

Ave Verum Corpus

2403

SATB a cappella

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(1543-1623)

Musical score for Ave Verum Corpus, SATB a cappella, by William Byrd. The score consists of four staves: Soprano (SUPERIUS), Alto (MEDIUS), Tenor (TENOR), and Bass (BASSUS). The music is in common time, key signature is one flat. The vocal parts sing in unison. The lyrics are:

A - ve ve - rum cor - pus,
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Continuation of the musical score for Ave Verum Corpus. The lyrics continue as follows:

na - tum de Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne, Ve - re pas - sum, im -
na - tum de Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne, Ve - re pas - sum, im -
na - tum de Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne, Ve - re pas - sum, im -
na - tum de Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne, Ve - re pas - sum, im -
na - tum de Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne, Ve - re pas - sum, im -
mo - la - tum in cru - ce pro ho - mi - ne: Cu - jus la -
mo - la - tum in cru - ce pro ho - mi - ne: Cu - jus la -
mo - la - tum in cru - ce pro ho - mi - ne: Cu - jus la -
mo - la - tum in cru - ce pro ho - mi - ne: Cu - jus la -

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-tus per - fo - ra - tum, un - da flu - xit san - gui - ne, san - gui - ne; Es -
-tus per - fo - ra - tum, un - da flu - xit san - gui - ne, san - gui - ne; Es -
-tus per - fo - ra - tum, un - da flu - xit san - gui - ne; Es -
-tus per - fo - ra - tum, un - da flu - xit san - gui - ne; Es -

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- to no - bis prea - gu - sta - tum in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne. O
- to no - bis prea - gu - sta - tum in mor - tis, in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne.
- to no - bis prea - gu - sta - tum in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne.
- to no - bis prea - gu - sta - tum in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne.

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dul - cis, O pi - e, O Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri -
O dul - cis, O pi - e, O Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri -
O dul - cis, O pi - e, O Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri -
O dul - cis, O pi - e, O Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri -

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ae; mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - se-re - re

ae; mi - se-re - re me - i, mi - se-re - re, mi - se-re - re me-i, mi - se-

ae; mi - se-re - re me - i, mi - se - re - re me - - i, me -

ae; mi - se-re - re me - i, mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - se - re - re me - i, mi -

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me - i, me - - i, O - i. A - men.

-re - re me - - i. A - - men.

- i, mi - se - re - re me - i. - i. A - - men.

- se - re me - - i. - i. A - - men.

SOURCE: *Gradualia*, revised edition, 1610 (originally pub. 1605)

NOTES: Note values halved, bar lines, slurs added. Tenor (m. 39), Alto (mm. 40-41): text underlay uncertain.

TEXT/TRANSLATION:

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:
Cuius latus perforatum, Unda fluxit sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine:
O Dulcis, O pie, O Jesu fili Mariae,
miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary.
Truly suffering, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
From whose pierced side flowed blood,
Be for us a foretaste in the final judgment.
O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary,
Have mercy on me. Amen.*

PERFORMANCE: Directors may want to raise the pitch one step

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