# THE MOTET IN ENGLAND IN THE FOURTEENTH CENTURY

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# ABSTRACT

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The history of polyphonic music in late medieval England is difficult to reconstruct on account of the paucity of intact sources, the concomitant lack of a substantial number of complete pieces, and the difficulty with which the surviving repertoire can be associated with any specific institutions or social milieu. Nonetheless, there are significant scattered remains, and this study endeavors to examine in detail one important genre, the motet, in light of all surviving music, placing a great deal of weight on the analysis of fragments. The evidence suggests that the motet was cultivated for the larger abbeys and monastic cathedrals, primarily Benedictine, Cistercian, and Augustinian houses. It was a sacred genre, and in typical larger collections there was probably provision of a motet for all major feasts of the Temporale and Sanctorale, though the precise role of the motet in the liturgy, whether as an interpolation or as a direct substitute for ritual plainchant, is not yet established.

The thesis is organized in four large chapters and two

appendices. Chapter One discusses the validity of the temporal limits imposed on the thesis (ca.1300-1400), the problems of the definition of the motet genre and its function, and the problem of establishing a chronology for sources and individual pieces. Chapter Two establishes a typology for motet structures, demonstrating that the English intensely cultivate a few clear archetypes for motet form in the earlier part of the century, producing pieces of high musical interest and fascinating detail, and showing also that indigenous features were not entirely eradicated under French influence in the latter half of the century. third chapter reviews the notational systems that developed in England in the 14th century, both in relationship to earlier English mensural notations and also to contemporaneous continental systems. The fourth chapter discusses features of the motet texts, concentrating on subject matter, sources and models for text language, and certain aspects of versification. A lengthy first appendix contains critical reports, texts, and transcriptions for most of the 14th-century repertoire; a short second appendix lists the 13th-century English motet repertoire with two transcriptions.

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# **PREFACE**

The present study was inaugurated in a graduate seminar at Columbia University in the Spring term of 1976, under the direction of Ernest Sanders, that was devoted to editing the motets of 14th-century English provenance. The seminar's transcriptions form the nucleus of this work. Revised and augmented by the present author (at the time simply extending the work of the seminar), they were shared with Professor Frank Ll. Harrison during the final stages of his preparation of Motets of English Provenance, Polyphonic Music of the Fourteenth Century, XV (Paris and Monaco, 1980). Professor Harrison invited me to be responsible for editing and translating the texts of the 36 motets in that volume. This was accomplished over the spring and summer months of 1978, assisted in part by a travel grant from Columbia University that allowed me to spend June through August of that year in England. Research undertaken then convinced me that though a dissertation based solely on the complete motets was not viable, incorporation of the fragments provided sufficient range for a thesis, and a dissertation proposal on that basis was accepted by Columbia in the fall of 1978.

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Bibliographic references in the footnotes are made by short titles; for fuller information please consult the Bibliography. Manuscript <u>sigla</u> are used throughout according to the form of citation in RISM B/IV/3-4 and <u>The New Grove</u> Dictionary.

The 13th- and 14th-century custom was to identify a piece by the incipit of its duplum, but this practice will not be followed here. Rather, the incipit of the triplum will be used here for identification, unless it is missing. In that case the duplum incipit will be cited; in its absence the first legible words of the uppermost surviving part will be used. A finding list of motets, arranged alphabetically by incipit, is given at the beginning of the Appendices to this study. A list of abbreviations commonly used in this study can also be found there.

## CHAPTER I

# BASIC ISSUES

# Introduction

The motet was the most actively cultivated genre of polyphonic music in France and England from the first decades of the 13th century to the middle years of the 14th, when it gave over that role in France to the polyphoric chanson and in England to Mass Ordinary settings. On the continent Paris was the major center of compositional activity, though motets were composed in outlying regions as well. Parisian motets are found in collections assembled in locations all across Western Europe, from Spain to the British Isles and Poland. Integral motet codices, plus numerous fragments, have held the attention of scholars on the continental repertoire since the late 19th century. They have been surveyed, catalogued, edited, and analyzed extensively. As is the case with French and Italian polyphonic secular song of the 14th century, the contents of most continental motet sources have been transcribed in at least two modern editions.

The contributions of musicians working in areas peripheral to the Parisian cultural orbit are only imperfectly

recognized. This has led in particular to a serious underestimation of the independence and importance of compositional activity in England; this neglect continues to the present day in such broad surveys as Richard Hoppin's recent Medieval Music. The fact that English music has languished in relative obscurity is in part due to the vagaries of musicological scholarship but also (and not coincidentally) due to the lack of sizeable integral manuscripts, the anonymity of English composers, and the apparent diversity and obscurity of their working environments. Since the Second World War a number of scholars have made important contributions to the study of the late medieval English motet, most prominently Jacques Handschin, Luther Dittmer, Ernst Apfel, Ernest Sanders, and Frank Ll. Harrison.2 The most extended treatment has been that by Sanders in his 1963 dissertation, "English Medieval Polyphony," and subsequent 1967 survey, "The Medieval Motet."

