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On the DEATH of Dr. BOYCE.

Set to Music by CHARLES WESLEY.

Solima Symphony
I.

Chorus

FATHER of harmony, farewell!
Farewel for a few fleeting years!
Translated from the mournful vale!
JEHOVAH's flaming ministers
Have borne thee to thy place above,
Where all his harmony and love.

Da capo

II.

Air

Thy gen'rous, good, and upright heart,
That sigh'd for a celestial lyre,
Was tun'd on earth to bear a part
Symphonious with that warbling quire,
Where HANDEL strikes the golden strings,
And plausive angels clap their wings.

III.

Recitativo
Recorranza

HANDEL, and all the tuneful train,
Who well employ'd their art divine,
T'announce the great MESSIAH's reign,
In joyous acclamations join,
And springing from their azure seat,
With shouts their new-born brother meet.

Chorus

IV.

Air &
Hand Chorus

Thy brow a radiant circle wears,
Thy hand a seraph's harp receives,
And singing with the morning stars,
Thy soul in endless rapture lives,
And hymns, on the eternal throne,
JEHOVAH and his conquering SON.

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