

# CON VOI BER (HERE'S TO YOU) TOREADOR'S SONG

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"Carmen," Act II  
GEORGES BIZET

Allegro moderato (♩ = 108)

The piano introduction consists of two systems of music. The first system features a treble clef with a melodic line and a bass clef with a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with the bass line becoming more complex, including triplets and sixteenth notes.

(ESCAMILLO.) *f*

Con voi ber! af-fé mi fia ca-ro, coi mi-li-tar... trattar da  
Here's to you! in faith 'tis de-light-ful With soldiers here to meet as

The vocal entry begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The melody is marked with a forte (f) dynamic. The piano accompaniment continues with a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes and chords.

*ff*

paro à par;  
Friends to-day;

Deve un To-re-a-dor  
Friends with To-re-a-dors

ardar del pa-ro,  
is on-ly rightful,

The music continues with the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano part features a prominent triplet figure in the right hand and a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand. The vocal line is marked with a fortissimo (ff) dynamic.

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"Carmen"

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*sempre f*

Per pia- cer, per pia- cer es-si han-no il pugnar;... Il cir- co.... è pien, è  
While we strive to a-muse, we fight our own way. The cir- cus is full, 'tis

dì di fe- sta! Il circo è pien.... di sù, di giù....  
fes-tal sea- son, And filled each seat.... both high and low;....

*ff* Gli spet- ta- tor!... perdon la te- sta,  
Gazing, the crowds lose what's left of rea- son,  
*sempre ff* Gli spet- ta- tor' par- lan-  
Talk with each oth- er, as

*rit.* tra lor, si dan del tu.... *mf* E chia- man- do, in- ter- ro- gan- do,  
more ex- ci- ted they grow. Loud de- fy- ing, and questions ply- ing,  
*f colla voce.*

*f*  
 Gri - dan - do ognun fi - no al furor... *f* Per - che.... la festa è  
 Cry out,.... till each one mad ap - pears, For 'tis.... the fes - ti.

del va - lo - re, si, la fe - sta è del va - lor! Andiam! in  
 - val of val - or, This the meed that courage wears! Come on! be

guar - dia! andiam! an - d'iam! ah!.....  
 wa - ry! at - tack! de - fend! - Ah!.....

scen - do. *dim.* *molto.*

*p*  
 To - re - a - dor, at - ten - to! To - re - a - dor! To - re - a - dor! Non ob - liar che un  
 To - re - a - dor, at - ten - tion! To - re - a - dor! To - re - a - dor! Be not for - get - ful

*p/p*

occhio tutt' ar - dor e l' am - mi - ra - ti - e in - ten - to, E che t'aspett' a - mor,  
that bright eyes may be Tu'd down on thee with in - ten - tion, And love waits there for thee,

To - re - a - dor! .... ta - spet - ta, as - pett' a - mor!  
To - re - a - dor! .... Tis love waits there for thee!

*legg.* *colla voce.* *ff*

*mf*

Ecco al - fin ognun si ta - ce, ognun si  
Now, at last is stillness reigning; is stillness

*p*

*f*

ta - ce, ah! cos' av - ven - ne mai?  
reign - ing. Ah! what is't comes and where?

Tace ognun, che mai fù,  
Silence! what is it there?

*ff*

Tace ognun, che mai fù? Ecco il toro appare E sal - ta fuor, fuor del tor. il  
Silence! what is it there? Here the bull th' a - re - na gain - ing, Stares wildly a - round,

*p/p* *f*

*f*

Già si slan - cia! Ed è fu - ren - tel... Un ca - val - ca - de Trascinando un  
Onward dashing, with eyeballs flash - ing... A steed falls crash - ing, dragging down a

*p*

*ff*

pi - ca - dor. Ah! bra - vo To - ro! Ur - la la gen - te.  
Pi - ca - dor! Bravo, To - rea - dor! Shout all, with clappings,

*f*

*sempre ff*

*mf*

Il to-ro va, no vien sì, vienpien di fu-ror! E strappar vuol le bande.  
Off goes the bull, returns, comes on raving still more! And tossing high his scarlet

*p*

*f colla voce.*

*p*

-ruo-le, E cor-re ancor, an-cor di san-gue il cir-co è pien!  
trap-pings, Again he strikes a blow, While crimson torrents flow!

Fuggon tutti, presi son da te-mal.... Fattio-nor.... To-re-a.  
All are fleeing, from the gates es-cap-ing;.... Honor waits,... To-re-a.

*f p*

*f p*

Ped: *b*

\* *b*

-dor! andiam! in guardial andiam! an-de  
-dor! Come on! be wa-ry at tack!

cre-scen-da

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*dim.* *p*

diam! ah!.....  
- fend! Ah!.....

To-re-a-dor, at-ten-to!  
To-re-a-dor! at-ten-tion!

*dim.* *molto* *p*

To-re-a-dor- To-re-a-dor- non obbli. archun occhio tutt' ardor... Ad-  
To-re-a-dor! To-re-a-dor! Stand not forget-ful that bright eyes may be... Turn'd

*cres.* *dim.* *p*

am-mi-rar-ti in-ten-to e che t'aspet. famor, To-re-a-dor....  
down on thee with in-ten-tion, And love waits there for thee, To-re-a-dor!....

*legg.*

*rit. poco.* *p*

T'aspett',aspett' a-mor!  
Tis love waits there for thee.

*colla voce.* *ff*



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