This study takes Sanders's work as a point of departure, and concerns itself with the motets in circulation in England in the 14th century. These compositions are diverse in form, style, and origin, yet form a reasonable corpus for

<sup>&#</sup>x27;This textbook was published in 1978. See its Chapter 20, pp.502-508 and Chapter 14, pp.346-47.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>See especially Handschin, "Sumer Canon;" Dittmer, Worcester Fragments (hereafter cited as MSD 2 to avoid confusion between the book and the source(s) of the same name); Apfel, Studien and its later offshoots, most importantly Grundlagen; Harrison, Music in Medieval Britain, "Ars Nova," and PMFC XV.

study on account of important features they hold in common. Most were composed in England and are distinct in many ways from contemporaneous continental pieces. Those insular motets that date from ca.1300 to ca.1340 or 1350 form a relatively closed and homogeneous body that is as a whole from a slightly more recent generation of composers than the motets of the 7th and 8th fascicles of F-MO. They are contemporary with the more advanced motets of F-Pn 146 (the Roman de Fauvel), the bulk of the motets attributable to Philippe de Vitry, and the early motets of Guillaume de Machaut. The line of development they continue, however, is insular in its antecedents, richer in its variety of formal approaches than continental practice, more reflective on the whole of the versification of the texts set to music, and innovative in notation and in numerical control of phrase lengths. the same time it is conservative both in its cultivation of an idiomatic harmonic language and in its surface rhythmic activity.

The later part of the repertoire, dating from mid-century to ca.1400, contains many more imported continental pieces, some given new texts to suit English preferences in that regard, and includes insular pieces with varied approaches to reconciling continental notation and style with local practice. The English and the French knew each other's music, as is testified to by the theoretical tradition as well as the musical sources. The degree of influ-

ence exerted by each culture on the other on account of contact between them is an issue on which scholars have come to very different general conclusions. Bent has written that "the indigenous English repertory between the Worcester Fragments and Old Hall has no demonstrable continental links, and seems to have remained quite separate in style, techniques, and notation until the very late 14th century." Sanders, on the other hand, has written: "it would appear that no indigenous English motet techniques were maintained beyond the middle of the century." The present study, especially the information brought forward in Chapter Two, hopes to help fill the gap in our knowledge, sketching out a middle ground between these two disparate summary positions.

The dimensions of the repertoire under consideration can only be approximately stated. Adopting for the moment a rather broad definition of what constitutes a motet, there are about 30 sources to be dealt with, containing about 120 motets. Sixty-odd of these are complete or completable, and there is a similar number of fragments; about 100 of the total are English and the rest are of probable foreign authorship. Because of the nature and condition of the

Bent, "Preliminary Assessment," p.65; see also her elaboration of this point in "Transmission," pp.65-67.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;He goes on to say, "Yet our knowledge is unfortunately far too fragmentary to permit any definite conclusions." Sanders, "England: From the Beginning," p.289.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Here are some similarly approximate figures for comparison: from 13th-century England, more than 80 motets; from

present manuscript remains (pastedowns, flyleaves, covers for documents, and the like) many of the so-called complete motets actually require extensive restoration of music and texts if they are to be studied and performed. At the same time, many of the fragments are integral folios with one or more whole voice parts (due to the <u>cantus collateralis</u> layout in the original manuscript) and hence may be profitably investigated for information about the motet's length, form, style, and subject matter. Incorporation of information on the fragments makes possible a much clearer view of the genre than is available from the complete motets alone. In many of the categories established in the course of this study there are instances where only one or two (or even no) complete examples survive.

The first tasks of this research have been bibliographical and philological, i.e. controlling all the available source materials' and establishing accurate readings of the notes and texts of all the musical remains. This prelimi-

<sup>13</sup>th-century continental Europe, about 500; from 14th-century continental sources, more than 140.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;The motets are relatively easy to bring under exhaustive bibliographic control thanks to the existence of the Repertoire international des sources musicales (hereafter RISM), and to the cooperation between scholars in sharing the news of new discoveries that have come to light since. Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," provides a review of all relevant items that have come to light between the publication of the RISM volumes (B/IV/1 in 1966 and B/IV/2 in 1969) and late 1981. To the time of this writing (1983), three more important sources have come to my attention: BERC 55, LIC 52, and F-TO 925. On these, see the critical reports in Appendix I.

nary work is reflected in the musical contents of the appendices of this study, as well as in some contributions to volumes XV-XVII of Polyphonic Music of the Fourteenth Century (hereafter PMFC). The other products of this research are embodied in Chapters Two through Four: a comprehensive typology of the motets' formal structures and compositional techniques; an assessment of the notations used in the moteus in light of English and continental notational systems of the 13th and 14th centuries; and discussion of text content and versification. The remainder of this chapter will review certain issues involving boundaries and definition of the motet genre, problems of chronology and style, and some observations on the motet sources.

# Defining the repertoire for this study involves problems in the setting of both generic and temporal limits. Genre definition involves fundamental questions about both compositional approach and function, and for that reason it will be dealt with first. To begin with, it will be useful to recall the canonical description of the motet as it was cultivated on the continent in the later 13th and early 14th centuries. It was then, as a rule, a composition a3 with two upper voices, each having its own text, over a tenor cantus firmus that is the lowest of the three by range and

is fashioned by the rhythmic patterning and repetition of a

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melisma drawn from responsorial psalmody (or from elsewhere in the corpus of plainchant). In England there are, in addition to such motets built on a cantus firmus, motets built over a <u>pes</u>, a voice of tenor function that is either freely composed or perhaps drawn from the popular sphere, often featuring strict or varied ostinati.

