

Lyrics for the mini oratorio SALIERI'S FATE  
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Salieri: Dalla valle, dalla valle, la montagna si innalza.  
(From the valley, from the valley, the mountain rises up).

Choir: From the valley, he can see the mountain top.

Salieri: La cima brilla così luminosa.  
(The summit shines so bright).

Choir: The mountain top is shining bright and clearly.

Salieri: La cima sembra così vicina.  
(The summit seems so close).

Choir: The summit seems so close, so close that he  
can almost touch it.

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Salieri: Nella vita devi mirare in alto.  
(In life you must aim high).

Choir: In life you must aim higher and higher.

Salieri: Sali e non guardare indietro.  
(Climb and don't look back).

Choir: Climb! And don't look down, or don't look back. (Aha...Aha)

Salieri: La vittoria sarà giusta e dolce. (Vittoria!)  
(The victory will be just and sweet).

Choir: Victory will be just and sweet (2x). Victory? Vic-to-ry?

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Salieri: Ricordate? Trentacinque anni giovani. (Mon Dieu! [2x])  
(Remember? 35 years young! My God! My God!)

Choir: Remember? He was only 35!  
When God hauled him up to heaven.

(continue...)

Saliere: Settanta! L'eternità! Sarà il mio destino?  
(Seventy? Eternity? Will that be my fate?)  
Choir: Seventy! Eternity!  
Destiny! Eternity! (2x)

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