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# RUTH.

The return to Beth-lehem, of Naomi and Ruth, after the famine in the land had given place to abundance, forms the subject of the first part;—the meeting of Boaz with Ruth in the harvest-field, the second part of this Oratorio. It was first performed in the Town Hall, Prahrau, near Melbourne, Victoria, Jan. 21st, 1864.

#### Part Finst.

No. 1. -- OVERTURE.

No. 2.—CHORUS.

Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

And Elimalech Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons.

And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

No. 3.—RECITATIVE.

Then she arose with her daughters in law that she might return from the country of Moab:—

No. 4.-AIR.

For she had heard in the country of Moab how that the Lord had visited his people in giving them bread.

No. 5.—CHORUS.

And they went on the way to return into Judah.

No. 6.—RECITATIVE.

And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law,-

No. 7.—AIR.

Go, return each to her mother's house: the Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead and with me.

The Lord grant you that ye may find rest, each in the house of her husband.

No. 8.—CHORUS.

Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

No. 9.—DUETT.

Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.

No. 10.—RECITATIVE.

Turn again, my daughters, go your way.

No. 11.-CHORUS.

And they lifted up their voice and wept again :-

No. 12.—RECITATIVE.

And Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

No. 13 -RECITATIVE.

Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.

No. 14.-TRIO.

And Orpah left Naomi, but Ruth clave unto her.

No. 15 .- AIR.

Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried:-

No 16.—RECITATIVE.

The Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part me and thee.

No. 17.-CHORUS.

When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

No. 18.-AIR.

So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi?

No. 19.—CHORUS.

And all the city was moved about them.

No. 20.—RECITATIVE.

And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

No. 21.—AIR.

I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the Lord hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

No. 22.—RECITATIVE.

So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley-harvest.

No. 23.—CHORUS.

Lowly and solemn be
Thy children's cry to Thee,
Father divine;
A hymn of suppliant breath,
Owning that life and death
Alike are Thine.

No. 24.—CHORUS.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away,—

No. 25.—CHORUS.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. AMEN.



### Part Second.

No. 26 .- CHORUS.

And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

No. 27.—RECITATIVE.

And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi,-

No. 28.-AIR.

Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace.

No. 29.—RECITATIVE.

And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

No. 30.—CHORUS.

And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

No. 31.—CHORUS.

And behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said unto the reapers, The Lord be with you. And they answered him, The Lord bless thee.

No. 32.—RECITATIVE.

Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?

No. 33.—RECITATIVE.

And the servant answered him,-

No. 34.-AIR.

It is the Moabitish damsel that returned with Naomi:

And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather among the sheaves: so she came and hath continued from the morning until now.

No. 35.—RECITATIVE.

Then said Boaz unto Ruth,-

No. 36.-AIR.

Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens.

No. 37.-CHORUS.

Then she fell upon her face, to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger.

No. 38 .- AIR.

It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity and art come unto a people which thou knowest not heretofore.

The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

No. 39.-RECITATIVE.

Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger.

No. 40.-CHORUS.

The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

No. 41.-AIR.

Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

No. 42.-TRIO.

At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.

Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not.

No. 43.—CHORUS.

And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.

And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not.

And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.

No. 44.-CHORUS.

Soon as the morning trembles o'er the sky, And unperceived unfolds the spreading day, Before the ripened field the reapers stand In fair array.

So she gleaned in the field until even.

No. 45.—CHORUS.

When thou cuttest down thine harvest in the field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

No. 46.—RECITATIVE.

So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

And she took it up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed.

And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day is Boaz.

No. 47.—RECITATIVE.

And Naomi said unto her daughter in law,-

No. 48.-QUARTET.

Blessed be he of the Lord, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead.

No. 49.—RECITATIVE.

The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.

No. 50.—RECITATIVE.

Ye are witnesses this day, that Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead.

No. 51.—CHORUS.

We are witnesses this day.

No. 52.—CHORUS.

Blessed be the Lord, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

No. 53.—CHORUS.

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# No.3. RECIT: THEN SHE AROSE WITH HER DAUGHTERS IN LAW.



AIR. FOR THE LORD HAD VISITED HIS PEOPLE.





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## CHORUS. \_ AND THEY WENT ON THE WAY.

