Musick for a While (z. 583)

Orpheus Britannicus, Book II (1702)

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Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

†Song in Œdipus, a Tragedy, by John Dryden and Nathaniel Lee (1678, 1692)

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eas’d, eas’d, eas’d, and disdaining to be pleas’d, till A-

lec to free the dead, till A-lec to free the dead, from

their eternal, eternal

band; till the snakes drop, drop, drop, drop,
drop, drop, drop, drop from her head; and the whip, and the whip from out her hand; music, music for a while, shall all your cares be guile; shall all, all, all, all, all, all shall all your cares be guile; all, all, all, all, all, all, all shall all your cares be guile.