

Berg & Neuber, *Novum et insigne opus musicum ... cantionum sex vocum ...* [Nürnberg, 1558] (RISM 1558/4)

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DISCANTUS [PRIMUS]
Ec - - ce quam bo -

[DISCANTUS SECUNDUS]
Ec - - ce quam bo - - - -

[ALTUS]
Ec - - ce quam bo - - - -

TENOR
Ec - -

SEXTA VOX

BASSUS
Ec - - ce

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- - - - num, (ec - -

num, ec - ce quam bo - num,

- num et quam ju - cun - dum, ec -

ce quam bo - num et quam ju - cun - dum, et quam

Ec - - ce quam bo - num,

quam bo - - num, ec - ce quam bo - - num, et

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ce quam bo - - num) et quam ju - - - cun -
 ec - - ce quam bo - - - num
 - ce quam bo - - - - - num et quam
 - ju - cun - dum, ec - - ce quam bo - num et.
 (ec - - ce quam bo - - num) et.
 quam ju - cun - dum, ju - cun - dum, ec -

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- - - - - dum, et quam ju - cun -
 et quam ju - cun - - - -
 - ju - cun - - - - - dum, et quam ju - cun -
 - quam ju - cun - - - - - dum, (ec - - ce quam bo -
 - quam ju - cun - - - - - dum,
 - ce quam bo - num

† *Discantus Secundus*, m.13.4: semifusa (quaver) in RISM 1558/4.

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dum, ha - bi - ta - re fra -
 dum, ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in u -
 - dum, ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in u -
 num,) ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in u - num,
 ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in u - num,
 ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in u - num,

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- tres in u - num, in u - num, ha - bi -
 - num, ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres, fra -
 - num, ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres, (ha - bi - ta - re
 - ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in u - num, ha -
 ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in u - num, ha - bi - ta -
 ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres, fra - tres in u - num, ha - bi - ta - re

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ta - re fra - tres in u - num,

tres in u - num,

fra - tres) in u - num, (ha - bi - ta - re) fra - tres in u -

- bi - ta - re fra - tres, (ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres) in u -

re fra - tres in u - num, ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in

fra - tres in u - num, ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in u -

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ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in u - num, fra - tres in u - num, in

ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in u - num,

num, (fra - tres) in u - num, ha - bi - ta - re

num, fra - tres in u - num, fra - tres in u - num, fra -

u - num, fra - tres in u - num, fra - tres in u - num, fra -

num, fra - tres in u - num, fra - tres in u - num, fra -

† *Bassus*, m.30.3: a semitone lower in both sources.

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u - - - - num! Si -

ha - bi - ta - re fra - - - - tres in u - -

fra - tres in u - num, fra - tres in u - num!_____

tres in u - num,_____ ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in_____ u -

num, ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in_____

- num, ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in u - num, in_____

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cut un - guen - tum in ca - pi - te, si - cut un - guen -

num! Si - cut un - guen - tum in ca - pi - te, in ca - pi -

Si - cut un - guen - tum in ca - pi - te, si -

- num! Si - cut un - guen - tum in ca - pi - te, un - guen - tum in

u - num! Si - cut un - guen - tum in ca - pi - te,

u - num! Si - cut un - guen - tum in

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de - scen - - - - dit in bar - bam, bar - bam Aa -
 ca - pi - te, quod de - scen - dit in bar - bam, bar - bam Aa -
 quod de - scen - - - dit in bar - bam, bar - bam Aa - -
 bam, bar - - - bam Aa - ron, quod de - scen - dit in bar -
 quod de - scen - dit in bar - bam, bar - bam Aa - ron,
 - ron, quod de - scen - dit,

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- ron, in bar - bam Aa - - ron,
 - ron, quod de - scen - dit in bar - bam Aa - -
 - ron, in bar - bam Aa - ron, bar - - bam Aa -
 bam, bar - - bam Aa - - - ron, in bar - bam Aa - -
 quod de - scen - dit in bar - bam, bar - bam Aa - ron, (de - - - scen -
 quod de - scen - dit in bar - bam Aa - ron, quod de - scen - dit in

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ron, quod de - scen - dit in bar - bam Aa -
 bar - bam Aa - - - ron, quod de -
 quod de - scen - dit in bar - bam, bar - bam Aa - ron,
 ron, quod de - scen - dit, (quod de - scen - dit) in bar - bam Aa - ron,
 ron, (quod de - scen - dit, quod de - scen - dit in
 bam, quod de - scen - dit, quod de - scen - dit, quod de - scen -

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- ron, bar - bam Aa - ron:
 scen - dit in bar - bam Aa - - ron:
 quod de - scen - dit in bar - bam Aa - ron:
 in bar - - bam Aa - - ron:
 - bar - bam,) bar - - bam Aa - - ron, Aa - - ron:
 - dit in bar - - bam Aa - - ron:

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dit in o - ram ve - sti - men - ti e -
 - ti, ve - sti - men - ti e - jus,
 jus, quod de - scen - dit in o - ram ve - sti -
 jus, quod de - scen - dit in o - ram ve - sti - men - ti e -
 quod de - scen - dit in o - ram ve - sti - men - ti e -
 quod de - scen - dit, quod

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- jus, e - jus, ve - sti - men - ti e -
 quod de - scen - dit in o - ram ve - sti - men -
 men - ti e - jus, quod de - scen - dit in o -
 - jus, quod de - scen - dit in o - ram ve - sti -
 jus, quod de - scen - dit.
 de - scen - dit, quod de - scen - dit in o - ram ve - sti -

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jus, ve - sti - men - ti e - - jus. Si - cut ros Her - mon, qui
 - ti e - jus. Si - cut ros Her - mon, qui de - scen -
 ram. Si - cut ros Her - mon, qui de - scen - dit in
 men - ti e - - - - jus. Si -
 Si - cut ros Her - mon, ros Her - mon, si - cut ros Her - mon,
 men - ti e - jus, ve - sti - men - ti e - jus.

