line above that Space, which is B, I say therefore, they are in B. So the fourth Note is upon C. Thus are you first of all to learn to name the Letters upon your Tunes from the Gamut.

Again, let us take the Bass of Windsor, the first Line,



First of all observe the *F fa ut Cliff*, which she we the Tune to be a *Bafs*; the Line it stands upon you must call *F*, then the Lines and Spaces below you are to call (gradually descending) E,D,C,B,A,G,F,&c. The Lines and Spaces above you are to call,G,A,B,&c. Thus in the

Tune

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Fune before us, the first Note stands a Space and above the F C'iff. I call the Cliff F, call the Space above, G, the Line above that, which is the Place where the two first Notes stand. I say then those two Notes stand apon A. The third Note is but one Space aove the F Cliff, it stands therefore upon G, which is a Note above F. The fourth Note three Notes below the F Cliff, I count wnwards, and fay, F,E,D,C; that Note de clore stand upon C. And so of all the rest Notes by counting up or down from the In, you may find them.

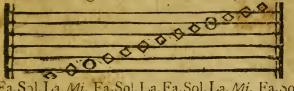
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hence it follows, that having found your Chst and given it it's proper Name, it is easy to name the respective Letters, with which every Note in the Tune stands, altho' the Letters are not actually set down upon those Lines and Spaces of the Tune.

VI. Having proceeded thus far, it will be no difficult Thing to name the Notes by the Syllables Fa, Sol La, Mi, in order to find which are half Notes and which are whole Notes; to give them their due and proper Sound. Mi is your Master Note; when you have found which Note is Mi, call the Notes above Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, La, then the eighth Note will be Mi, according to the Rule become mentioned that every Eighth is the same. There you go over with the same Notes again, till you come again to Mi; and so on forever.

The Notes below Mi are the fore-mentioned reversed

reversed, La, Sol, Fa, La, Sol, Fa, then you come to Mi again, &c. For Fxample



Fa, Sol, La, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, La, Mi, Fa, Sol VII. The next Question then is, how to find Mi, which having found, we may with Ease call the other Notes above or below by their proper Names? And here the Answer is, That the natural Place for Mi, is in B. Look in the first Column of the Gamut, and you will find Miupon B, which is the natural Place for it. See for Example the first Line of Window Table.



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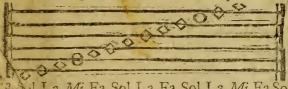
a Line above the F Cliff. I call the Cliff, F, and given it it's proper Name, it is easy to I call the Space above, G, the Line above that, name the respective Letters, with which every A, which is the Place where the two first Nor in the Tune stands, altho' the Letters are Notes stand. I say then those two Notes stand upon A. The third Note is but one Space a- Spaces of the Tune. bove the F Cliff, it stands therefore upon G, which is a Note above F. The fourth is three Notes below the F Cliff, I downwards, and fay, F,E,D,C; that No therefore stand upon C. And so of all the rest Nous; to give them their due and proper of the Notes by counting up or down from the Cliff, you may find them.

Here again observe that the Line of your Bass, which has the F Cliff upon it, answers to the Line on the Gamut, which has the same Cliff placed upon it; and the Spaces and Lines above and below the F Cliff upon the Tune are called by the same Letters, which are above and below the same Cliff upon the Gamut. From I

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Here I cast my Eye upon the G Cliff; I call the Line it stands upon G; the Space above I call A, the Line above I cail B, &c. according to the Order of the Gamut. The two round Notes (which I have so marked for Distinction's fake) ftand upon B, I call them Mi. The Note below I call La, the Note below that Fa, Sil, La, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, La, Mi, Fa Sol I Sol, &c. The Note above I call Fa, if there LATI. The next Question then is, how to we another above that, I would call it Sol, and another above that, I would call it La, &c. according to what we faid above. So that Mi stands upon the Line above the G sol re ut Cliff, and so you will find it upon the first Column of the Gamut, where Mi stands upon the Line above the G Cliff, as it does upon this Tune. And the Notes above and below are called by the same Names, both upon the Tune and the Gamut. So the Space above the Cliff, upon both the Gamut and the Tune is called La.

