

# Peccavi super numerum

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Soprano



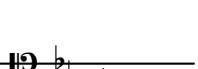
Alto



Tenor 1



Tenor 2



Bass




4

Pec - - - vi, pec - ca - - - vi  
su - per nu - me - rum a - - - vi  
su - per nu - me - rum, su - per  
Pec - - - ca - - - vi, pec - ca - - - vi

Note: The alto and second tenor may find it expedient to exchange parts for the phrases 'peccata mea' in bars 24-26

14

rum a - re - nae ma - - - - - ris, a -  
 - re - nae ma - - - - ris, a - re - nae ma - - ris, ma -  
 8 - ris, ma - ris, su - per nu - me - rum a - re - nae ma -  
 8 - per nu - me - rum a - re - nae ma - ris, a - re - nae ma -  
 pec - ca - - - - vi su - per nu - me - rum

19

24

- ti - pli - ca - ta sunt pec - ca - ta me - a, et mul - ti - pli -  
 pec - ca - ta me - a, et mul - ti - pli - ca - ta sunt  
 pec - ca - ta me - a, pec - ca - ta me - a,  
 pec - ca - ta me - a, pec - ca - ta me - a,  
 — et mul - ti - pli - ca - ta sunt pec - ca - ta me - a,

29

- ca - ta sunt, et mul - ti - pli - ca - ta sunt  
 pec - ca - ta me - a, pec - ca - ta me - a, et  
 et mul - ti - pli - ca - ta sunt pec - ca - ta me - a, et mul - ti - pli -  
 - a, pec - ca - ta me - a, pec - ca - ta me - a, et mul - ti - pli - ca - ta  
 - a, pec - ca - ta me - a, pec - ca - ta me - a,

34

— pec - ca - ta me - a, pec - ca - ta me - a,  
 mul - ti - pli - ca - ta sunt pec - ca - ta me - a,  
 - ca - ta sunt pec - ca - ta me - a, pec - ca - ta me - a,  
 sunt pec - ca - ta me - a, pec - ca - ta  
 et mul - ti - pli - ca - ta sunt pec - ca - ta me - a, pec - ca - ta

39

pec - ca - ta me - a: et non sum di -  
 pec - ca - ta me - a: et non sum di -  
 8 - a, pec - ca - ta me - a: et non sum di -  
 me - a, pec - ca - ta me - a:  
 me - a, pec - ca - ta me - a:

44

- - gnus, et non sum di -  
 gnus, et non sum di -  
 8 - gnus, et non sum di - gnus, et  
 et non sum di - - gnus, -  
 et non sum di - - gnus, et non sum

49

gnus vi - de - re al - ti - tu - di -  
 gnus vi - de - re al - ti - tu - di - nem coe -  
 8 non sum di - gnus vi - de - re al - ti -  
 et non sum di - gnus  
 di - gnus, et non sum di - gnus

54

- nem coe - - - - li,  
 - li, vi - de - re al - ti -  
 tu - di-nem coe - - - - li, vi - de - re  
 vi - de - re al - ti - tu - di - nem coe -  
 vi - de - re al - ti - tu - di - nem coe - - - -

58

vi - de - re al - ti - tu - di-nem coe - - -  
 tu - di-nem coe - - - - li, coe -  
 al - ti - tu - di - nem coe - - li,  
 - - - - li, vi - de - re al - ti - tu - di - nem coe -  
 - - - - li, coe - - - - li,

63

li, coe - - - - li  
 - - - - li, coe -  
 vi - de - re al - ti - tu - di-nem coe -  
 - - - - li, coe - - - - li  
 vi - de - re al - ti - tu - di - nem coe - - - -

68

praemulti - tu - diine i - ni - qui - ta - tis me - - -

- li prae multi - tu - diine i - ni - qui - ta - tis me -

<sup>8</sup> - li \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>8</sup> - li prae multi - tu - diine i - ni - qui - ta - tis me -

