

When I Am Laid in Earth

Dido's Lament from the opera *Dido and Aeneas* (mezzo)

Text by *Nahum Tate* (1652-1715) [Br]

Set by *Henry Purcell* ['hɛn.ɹi pɜ.'sɛl] (1658/9-1695) [Br], Z. 626, #37

Recitative

Thy	hand,	Belinda,	darkness	shades	me;
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On thy bosom let me rest.

More I would, but death invades me:

Death is now a welcome guest.

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