

Mercé, dilette amiche

Elena's aria from the opera *I vespri Siciliani* (soprano)

Italian translation by *Ettore Caimi* (fl. 1850) of the French libretto by *Eugène Scribe* (1790-1861) and *Charles Duveyrier* (1803-1866)

Set by *Giuseppe Verdi* (1813-1901)

Elena:

Mercé, dilette amiche,
[mɛr.'tʃe di.'lɛt.te a.'mi:.ke]

Thanks, beloved friends,
(Thank you, my dear friends,)

di quei leggiadri fior;
[di kwe'i led.'dʒa dri fior]

