

## Orff Carl

### "Fortune Empress Of The World"

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25. O Fortune

O Fortune,

like the moon

you are changeable,

ever waxing

and waning;

hateful life

first oppresses

and then soothes

as fancy takes it;

poverty

and power

it melts them like ice.

Fate - monstrous

and empty,

you whirling wheel,

you are malevolent,

well-being is in vain

and always fades to nothing,

shadowed

and veiled

you plague me too;  
now through the game  
I bring my bare back  
to your villainy.  
Fate is against me  
in health  
and virtue,  
driven on  
and weighted down,  
always enslaved.  
So at this hour  
without delay  
pluck the vibrating strings;  
since Fate  
strikes down the strong man,  
everybody weep with me

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