

Orazio Vecchi
(1550 - 1605)

O quam suavis est

à8

Transcribed and edited by Lewis Jones

Source: [PART NAME IN LATIN]/MOTECTA HORATII/VECHII MUTINENSIS/CANONICVS CORIGIENSIS/
Quaternis, Quinis, Senis, &/Octonis Vocibus./Nunc Primum in lucem edita./SERENISSIMO PRINCIPI GVGLIELMO,/Palatino, Rheni Comiti, & vtriusque Bava-/riae Duci. & c. Dicata./CVM PRIVILEGIO./[COAT OF ARMS]/Venetijs Apud Angelum Gardanum./[RULE]/M. D. LXXXX. [GATHERING MARK]

The source comprises eight partbooks. The present motet is no. 32 in the publication.

Editorial method: Original part names, time signatures and note durations have been retained. Clefs have been modernised, with originals appearing in prefatory staves. The overall range of each part is given in black stemless notes before the initial time signature, to which the music has been barred.

Editorial accidentals appear above the stave, whereas courtesy accidentals appear in parentheses. Ligatures are shown by square brackets above the stave.

Text and translation: Original capitalisation has been reduced. Ditto marks in the source underlay have been expanded using italics. All punctuation save for the final full stop is editorial.

*O quam suavis est Domine spiritus tuus
qui ut dulcedinem tuam in filios demonstrares
Pane suavissimo de coelo praestito
Esurientes replens bonis fastidiosos dimittens dimisit inanes.
Alleluia.*

O how sweet is thy spirit, Lord,
thou who, in order to demonstrate thy sweetness to thy children,
send down from heaven the sweetest Bread unsurpassed,
filling the hungry with good things,
sending the disdainful rich empty away.
Alleluia.

Source: Wisdom 12:1 & 12:16

Critical note: Comprising a source reading not retained in the Edition. In the order bar, part, object, comment.

26,8,4, G (a tone too low)

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In festo Corporis Christi.

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Music score for a six-part setting of the hymn "O quam suavis est". The score consists of six staves, each with a different vocal part:

- Cantus**: Treble clef, common time, key signature of one flat. Notes: - (bar 1), - (bar 2), o (bar 3).
- Altus**: Treble clef, common time, key signature of one flat. Notes: - (bar 1), - (bar 2), o (bar 3).
- Quintus**: Treble clef, common time, key signature of one flat. Notes: - (bar 1), o (bar 2), - (bar 3), o (bar 4).
- Sextus (Bassus Sec.)**: Bass clef, common time, key signature of one flat. Notes: - (bar 1), - (bar 2), o (bar 3).
- Septimus (Cantus Sec.)**: Treble clef, common time, key signature of one flat. Notes: - (bar 1), - (bar 2), - (bar 3), o (bar 4).
- Octavus (Altus Sec.)**: Treble clef, common time, key signature of one flat. Notes: - (bar 1), - (bar 2), - (bar 3), o (bar 4).
- Tenor**: Treble clef, common time, key signature of one flat. Notes: - (bar 1), - (bar 2), - (bar 3), o (bar 4).
- Bassus**: Bass clef, common time, key signature of one flat. Notes: - (bar 1), - (bar 2), - (bar 3), o (bar 4).

The lyrics "O quam suavis est" are written below each staff, corresponding to the notes. The music concludes with a final note "o" on each staff.

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C. est, O quam su - a - vis

A. — O quam su - a - vis

5. est, O quam, O quam su - a - vis

6. — O quam su - a - vis

7. quam su - a - vis est, O quam su - a - vis est

8. quam su - a - vis est, O quam su - a - vis

T. quam su - a - vis est, O quam su - a - vis

B. quam su - a - vis est, O quam su - a - vis

12

C. est Do - mi - ne spi - ri - tus tu - us

A. est Do - - mi - ne spi - ri - tus tu - - us

5. est Do - mi - ne spi - ri - tus tu - - - us

6. est Do - mi - ne spi - ri - tus tu - - us

7. — Do - mi - ne spi - ri - tus tu - us qui ut dul - ce - di

8. est Do - - mi - ne spi - ri - tus tu - us qui ut dul - ce - di

T. est Do - mi - ne spi - ri - tus tu - - - us qui ut dul - ce - di

B. est Do - mi - ne spi - ri - tus tu - us qui ut dul - ce - di

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C. in fi - li - os, in fi - li - os de - mon -

A. in fi - li - os, in fi - li - os de - mon -

5. in fi - li - os, in fi - li - os de - mon -

6. in fi - li - os, in fi - li - os de - mon -

7. nem tu - am in fi - li - os, in fi - li - os de -

8. nem tu - am in fi - li - os, in fi - li - os de -

T. nem tu - am in fi - li - os, in fi - li - os de - mon

B. nem tu - am in fi - li - os, in fi - li - os de-mon

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C. stra - res

A. stra - res

5. stra - res

6. stra - res

7. mo stra - res Pa - - ne su - a - vis - si - mo de coe - lo prae -

8. - mon - stra - res Pa - ne su - a - vis - si - mo de coe - - lo

T. stra - res Pa - ne su - a - vis - si - mo de coe - lo prae - sti - to, de coe -

B. stra - res Pa - - ne su - a - vis - si - mo de coe - lo prae - -

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C. E - su - ri - en - tes re - plens bo - nis di -

A. E - su - ri - en - tes re - plens bo - - - nis di -

5. E - su - ri - en - tes re - plen bo - - - nis di -

6. E - su - ri - en - tes re - plens bo - nis di -

7. - sti - to fa - sti-di-o - sos di - vi - tes.

8. prae - sti - to fa - sti-di-o - sos di - vi - tes.

T. - lo prae - sti - to fa - sti-di-o - sos di - vi - tes.

B. - sti - to fa - sti-di-o - sos di - vi - tes.

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C. mit - tens i - na - - - nes. Al - le - lu - ia,

A. - mit - tens i - na - - - nes. Al - le - lu - ia,

5. - mit - tens i - na - - - nes. Al - le - lu - ia,

6. mit - tens i - na - - - nes. Al - le - lu - ia,

7. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

8. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

T. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

B. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

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The musical score consists of six staves, each representing a different voice part: C (Soprano), A (Alto), 5 (Tenor), 6 (Bass), T (Tuba/Bassoon), and B (Double Bass). The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The vocal parts sing the word "Alleluia" in a repeating pattern. The vocal parts are: C: al - le - lu - ia, A: al - le - lu - ia, 5: al - le - lu - ia, 6: al - le - lu - ia, T: ia, al - - - le - lu - - ia, B: ia, al - - - le - lu - - ia.