

Raccolta delle più Nuove Composizioni di Clavicembalo  
di Differenti Maestri ed Autori per l'Anno 1756  
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Sei Canzonette  
VI.

Johann Friedrich AGRICOLA  
(1720-1774)

*Affettuoso*

O Night - in - gale, best po - et of — the — grove, that plain - tive — strain can ne'er be -

4 - long to thee, Blest in the full pos - ses - sion of — thy love : O lend — that —

7 strain, sweet Night - in - gale to me, O lend — that — strain, sweet Night - in - gale, to me.

Tis mine, alas! To mourn my wretched fate :  
I love a maid who all my bosom charms,  
Yet lose my days without this lovely mate;  
Inhuman fortune keeps her from my arms.

You, happy birds! By nature's simple laws  
Lead your soft lives, sustain'd by nature's fare;  
You dwell wherever roving fancy draws,  
And love and song is all your pleasing care.

But we, vain slaves of int'rest and of pride,  
Dare not be blest lest envious tongues should blame :  
And hence, in vain, I languish for my bride;  
O mourn with me, sweet bird, my hapless flame.