

Of a Rose

for
SATB Choir

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Text: Mediaeval (c1450)

Of a rose syng we:
Misterium mirabile. (*Amazing mystery*)

This rose is railed on a rys;
He hath bought the prince of prys,
And in this tyme soth hit ys,
Viri sine semine. (*Men without children (?)*)
Of a rose, &c.

This rose is reed of colour bryght,
Throw whom oure joye gan alyght,
Uppon a Cristys masse nyght,
Claro David germine. (*Born of David's line*)
Of a rose, &c.

Of this rose was Cryst y-bore,
To save mankynde that was forlore;
And us alle from synnes sore,
Prophetarum carmine. (*prophetic song*)
Of a rose, &c.

This rose, of flourys she is flour,
She ne wole fade for no shour,
To synful men she sent socour,
Mira plenitudine. (*Full wonderful*)
Of a rose, &c.

This rose is so faire of hywe,
In maide Mary that is so trywe,
Y-borne was lorde of virtue,
Salvator sine crimine. (*The irreproachable Saviour*)
Of a rose, &c.

Composed : 2012

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Moderato (♩=120) *p*

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B

Of a rose synge we Mis-te - ri - um mi - ra - bi - le.

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Piano

(Rehearsal Only)

mf Tenors

8 This rose is rai - led on a_ rys; He hath_ bought the prince_ of prys,

10

mf *p*

Vi - ri si - ne se - mi - ne. Of

mf *p*

Vi - ri si - ne se - mi - ne. Of

mf *mf*

Vi - ri si - ne se - mi - ne.

And in this tyme soth hit ys Vi - ri si - ne se - mi - ne.

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pp *f* *Altos*

a rose syngre we Mis-te - ri - um mi - ra - bi - le.

pp *f* *Altos*

a rose syngre we Mis-te - ri - um mi - ra - bi - le. This rose is reed of

pp *pp*

Mis-te - ri - um mi - ra - bi - le.

pp

Mis-te - ri - um mi - ra - bi - le.

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Sopranos

co - lour_ bryght, Throw whom_ oure joye gan_ a - lyght, U - ppon a Cris - tys

=

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,mf

mas - se_ nyght, Cla - ro Da - vid ger - min - e. Of a rose_ synge

f *,mf*

Cla - ro Da - vid ger - min - e. Of a rose

f *,mf*

Cla - ro Da - vid ger - min - e. Of a rose

f *,mf*

Cla - ro Da - vid ger - min - e. Of a rose synge_

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mp *mf*

we Mis-te-ri - um mi - ra - bi - le. Of_ this rose was Cryst_ y - bore, To

mp *mf*

syngē we Mis-te-ri - um mi - ra - bi - le. Of_ this rose was Cryst_ y - bore, To

mp

8 syngē we Mis - te - ri - um_ mi-ra - bi - le.

we Mis - te - ri - um mi - ra-bi-le.

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f

save_ man-kynde that was for - lore; And_ us_ alle_ from syn - nes sore,

f

save_ man-kynde was for - lore; And_ us_ alle_ from syn - nes sore,

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Pro - phe - ta - rum car - min - e. Of a rose syngē we

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ne wo-le fa - de for_ no shour, To syn - ful men she sent_ so-cour, Mi - ra ple - ni

ne wo-le fa - de for no shour, To syn - ful men she sent_ so-cour, Mi-ra__ ple - ni

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ne wo-le fa - de for_ no shour, To syn - ful men she sent_ so-cour, Mi - ra ple - ni

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- tu - di - ne. Of a rose synge we Mis - te - ri - um mi

- tu - di - ne. Of a rose synge we Mis - te - ri - um__ mi

tu - di - ne. Of a rose synge we Mis - te - ri - um__ mi

- tu - di - ne. Of a rose synge we Mis - te - ri - um mi

57

f

- ra - bi - le. This rose is so faire of hywe, In mai - de Ma - ry

f

- ra - bi - le. This rose is so faire of hywe, In mai - de Ma - ry

f

⁸ - ra - bi - le. This rose is so faire of hywe, In mai - de Ma - ry

- ra - bi - le. This rose is so faire of hywe, In mai - de Ma - ry

61

ff

that is so trywe, Y - borne was lor - de of vir - tue, *mf* Sal - va - tor

ff

that is so trywe, Y - borne was lor - de of vir - tue, *mf* Sal - va - tor

mf

⁸ that is so trywe, Sal - va - tor

that is so trywe, Sal - va - tor

65

ff

si - ne cri - mi - ne. Of a rose synges we

ff

si - ne cri - mi - ne. Of a rose synges we

ff

si - ne cri - mi - ne. Of a rose synges we

ff

si - ne cri - mi - ne. Of a rose synges we



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rall.

p

Mis - te - ri - um mi - ra - bi - le. *ff*

p

Mis - te - ri - um mi - ra - bi - le. *ff*

p

Mis - te - ri - um mi - ra - bi - le. *ff*

rall.

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