

Hostis Herodes impie

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John Sheppard (d.1558)

v.1 2 rulers of the choir

Chorus

Ho-stis He-ro - des im - pi - e, Chri-stum_ ve-ni - re quid ti-mes? Non e -

- ri - pit mor - ta - li - a, Qui re-gna dat cae - le - sti - a.

Treble

Mean

Countertenor 1

Countertenor 2

Tenor [Missing]

Bass

v.2

I - bant

I - bant ma - gi quam vi - de -

I - bant ma - gi quam vi - de -

I - bant ma - gi quam vi - de -

I - bant ma - gi quam vi - de -

I - bant ma - gi quam vi - de -

ma - gi quam vi - de -

rant

Stel - lam se - quen - tes praevi - am, stel -

rant Stel - lam se - quen - tes praevi - am, stel -

rant Stel - lam se - quen - tes praevi - am, stel -

rant Stel - lam se - quen - tes praevi - am, stel -

rant Stel - lam se - quen - tes praevi - am, stel -

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Stel - lam _____ se - quen - - tes _____ prae - -
 - lam se - quen - - tes prae - vi - - - am: Lu - men re - qui -
 - lam se - quen - - tes prae - vi - - am, stel - lam se - quen - - tes prae - vi -
 stel - lam se - quen - tes prae - vi - - - - - - - -
 prae - vi - am, stel - lam se - quen - - tes prae - vi - - - - - am:
 - vi - - am,] stel - lam se - quen - - tes prae - vi - am: Lu -

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lu - - - mi - - - ne,
- ne, lu - men re - qui - runt lu - mi - - - - ne,
- men re - qui - runt lu - mi - - - - ne, De - um fa -
- men re - qui - - runt lu - - mi - ne, De - um fa - ten - tur mu -
- - - - ne, De - um fa - ten - tur mu - ne - re,
- ne, De - um fa - ten - tur mu - ne - re,

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ne re,
 re, mu ne re,
 De um fa ten tur mu ne re.
 - um fa ten tur mu ne re,
 De um fa ten tur mu ne re,
 tur mu ne re, De um fa ten tur mu ne re,
 - ten tur mu ne re,

v.3

Chorus

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8 La-va - cra pu - ri gur - gi - tis Cae-le - stis A - gnus at - ti-git; Pec-ca -

8 - ta que_ non_ de - tu - lit _____ Nos a - blu-en-do _____ su - stu - lit.

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Music score for "No - vum ge - nus po - ten - ti - ae," featuring five staves and lyrics in Latin. The score includes a soprano, alto, tenor, bass, and organ parts.

Soprano (Top Staff):

No - vum _____ ge - nus _____ po -

Alto (Second Staff):

No - vum ge - nus po - ten - ti - ae,

Tenor (Third Staff):

No - vum ge - nus po - ten - ti - ae,

Bass (Fourth Staff):

No - vum ge - nus po - ten - ti - ae,

Organ (Bottom Staff):

No - vum ge - nus po - ten - ti - ae, no -

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- ten - ti - ae, A - quae _____ ru - ;
 - ae, A - quae ru - be-scunt i - dri-ae, a - quae ru - be-scunt;
 A - quae ru - be-scunt i - dri - ae: _____;

A - quae ru - be-scunt i - dri - ae, A - quae ru - be-scunt
 no - vum ge - nus po - ten - ti - ae, A - quae ru - be-scunt i - dri - .
 - vum ge - nus po - ten - ti-ae, A - quae ru - be-scunt i - dri - ae, a -

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The musical score consists of four staves, each representing a different voice: Soprano (top), Alto, Tenor, and Bass (bottom). The music is in common time and uses a G clef. The vocal parts are separated by vertical bar lines. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate sustained sounds or specific pronunciation. The score includes several measures of music, with the first measure starting with a forte dynamic.

- be - - - scunt _____ i - - - dri - ae: Vi - num -

— i - - dri - ae, i - dri - ae: Vi - num-que jus - sa

Vi - num-que jus - sa fun - de-re, _____ vi -

i - dri - - - - ae: Vi - num-que jus - sa fun - de -

- ae: _____ Vi - num-que jus - sa fun - de -

- quae ru - be - scunt i - - dri - - - ae: _____ Vi - num - que

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que jus sa fun - de-re, vi - num-que jus - sa fun - de-re, - num-que jus - sa fun - de-re, re, vi - num-que jus - sa fun - de - re, - re, vi - num - que jus - sa fun - de -, jus - sa fun - de - re, vi - num-que jus - sa.