- li \_\_\_\_\_ prae

73

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The top three staves are in treble clef, and the bottom two are in bass clef. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the notes. The first staff has lyrics: "ae, prae mul - ti - tu - di - ne i -". The second staff continues: "ae, i - ni - qui - ta -". The third staff begins with a measure number 8 and has lyrics: "prae mul - ti - tu - di - ne i - ni - qui - ta - tis me -". The fourth staff begins with a measure number 8 and has lyrics: "ae, \_\_\_\_\_ prae mul - ti - tu - di - ne". The fifth staff concludes the piece with lyrics: "mul - ti - tu - di - ne, \_\_\_\_\_ prae mul - ti - tu - di -".

77

81

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The top staff uses a treble clef, the second staff a soprano clef, the third staff a alto clef, and the bottom staff a bass clef. The music is in common time. The lyrics are written below the notes, corresponding to the vocal parts. The lyrics are as follows:
   
 - ae, prae mul - ti - tu - di - ne i - ni - qui - ta - tis me -
   
 8 prae mul - ti - tu - di - ne, prae mul - ti - tu - di - ne,
   
 8 - prae mul - ti - tu - di - ne i - ni - qui - ta - tis
   
 mul - ti - tu - di - ne, prae mul - ti -

85

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The top staff uses a treble clef, the second staff a soprano clef, the third staff an alto clef, the fourth staff a bass clef, and the bottom staff a bass clef. The music is in common time. The lyrics are as follows:
   
 multi-tu-di-ne ini-qui-ta-tis me - - - ae,
   
 ae, me - - - ae, i -
   
 8 prae mul - ti - tu - di - ne i - ni - qui - ta - tis
   
 8 me - - - ae, i - ni - qui - ta - tis me - - ae,
   
 - tu - - - di - ne, mul - ti - tu - - - di - ne

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i - ni - qui - ta - tis me - - -  
 - ni - qui - ta - tis me - - - ae,  
 8 me - - - - - ae, i - ni - qui - ta - tis me  
 8 i - ni - qui - ta - tis me - - ae,  
 - i - ni - qui - ta - tis

93

97

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The top four staves are in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the notes. The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The lyrics are in Latin, referring to 'Inquietus'.

in - qui - ta - tis me - ae, i - ni - qui - ta - tis  
- ae, i - ni - qui - ta - tis me - ae, i - ni -  
8 i - ni - qui - ta - tis me - ae, i - ni - qui -  
8 i - ni - qui - ta - tis, i - ni - qui - ta - tis, i -  
- ae, i - ni - qui - ta - tis me - ae,

101

me - ae, i - ni - qui - ta - tis me - - - ae.  
 - qui - ta - tis me - ae, i - ni - qui - ta - tis me - - - ae.  
 8 - ta - tis me - ae, i - ni - qui - ta - tis me - - - ae.  
 8 - ni - qui - ta - tis me - ae, i - ni - qui - ta - tis me - - - ae.  
 i - ni - qui - ta - tis me - - - ae.

## Translation

My sins are as numberless as the sands of the sea and my misdeeds are manifold; and I am not worthy to see the height of heaven because of the multitude of my iniquities.

## Editorial Conventions

The original clef, staff signature, mensuration symbol and first note of each part are shown on the prefatory staves at the beginning. The superscript natural in bar 39 is an editorial addition. Repeat signs in the underlay have been tacitly expanded.

