

# Armato il cor

Claudio Monteverdi

The image displays a musical score for the madrigal "Armato il cor" by Claudio Monteverdi. The score is arranged in a system of two staves: a vocal line (top) and a lute tablature line (bottom). The tablature uses letters 'a' and 'b' to represent fret positions on the strings. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 indicated in boxes. The music includes various rhythmic values (quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes), rests, and dynamic markings such as *rit.* (ritardando) and *(John)*. The tablature line includes fingerings (1-4) and string numbers (1-6) to guide the lute player. The score concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.



Translation:

I arm my heart with adamantine faith;  
I enter the realm of love prepared to fight.  
I shall do battle with heaven and with fate;  
I shall fight with death,  
For, as an intrepid warrior,  
If I don't attain victory, I do not wish to live.