

Speciosus forma

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius [Soprano] 

Medius [Alto] 

Contratenor [Tenor] 

Tenor [Tenor] 

Bassus [Bass] 

Spe - ci - o - sus

Spe - ci - o - sus for - ma præ - fi - li - is ho - mi -

Spe - ci - o - sus for - - - ma

Spe - ci - o - sus

-o - sus for - - ma præ_____ fi - li - is ho - mi - num,

for - ma præ fi - li - is ho - - - - - mi -

-num, præ fi - li - is, spe - ci - o - sus for - - - ma præ

præ fi - li - is ho - mi - num, præ fi - li - is

for - ma, spe - - - ci - o - sus for - -

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præ fi - li - is ho - mi - num, ho - - - mi - num:

-num, præ fi - li - is, ho - mi - num: dif - fu - sa est

fi - li - is ho - - - mi - num:

ho - mi - num: dif - fu - sa est gra - ti - a in la -

-ma præ fi - li - is ho - mi - num: dif - fu - sa est gra - ti -

dif - fu - sa est gra - ti - a in la - bi - is tu - is, dif -
 gra - ti - a in la - bi - is tu - is,
 8 dif - fu - sa est gra - ti - a in la - bi - is tu - is, in la - bi - is
 - bi - is tu - is, dif - fu - sa est gra - ti - a in la -
 - a, dif - fu - sa est gra - ti - a in la -

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- fu - sa est gra - ti - a, est gra - ti - a, dif - fu - sa est
 dif - fu - sa est gra - ti - a in la - bi - is tu -
 tu - is, in la - bi - is tu - is, dif - fu - sa est gra - ti - a,
 - a in la - bi - is tu - is, dif - fu - sa est gra - ti - a, in la -
 - bi - is tu - is, in la - bi - is tu - -

gra - ti - a in la - bi - is tu - is, dif - fu - sa est
 - is, dif - fu - sa est gra - ti - a in la -
 dif - fu - sa est gra - ti - a in la - bi - is tu - is, in la - bi - is
 - bi - is tu - is, dif - fu - sa est gra - ti - a est gra - ti -
 - is, dif - fu - sa est gra - ti - a in la - bi - is tu - is,

grati - a in la - bi - is tu - - - is.
 - bi - is tu - - is, in la - bi - is tu - - is.
 tu - is, in la - bi - is tu - - - is.
 - a in la - bi - is tu - is, in la - bi - is tu - - is.
 in la - bi - is tu - - - is.

Versus

S. [30] E - ru - cta - vit cor me - um ver - bum bo - - num,
 M. E - ru - cta - vit cor me - um ver - bum bo - num,
 Ct. E - ru - cta - vit cor me -

Di - co e - go o - pe - ra me - a Re - gi, di - co
 ver - bum bo - num, Di - co e - go o - pe - ra me - a Re -
 - um ver - bum bo - num, Di - co e - go

[40] e - go o - pe - ra, o - pe - ra me - a Re - gi.
 - gi, o - pe - ra me - a Re - - - gi.
 o - pe - ra me - a Re - - - - - gi.

Versus

S. Lin - gua me - - - a, lin - gua me - -

M. Lin - gua me - - - a ca - la - mus

T. 8 Lin - gua me - - -

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- - - a ca - la - mus scri - - - bæ

scri - - - bæ, ca - la - mus scri - - -

8 - a ca - la - mus scri - - - bæ, cal - la - mus scri - -

ve - lo - ci-ter scri-ben - - tis, scri-ben - - tis, scri-ben - -

- bæ, scri - bæ ve - lo - ci-ter scri-ben - - tis,

8 - - - bæ ve - lo - ci-ter scri-ben - - tis,

S. - tis, ve - lo - ci-ter scri-ben - - tis, scri - ben - - tis.

M. - tis, scri-ben - - tis, scri - ben - - tis.

Ct. 8 Al - le - lu -

T. 8 ve - lo - ci-ter scri-ben - - - tis.

B. - - - - Al - le - lu -

Where the Alleluia is not used (i.e. after Septuagesima) the tract *Gaudete Maria* follows directly from Φ

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The musical score consists of six staves of music for voices. The top three staves are in treble clef, and the bottom three are in bass clef. The key signature changes between G major (no sharps or flats), F# major (one sharp), and C major (no sharps or flats). The time signature is common time throughout. The vocal parts sing the word "Al - le - lu - ia." in a repeating pattern. The notation includes various note values (eighth and sixteenth notes) and rests. Measure numbers 60 through 66 are indicated above the staff.

Goodly of beauty above the sons of men, grace is poured abroad in thy lips.
My heart hath uttered a good word: I tell my works to the king.
My tongue is the pen of a scribe, that writeth swiftly. Alleluia.

Source: William Byrd: *Gradualia, ac cantiones sacræ... Liber primus* (2nd edition, 1610), vol.1 no.17 (complete) & no.6 (*Eructavit* verse).

Text: Psalm 44: 3, 1, 2

Liturgical function: Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary from Christmas to the Purification;

Introit: Vultum tuum - Fructavit

Gradual: Speciosus forma

Gradual

Post partum Virgo (before Septuagesima)
Gaude Maria (after Septuagesima)

Communion: Beata viscera

II 33.4; *ba* *num* | | *ü* |

II.33-4: *bo o num, o o ly. o*

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