

For Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary
After Canticum Canticorum 6:9,3,8 and Ecclesiasticus 50:8

Quae est ísta, quae procéssit
sicut sol
et formósa támquam Jerúsalem:
vidérunt éam fíliae Síon,
et beátam dixérunt éam,
et regínae laudavérunt éam.

Et Sicut díes vérni
circumdábant éam
flóres rosárum
et lília conválium:
vidérunt éam fíliae Síon,
et beátam dixérunt éam,
et regínae laudavérunt éam.

Who is that, she who has come forth
like the sun
and beautiful, just like Jerusalem.
The daughters of Zion saw her,
and declared her blessed,
and queens praised her.

And like a day in Spring
she was surrounded by
blossoms of roses
and lilies of the valley.
The daughters of Zion saw her,
and declared her blessed,
and queens praised her.

Quae est ista

Nicolas Gombert
S. Netherlands; c.1495–c.1560

Who is that, she who has come forth

The musical score consists of four staves, one for each voice: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The music is in common time. Measure 1 starts with the soprano and alto entries. Measure 6 follows. Measure 7 begins with the bass entry. Measure 11 concludes the section.

Soprano (S) lyrics:

- Quae est ísta, quae procéssit,
- Quae est ísta, quae procés-sit, procés-
- Quae procés - - - sit,
- í - sta, quae pro - - cés - - sit,
- est í - - sta, quae pro - cés - - - - - sit,
- sit, quae pro - - cés - - - - - - - - sit,

Alto (A) lyrics:

- Quae est í - - sta, quae procés-sit, procés - - - - - sit, quae est
- Quae
- Quae est í - - sta, quae procés-sit,

Tenor (T) lyrics:

- Quae est í - - sta, quae procés-sit,
- Quae

Bass (B) lyrics:

- Quae est í - - sta, quae procés-sit,
- Quae est í - - - - - sit,
- Quae est í - - - - - sit,
- Quae est í - - - - - sit,
- Quae est í - - - - - sit,
- Quae est í - - - - - sit,

From his first book of four-part motets, 1539. Our source: *Nicolas Gombert: Collected Works*, ed. Joseph Schmidt-Görg, CMM 6 V, 1961. Notation here is a fourth higher than the original with note values halved. Translation, text underlay and editorial accidentals by John Hetland and the Renaissance Street Singers.

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í - sta, quae procéssit, quae pro - cés
-sta, quae pro - cés - sit, pro - cés - sit
8 quae est í-sta, quae pro - cés
quae est í-sta, quae pro - cés - sit, pro - cés -

16

like the sun and beautiful, just like Jerusalem.

17

- - sit síc - ut sol
síc-ut sol et for - mó - sa, síc - ut sol et
8 - - sit síc-ut sol et for - mó - sa,

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et for - mó - sa
for-mó - sa
8 -sa
támquam Je-rú - -
támquam Je-rú - -
sa - lem,
et for - mó - - - - sa
tám - -

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The

27

31

sa-lem
sa-lem, Je-rú - - - sa-lem.
Vi -
sa -

daughters of Zion saw her,

32

36

Vi - - - dérunt é - - - am fí - - li - ae Sí - on,
- - dérunt é - am fí - - li - ae Sí - on, vi - - - dé - - - lem.
Vi - - - dé - runt é - - - am fí - - -

and declared her

37

41

et be - á - tam dix - - -
runt é - am fí - li - ae Sí - - - on, et be - á - - - fí - li - ae Sí - on, fí - - - - - li - ae Sí - on, - li - ae, fí - - - - - - - li - ae Sí - on,

blessed,

42

46

-é - - - runt, dix-é - - - runt
-tam dix - é - runt é - - - am
Sí - - - on, et be-á-tam
dix - é - - runt

and

47

51

am.
et
---, et
runt, dix-é - - - runt é - am, et re-gí -
dix - é - - runt é - - - am,

queens praised her.

52

57

re-gí - nae, re-gínae lauda - vé - runt é - - - am.
re-gí - - nae lauda-vé - runt é - - - am.
nae lau - - da-vé - runt, lauda-vérunt é - - - am.
et re - gínae lauda - - vé - runt, lauda - vérunt é - am.

Secunda pars

And like a day in Spring

58

she was

62

Et Síc - ut dí - - es vér - - ni circum - dá - bant

Et Síc - ut dí - - es vér - -

Et Síc - ut dí - - es vér - - -

Et Síc - ut dí - - es vér - - ni cir-cum - - dá - -

surrounded by

63

67

é - - - am, cir - cum-dá - bant

- - - ni circum - - dá - - - bant é - am,

- - - ni cir - cum - - - dá - - bant é - am, circum -

-bant é - am, cir-cum - dá - bant é - am, circum -

blossoms of

68

72

é - - - am, cir - cum-dá - bant é - - - am fló -

cir - cum - - dá - bant é - - - am fló -

-dábant é - - am, é - - - - am fló - res ro-sá -

-dábant é - am, cir - cum-dá-bant é - am

roses

73

and lilies of the valley.

76

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in common time and starts at measure 73. It features lyrics in Spanish: '-res ro-sá - - - rum et lí - li - a con-vá - - -'. The bottom staff begins at measure 8, also in common time, with lyrics: '-res ro-sá - - - rum', followed by a repeat sign, then 'rum et lí - li - a', and finally 'fló - res ro-sá - - rum et lí - - -'. Measure 76 follows, continuing the lyrics from the bottom staff.

77

81

The musical score continues with two staves. The top staff starts at measure 77 and ends at measure 81. It contains lyrics: '- - - li - um, et lí - li - a con - vá - - li -', followed by a repeat sign, then 'con - vá - - li - um, lí - li - a con - - - - -', and finally 'lí - li - a con - - - - -'. The bottom staff continues from measure 81, with lyrics: 'lí - li - a con - vá - - li - um, lí - li - a con - - - - -', followed by a repeat sign, then 'et lí - - - - li - a con - - - - -'.

82

The daughters of

85

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff starts at measure 82 and ends at measure 85. It contains lyrics: '-um.', followed by a repeat sign, then 'Vi - - - - -', and finally '-um.'. The bottom staff starts at measure 85 and continues with lyrics: 'Vi - - - - - dé-runt', followed by a repeat sign, then 'li - um.', and finally '-vá - - - - - li - - um.'

Zion saw her,

86

é - am fí - - - li - ae Sí - on, vi - - - dé - - - | 8 Vi - - - - dé-runt é - - - - am fí - - - - |

89

and

90

- runt é - am fí - li - - ae | Sí - - - | fí - li - ae Sí - on, fí - - - - - - - li - - - | 93 et be - á - | - li - ae, fí - - - - - - - li - ae Sí - - - |

93

declared her blessed,

94

-tam dix - - é - - - - runt, dix - é - - - - | 97 -on, et be - á - tam dix - - é - - runt, é - - - - | -ae Sí - - - - on, et | -on |

97

98

runt é - - - am,
am,
be - á - tam dix - - é - - - runt, dix - é -
et be - á - tam dix - - é - - - runt

101

and queens praised her.

102

et re - gí -
et re -
runt é - am, et re - gí - - - nae
é - - - am, et re - -

105

106

-nae, re - gí-nae lau-da - vé - - runt é - - - am.
-gí - - - nae lau-da-vé - - runt é - - - am.
lau - - - da - vé - - runt, lau-da - vé-runt é - - - am.
-gí-nae lau-da - - - vé - - runt, lau-da - - vé-runt é - - am.

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Alteration: To ease SATB performance, we raised the alto an octave in (bar.quarter) 70.4-72.2.