

# Hodie Christus natus est

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Cantus primus [Alto]

Cantus secundus [Alto]

Tenor [Tenor]

Bassus [Bass]

Ho - di - e Chri - stus na - - - tus est,

Ho - di - e Chri - stus na - - - tus est, na -

Ho - di - e Chri - stus

Ho - di - e Chri -

ho - di - e sal - va - tor, ho - di - e sal - va - tor

- tus est, ho - di - e sal - va - tor ap - pa - ru - it, ho - di -

na - - - tus est, ho - di - e sal - va - tor ap - pa -

- stus na - - - tus est, ho - di - e sal - va - tor ap - pa - - ru - it,

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ap - pa - ru - it, ap - pa - - ru - it, ap - pa - - ru - it, ho -

- e sal - va - tor ap - pa - - ru - it, ap - pa - ru - it, ho -

- ru - it, ho - di - e sal - va - tor ap - pa - ru - it, ho -

ho - di - e sal - va - tor ap - pa - - ru - it, ho - di - e,

- di - e, ho - di - e in ter - ra, in ter - ra, ca -

- di - e, ho - di - e, in ter - ra, in ter - ra, ca -

- di - e, ho - di - e in ter - ra, in ter - - - ra, ca -

ho - di - e in ter - ra, in ter - - - ra, ca - - - nunt

20

- nunt An - - ge - li, ca - - nunt An - - ge - li, læ-

- nunt An - ge - li, ca - - nunt An - - ge - li, ca - - nunt An - - ge - li, læ-ten -

8 - nunt An - - - - ge - li, An - - ge - li, læ-ten - tur, læ-

An - - ge - li, ca - - nunt An - - ge - li, læ-ten - tur,

30

-tant ju - sti, ju - sti, di - cen - tes, di - cen -

-tant ju - sti, ju - sti, di - cen -

- sti, ju - sti, ju - sti, di - cen - tes, di - cen -

-ul - tant, ex - ul - tant ju - sti, di - cen -

- tes: Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - - -  
 - tes: Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis  
 - tes: Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, De -  
 - tes: Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - sis, in ex -  
40  
 - o, glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel -  
 De - o, glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis  
 - o, in ex - cel - sis De - - - o, in ex -  
 - cel - sis De - - o, glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis,  
 - sis De - - - o, in ex - cel - sis De - - - o, in ex - cel -  
 De - - - o, in ex - cel - sis De - - -  
 - cel - sis De - - o, in ex - cel - sis, in ex - cel - sis De -  
 in ex - cel - sis De - - o, in ex - cel - sis De - - o, De - -  
[o → o.]  
6  
 - sis De - o, in ex - cel - sis De - - - o.  
6  
 - - - o, in ex - cel - sis De - - - o.  
6  
 - - - o, in ex - cel - sis De - - - o.  
6  
 - - - o, in ex - cel - sis De - - - o.

50

[o. → o]

All voices, 50:  $ts \frac{C}{3}$ , which should imply a tripla diminution in the triple-time bars (dotted semibreve equal to previous minim).

However, the use of rests within this section (the half-bar rests in 52 being indicated by semibreve rests) shows that Byrd requires the sesquialtera diminution suggested above.

All voices, 54:  $ts C$

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