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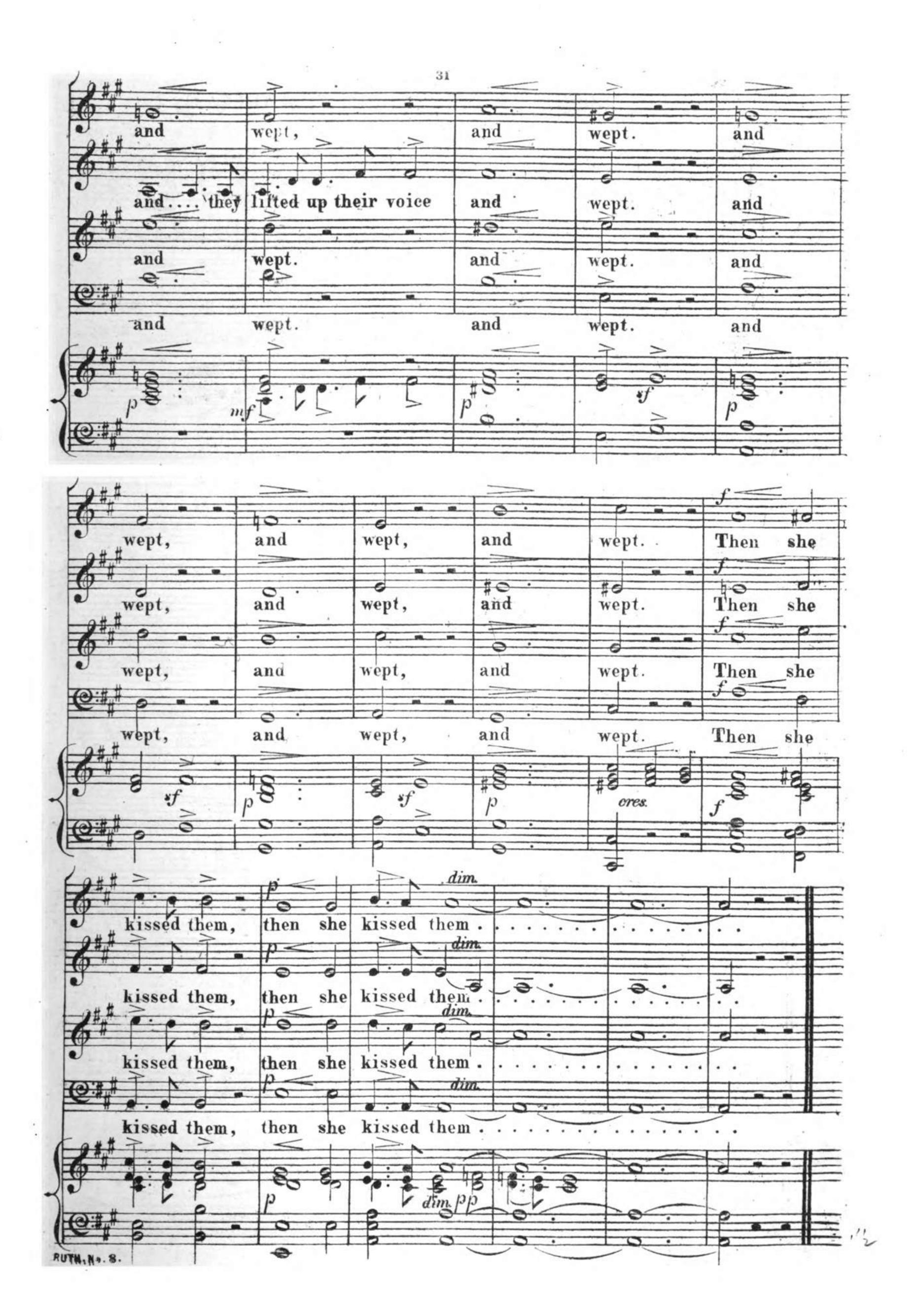


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DUET \_ SURELY WE WILL RETURN WITH THEE.







RUTH. No.9.









No.11. CHORUS \_ AND THEY LIFTED UP THEIR VOICE AND WEPT AGAIN.

















RUTH. No. 14.













## AIR \_ INTREAT ME NOT TO LEAVE THEE.







RUTH. No. 15.







CHORUS \_ WHEN SHE SAW THAT SHE WAS STEDFASTLY MINDED.











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## AIR \_ SO THEY TWO WENT UNTIL THEY CAME.

