

appena

5+9+9+5+12

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O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM

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O how great the mystery, and how ineffable the covenant, that simple beasts behold the Christ-Child, as a babe new-born, and lying in a manger stall. O blessed Virgin, hallow'd is thy womb that it could hold the flesh and blood of Christ our Lord.

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem in præsepio. Beata virgo cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum.

Calmo e dolce ♩ = 50

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

Piano
(for rehearsal only.)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo and mood are marked 'Calmo e dolce' with a quarter note equal to 50 beats per minute. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) all begin with a *ppp* (pianissimo) dynamic. The lyrics are: 'O ma - gnum — mys - te - ri - um, — et ad - mi - / O how great — the mys - te - ry, — and how in -'. The piano accompaniment consists of a simple harmonic accompaniment in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.

Sal. 12

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O ma - gnum mys - te - ri - um, — et
 O how great the mys - te - ry, — and
ppp appena articolato

- ra - bi - le sa - cra - men - tum — mys - te - ri - um, — mys -
 - ef - fa - ble is the cov - e - nant — O the mys - te - ry, — the
ppp appena articolato

- ra - bi - le sa - cra - men - tum — mys - te - ri - um, mys -
 - ef - fa - ble is the cov - e - nant — O the mys - te - ry, the
ppp appena articolato

- ra - bi - le sa - cra - men - tum — O ma - gnum — mys -
 - ef - fa - ble is the cov - e - nant — O how great — the

ad - mi - ra - bi - le sa - cra - men - tum, ut a - ni - ma - li -
 how in - ef - fa - ble is the cov - e - nant, that sim - ple beasts be -
mf

- te - ri - um, ma - gnum, — a - ma - li -
 mys - te - ry, how great, — that beasts be -
mf

- te - ri - um sa - cra - men - tum, a - ni - ma - li -
 mys - te - ry, of the cov - e - nant, that the beasts be -
mf

- te - ri - um, ma - gnum, — a - ma - li -
 mys - te - ry, how great, — that beasts be -

p *mf*

- a vi - de - rent hold the Christ-Child Do - minum na - tum ja - cen - tem in prae - as a babe new-born and ly - ing in a

p *f*

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pp *ppp* *m. 15* *m*

- se - pi - o. man - ger stall. O ma - gnum mys - te - ri - um, et ad - mi - ra - bi - le O how great the mys - te - ry, and how in - ef - fa - ble

pp *ppp*

- se - pi - o. man - ger stall. Mys - te - ri - um, mys - te - ri - um, O the mys - te - ry, the mys - te - ry,

pp *ppp*

- se - pi - o. man - ger stall. Mys - te - ri - um, mys - te - ri - um, O the mys - te - ry, the mys - te - ry,

pp *ppp*

- se - pi - o. man - ger stall. O ma - gnum mys - te - ri - um, O how great the mys - te - ry,

pp *ppp*

sa - cra - men - tum, ut a - ni - ma - li - a vi - de - rent
 is the cov - e - nant, that sim - ple beasts be - hold the Christ - Child

sa - cra - men - tum, a - ni - ma - li - a vi - de - rent
 of the cov - e - nant, that beasts should be - hold the Christ - Child

sa - cra - men - tum, a - ni - ma - li - a vi - de - rent
 of the cov - e - nant, that beasts should be - hold the Christ - Child

sa - cra - men - tum, a - ni - ma - li - a vi - de - rent
 of the cov - e - nant, that beasts should be - hold the Christ - Child

Do - mi - num na - tum ja - cen - tem in prae - se - pi - o.
 as a babe new - born and ly - ing in a man - ger stall.

Do - mi - num na - tum ja - cen - tem in prae - se - pi - o.
 as a babe new - born and ly - ing in a man - ger stall.

Do - mi - num na - tum ja - cen - tem prae - se - pi - o. Be -
 as a babe new - born and ly - ing in a man - ger. The

Do - mi - num na - tum ja - cen - tem prae - se - pi - o. Be -
 as a babe new - born and ly - ing in a man - ger. The

+ Sarah
Tutti

p *dolcissimo*
lips closed

- a - ta vir - go
bles - sed vir - gin

cu - jus vis - ce - ra me - ru - e - runt
hal-low'd is thy womb that it could hold

a - ta vir - go
bles - sed vir - gin

Be - a - ta vir - go
o bles - sed vir - gin

Solo
mf
Por -
The

pp
lips closed

- ta - re Do - mi - num Chris - tum .
flesh and blood of Christ our Lord .

Be - a - ta
O bles - sed

p
Be - a - ta
O bles - sed

pp
lips closed

Be - a - ta
O bles - sed

pp
lips closed

legato

Allegro **5** *ppp* *dolc. legatiss.*

O ma - gnum mys - te - ri - um, et
 O how great the mys - te - ry, and

mf vir - go. mys - te - ri - um, sa -
 vir - gin. O the mys - te - ry, the

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 vir - gin. O the mys - te - ry, the

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 vir - gin. O the mys - te - ry, the

ppp appena articolato

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5

mf ad - mi - ra - bi - le sa - cra - men - tum, ut a - ni - ma - li -
 how in - ef - fa - ble is the cov - e - nant, that sim - ple beasts be -

mf - cra - men - tum ma - gnum, a - ma - li -
 cov - e - nant how great, that beasts be -

mf - cra - men - tum ma - gnum, a - ni - ma - li -
 cov - e - nant how great, that the beasts be -

mf - cra - men - tum ma - gnum, a - ma - li -
 cov - e - nant how great, that beasts be -

a vi - de - rent hold the Christ - Child Do - mi - num na - tum as a babe new - born ja - cen - tem, and ly - ing,

a vi - de - rent hold the Christ - Child Do - mi - num na - tum as a babe new - born ja - cen - tem, and ly - ing,

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a vi - de - rent hold the Christ - Child Do - mi - num na - tum as a babe new - born ja - cen - tem, and ly - ing,

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ja - cen - tem, and ly - ing, ja - cen - tem and ly - ing in prae - se - pi - o. stall. in a man - ger stall. in a man - ger stall.

ja - cen - tem, and ly - ing, ja - cen - tem and ly - ing in prae - se - pi - o. stall. in a man - ger stall. in a man - ger stall.

ja - cen - tem, and ly - ing, ja - cen - tem and ly - ing in prae - se - pi - o. stall. in a man - ger stall. in a man - ger stall.

ja - cen - tem, and ly - ing, ja - cen - tem and ly - ing in prae - se - pi - o. stall. in a man - ger stall. in a man - ger stall.

change da

short Psubito short pp

ff short Psubito short pp

ff short Psubito short pp

ff short Psubito short pp

short