

Puer nobis nascitur (Unto us is born a son)

Piæ Cantiones (tr. G R Woodward)

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Moderato ♩ = 108

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR *mf*

BASS *mf*

1. Pu - er no - bis nas - ci - tur, rect - or ang - el - or - um; in hoc mund - o pas - ci - tur Dom -
Un - to us is born a son, King of quires sup - ern - al; See on earth his life be - gun, Of

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S. *mf*

A. *mf*

T. *mp*

B. *mp*

2. In præ - se - pe pon - i - tur sub
Christ, from heav'n desc - end - ing low,

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i - nus dom - i - no - rum, Dom - i - nus dom - i - no - rum. 2. In præ - se -
lords the Lord e - tern - al, Of lords the Lord e - tern - al. Christ, from heav'n

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S.

A.

T. *8*

B.

fæ - no as - in - o - rum. Cog - no - ve - runt Dom - i - num Christ - um reg - em cæl - o - rum, Christ
Comes on earth a strang - er: Ox and ass their own - er know, be - crad - led in a mang - er, Be -

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pe pon - i - tur. Cog - no - ve - runt reg - em
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S. *mp*
 um reg em cœl - o - rum. 3. Her - od - es oc - cid - it
crad-led in a mang - er. This did Her - od af - fray,

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crad-led in a mang - er. This did Her - od af - fray,

T. *mf*
 8 cœl - o - rum. 3. Hinc Her - od - es tim - u - it mag - na cum dol - o - re, et pu - er - os
a mang - er. This did Her - od sore af - fray, and griev - ous - ly be - wild - er; So he gave the

B. *mf*
 cœl - o - rum. 3. Hinc Her - od - es tim - u - it mag - na cum dol - o - re, et pu - er - os
a mang - er. This did Her - od sore af - fray, and griev - ous - ly be - wild - er; So he gave the

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S. *mf*
 in - fan - tes cum liv - o - re. 4. Qui nat - us de virg - i - ne
So he slew the lit - tle child - er. Of his love and mer - cy mild

A. *p*
 in - fan - tes cum liv - o - re. 4. Qui nat - us
So he slew the lit - tle child - er. Born to - day

T. *p*
 8 oc - cid - it, in - fan - tes cum liv - o - re, in - fan - tes cum liv - o - re. 4. Qui nat - us
word to slay, And slew the lit - le child - er, And slew the lit - tle child - er. Born to - day

B. *p*
 oc - cid - it, in - fan - tes cum liv - o - re, in - fan - tes cum liv - o - re. 4. Qui nat - us
word to slay, And slew the lit - le child - er, And slew the lit - tle child - er. Born to - day

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S. *mf*
 di - e hod - i - ern - a duc - at nos cum grat - i - a ad gaud - i - a sup - ern - a, ad
This the Christ - mas sto - ry: And O that Ma - ry's gen - tle child might lead us up to glo - ry, Might

A. *mf*
 de virg - i - ne duc - at nos ad gaud - i - a
of the virg - in Ma - ry: May he lead us up

T. *mf*
 8 de virg - i - ne duc - at nos ad gaud - i - a
of the virg - in Ma - ry: May he lead us up

B. *mf*
 de virg - i - ne duc - at nos ad gaud - i - a
of the virg - in Ma - ry: May he lead us up

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S. *mf*
 gaud - i - a sup - ern - a. 5. O, A, A, O, cant - i - bus in cho - ro, cum
 lead us up to glo - ry. O, A, A, O, cant - i - bus in cho - ro

A. *f*
 sup - ern - a. 5. O et A et A et O cum cant - i - bus in cho - ro, cum
 to glo - ry. O and A and A and O, Cum cant - i - bus in cho - ro,

T. *mf*
 sup - ern - a. 5. O, A, A, O, cum cant - i -
 to glo - ry. O, A, A, O, Cum cant - i -

B. *mf*
 sup - ern - a. 5. O et A et A et O cum cant - i - bus in cho - ro, cum
 to glo - ry. O and A and A and O, Cum cant - i - bus in cho - ro,

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S.
 cant - i - cis et org - a - no, be - ne - dic - a - mus, be - ne - dic - a - mus Dom - i - no.
 Let our mer - ry org - an go, be - ne - dic - a - mus, be - ne - dic - a - mus Dom - i - no.

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 cant - i - cis et org - a - no, be - ne - dic - a - mus Dom - i - no, be - ne - dic - a - mus Dom - i - no.
 Let our mer - ry org - an go, be - ne - dic - a - mus Dom - i - no, be - ne - dic - a - mus Dom - i - no.

T.
 bus in cho - ro, be - ne - dic - a - mus Dom - i - no.
 bus in cho - ro, be - ne - dic - a - mus Dom - i - no.

B.
 cant - i - cis et org - a - no, be - ne - dic - a - mus Dom - i - no, be - ne - dic - a - mus Dom - i - no.
 Let our mer - ry org - an go, be - ne - dic - a - mus Dom - i - no, be - ne - dic - a - mus Dom - i - no.