

'O sole mio

If your harp is not tuned with an open Bb, or to avoid lever changes, in measures 26-27 play the optional lower notes and omit the 3rd of the G minor chord.

Music by Eduardo di Capua & Alfredo Mazzucchi, 1898

Lyrics by Giovanni Capurro

A

Che bel - la co - sa 'na jur - na - ta'e so - le,
 Lu - ce - no_e llas - tre d'_a fe - ne - sta to - ia;
 Quan - no fa not - te_e'o so - le se ne scen - ne,

5 n'a - ria se - re - na dop - - - po na tem - pe - sta!
 'na la - van - na - ra can - - - ta_e se ne van - ta;
 mme ve - ne qua - se 'na ma - lin - cu - ni - a;

9 Pe' ll'a - ria fres - ca pa - re già na fe - sta...
 e pe' tra - men - te tor - ce, span - ne_e can - ta,
 sot - ta_a fe - nes - ta to - ia re - star - ri - a

13 Em D/A A7 D 3
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 lu - cen - to_e lla - stre d'_a fe - ne - sta to - ia.
 quan - no fa not - te_e'o so - le se ne scen - ne.

B

17 D A7
 Ma n'a - tu so - le cchiù bel - lo,oi ne', 'o so - le

22 A7 D Set B flat Gm
 mi - o sta nfron - te_a te! 'O so - - -

27 Gm D 1, 2 A7 Set B natural D
 le,'o so - le mi - o sta nfron - te_a te, sta nfron - te_a te!

33 3 D A7 D
 sta nfron - te_a te, a te.

Translation: A sunny day is such a beautiful thing! The air is serene and so fresh it feels like a celebration. But my own sun -- your face -- is even more beautiful. The washerwoman boasts about your bright windows as she wrings and spreads clothes. When night comes and the sun goes down I almost start feeling melancholy, and would rather stay below your window.

Written for an annual Naples festival 1830-1950, Neapolitan songs are often serenades or a lover's complaint. This beloved song has been recorded by dozens of famous singers and earned Luciano Pavarotti a Grammy award in 1980. Its original habanera-like accompaniment uses a 1-5-10-5 pattern in a ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩ rhythm.