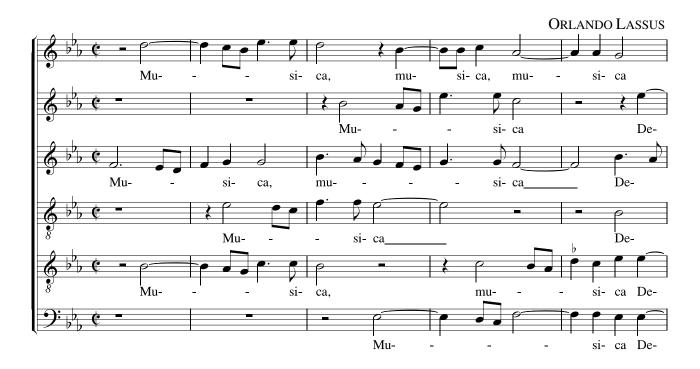
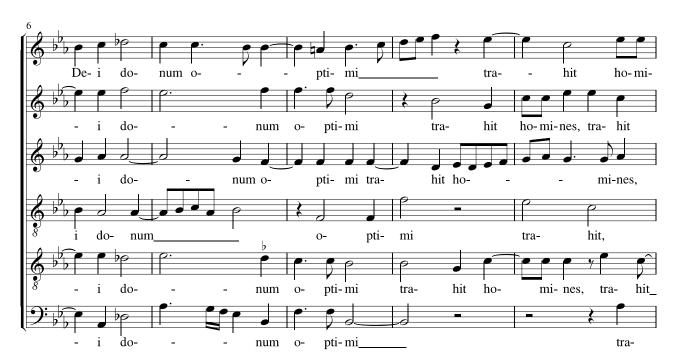


Musica Dei donum optimi





Translation:

Music, gift of the most high God, draws men, draws gods.

Music soothes savage souls and raises up sorrowful minds.

Music moves even the trees themselves and fearsome wild beasts.

Source: Cantiones sacrae sex vocum, Graz 1594. This was the last publication of Lassus's works to be made during his lifetime. It is organised by tone, and *Musica dei donum*, the 26th item in the book, concludes the pieces on the the 8th tone. It was apparently originally intended to be the final piece in the collection; four pieces were subsequently added.

Transposed up a minor 3rd. Note values halved. Original clefs: c1, c1, c3, c4, c4, f4.

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