So for a Bass, find your F fa ut Cliff, call

the Line it stands upon F, then count the Lines and Spaces above or below by their respective Letters, (according to the Rule before laid down concerning the Letters) until you come to that which you should call B, and there is the Place for Mi. For Example, take the last Line of Cambridge Short Bass.



fa fol fa Mi la la

First, I cast my Eye upon the upper Line but one, there I find the F Cliff. The Line it stands upon I call F; then I descend and call the Space below, E; the Line below that Space I call D; the Space below that Line C; the Line below that is B, and there stands your Mi; (which for Distinction sake is made round) So upon your Gamut (Column first) run down

from the F Cliff five Letters, and you will find B, and Mi over against it.

VIII. But then there are two of er is Ts used in Musick, which serve to vary the Pace of Mi. That is, to transpose it from Bil's natural Place, to some other Place of Letter. These are called, the one of them a Mat; the other a Sharp. Their Marks fee in the Beginning of this Book. The B Flat appreffes a Note half a Sound lower. Thus we aid before, that from Mi to Fa is but an half Note; but if Mi have a Flat upon it, it is an whole Note from Mi to Fa, that is Mi is an half Note lower than it was before. The Sharp ferves to raise a Note as much higher; thus from La to Fa ascending is but an half Note, but if Fa be sharped, it is an whole Note above La. From La to Sol descending is an whole Note, but if Sol be sharped (which is under La) that La is but an

half Note above; for it raises Sol an half Note higher, and so nearer to La. For Example.



Mi, fa fa fa la sol la sol Mi fa Mi fa So that the Flats are usually put upon the half Notes Mi Fa, and La Fa, (that is the undermost of them) to distance them an whole Note from one another. The Sharp is put upon the whole Notes to make them but half a Note distant, or upon the uppermost of two half Notes to make them an whole Note diffant. See the above cited Example, where the two first Notes are half a Note's Distance; the third and fourth are an whole Note's Distance. The fifth and fixth are an whole Note's Distance; the seventh and eighth are an half Note's Distance; the

ninth and tenth are an half Note's Distance, and yet the eleventh and twelfth Notes, altho' upon the same Place, are an whole Note distant.

N. B. That the Flat alters the Name of the Note before which it is placed; the Sharp altho' it raises the Note, yet does not always change the Name.

Note also, That it is evident from the Gamus that the Flat makes a Note or Line, before which it is placed, half a Note lower; and a Sharp makes it as much higher. For look upon your Gamut, Column first, and you will see that from B to C is half aNote, viz. Mi, Fa; but look upon Column fecond, and you will find from B to C is an whole Note, as Fa, Sol, that is, Mi, Fa, in the first Column is turned into Fa, Sol, because Mi in the Column has a Flat upon it, which turns it into Fa, altering the Name of the Note, and making it an half Note lower. So look upon Column first F, which is there La, Fa, and in Column fecond, where from E to F is Mi, Fa, is but half a Note, (as we faid in the former Part of this Book:) but in Column third, where E is flatted from E to F is an whole Note, viz. Fa, Sol.

So as the Sharps; from E to F in the first Column is but half a Note, that is La, Fa; but in Column fourth, where F is sharp'd, from E to F is an whole Note, that is La Mi. And fo you may find it in the rest of the Columns, where there is a Sharp, it is placed upon that which was an half Note in the preceeding Column, to make it an whole Note, where it stands; which is the Cause of the Remove of the Mi, which is the Governor of the Semitone in every Column.

IX. This gives you the Reason of the Removes of the Mi; namely, the making the Semitones whole Tones, or the half Notes whole

of the Gamut, and you will find, that from E to | Notes. So that Mi being but an half Note be low Fa, the Flats or Sharps upon it making the Places of Mi, and Fa, an whole Note diftant, (and the fame holds good as to La, Fa, which are also half Notes, as well as Mi, Fa, it follows that Mi must be removed.

> X. The natural Place of Mi is in B; but the Flats and Sharps remove the Mi. There fore what shall I do to find my Mi, when here are Flats or Sharps at the Beginning of the Tune? Now the Rules are these: The natural Place of Mi is in B; but if B be flat, Mi is in E; if B and E be flat, Mi is in A. Thus for the Flats. If F be sharp, Mi is in F; if I and C be sharp, Mi is in C; and if F, C, and G, be sharp, Mi is in G. That is, look up B, and there is your Mi, unless you find a Flat placed upon it, and then count up to E, and there is your Mi; but if a Flat be there 100, count down to A, and there is the Mi. On the

there be no Flats, but Sharps, look up to F, and if that be the sharped Note, there is Mi; unless when you look down to C, and find it sharped, and then is the Mi in C. Or, lastly, look down to G, and if that be sharp'd too, the Mi is there. Take this short Scheme.

