

# Ombra mai fu

(from *Serse*)

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Larghetto ♩ = 84

PIANO

Measures 1-4 of the piano introduction. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The right hand features a melodic line with a long note in the first measure, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment.

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Measures 5-8 of the piano introduction. The right hand has a *f* dynamic in measure 5, followed by a *p* dynamic in measure 7. The left hand continues with a consistent accompaniment.

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Measures 9-14 of the piano introduction. The right hand features a *f* dynamic throughout. The melodic line in the right hand becomes more active, with eighth notes and sixteenth notes.

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Vocal and piano accompaniment for measures 15-20. The vocal line is in G major and 3/4 time, with a *p* dynamic. The lyrics are: "Om - - - bra mai fu / Un - - - der your shade,". There are three vocal parts: Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), and Bass/Alto (B./A. (opt.)). The piano accompaniment continues with a *p* dynamic.

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S.A.

di ve - ge - ta - bi - le ca - ra ed a - ma - bi - le so - a - ve  
cooled by your branch - es, ne - ver such rest - ful - ness, be - side the

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più, om - bra mai - fu di ve - ge - ta - bi - le ca - ra ed a -  
glade, un - der your shade, cooled by your branch - es ne - ver such

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S.

-ma - bi - le so - a - ve più, ca - ra ed a - ma - bi - le, om -  
rest - ful - ness, be - side the glade, ne - ver - such rest - ful - ness, un -

A.

-ma - bi - le so - a - ve più, ca - ra ed a - ma - bi - le, om -  
rest - ful - ness, be - side the glade, ne - ver - such rest - ful - ness, un -

-ma - bi - le so - a - ve più, ca - ra ed a - ma - bi - le, om -  
rest - ful - ness, be - side the glade, ne - ver such rest - ful - ness, un -

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- bra mai fu di ve - ge - ta - bi - le ca - ra ed a -  
 - der your shade, cooled by your branch - es, ne - ver such

- bra mai fu di ve - ge - ta - bi - le ca - ra ed a -  
 - der your shade, cooled by your branch - es, ne - ver such

- bra mai fu di ve - ge - ta - bi - le ca - ra ed a -  
 - der your shade, cooled by your branch - es, ne - ver such

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- ma - bi - le so - a - ve più, so - a - ve più.  
 rest - ful - ness be - side the glade, be - side the glade.

- ma - bi - le so - a - ve, so - a - ve più, so - a - ve più.  
 rest - ful - ness be - side, be - side the glade, be - side the glade.

- ma - bi - le so - a - ve più, so - a - ve più.  
 rest - ful - ness be - side the glade, be - side the glade.

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*f*