21. The Duke and Duchess hither wend their way
Luigi, Alfredo, Arrostino, and Chorus

Andante con moto

Luigi

The Duke and Duchess hither wend their ways,

Arros

Let us receive them with a song of praise.

With glad ac-

piano

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Arros

Claim we'll make the world ring. The only question is:

Tenors

What shall we sing?

Basses

Friars smug and greasy; Our worldly lays Of bygone days, Are

Piano

We know no song That fits a throng Of
much too free and easy;  Tho' suited to A bandit crew,  They're not at all monastic,  And can't be sung  By sober tongue  Of Stout hearted be!  So mild eclesiastic.
Arros | Many here, We need not fear The ordeal be-
piano | fore us; No single word is ever heard When

Arros | singers sing in chorus, So sing with me
Tenors | La, la, la,
Enter Alfredo, dressed magnificently as the Duke, supporting Minestra, who is apparently insensible.
The Monks are much impressed with Alfredo's reply and express in gestures their satisfaction with the sentiments he has expressed.