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CREATOR ALME SIDERUM

Refrain (4a):
Cújus fórti poténtiae Before Your fearsome power all
génu curvántur ómnia; things bend the knee; in heaven, on
caeléstia, terréstria earth, let all in subjection profess
nutu faténtur súbdita. You by their humble stance.

1. Jesus, loving creator of the heavenly bodies, eternal light of the faithful and redeemer of all men, hear Your suppliants' prayers.

Literal rendering into English by Fr. Joseph Connelly
GENTLEMEN:
2. For, urged on by generous love, You became a healing power to a sick world to prevent it being—through the devil’s wiles—sick even to its death.

LADIES:
3. You went forth as a sinless victim from Mary’s sacred womb to die on the Cross to atone for the sin of all mankind.

Verse 4b is omitted if the Refrain (4a) is sung:

* The Refrain (4a) can be repeated after verse 6, in which case “Amen” may be omitted.

GENTLEMEN:
5. We beseech You, our mighty judge at the last day, defend us with the arms of heavenly grace from our enemies.

LADIES:
6. Power, honor, praise and glory to God the Father, with the Son and the Holy Comforter, for ever and ever. Amen.