't is Nature's Voice

From Ode on St. Cecilia's Day 1692
"Hail! Bright Cecilia"

Original key in F.

Voice

Acc.

Henry Purcell
(1659 - 1695)

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The universal tongue, the universal tongue, to none of all her
numerous race unknown. From her, from her it learnt, the
mighty, the mighty, the mighty, the mighty,
art, to court the ear, or strike, or strike

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At once the passions to express, and move, at once the passions to express, to express and move. We hear, and straight we grieve, or hate, and straight we grieve.

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or hate; re-joice,

or

love. In un-seen chains, it does the fancy bind, it

does, it does the fancy bind, at once it