

Vidimus stellam

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Cantus primus [Alto]

Cantus secundus [Alto]

Tenor [Tenor]

Bassus [Bass]

Vi - di - mus stel - lam e -

Vi - di-mus stel - lam e -

Vi - di-mus stel - lam e - - - jus in O - ri -

Vi - di-mus stel - lam e - - - jus,

- jus in O - ri - en - te, vi - di-mus stel - lam e - - - jus

- jus in O - ri - en - te, in O - ri - en - te, in O - ri -

- en - te, in O - ri - en - te, in O - ri - en - te, in O - ri - en -

vi - di - mus stel - lam e - - - jus in

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in O - ri - en - te, in O - ri - en - te, et ve -

- en - te, in O - ri - en - te, in O - ri - en - te, et ve -

- te, in O - ri - en - te, in O - ri - en - te, et ve -

O - ri - en - te, in O - ri - en - te, et ve -

- ni - mus, cum mu - ne - ri - bus, cum mu - ne - ri - bus, cum mu -

- ni - mus, cum mu - ne - ri - bus, cum mu - ne - ri - bus, cum mu -

- ni - mus, cum mu - ne - ri - bus, cum mu - ne - ri - bus, mu -

- ni - mus, cum mu - ne - ri - bus, cum mu - ne - ri - bus

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-ne - ri - bus a - do - ra - re Do - mi - num, Do - mi - num,
 -ne - ri - bus a - do - ra - re Do - mi -
 -ne - ri - bus a - do - ra - re Do - mi - num,
 a - do - ra - re, a - do - ra - re

a - do - ra - re Do - mi - num, a - do -
 -num, a - do - ra - re Do - mi - num, a - do -
 a - do - ra - re Do - mi - num, Do - mi - num, a -
 Do - mi - num, a - do - ra - re Do - mi - num, a - do -

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-ra - re Do - mi - num, Do - mi - num, a - do - ra - re
 -ra - re Do - mi - num, a - do - ra - re Do - mi - num,
 -do - ra - re Do - mi - num, a - do - ra - re Do - mi - num, a - do -
 -ra - re Do - mi - num, a - do - ra - re Do - mi - num,

Do - mi - num, a - do - ra - re Do -
 a - do - ra - re, a - do - ra - re Do -
 -ra - re Do - mi - num, Do - mi - num, a - do - ra -
 a - do - ra - re Do - mi - num, a - do - ra - re Do - mi - num, a - do - ra - re Do - mi - num,

- mi-num, a - do - ra - re Do - - - - mi - num.
 - mi - num, a - do - ra - re Do - - - - mi - num, Do - mi - num.
 - re Do - mi - num, a - do - ra - re Do - mi - num.
 - mi - num, a - do - ra - re Do - mi - num, Do - - - - mi - num.

We have seen his star in the East, and are come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Source: William Byrd: *Gradualia, seu cantionum sacrarum... Liber secundus* (1st edition, 1607, 2nd edition, 1610), no.12.

Text: Matthew 2: 2

Liturgical function: Epiphany, Mass:

Introit: Ecce advenit dominator Dominus
 Gradual: Omnes de Saba venient*
 Offertory: Reges Tharsis
Communion: Vidimus stellam

* not set by Byrd; see note to *Surge, illuminare*.

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