



*p*

(Spoken:)  
Your King's will we honour.  
But honour too the loan made from our Imperial Treasury!

*liberamente*

*p* I saw the man.

*p cantabile*

**Tamtam**

*f*

*rasq.*

*f*

I saw his eyes. I saw he knew there was no loan.

I saw a Ro - man vul - ture. Lies. De - ceit.

*p*

Hesawmylook and spoke a - gain:

*(spoken:)*  
 Those who cannot pay their debt are bankrupt in the eyes of Rome.  
 A bankrupt's lands are sold, and he becomes but common slave  
 - of Royal blood or no!

*espr.*

**Tamtam**

*f*

*rasq.*

*f*

**Tranquillo** ♩ = 48

*p sotto voce*

1 The moment hung; a chal - lenge poised to test my first — true act as queen.

*p dolce*

*p con delicatezza*

*sim.*

6

Sol-diers stood by, un-hap - py, shif-ting foot to foot I saw the

11

deal: cen - tu - rion's share. One thought cried out: Ne - go - tiate! Ne-

17 *mp*  
go - tiate! Ne-go - tiate! Re - treat! Then I saw his eyes — and knew:

*mp*

23 *p* *molto*  
No Bri - ton sups at this — hy - e - na's feast! And so I

*p* *attaca*