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de - scen - - - - dit in mon - tem Si - on, Si - -
 dit in mon - tem Si - on, si - cut ros Her - mon, qui de - scen - dit in
 mon - tem Si - on, Si - on, qui de - scen - dit, qui
 cut ros Her - mon, qui de - scen - dit in mon - tem Si - -
 si - cut ros Her - mon,
 Si - cut ros Her - mon, si - cut ros

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on, qui de-scen-dit in mon-tem Si - on, qui de-scen-dit in mon-tem Si - on, si - cut ros Her - mon, qui si - cut ros Her - mon, Her - mon, qui de - scen - dit,

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on, qui de - scen - dit in mon - tem Si - on, in mon-tem Si - on, qui de - scen - dit on, qui de - scen - dit in mon - tem Si - on, de - scen - dit in mon-tem Si - on, qui de - scen - dit in mon-tem Si - on, qui de - scen - dit in mon - tem Si - on,

† *Sexta Vox*, m.117.3: a tone higher in D–Stuttg.

†† *Bassus*, m.118.1: a tone higher in RISM 1558/4.

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Si - on, in mon-tem Si - on, in mon -
 in mon - tem, in mon-tem Si - on, in mon -
 on, de - scen-dit in mon - tem Si - on, in mon-tem Si - on,
 - de - scen-dit in mon - tem Si - on, in mon-tem Si - on, in mon-tem
 mon - tem, qui de-scen-dit in mon-tem, in mon-tem Si - on,
 qui de - scen - dit in mon - tem Si - on, in mon -

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tem Si - on. Quo - ni - am il - lic - - - - - lic - - - - -
 tem Si - on, Si - on. Quo - ni - am il - lic - - - - - man - da -
 in mon - tem Si - on. Quo - ni - am il - lic, quo - ni - am
 Si - on. Quo - ni - am il -
 in mon - tem Si - on. Quo - ni - am il - - - - - lic
 tem Si - on, in mon - tem Si - on. Quo - ni - am il -

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in sae - - - cu - lum, et vi - tam us - que in sae - cu - lum.
 us - que in sae - cu - lum, us - que in sae - cu - lum.
 in sae - - - cu - lum, - - que in sae - cu - lum, in sae - cu - lum.
 vi - tam us - que in sae - cu - lum, us - que in sae - cu - lum.

- 1 Ecce quam bonum et quam jucúndum,
habitáre fratres in unum!
- 2 Sicut unguéntum in cápíte,
quod descéndit in barbam,
barbam Aaron:
quod descéndit in oram vestiménti ejus.
- 3 Sicut ros Hermon,
qui descéndit in montem Sion.
Quóniam illic mandávit Dóminus benedictiónem,
et vitam usque in saeculum. Psalm 132 (Vulgate)

- 1 Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is:
brethren, to dwell together in unity!
- 2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head,
that ran down unto the beard:
even unto Aaron's beard,
and went down to the skirts of his clothing.
- 3 Like as the dew of Hermon:
which fell upon the hill of Sion.
- 4 For there the Lord promised his blessing:
and life for evermore. Psalm 133 (BCP, 1662)

Jacobus Clemens was one of the most prolific composers of the musical generation between Josquin and Palestrina (his output includes more than 200 motets, 100 secular works, 15 masses, and 150 Dutch psalm settings), though little is known of his life in comparison to many of his Franco-Flemish contemporaries. His birthdate is uncertain: the first unambiguous appearance of his name was in a collection of his chansons published by Attaignant in the late 1530s. In the 1540s, he served as succentor at Bruges cathedral and then possibly as choirmaster to the Duke of Aerschot, one of Charles V's generals. Although his music spread throughout Europe, it seems the composer himself never left the low countries: indeed, his music exhibits no Italian influence, instead portraying the continually flowing and relatively dense contrapuntal style typical of the region and period. His name appears as "Clemens non Papa" in many sources of his music, though the origin of this is unclear: it may have been used to distinguish him from Pope Clement VII, though the composer's fame came some years after the Pope's death in 1534. As with his birth, the date and nature of Clemens's death are uncertain: evidence in publications bounds its timing to 1555 or 1556, and the text of Jacobus Vaet's 1558 deploration *Continuo lacrimas (in mortem Clementis non Papæ)* suggests Clemens's end may have been violent ("*inclemens vis ac violentia fati*").

This motet survives only in posthumous Bavarian sources: a printed collection of six-voice motets published in Nürnberg in the late 1550s and two later handcopied manuscripts (the earlier of which was consulted for this edition). Clemens used it as the model for a parody mass setting¹.

Editorial Notes:

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¹ Available as RESOLUT Edition RSU-066. See [https://www.cpd.org/wiki/index.php/Missa_Ecce_quam_bonum_\(Jacobus_Clemens_non_Papa\)](https://www.cpd.org/wiki/index.php/Missa_Ecce_quam_bonum_(Jacobus_Clemens_non_Papa)).