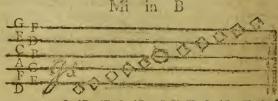
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F and C be sharp, Mi is in {F C F, C & G}

And when you have found your Mi, in any of all these Variations, the Notes above are Fa, Scl, La, Fa, Scl, &c. and below, La, Sol, Fc, La, Scl, &c. as before.

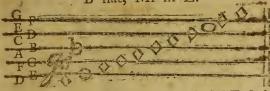
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der is defired to compare every Example with the Gamut, and he will find it answering, Note for Note; only he must observe the distinct Columns of the Gamut. You will find the Letters, the Notes, the Place of the Mi to correspond exactly. So, compare the first Column of the Gamut with the first Example, where Mi is in B; the fecond Example with the fecond Column, where B is flat, and Mi is in E, and fo of the reft. The Tune will answer the Gamut in all Points, as much as the Figures and Inches upon two Carpenter's Squares are alike, and answer one another.



SolLaFaSolLa MI FaSolLaFaSol

B flat, Mi in E.



LaMiFaSolLaFaSolLaMiFaSol B and E flat, Mi in A.



LaFaSolLaMiFaSolLaFaSolLa F sharp. Mi in F.



F and C sharp, Mi in C.



FaSolLaFaSolLaMiFaSolLaFa

F, C, and G sharp, Mi in G.



FaSolLaMiFaSolLaFaSolLaMi

We shall now pass to give all these Examples of the Place of Mi in the Bass.

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## Some brief and very plain Instructions





XII. I told you before, that these Examples do exactly correspond with the Gamut. We will put this a little into Practice. Take the last Instance, where you will find the F Cliff, which is the Mark of the Bass. You see that F, C and G are sharped. Look upon the last Column of your Gamut, and you will there find, F, C and G sharped. Take the upper Line of your Tune, which is marked with the F Cliff, place that Cliff upon the last Column of the Gamut upon the faid Cliff in the Gamut; you will find the Cliff stands upon F, both in the Gamut, and the Tune, and that both on the one, and the other, the Name of the Note is La, and that both are sharped. Then look upon the Space above, in the Tune, and in the Gamut, and you will find a Sharp on both alike, and both have the Letter G upon them; and the Notes upon both are Mi, &c. And so you will find as to all the rest of the Lines & Spaces.

So you may compare the Treble, with the Gamut, by placing the *G fol re ut* Cliff upon the fame Cliff in the Gamut; and the Lines, Spaces, and Names of the Notes, as also all the Flats and Sharps will answer one another.

XIII. Tunes are faid to be upon a flat Key, or a sharp Key. To know whether your Tune be upon a flat Key or a sharp Key, this is the general Rule. If the two Notes above the last Note of your Tune be whole Notes, it is upon a sharp Key; but if the two Notes above, be one an whole Note, and the other an half Note, then it is a flat Key. For Instance, in Canterbury Tune, the last Note is upon G, and is called Fa; the Notes above must be Sol, La, which are two whole Notes, fo that from Fa to La is a greater Third. Again, in Windsor Tune, the last Note stands upon A, and is called La; the Notes above are Mi, Fa. Now altho' from La to Mi be an whole Note,

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yet from Mi to Fa is but an half Note, which makes it a leffer Third. The former is called by the Latins Diton Major; the latter Diton Minor. And La, Mi, Fa, making but a leffer Third, the Tune is upon a flat Key. For in Canterbury Tune, Fa, Sol, La, rifes half a Note higher than La, Mi, Fa. For the former confifts of two whole Notes; the latter of an whole Note and an half Note. And when you have learned to raise and fall the Notes, the Difference of the Sound will be perceptible by the Ear. From this Difference of the greater and leffer Third, it follows, that Tunes upon sharp Keys are more chearful, and sprightly, and therefore more suitable to Psalms of Praise and Thanksgiving. And the flat Keys being more gave and mournful, are therefore best set and fung to penitential Pfalms and melancholly Airs. Let any Man sing the Penitential

and he must allow what I have been afferting. XIV. I cannot difmiss this Subject of the

flat and sharpKeys, without speaking something of the old Way of naming the Notes from the Keys. Thus fay fome, if the Key be flat, Mi is the Note above the Key; and if the Key be a fharp Key, the Note below is Mi. A Thing which is absolutely false. To name the Notes from finding the Key, is like drawing an universal Conclusion from particular and more restrained Premises. For altho' every Tune that has Mi above the Key Note, is upon a flat Key; and every Tune that has Mi below the Key Note, must be upon a sharp Key; yet it is not reciprocally true, that every flat Key has Mi above the Key Note; or that every sharp Key has Mi below the Key Note. For a Tune may end with Sol, and then Fa must be the Note below the Key. And fo of others. It Hymn, in the following Collection of Tunes, is so in Playford's Tunes set to Sternhold and Hopkins's

Hopkins's Version of the Psalms: Where there of that Treble, whose proper Name is Fa, and is are particular Notes flatted and sharped, which they could not be if the Mi was where the old Way of finding it would place it. Be pleased to look into those Pfalms, particularly on the Tune called, The Song of the three Children. You will there find the second Note of the Bass, which according to the old Way of naming the Notes is called Mi, which is half a Note lower than the first Note Fa; and yet this Mi is sharped, which is a Thing needless, if it be Mi. But according to our Gamut the first Note of that Bass is Sol, and the second Note is Fa, which because it is an whole Note below Sol, is sharped to make it half a Note lower. So that Sol, Fa, Sol, with the Fa sharp, is founded like Fa, Mi, Fa, which Mi needs no Sharp, it being already but half a Note from Fa naturally, and fo does not want any raising by aSharp. The same you may observe upon the third Note of the third Line

sharped to make it a whole Note from La, the preceeding Note; which Sharp were needless, if it were Mi, for Mi is an whole Note above La, without sharping of it. And the same could I prove, if there were need, from the Flats on many Notes in those Tunes.

XV. The Notes in Musick do come under a further Consideration, and that is their Length, or Shortness in the Timing of them. They are known by the Names of a Breve, Semibreve, Minim, Crotchet, Quaver, Semiguaver. These two last are seldom used in Pfalm Tunes, but are more frequent in Songs, Madrigals, and light Airs. The other better becoming the grave and folemn Worship of the Temple.

As for their absolute Length and Measure of Time in founding; a Semibreve is founded in the Time that a Man may let fall his Hand flowly and raise it again; letting his Hand fall at

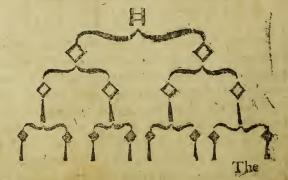
the first founding, & taking it up when it is half done, which lifting up of the Hand finishes it.

As for their comparative Length, one Breve contains two Semibreves, one Semibreve two Minims, one Minim two Crotchets, &c. So that if a Semibreve is founding while a Man lets fall his Hand and raifes it again, by Confequence a Minim is founded while the Hand is falling, and another Minim while it is rifing. And two Crotchets while it is falling, and two while it is rifing, &c. The Marks of these Notes may be seen in the Begining of this Book.

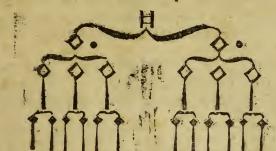
XVI. From this different Length of Notes, arises what we call the Time of a Tune. Which is twofold, either common Time or triple Time. Common Time is when all go by two, as one Breve is two Semibreves, one Semibreve is two Minims, and so of the rest. But in triple Time all go by two except the Semibreve, which contains three Minims. Thus one Breve is two Semibroves, one

Semibreve is three Minims, one Minim two Creschets, &c. So that in triple Time the Minim is one Third fwifter, & must be founded accordingly. And in triple Time you will find Semibreves and Minims mingled together, and for the most part every other Note is a Minim. The Proportion of common Time to triple Time, is as Three to Two. See the following Schemes.

The Scheme of common Time.



The Scheme of triple Time.