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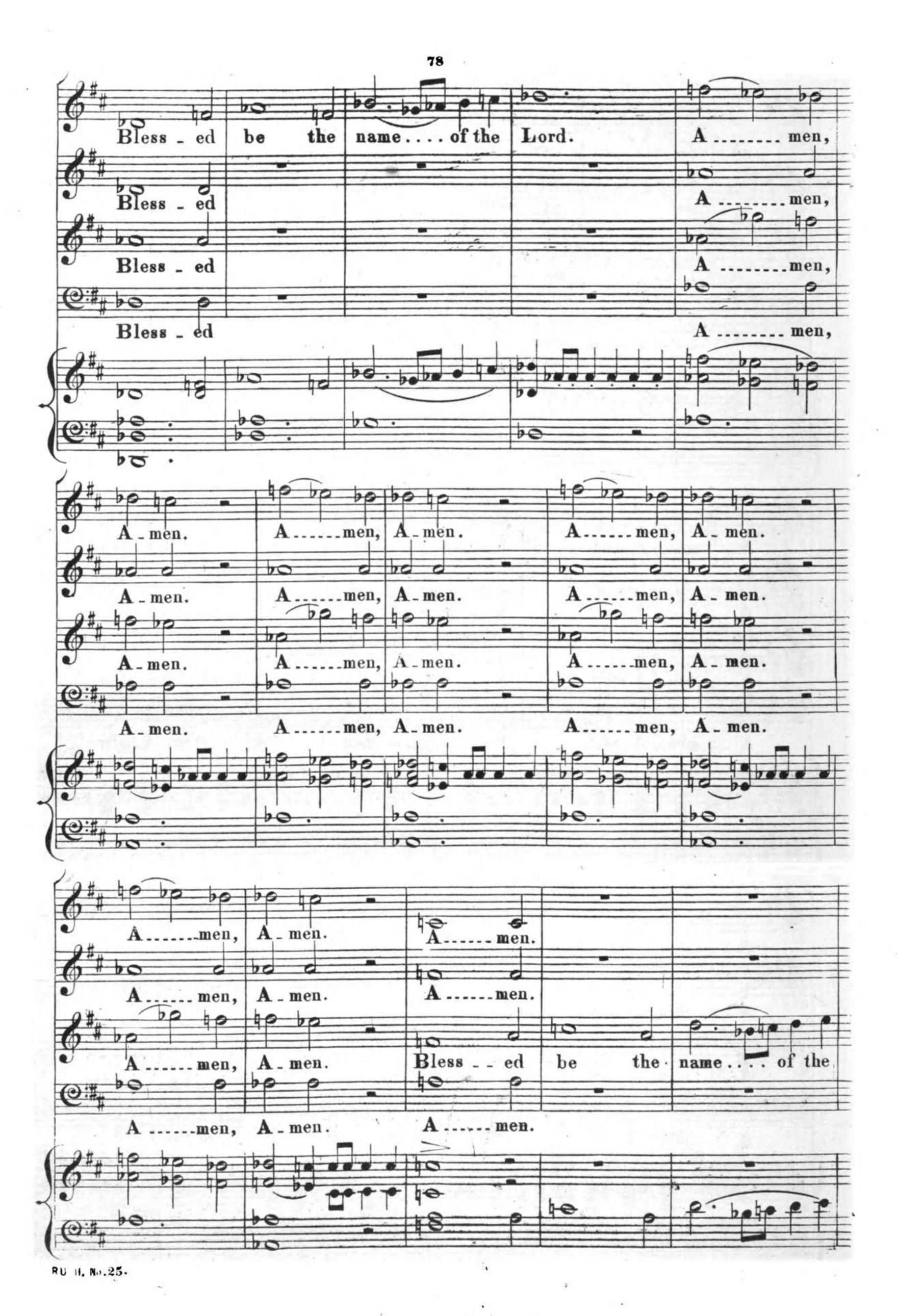


















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## Part 2,

## CHORUS\_AND NAOMI HAD A KINSMAN OF HER HUSBANDS.













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No. 38. AIR\_IT HATH FULLY BEEN SHEWED ME.



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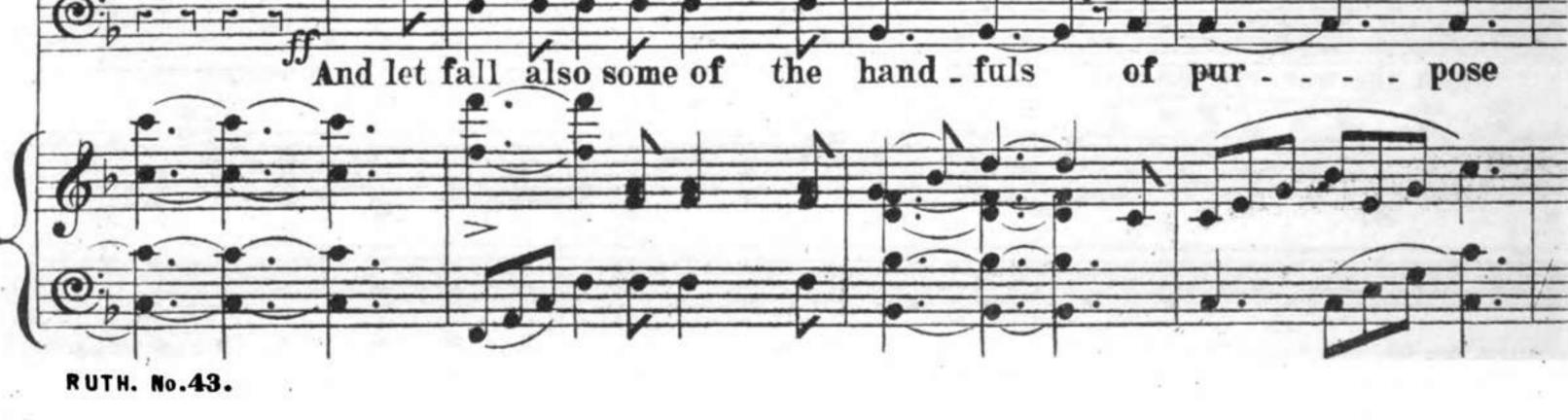








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CHORUS. WHEN THOU CUTTEST DOWN THINE HARVEST





RECITATIVE. SO SHE GLEANED IN THE FIELD UNTIL THE EVEN.











RUTH. Nº 48.











RUTH. Nº 49.

