't is Nature's Voice
From Ode on St. Cecilia's Day 1692
"Hail! Bright Cecilia"

Original key in F.

Henry Purcell
(1659 - 1695)

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't is Nature's Voice

The universal tongue, the universal tongue, to none of all her num'rous 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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the heart. 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 fan-cy bind,

or

does, it does the fan-cy bind,
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charms the sense, and captivates the mind, at once it charms

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