You may observe, that in the Scheme of triple Time above drawn, there is a Prick upon the right Side of the Note, which is by Musicians called a *Prick of Perfettion*, which makes the Note before half as long again. Thus that Semibreve with a Prick is as long as a Semibreve and a Minim. Now if that Semibreve with a Prick after it, which makes it half as long again, be just as long as the three Minims under it,

then if that Prick were taken away, it would be as long as but two of those Minims. Therefore in your triple Time Tunes (where there is no Prick after the Semibreve) the Semibreve is to be fung just as long again as aMinim. Now one Minim and an half of a Minim in triple Time, is as long as one Minim in common Time; therefore the Semibreve in triple Time being unpricked, amounting to the Length of twoMinims in the same Time, it must be as long as a Minim and a third of a Minim of common Time; that is a Semibreve in triple Time is a Third shorter than a Semibreve in common Time.

XVII. There are several Adjuncts of Musick, such as a Repeat (whose Mark see at the Beginning of the Book) which signifies, that that Part of the Tune which went before it, is to be sung over again. There is also a Direct (whose Mark also see at the Beginning of the Book) which

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Note in the next Page stands. There is also a Tye (see the Mark thereof in the forementioned Place) which is to inform you, that two, or three, or as many Notes as it is put to, are to

be fung to one Syllable.

XVIII. The last Thing we have to treat of, is the Doctrine of Concords and Discords. It would be but an unintelligible Amusement to the vulgar Reader, (for whom this little Book is chiefly defign'd) to give the physical and mathematical Solution of the Grounds, Caufe and Effects of Harmony, as also the Reasons of Defcant, which I might eafily do. I only fay, that among the feven Notes, (for there are no more in Nature, as we have already faid, every Eighth being the same, only in an higher Key) a Third, leffer and greater, a Sixth, leffer and greater, a Fifth, lesser and greater areConcords. That is, if I found a Third, or Fifth, or Sixth I

above another Man, my Voice founds harmoniously with his. A Second and Seventh are Discords; a Fourth is by some accounted a Chord, by others a Discord; but I am inclined to think the former.

Note also, if any Sound is a Chord, or Difcord to another, the Octaves, or Eighths of those Sounds are so too. Take two Examples.



Here in the first Example, the second Note is a Third above the first, if they were both sounded, they would be harmonious (a Third being a Chord) and so is the upper Note, which is an Eighth above the second Note, the same is a Chord to the first and undermost

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Note. So in the other Example, the second each stands. Thus if the first Note of the Note is a Second to the first, which is a Difcord; and the upper Note being an Eighth above the Second, is also a Discord to the first and undermost Note.

You will find many Instances in the following Tunes, where a Note in the Bass is more than eight Notes below the Note of the Treble answering to it. And when it is so, such two Notes are a double Concord to one another, and are the same in Nature as a single Concord. Thus an Eighth is the same with a Unison, a Ninth with a Second, a Tenth with a Third, &c.

The Treble, Bass, and Medius do not always begin upon a Pitch, fometimes three, fometimes eight Notes, &c. Distance from one aferving the Letter, on which the first Note of our Psalms.

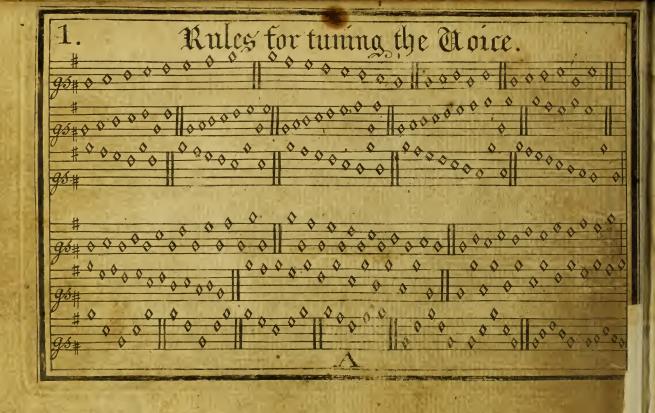
Bass stands on A, and the Treble begins on C, they are a Third afunder. The Bass must be begun a Third below.