In addition to the pes motet a3 the English also wrote freely composed motets a4 with two lower voices sharing tenor function. These free motets may be monotextual and have conductus-like melismatic preludes, interludes, and postludes. What seems to make them motets in English eyes — what is essent all to the character of the motet — is the stratification of function, range, melodic material, and to a lesser degree, rhythmic activity, between those voices that are texted, hence in the foreground of the composition, and that voice (or voices) never texted and serving as a

<sup>&#</sup>x27;We speak of these motets as being freely composed, in the sense that they are free of a Gregorian tenor. The "popularity" of the style of the pes tenors is of course hypothetical, but plausible on account of their tonal closure, phrase regularity, and repetitiveness. For examples of dance-like tenors see Sanders, "Die Rolle," pp.43-44. Some pes tenors bear a text or text incipit. In later motets, the use of the term pes to identify the tenor may hide a cantus firmus identified in another source. For instance, the "Pes de pro beati" in WF, 70 is in fact the Gregorian tenor "Pro patribus," and the "Tenor de Regina" in Ob 652, 3 is the plainsong "Regina celi letare." In general, however, terms such as "Pes de" or "Tenor de" indicate that the tenor is non-Gregorian. See, for example, the "Tenor de Excelsus" of Onc 362, 6 or the "Tenor de Dulciflua" of WF, 41. The term "pes" is mainly found in 13th century sources; the reference to the "Pes de Alma mater" in BERC 55, 1, referring to what seems to be an untexted rondeau, is an interesting exception.

structural skeleton or foundation.\*

The motet on a cantus firmus has a kinship to another English genre, the troped chant setting, that was cultivated extensively in the 13th and early 14th centuries. In these chant settings the tenor, whether laid out in patterned rhythms, in irregular rhythms, or simply as a series of even longs, is a single statement of a plainsong or some well-defined subsection of a chant, such as the soloist's portion of a responsorial chant. The parts composed above it bear text troping the words of the chant. These new words are often artfully written and aligned so that the syllables of the tenor text are articulated simultaneously in all three voices. Table 1 lists 13th- and 14th-century English troped chant settings.'

Troped chant settings are very similar in technique and source layout to motets, though they are distinguishable from motets by a number of features: there is no repetition

<sup>\*</sup>For more on this markedly uncontinental approach to the motet, see the discussion of voice-exchange motets in Chapter Two.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;This table augments the lists of Sanders in "Medieval Polyphony," Chapter IIB, especially pp.124-25. The division by century is made to correspond with a similar division of motets, and is in some respects artificial — for one, the same liturgical categories figure in both parts of the Table, and further, some of the items in the 14th-century list are among those motets that for stylistic reasons can be considered the very earliest in the later repertoire.

There is, incidentally, a marked similarity between the categories of liturgical item cultivated in troped chant settings and those used for the mostly later repertoire of English discant: Mass Ordinary items, some Mass Propers, Office responsories. See the contents of PMFC XVI.

# TABLE 1 ENGLISH TROPED CHANT SETTINGS

# 13th-Century

# Introit

Introit	
Salve sancta parens-T.Salve sancta parens Salve mater-T.Sancta parens Hac die nobili-T.Gaudeamus omnes	WF, 9; 0b 60,1 WF, 64 Ob 60, 2
<u>Kyrie</u>	
Christe lux mundi-T.Kyrie (Orbis factor) Lux et gloria-T.Kyrie (Lux et origo) Kyrie fons pietatis-T.Kyrie(Fons bonitatis) O paraclite regens-T.Kyrie (Rex virginum) Virgo mater salvatoris-T.Kyrie	WF, 1 WF, 2; Ccl, 2 WF, 29; Ob 60,9 Ccl, 1 Cfm, 1
Gloria	
Rex omnium lucifluum-T. Regnum tuum Decus virginitatis-T.Salve virgo(Regnum) Spiritus et alme-T. Spiritus procedens	Ob 60,11;LoHa,1.2 WF, 33 US-Cu, 5 WF, 43
<u>Gradual</u>	
Benedicta.Virgo Dei Benedicta Domina Beata supernorum-T.Benedicta.Virgo Dei Virgo paris-T.Virgo Dei genitrix Virgo decora-T.Virgo Dei genitrix	WF, 80a WF, 3 WF, 26 WF, 14 Osa1/2; Ob 14,8
Tract	

Gaude Maria virgo-T.Gaude Maria WF, 35

# Offertory

Felix namque Maria WF, 4

0b 60. 3/4 0b 400, 7 0b 400, 8

# Table 1, cont.

# Alleluia (for LoHa items, see Chapter 4, Table 26)

Ave maris stella Y.Hodie Maria virgo A laudanda legione Y.Ave Maria Alleluya Christo iubilemus Y.Dies sanctifi. Alleluya clare decet Y.P(ost partum?) Adoremus ergo natum Y.Vidimus stellam Ave sanctitatis speculum Ave Maria plena gracia Y.Assumpta est(?) Y. Post partum virgo Ave magnifica Y. Post partum virgo Ave maria ave mater Y.Nativitas gloriose Y. In conspectu angelorum Alleluya dulci cum armoniay.Fit leo fit Leon. Alleluya musica canamus Y.Hic Franciscus Y.Fulget dies Alleluya canite Y.Pascha nostrum Alme iam ad gaudia Y.Per te Dei genitrix Y. Gaude virgo gaude Alleluya psallat Y. Virga iesse floruit Y.Letabitur iustus Gaude plaude Y. Judicabunt sancti Y. Fulgebunt iusti Alme veneremur diei Y. Justi epulemur Y. O laus sanctorum Alleluya moduletur Syon Y.Veni mater gracie Ave magnifica Maria Y. Dulcis Maria(?) Y. Regis celorum mater Y. Nativitas gloriose	Cjc 1, 8/8a Cjc 1, 9 Ob 400, 1 Ob 400, 4 Ob 400, 6 Ob 400, 1 Ob 400, K Ob 400, K Ob 400, N WF, 19 WF, 45 WF, 46 WF, 49 WF, 55 WF, 56 WF, 56 WF, 57 WF, 81
Sanctus	
Sanctus Tro. Adonay genitor Sanctus Tro. Deus ens ingenitus Sanctus Tro. Et eternus Deus Sanctus Tro. Ex quo omnia pater	WF, 58 WF, 59 WF, 60 WF, 61 WF, 62 WF, 77
Responsory	

O Judea et Jerusalem Descendit de celis Descendit de celis

# Table 1, cont.

Antiphon verse	
Crucifixum Dominum-T.Crucifixum in carne	WF, 96
Prose	•
Inviolata integra-T.Inviolata integra	WF, 42
Sursum corda	wf, 63
Related settings	
Nunc dimittis Speciosa facta Quis queso Crucifixus surrexit. Dicant nunc Iudei	Cjc 23, a Cjc 23, b Cjc 23, c Cjc 23, d
14th-Century (Whole-Chant Settings Written in	Parts)
Introit	
Salve sancta virgula-T.Salve sancta parens	0b 652, 4
Kyrie	
Virgo mater salvatoris-T.Kyrie	Cfm, 1
Gloria	
Regnum sine termino-T.Regnum tuum Regi regum enarrare-T.Regnum tuum Rex visibilium-T.Regnum tuum	WF, 80 Onc 362, 12 Ob 7, 3
Gradual	
Trinitatem veneremur-T. Benedicite	Lbm 24198, 5
Alleluia	
Alta canunt-T.Alleluia pascha nostrum (?) Alleluya rex piaculum (?) Astra transcendit-T.Alleluya Y.Assumpta est	Onc 362, 8 TACTO 3182, 2 LIC 52, 2

# Table 1, cont.

Responsory	
Ianuam quam clauserat-T. Iacet granum	One 362, 1
Antiphon	
Rosa delectabilis-T.Regali ex progenie Doleo super te-T. Rex autem David Ave miles-T. Ave rex gentis Parata paradisi porta-T. Paradisi porta	One 362, 18 Cgc 512, 7 Ob 7, 7 Lpro 2/261, 1
<u>Hymn</u>	
Veni creator spiritus-T. Veni creator Jhesu redemptor-T. Jhesu redemptor (4x)	Cec 65, 1 Cfm, 2
Prose	
Salve cleri-T. Sospitati dedit egros	0b 81, 4
Sequence	
Balaam de quo-T.Epiphaniam (2 verses) Jhesu fili-T. Jhesu fili virginis	Onc 362, 4 DRc 20, 3

# Psalm tone

Quare fremuerunt-T.(2x) Lbm 1210, 9

# Benedicamus Domino

Beatus vir-T. (2x)

Humane lingue-T. (2x)

Lwa 12185, 3

Lbm 40011B, 17

# Table 1, cont.

# Settings of non-liturgical, integral tunes

# French-texted tenors

Ade finit-T. A definement (3x)	Onc 362, 7
Caligo terre-T. Mariounette	Onc 362, 9
Solaris ardor-T. Mariounette	Onc 362, 10
Triumphat hodie-T. Trop est fol	Lbm 24198, 7
Herodis in atrio-T. Hey hure lure (3x)	DRc 20, 1
Deus creator-T. Doucement (3x)	0b 7, 14
Alma mater-Tenor de Alma mater	BERC 55, 1

# Latin devotional lyrics

Civitas nusquam-T. Cibus esurientum	Onc 362, 5
Frondentibus-T. Floret	оъ ?, б
Barrabas dimittitur-T. Babilonis flumina	BERC 55, 4
Laus honor vendito-T. Laus honor Christo	Cpc 228. 3

# Some unidentified tenors, probably integral tunes or whole chants

Inter choros-T.		WF. 79
Patrie pacis-T.	,	Cgc 512, 12
0 dira mens-T.		F-Pn 23190, 4
Maria diceris-Soli fines-T.		US-SM 19914.3
Augustine par angelis-T. Summe presul (3x)		0b D.6, 2
Triumphus patet-T. (3x)		Lbm 1210, 2
Mulier magni meriti-T. (peslike, 3x)		Cgc 512, 1
Orto sole serene-T. (peslike, 4x)		Cgc 512, 9

of tenor <u>color</u>; liturgical specificity is clear and contextuality assumed for the performance of the setting; the melody and syntax of the chant determine most features of overall form; and the text is closely allied to that of the tenor. 10

However, by the early 14th century the line between the two genres often becomes hard to draw. Just as in the conductus and rondellus genres, there is an apparent hybridization (or perhaps better, a convergence) of features of chant settings with those of the motet. This is particularly true in regard to text, where it is impossible to draw a neat line of demarcation between simple assonance and a tropic relationship, loose or close, between upper voices and the tenor. (For more on the aural relationships between texts, see Chapter Four.) Troped chant settings often show isoperiodicity of phrase structure, either established for an entire piece, as in Salve mater (WF, 64), or interrupted at sectional boundaries, as in the Cjc 23 fragments. The tenor may be irregularly rhythmicized in order to properly support such a phrase structure, as in Ianuam quam clauserat, and texts of troped chant settings such as the one just named

<sup>1°</sup>One might also add that most 13th-century English troped chant settings appear to have been copied in gatherings of such pieces, rather than simply mixed with motets. See, for example, <u>WF</u>, <u>Lbm</u> 979 (<u>LoHa</u>), <u>Ob</u> 60, and <u>Ob</u> 400. Fourteenth century polyphonic tropers such as <u>Ob</u> 14, <u>Ob</u> 384, and similar items also lack motets.

may abandon a close relationship with chant text to incorporate instead a regular verse structure.

Further blurring the distinction between genres are those compositions in which a whole chant is repeated either in part or in its entirety. For instance, the hymn used as the tenor of Jhesu redemptor is stated four times, the antiphon used as the tenor of Parata paradisi porta is stated one-and-four-fifths times, and the Benedicamus melody of Beatus vir is stated twice. (These and other instances are noted in Table 1.) Moreover, one finds single statements of French-texted tunes as tenors, multiple statements of integral tunes with Latin texts, and single or multiple statements of unidentified tenors that appear to be whole chants or integral tunes. To draw a generic distinction between chant settings and motets on the basis of the number of repetitions of a melodic color seems arbitrary. So does the judgement that if a melody set once in its entirety is Gregorian the piece is a chant setting, while if it is not plainsong, the piece is a motet. In light of these ambiguities, and in consideration of the fact that 14th-century sources do not appear to discriminate between whole chant settings and motets, the 14th-century whole chant settings listed above in Table 1, along with the settings of integral tunes, are considered as motets for the purposes of this study.

# The Function of the Motet

The problem of genre definition also involves the issue of the function of the motet. Here we must confront the most unsettling gap in the present account of the motet in England, our knowledge about its compositional milieu and performance contexts. Little hard evidence of any sort connects the repertoire to the personnel and routines of the musical establishments that must have sung it. Except within very broad limits we do not know where the motets were written, or for whom, how widely they were disseminated, and through what means, where and when they were performed, or by whom, how long they remained in circulation, or when or for what reasons they were eventually discarded.

On the continent, at least in Parisian circles, the motet became in the early 13th century a sort of aristocratic chamber music for an educated elite at court, among the clergy, friars, and monks, and at the university. This is clear from the subject matter of vernacular and Latin texts, the independent circulation of some texts, the general contents of manuscripts containing motets, and references to motets in specialized writing on music and other literature. In England, on the other hand, it would seem that until the late 14th century the motet, along with all other polyphony, was cultivated by and for the larger monas-

<sup>11</sup>See, for instance, the remarks by Rokseth, <u>Polyphonies</u>, vol. IV, pp.240-45, those by Harrison in the "Introduction" to PMFC V, or those by Besseler in "Studien II," pp.184-87.

teries and monastic cathedrals<sup>12</sup> as a genre of liturgical or devotional polyphony.

This is the conclusion drawn by examination of the evidence on provenance that is drawn from the manuscript sources. However, due to the parlous state of the sources, one can only speculate about the degree to which the present remains are a representative sampling of the kinds of sources in which the motet repertoire was likely to be found. By an ironic twist of fate, the materials at our disposal today are almost without exception the refuse from books already discarded in the 14th and 15th centuries and only preserved as a by-product of bookbinding at such active scriptoria as the one at Worcester. If a book of polyphonic music escaped the consequences of the stylistic or generic obsolescence of its contents, then it was probably lost during the destruction or dispersal of monastic libraries at the Dissolution, or in later Protestant purges. Furthermore, the 14th-century materials we have tend to reflect patterns of medieval library preservation in general (e.g.,

<sup>12</sup> See especially Bent, "Transmission," pp.72-75 and the recent review by Harrison in the "Introduction" to EECM 26, pp.xi-xvi. Hohler, in "Reflections," is strongly opposed to this conclusion, and he argues instead that one ought to consider the universities and London, especially the court, as centers of composition and transmission. The distinction between the consumers and producers of motets is an important one to make, and indeed there is little proof that these motets were written at, and circulated from, the large rural monasteries. However, taking into account the evidence of text content (for which see immediately below and also Chapter Four), a monastic origin for the repertoire seems to be the most defensible hypothesis at present.

as from the Benedictine houses at Bury St. Edmunds, Durham, and Worcester), as can be seen by comparing data in Neil Ker's study of surviving-books from medieval English libraries with Margaret Bent's listing by determinable provenance of English music sources from the late 13th century to about 1400.13 Only when much more archival work has been done on all late medieval English musical establishments capable of singing polyphony will we know whether the important musical centers are well represented in the extant sources.

While manuscript provenance points to the monasteries, Harrison's pioneering work in <u>Music in Medieval Britain</u> stresses the likelihood of a new and predominating role for secular foundations in the cultivation of polyphony by the later 14th century. This observation has been followed up by Roger Bowers in an exhaustive survey of non-monastic choral institutions in the English church from 1340 to 1540. 14 A similar treatment of monastic choirs would be a highly desirable complement. It is possible that the stylistic shift toward continental models and the importation of con-

<sup>13</sup>Bent, "Transmission," pp.73-74; Ker, Medieval Libraries. The new data in Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," only reinforces this picture.

<sup>1\*</sup>See Harrison, <u>Music in Medieval Britain</u>, pp.17-38; 156-77. Bowers's work reached preliminary form in his East Anglia thesis, "Choral Institutions," and an expanded treatment has been announced for publication by Cambridge University Press. Bent ("Transmission," p.72) points out the contradiction in the emphasis of Harrison and Bowers on this swing from monastic to secular while the manuscript provenance of sources remains resolutely monastic.

tinental repertoire around and after mid-century, as well as the relatively smaller number of motets surviving from this later period, can be explained by the modelling of the repertoire of the new foundations, especially aristocratic chapels, along French lines. Perhaps, too, if this shift took place, there was a concomitant shift in the functional role of the motet, affecting above all the numbers of motets kept in an active repertoire and the frequency with which any motet might be sung.

In general the texts suggest an ecclesiastical milieu and a liturgical or devotional function for the motet. Most can readily be associated with a specific feast day of the church year, and some concern saints who are particularly associated with monasticism, such as St. Benedict, St. Augustine, or St. Martin of Tours. (A few additional scattered textual references also point to the cloister.) We know little more about when in the daily round of services a motet may have been sung (at Mass, in the Offices, during processions, after Compline, at Votive services or Memorials, etc.) or where (from the pulpitum, in choir, in the chapter house, cloister, or refectory, etc.), and to what degree the performance context was fixed at all comparable institutions or may have varied with locale and order.

One approach to the question of liturgical placement is straightforwardly contextual. A motet (presumably like a troped chant setting) might have been performed in exactly

that location in the liturgy from which its cantus firmus (or text) is derived, serving as a substitute for a ritual genre of plainsong. This is an initially attractive thesis, but not without its problems. For instance, it fails to account for any of the free pieces, or motets with non-Gregorian tenors. Further, because of the diversity of Gregorian sources of tenors, the motet cannot be associated categorically with one or even a small number of liturgical contexts. Also, very few liturgical texts are set literally in motet style; other genres, discant and cantilena, exist for the setting of purely liturgical texts.

Approaching the problem in another way, one can gain insight into possible places for motets to be performed in the liturgy by canvassing service books for references to places where (and occasions when) polyphony was permitted. Harrison has done pioneering work in this area as well, in an important chapter of <u>Music in Medieval Britain</u> ("The

<sup>15</sup>Harrison, in the Introduction to EECM 26 (pp.xvi-xvii), distinguishes between ritual and non-ritual genres of chant and polyphony. The ritual class of plainsongs includes those that are "essential and integral to the service concerned."

<sup>&#</sup>x27;See Gordon Anderson, "Responsory Chants," for a statistical overview of tenor sources for continental motets. He excludes English pieces with the remark (p.119) that their tenors would form part of the substance of a later article, which did not come out (to the best of my knowledge) before his untimely death. A further problem is that it may not be possible to identify a tenor with a single context, as there may be no way to decide which of its multiple functions in the liturgy is primary. See <u>Balaam</u> or <u>Ianuam guam</u> for two motets with tenors that have multiple uses in the liturgy.

Polyphony of the Liturgy: 1100-1400"). He finds specifications for polyphony used both as a direct substitute for ritual items and as a non-ritual interpolation, "which is nevertheless liturgical when used in a service."17 An exhaustive search of all the relevant materials (a welldefined but daunting task) would certainly seem to be called The survey ought to be broadened to include the identification of all the kinds of supplementary materials, monophonic as well as polyphonic, that appear in English sources as accretions to (or substitutes for) the standard chants and texts of the liturgy. Along the same lines, it would also be useful to know what monophonic genres were still being newly composed in England in the 13th and 14th centuries. These data would help to clarify for the music historian the degree of flexibility and accommodation of the liturgy to all new forms, presumably including the motet. It is unfortunate that there is nothing comparable to the services for the Feast of the Circumcision at Beauvais that would provide for any English institution so much concrete evidence about the inclusion of new material into the Mass and Offices. 15

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>Harrison, Introduction to EECM 26, p.xvi.

<sup>18</sup> See Wulf Arlt, Ein Festofficium aus Beauvais and Ruth Steiner, "Mass I, 5: Two Medieval Masses; later developments." See also the comments on liturgical placement in Lefferts, "Simon de Montfort," pp.210-213, especially the remarks on the possible use of a motet in a Memorial. A memorial is a short service performed at the close of Lauds or Vespers; it consists of an antiphon, versicle, and col-

Harrison has proposed a neat, plausible distinction between free and cantus firmus items, specifying a narrow range of performance contexts that can account for both as non-ritual, but liturgical polyphony. He hypothesizes that as a rule the polytextual cantus firmus motet with tenor based on a Mass chant was sung at Mass by soloists in the pulpitum, perhaps even with the accompaniment of the organ, "to break the silence of the priest's silently spoken Canon of the Mass, after the Sanctus but before the Elevation."1, Motets might also be Deo gratias substitutes at Mass (but not in the Office) in response to the Deacon's "Ite." pieces, including conductus, rondellus, and voice-exchange motets on a pes were sung in the Office in choir as unaccompanied Benedicamus substitutes ("cantus in loco Benedicamus") at the end of Lauds or Vespers. Less commonly, motets on a tenor might be Benedicamus substitutes in the Office, in the event they are based on Office chants or have the

lect dedicated to some saint or the BVM. It is a perfect example of a frequently performed service that is outside of the normal round of Mass and Office, and that might well be a performance context for a motet. (Parata paradisi porta sets a BVM antiphon for Memorials of Our Lady during Eastertide.) Motets might also have been used to augment a repertoire of rhymed proses for Matins, rhymed Offertories for Mass, or non-psalmodic rhymed antiphons for Offices, processions, and other devotional services.

<sup>&</sup>quot;'See Harrison, "Introduction" to PMFC XVI. This thesis grew out of Harrison's theory of clausula function, as expressed in <u>Music in Medieval Britain</u>, pp.123-28, and elaborated elsewhere, including in his contribution to a roundtable at the IMS Congress in 1974 (KB Salzburg II, pp.69-70); "Benedicamus, Conductus, Carol," pp.35-40; and the Introduction to EECM 26, pp.xvi-xviii.

words <u>Benedicamus Domino</u> incorporated at the end of their text(s).

Harrison's theory, though perhaps more satisfactory than the contextual approach, lacks a convincing mass of direct evidence to back it up and so remains in a kind of scholarly limbo, as yet unproven but unable to be dismissed. Two pillars underlying the historical basis of the theory, his conjectures on clausula and conductus function, have been attacked recently by specialists. 20 The theory is also vulnerable to an objection already raised for the contextual theory. That is, there is no sign that there ever was any systematic recourse to a particular category of chant for motet tenors, nor any sign that any repertoire indicated a consistent performance context by concentration on motets with either Mass tenors or Office tenors to the exclusion

<sup>2°</sup>Students of the clausula such as Norman Smith ("The Clausula of the Notre Dame School," pp.84-92), Jurg Stenzl (Die vierzig Clausulae, pp.166-69), and Rudolph Flotzinger (Der Discantussatz im Magnus Liber, pp.63-66) have taken pains to indicate the conjectural nature of Harrison's theories. In their studies, Stenzl and Flotzinger propose a number of alternative theories.

Sarah Fuller, in her work on St. Martial polyphony ("Aquitanian Polyphony," pp.27-34), demands recognition of the separate ritual functions of versus and Benedicamus verse-trope, rejecting the interchangeability of conductus and Benedicamus versus. While acknowledging the conversion of some conductus to a Benedicamus function, she does not accept that there was a replacement of the latter by the former in the 13th century. The conductus, indeed, has other, more frequently encountered amd readily identifiable functions, especially in processions and as a preface or benediction before a reading (while at the same time reading terminations, like Benedicamus terminations, are rare).

of the other.21

The appearance of Deo gratias motets in the Machaut Mass, the Missa Tournai, the Fountains fragments, Old Hall, and Bent's reconstructed choirbook, and the location of motets in general at the end of Old Hall, suggest that the motet both on the continent and in later 14th-century England was primarily associated with the Mass. On account of where they have been added, Bent calls the second layer of motets in Old Hall "sanctus sequels." 2 A number of the earlier 14th-century English motets (Ave miles, Beatus vir, and Zorobabel abigo) incorporate some form of "Benedicamus Domino" into their texts. This evidence does give some support to a part of Harrison's thesis. Yet in terms of the whole, the numbers of motets which can be so singled out on the basis of text content is small, thus indicating their exceptional nature rather than that theirs was an exclusive, primary, or even typical function of all motets. This problem cannot be pursued to any firm conclusion in the present study. 23 However, it should be observed that Harrison's dis-

<sup>21</sup>This objection rests on the assumption that if the motet were liturgical there would be systematic coverage of major feasts by a specific corpus of motets. One might expect the possibility that in some corpus all the motet tenors would be from, say Graduals, or, at the very least, that they would all be used in the same place in the liturgy.

<sup>22</sup>Bent, "Old Hall MS."

