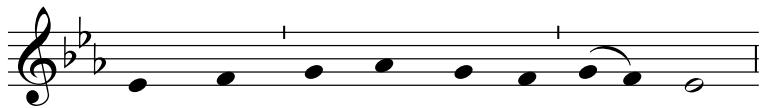
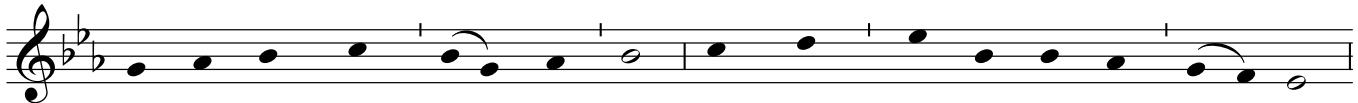


A Hymn by Prudentius, who died in the year 413AD

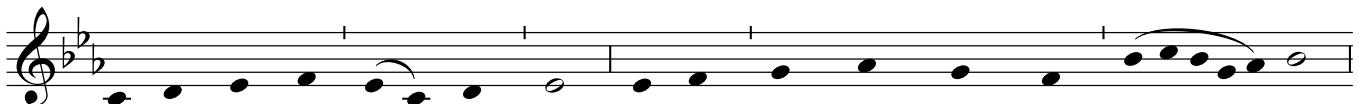
1. Born from the bosom of the Father before the world began, his name is Alpha and Omega. He is the beginning and end of all things present, past, and future.



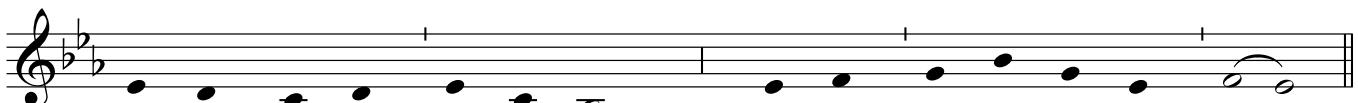
1. COR - DE NA-TUS ex Pa - ren - tis



An - te mun - di e - xor - di - um Al - pha et O - me - ga vo - ca - tus,



ip - se fons et clau - su - la o - mni - um quae sunt, fu - e - runt,

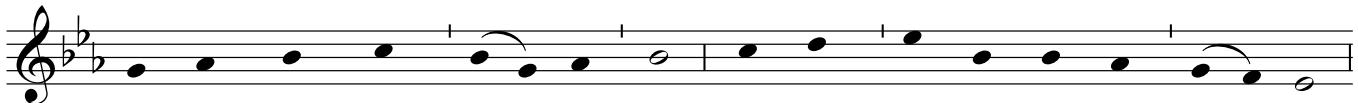


quae-que post fu - tu - ra sunt. Sae - cu - lo - rum sae - cu - lis. —

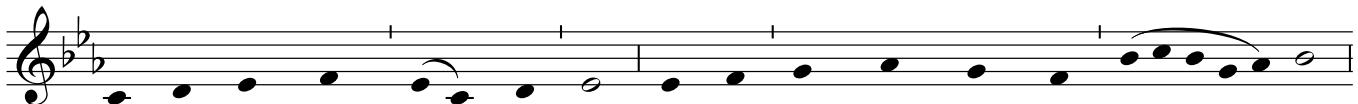
2. He clothes himself with a frail Body, and with members subject to death; lest the human race, the offspring of Adam, should perish together with their first Parent, whom a terrible sentence had condemned to the depth of hell.



2. Cor - po - ris for-mam ca - du - ci,



mem-bra mor - ti ob - no - xi - a in - du - it, ne gens pe - ri - ret



pri - mo - pla - sti ex ger - mi - ne, mer - se - rat quem lex pro - fun - do

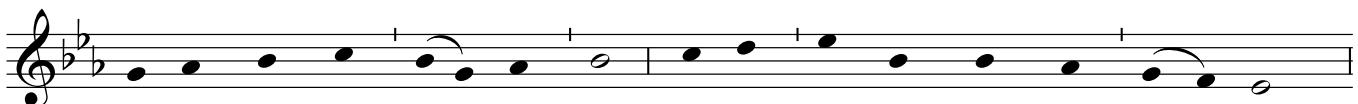


no - xi - a - lis tar - ta - ro. Sae - cu - lo - rum sae - cu - lis. —

3. O that happy Birth, when a Virgin-Mother, having conceived of the Holy Ghost, brought forth the Child that was our salvation; and the Babe, the Redeemer of the world, showed unto us his divine Face!



3. O be - a - tus or - tus il - le,



Vir-go cum pu - er - pe - ra e - di - dit no - stram sa - lu - tem,

fe - ta San - cto Spi - ri - tu, et pu - er red - em - ptor or - - bis

4. Behold the Promised Messias, of
 whom sang the Seers in the ancient
 times, and whom the Prophets
 foretold in their truthful oracles!
 Praise be to him from every creature.

con - ci - ne - bant sae - cu - lis, quem pro - phe - ta - rum fi - de - les

cun - cta col - lau - dent e - um.

Sae - cu - - lo - rum sae - cu - - lis. _

5. Let us give full song to the Father's glory
 in music and in voice; let us sing well of the
 glory to be given to Christ, born of his Virgin
 Mother. To the glorious Advocate as well be
 everlasting praise everlastingly given. Amen.

per - so - ne - mus vo - ci - bus; glo - ri - am Chri - sto ca - na - mus,

ma - tre na - to vir - gi - ne, in - cli - to - que sem - pi - ter - nam

glo - ri - am Pa - ra - cli - to. Sae - cu - - lo - rum sae - cu - - lis. _