

Source: *Cantiones, quae ab argumento
sacrae vocantur...* (London, 1575)

Absterge Domine

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Superius
[Alto]

Discantus
[Tenor I]

Contra Tenor
[Tenor II]

Tenor
[Baritone]

Bassus
[Bass]

Ab - ster - ge Do - mi-
Ab - ster - ge Do - mi-ne,
Ab - ster - ge Do - mi-ne, ab -
Ab - ster - ge

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of the musical score. It features five vocal parts: Superius (Alto), Discantus (Tenor I), Contra Tenor (Tenor II), Tenor (Baritone), and Bassus (Bass). The music is in G minor (three flats) and common time (C). The lyrics are 'Ab - ster - ge Do - mi- ne, ab - ster - ge Do - mi-ne, ab - ster - ge'. The Superius part has a long note in the first measure. The Discantus part has a long note in the first measure. The Contra Tenor part has a long note in the first measure. The Tenor part has a long note in the first measure. The Bassus part has a long note in the first measure.

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ne,
ab - ster - ge Do - mi - ne
ab - ster - ge Do - mi-ne,
ster - ge Do - - mi - ne,
Do - mi - ne,
ab - ster - ge Do - mi-ne, ab -
Ab - ster - ge Do - mi-ne,
ab - ster -

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of the musical score, starting at measure 5. It continues the five vocal parts. The lyrics are 'ne, ab - ster - ge Do - mi - ne, ab - ster - ge Do - mi-ne, ster - ge Do - - mi - ne, Do - mi - ne, ab - ster - ge Do - mi-ne, ab - Ab - ster - ge Do - mi-ne, ab - ster -'. The Superius part has a long note in the first measure. The Discantus part has a long note in the first measure. The Contra Tenor part has a long note in the first measure. The Tenor part has a long note in the first measure. The Bassus part has a long note in the first measure.

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de - li - cta me - -
Do - - mi - ne de -
Do - - mi - ne de - li - cta me - - a
ster - ge Do - mi - ne de - li - cta me -
- ge Do - mi - ne

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of the musical score, starting at measure 9. It continues the five vocal parts. The lyrics are 'de - li - cta me - - Do - - mi - ne de - li - cta me - - a ster - ge Do - mi - ne de - li - cta me - - ge Do - mi - ne'. The Superius part has a long note in the first measure. The Discantus part has a long note in the first measure. The Contra Tenor part has a long note in the first measure. The Tenor part has a long note in the first measure. The Bassus part has a long note in the first measure.

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- a quae in - sci-en - ter iu - ve-nis

li - cta me - a quae in - sci-en -

quae in - sci-en - ter iu - ve-nis, iu -

a quae in - sci-en - ter iu - ve-

de - li - cta me - a quae i - gno-ran -

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fe - - - ci et i -

ter iu - ve-nis, fe - - - ci

- ve-nis fe - - - ci et i - gno - sce poe - ni -

nis fe - - - ci et i - gno - sce

ter iu - ve-nis fe - - - ci

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gno - sce poe - ni - ten - ti nam tu es De - us me-

et i - gno - sce poe - ni - ten - ti nam tu es

ten - ti nam tu es De - us me -

poe - ni - ten - ti nam tu

et i - gno - sce poe - ni - ten - ti

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us, nam tu es De - - De - us me - us, nam tu -

us, nam tu es De - - us me - - -

es, nam tu es De - - - - - us

nam tu es De - us me -

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-us me - - - - us, es De - us me - us, ti - bi so - li fi -

us, De - us me - - - - us,

me - - - - us, ti - bi so - li

- - us, De - us me - - - - us, ti - bi so - li

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ti - bi so - li fi - dit a - ni -

dit a - ni - ma me - a, ti - bi so - li fi - dit a - ni -

ti - bi so - li fi - dit a - ni - ma me - -

fi - dit ti - bi so - li fi - dit a - ni - ma me -

fi - dit a - ni - ma me - - a,

ti - bi so - li fi - dit a - ni - ma me - a, tu

es sa - lus me - - - - - a,

tu es sa - lus me - - - - - a, *tu es sa -*

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- a: do - lo - rem me -

- lus me - a: do - lo - rem me - - - - - um

- a, do - lo - rem me - - - - - a: do - lo -

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- um te - stan - tur la - cri-mae me -

um te - stan - tur la - cri-mae me - - - - -

te - stan - tur la - cri - mae me - - - - -

-um te - stan - tur la - cri - mae me - - - - -

- rem me - - - - - um te - stan - tur la - cri-mae me -

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ae, do - lo - rem me - - - - - um

ae, do - lo - rem me - - - - - um

ae, do - lo - rem me - - - - - um te - stan -

-ae do - lo - rem me - - - - - um te -

ae, do - lo - rem me -

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te - stan - tur la - cri - mae me - ae.

te - stan - tur la - cri-mae me - - - ae. Sis

- tur la - cri - mae me - - - ae.

stan - tur la - cri - mae me - - - ae. Sis me-mor Do -

- um te - stan - tur la - cri-mae me - - - ae.

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Sis me-mor Do - mi - ne, sis me-mor Do - mi - ne,

me-mor Do - mi - ne, sis me-mor

Sis me-mor Do - mi - ne,

mi - ne, si me-mor Do - mi - ne, sis

Sis me-mor Do - mi - ne, sis me-mor Do - mi -

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sis me-mor Do - mi - ne

Do - mi - ne, sis me-mor Do - mi - ne bo - nae vo - lun -

sis me-mor Do - mi - ne

me-mor Do - mi - ne bo - nae vo - lun

ne, sis me-mor Do - mi - ne bo - nae

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bo - nae vo - lun - ta - tis tu - ae:

vo - lun - ta - tis tu - ae:

bo - nae vo - lun - ta - tis tu - ae:

- - tis tu - ae,

ta - tis, bo - nae vo - lun - ta - tis tu - ae: nunc

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nunc e - xau - di pre -

me - as,

nunc e - xau - di pre - ces me -

e - xau - di pre - ces, nunc e - xau - di pre - ces,

xau - di pre - ces me - as,

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ces me - as et ser - vi - et per

ces me - as et ser - vi - et per ae - vum,

-as, pre - ces me - as et ser - vi - et per ae -

pre - ces me - as et ser - vi - et per ae - vum, per

pre - ces me - as et

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ae - vum, et ser - vi - et per ae -

et ser - vi - et per ae - vum, per

- vum, et ser - vi - et per ae -

ae - vum, et ser - vi - et per ae - vum, per ae -

ser - vi - et per ae - vum, et ser - vi -

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ri-tus me-us, et ser-vi-et per ae-vum.

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ser - vi - et per ae - vum ti - bi

vum

ti - bi spi - ri - tus me - us,

ti - bi spi - ri - tus me - us, ti - bis spi - ri - tus me -

ae - vum ti - bi spi - ri - tus me -

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spi - ri - tus me - us. A - men.

ti - bi spi - ri - tus me - us. A - men.

ti - bi spi - ri - tus me - us. A - men.

- us, me - us. A - men.

- us, ti - bi spi - ri - tus me - us. A - men.

Editorial note

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