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**ACT I** The Puritan stronghold is threatened by siege from the Royalist troops. Elvira, daughter of the fortress's commander, has been promised to Riccardo (Sir Richard Forth), but she loves Arturo (Lord Arthur Talbot), a Royalist. Her uncle Giorgio (Sir George Walton) assures her that her father will allow her to marry her lover. Arturo arrives for the wedding. When he learns that Enrichetta (Queen Henrietta) is a prisoner at the castle, he resolves to help her escape in disguise. Riccardo, who is determined to kill his rival, catches them, but when Enrichetta reveals her identity, Riccardo lets them get away, knowing this will ruin Arturo. When Elvira learns of Arturo's escape with a woman, she believes herself betrayed and is overcome by madness.

## INTERMISSION

**ACT II** Arturo has been condemned to death. Elvira, reliving her happy past in her madness, mistakes Riccardo for her lover and dreams of her wedding. Giorgio tries to convince Riccardo to save Arturo. At first indignant, Riccardo is finally moved to help Elvira.

**ACT III** Arturo's love for Elvira has brought him back to Plymouth. When she appears, he assures her of his affection. Just as he is about to be arrested, news arrives of the Royalists' final defeat and a general amnesty for all offenders. The shock of this restores Elvira's senses, and she and Arturo embrace their new happiness.

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