Finally, Observe, that Discords are sometimes made use of in Musick, to prepare the Ear by their Harshness, to relish better the Sweetness and Melody of a following Concord. Thus oftentimes, there will be an imperfect Concord, then a Discord, which is still more grating; this ferves to keep the Auditor in a longing Suspence, till all the Parts fall into a perfect Set of Chords, which finishes and compleats the Harmony, and strangely charms the Hearer.

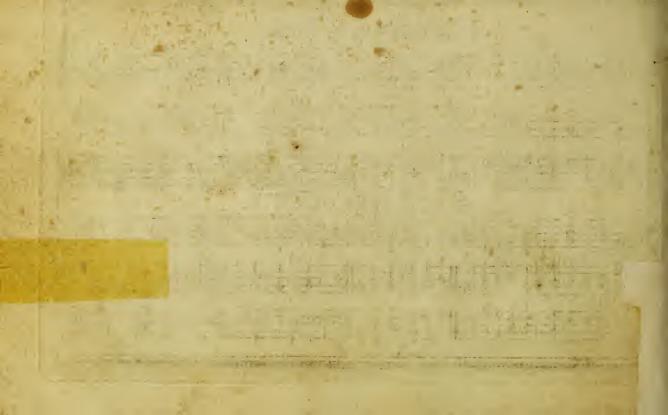
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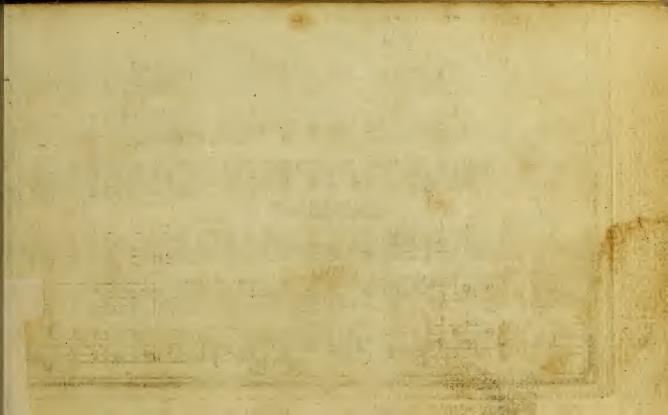














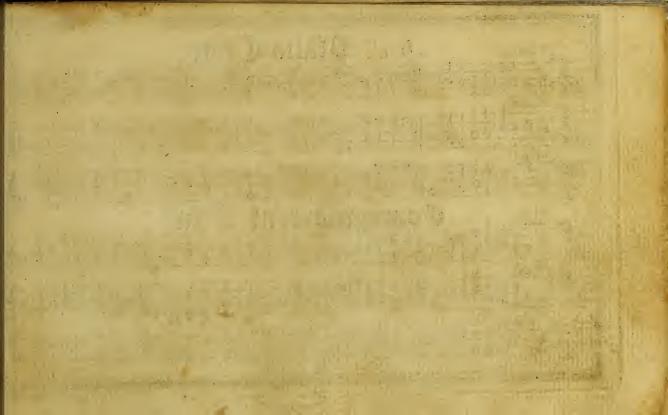




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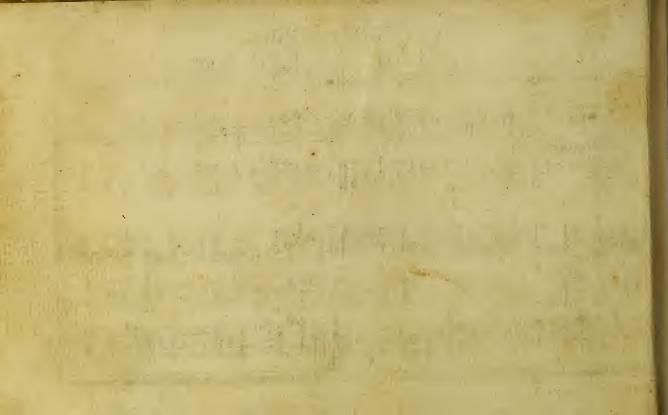


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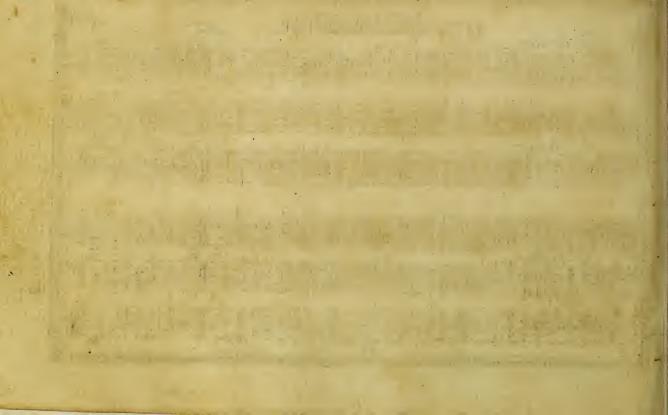






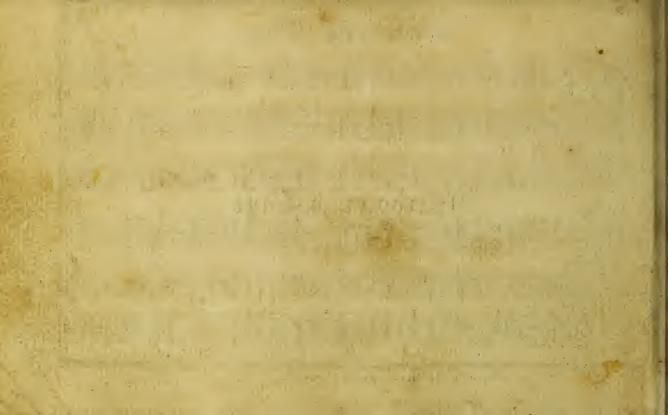


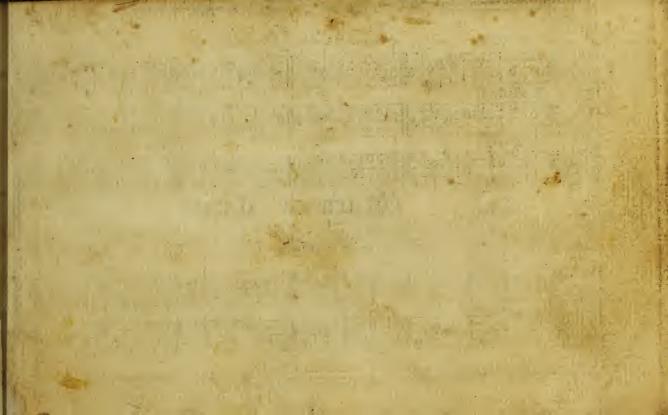






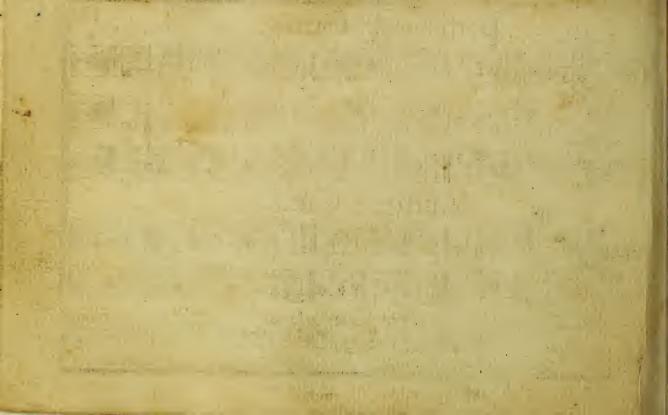
















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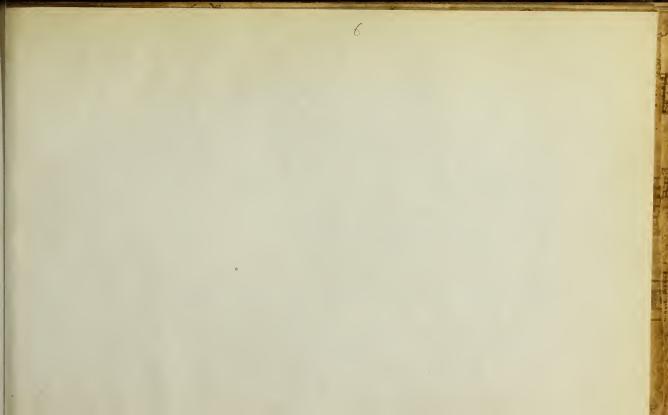














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