

Ave generosa
Hymn to the Virgin

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Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

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1. A - ve ge - ne - ro - sa,
glo - ri - o - sa et i - (n) - ta - cta pu - e - (l) - la.
2. Tu pu - pi - (l) - la ca - sti - ta - tis,
tu ma - te - ri - a - san - cti - ta - tis,
que De - o pla - cu - it.
3. 2. Nam hec su - pe - (r) - na i - (n) fu - si - o
i - (n) te fu - it,
quo - (d) su - per - num Ver - bum

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in te car-nem i - (n)-du - it.

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3.Tu can-di-um li - li - um

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quod De-us a -(n)-te o - (m) - nem cre-a - tu - ram

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in - spe - xit.

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4.O pu -(l)-cher-ri - (m) - a et dul-cis - si - (m) - a,

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qua - (m) va - (l) - de De-us i - (n) te de - le-cta - ba - tur,

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cum a - (m) - ple - xi - o - ne ca - lo - ris su - i

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i - (n) te po - su - it,

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i - ta quo - (d) Fi - li - us e - (i) - us

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de te lac - ta - tus est.

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5.Ve - (n)-ter e-nim tu - us gau-di-um ha - bu - it

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cu - (m) o - (m)-nis ce - le - stis sy - (m)-pho - ni - a de te so - nu - it,

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qui - a vi - (r)-go Fi - li - um De - i por-ta - sti,

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u - bi ca - sti - tas tu - a in De - o cla - ru - it.

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6.Vi sce - ra tu - a ga - (u) - di - um ha - bu - e_runt

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si - cut gra_(m)_en su - per quod ros ca - dit

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cum ei vi - ri - di - ta - tem i - (n) - fun - dit,

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ut et in te fa - ctum est,

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o ma-ter o - (m)-nis gau-di - i.

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7. Nunc om-nis ec - cle - si - a i - (n) ga-(u)-di - o ru - ti - let

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ac in sym-pho-ni - a so - net

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prop - ter du -(l)-cis - si - (m)-am Vi - (r) gi - nem

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et la - (u)-da - bi - lem Ma - ri - am,

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De - i Ge - ni - tri - cem.

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A - men.

*1. Ave generosa,
gloriosa et intacta puella.
Tu pupilla castitatis,
tu materia sanctitatis,
que Deo placuit.*

*2. Nam hec superna infusio
in te fuit,
quod supernum Verbum
in te carnem induit.*

*3. Tu candidum lilyum
quod Deus ante omnem creaturam
inspexit.*

*4. O pulcherrima et dulcissima,
quam valde Deus in te delectabatur,
cum amplexionem caloris sui
in te posuit,
ita quod Filius eius
de te lactatus est.*

*5. Venter enim tuus gaudium habuit
cum omnis celestis symphonia de te sonuit,
quia virgo Filium Dei portasti,
ubi castitas tua in Deo claruit.*

*6. Viscera tua gaudium habuerunt
sicut gramen super quod ros cadit
cum ei viriditatem infundit,
ut et in te factum est,
o mater omnis gaudii.*

*7. Nunc omnis ecclesia in gaudio rutilat
ac in symphonia sonet
propter dulcissimam Virginem
et laudabilem Mariam,
Dei Genitricem.
Amen.*

*1. Hail, well-born girl,
untouched and full of glory.
You ward of purity,
you substance of holiness,
pleasing to God.*

*2. For a heavenly rainshower
fell on you,
which the heavenly Word
donned as flesh in you.*

*3. You white-shining lily
that God gazed upon
before all creation.*

*4. O most beautiful, loveliest,
how ardently God delighted in you,
enfolding you in the embrace
of his warmth,
so that his Son nursed
at your breast.*

*5. For your belly harbors joy
since all the celestial harmonies resound about you,
because you, a virgin, bore the Son of God,
and your purity in God shone forth.*

*6. Your organs harbor joy
just as the grass on which the dew settles,
which it fills with verdure,
so it also is accomplished in you,
O mother of every joy.*

*7. Now may the whole church blush with joy
and echo with harmony
for the loveliest,
praiseworthy Virgin Mary
the Bearer of God.
Amen.*

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