## Sources

**A** Oxford, Christ Church MSS Mus. 979-83 (c.1575–c.1603; lacking T2).

979	(S)	No.14	at end:	m <sup>r</sup> w birde
980	(A)	No.14	at end:	m <sup>r</sup> w birde
981	(T1)	No.14	at beginning: at end:	Tenor <i>primus</i> m <sup>r</sup> w birde
982	—	—		
983	(B)	No.14	in index: at end:	m <sup>r</sup> w birde m <sup>r</sup> w birde

**B** Oxford, Bodleian Library MS Mus. sch. e. 423 (c.1577–c.1589; T2 only).

Section 2, no.13 display heading: Tenor secundus  
at end: mr Byrde

**C** London, British Library Add. MS 47844 (1581; T2 only, textless).

f.10v at beginning: Tenor secundus  
at end: mr Byrde

**D** MS in the private possession of Mr David McGhie and Oxford, Bodleian Library MS Tenbury 389 (c.1575–c.1612; S and A only).

McGhie (S) p.172 at end: mr byrde  
389 (A) p.183 at end: mr byrde

## Notes on the Readings of the Sources

In each section below the references are listed by source. Each reference to a bar or group of bars is separated by an oblique stroke and the order within each entry is: 1) bar number; 2) voice(s); 3) reading of the source. Pitches are in capital letters, preceded by a number where necessary, e.g. <sup>2</sup>C = second note C in the bar.

### Clefs and staff signatures

**A:** 54 S new line in source with b for upper E in staff signature begins with C / 101 S new line in source without b for upper E in staff signature begins with <sup>1</sup>D /

**B:** 1 A clef is C2 /

**D:** 10 A new line in source with b for upper B in staff signature begins with <sup>2</sup>F / 75 A new line in source without b for E in staff signature begins with <sup>2</sup>C / 89 A new line in source with b for E in staff signature begins with <sup>2</sup>E /

### Accidentals

**A:** 4 T1 b for B, # for <sup>2</sup>C / 11 S # for <sup>2</sup>C / 15 B b for B, # for <sup>2</sup>C / 19 S b for F / 28 S b for <sup>1</sup>B / 31 A no b for <sup>1</sup>C / 35 A b for <sup>1</sup>C / 39 S b for F / 56 B b for C / 59 A b for C / 62 A b for C / 81 A b for C / 84 S b for F / 93 A b for C / 100 S b for F; A b for C / 105 A # for <sup>2</sup>F /

**B:** 7 T2 # for <sup>2</sup>C / 14 T2 # for <sup>2</sup>C /

**C:** 7 T2 # for <sup>2</sup>C / 12 T2 # for <sup>1</sup>G / 14 T2 # for <sup>2</sup>C /

**D:** 5 A # for <sup>1</sup>G / 11 S # for <sup>2</sup>C / 19 S b for F / 26 S b for F / 29 S b for <sup>1</sup>C / 33 S b for <sup>1</sup>F / 39 S b for F / 43 S no b for B (implied b by b in 47) / 47 S b for B / 54 S b for F / 74 A no b for C / 78 A b for F / 84 S b for F / 86 A no b for <sup>2</sup>G / 100 S b for F / 104 A no b for B / 105 A # for <sup>2</sup>F /

### Underlay

**A:** 5 A -vi below <sup>1</sup>G / 8–9 A slur for <sup>2</sup>FG, -re below <sup>2</sup>F / 9 A slur for <sup>2</sup>FE / 22–23 A slur for E<sup>2</sup>D / 43–44 T1 slur for CB / 79 B slur for GF / 90 A me- below <sup>2</sup>D / 104 B -ae below <sup>1</sup>G /

**B:** 7 T2 -vi below <sup>1</sup>C / 16 T2 slur for EC /

**D:** 11 S -vi below <sup>1</sup>C / 18 A -ris ma- omitted / 19 S minim D is divided into two crotchet Ds (underlay repeat sign in 18 so ma- implied below <sup>2</sup>D) / 65 S -li omitted / 69–end SA *multitudinem* for *multitudine* / 85 A me below A (not in 84) / 90 A me- below <sup>2</sup>D / 91 A semibreve D is divided into two minim Ds with -ne below <sup>1</sup>D /

### Other

**D:** 31 A <sup>2</sup>C is D / 79 A C<sup>2</sup>D are dotted quaver, semiquaver /