

Donna Della

Hook

The first system of the hook consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 2/4 time signature. It features a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble staff shows the continuation of the melodic line with various rhythmic patterns. The bass staff maintains the eighth-note accompaniment, with some chords appearing in the final measures.

The third system includes the start of the lyrics. The treble staff has a repeat sign at the beginning. The lyrics are: "When Cu - pid first his — trade be - gan from —". The bass staff continues with the accompaniment.

The fourth system continues the lyrics. The lyrics are: "fair to fair he blind - ly — ran Don - na — Don - na Don - na Del - la Don - na — Don - na". The treble staff has the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff continues with the accompaniment.

Don-na Del-la *f* No bribe could lure him

from the breast No charm his ac-tive arm ar - rest when once the fa-tal bow-string pressed

Don-na Don-na Don-na — Del-la Don - na Don-na Don-na Del-la

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 But soon by prudent greybeards caught,
 The little wanton god was taught,
 Donna Donna Donna Della
 He aimed not blindly as of old,
 His arrows blunted were with Gold,
 Like other traffic bought and sold,
 Donna Donna Donna Della

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 And now with *laurels* hand in hand,
 He holds the World at his command,
 Donna Donna Donna Della
 And sure it is if spite of Art,
 He chance to touch an honest heart,
 That Age forget to tip the dart,
 Donna Donna Donna Della