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- de - re, Mu -, Mu - ta - vit un - da o - ri - gi - nem, Mu - ta - vit un - da o - ri - gi -, - - - - - re, Mu -, fun - de - re, Mu - ta - vit.

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- ta - vit un - da _____ o -

mu - ta - vit un - da o - ri - gi -

- nem, o - ri - gi - nem, mu - ta - vit un - da o - ri - gi - nem,

8 Mu - ta - vit un - da o - ri - gi - nem, o - ri - gi - nem,

- ta - vit un - da o - ri - gi - nem, mu -

un - da o - ri - gi - nem,

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ri - gi - nem.

nem, o - ri - gi - nem.

mu - ta - vit un - da o - ri - gi - nem.

o - ri - gi - nem, mu - ta - vit un - da o - ri - gi - nem.

ta - vit un - da o - ri - gi - nem, o - ri - gi - nem.

mu - ta - vit un - da o - ri - gi - nem, o - ri - gi - nem.

v.5

8 Glo-ri - a ti - bi, Do - mi - ne, Qui ap - pa-ru - i - sti ho - di - e, Cum Pa - tre et

8 San - cto Spi - ri - tu, In sem - pi - ter na - sae - cu - la. A - men.

Translation

1. Herod, you wicked foe, why do you fear Christ's coming? He will not seize a mortal realm who has the heavenly one to give.
2. Wise men set out, following the star which they had seen going before them; by its light they seek the light, by their gifts they acknowledge him God.
3. At the pure waters the Heavenly Lamb arrives: he brings with him no sin and washes ours away.
4. By a new kind of power the water in the jugs grows red and on command the fluid changes its nature into wine.
5. Glory be to you, O Lord, who appeared [on earth] today, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for all eternity. Amen.

Liturgical Function

Hostis Herodes impie was the hymn at First and Second Vespers on the feast of the Epiphany (6 January) and daily during the octave. It was also the hymn at First Vespers on the octave of the Epiphany. The tune set by Sheppard was used on the feast, the Sunday during the octave and on the octave day.

Editorial Conventions

The nomenclature of the voice-parts follows the Tudor convention.

The original clef, staff signature, mensuration symbol and first note of each part are shown on the prefatory staves.

Where the mensuration changes the new symbol is shown above the staff.

Editorial accidentals are placed above the notes concerned and remain operative throughout the bar.

Ligatures are denoted by the sign .

Spelling of the text has been modernised.

Text repetition signs in the underlay have been expanded editorially in italics.

Sources

Polyphony: Oxford, Christ Church, Mus. 979–83 (c.1575–1581 with later additions).

979	(Tr)	no.115	at beginning:	treble
			at end:	m ^r : S.
980	(Ct1)	no.115	at end:	m ^r : S.
981	(Ct2)	no.115	at end:	m ^r : S.
982	(M)	no.115	at beginning:	medius.
			at end:	m ^r : shepperde.
983	(B)	no.115	index heading:	M ^r John Shepperde. [later hand]
			at end:	m ^r : S.

Plainsong: *Hymnorum cum notis opusculum usui insignis ecclesie Sarum* (Antwerp, 1541), f.10^v.

Notes on the Readings of the Sources

In the notes below, each reference to a bar or group of bars is separated by an oblique stroke. Within these references multiple readings in the same voice are separated by commas and readings in different voices by semicolons. The order within each entry is: 1) bar number; 2) voice; 3) reading of the source. For extended references subsequent bar numbers are in brackets. Pitches are in capital letters, preceded by a number where necessary, e.g. ¹C = first note C in the bar.

Underlay

4 Ct2 -rent for -rant / 6–13 all parts *praemiam* for *praeiam* / 7 Tr -de- below A / 26 Ct1 -um below B, (27) ? below A, slur for B¹C / 29 Tr -ne- below B / 34–35 Ct2 -tenti- below CE¹D / 39 Tr -ti- below A / 43 Ct2 -ae below G (not in 45) / 44 M -ae below A / 52 Tr -de- below E / 56–end all parts *origine* for *originem* / 62 Ct1 slur for BG /

Other Readings

12 Ct2 new line in source with clef C4 begins with E / 33 all parts mensuration symbol ϕ /