<sup>23</sup>The problem of motet function is not limited to the 14th-century English motet, but rather is a subject of continuing debate and research for continental repertoires,

tinction between free and cantus firmus pieces, which was followed in the division of material between PMFC XV and XVI, will not be followed here. The motet repertoire will be considered separately from the conductus and rondellus repertoires, but no generic distinction on the basis of function will be made between free and cantus firmus motets, or between monotextual and polytextual motets, in the English corpus.

#### Temporal Limits

In regard to the temporal limits placed on this study, fairly reasonable musical boundaries exist at either end of the 14th century, though they could have been transcended in both directions to encompass a broader repertoire dating from around 1250 to 1450 or so. Though there are many characteristic features and continuous lines of development that link the 13th- and 14th-century English motets, there is at the same time a marked shift in the notation, musical style, technical forms and procedures, subject matter, and relation of word to music in English polyphony around 1290-1300. This shift, triggered in all probability by exposure to Franconian and Petronian notational and stylistic develop-

especially of the 15th and 16th centuries. A recent article by Cummings, "Toward an Interpretation of the Sixteenth-Century Motet," is an excellent treatment of the issue. He has collected evidence which tends to support the conclusion that the motet was used mostly at Mass (as what he prefers to call a "paraliturgical" insertion) to accompany ritual action, especially at the Offertory.

ments on the continent, provides a distinct terminus. As defined by the musical sources, the 13th-century repertoire extends mainly up through the Worcester fragments and slightly later related sources, which are excluded here save for a few 14th-century palimpsests entered into the earlier material.<sup>24</sup>

The later boundary is set towards 1400 by the nine motets in Old Hall (five from the first layer and four later additions) and those in roughly contemporary or slightly later sources, such as the motets in Bent's reconstructed manuscript, 25 Sandon's Canterbury fragment Cant 3,26 and other motets by Dunstable and his generation, all of which are excluded. Those few motets from English sources with concordances in the first layer of Old Hall (namely Lbm 40011B and Omc 266/268), as well as those from a source (US-Wc 14) one of whose motets may be by a composer repre-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>\*See Chapter Three, Table 19, for a list of sources of 13th-century English polyphony, and Appendix II for a list of 13th-century English motets. Some motets of probable 13th-century origin survive in later sources, and are considered along with more advanced pieces in this study. A few sources in Franconian notation are regarded as of the 13th-century including, in particular, Lwa 33327.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup>See Bent, "A Reconstructed Choirbook." An updated account of this source will be provided by Bent in a forthcoming memorial volume for Gordon Anderson edited by Luther Dittmer. A new leaf, in the possession of Sotheby's as of this writing, contains concordances to the last two motets in Old Hall.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 'Sandon, "Fragments of Medieval Polyphony," pp.41-44. This source had a motet by Dunstable on John the Baptist (Preco preheminencie) and another (Ave miles triumphalis) that is possibly on St. Bartholomew.

sented in the first layer of Old Hall (Rowlard), are included, however. This later terminus is a stylistic juncture at the point when isorhythmic technique in the motet turns to tripartite and quadripartite structures marked by sectional changes of mensuration and complex diminution schemes. There is also the adoption of minor prolation and of iambic minim-semibreve motion under major prolation, as well as the introduction of complex syncopations and displaced rhythms on several levels of mensural organization, including the simultaneous juxtaposition of voices in different mensurations (with minim equivalency).

#### Chronology and Style

Within the termini established at both ends of the century, a loose chronology of sources and pieces can be established that is anchored by few firm dates. This relative chronology is rather elastic and can be stretched or bunched to fill the era in question continuously, if not totally uniformly, with the repertoire that we have at hand. In regard to the earlier end of the era, Hohler has observed accurately, if a little acerbically, "I have not noticed in the literature any indication of the kind of evidence which entitles a musicological connoisseur to distinguish the notation of 1295 from that of 1301."<sup>27</sup> At the other end of the century, Andrew Hughes has discussed possible dates for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Hohler, "Reflections," p.30.

an Old Hall motet that vary by over 30 years.<sup>2\*</sup> The discrepancy in suggested dates for the composition of the motet Sub arturo plebs reaches 50 years.<sup>2\*</sup> In light of the general lack of external evidence on which to base absolute dates for individual motets and sources, no piece-by-piece chronology of the motet corpus will be attempted here. It will be useful, however, to outline the basic premises for the relative chronology of sources, motet types, and occasionally, individual pieces that underlies this study.

The manuscript sources offer evidence whose value has not yet been fully realized. A detailed paleographical and codicological survey of the motet manuscript fragments, involving review by experts in various archival sciences, remains to be undertaken. We need careful assessments of the age and provenance of the contents and the manufacture of the present parent (or "host") manuscripts, and of their bindings. The musical leaves themselves must be assessed for the implicit size of the uncutdown musical manuscripts from which they came, for their ruling and layout, for the

<sup>2°</sup>Hughes, "Reappraisal," pp.105-106, discussing En Katerine solennia. See also Chapter 2, p.171 below. Dates for this motet vary according to the occasion for which it is presumed to have been written. Hughes takes the position: "I do not think an event other than the Saint's Feast Day necessary for the motet."

<sup>2&#</sup>x27;Bent, "Transmission," pp.70-72. Trowell has proposed that the motet was written in 1358, but it has features in common with the motets of the second layer of Old Hall, written ca.1415.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Sanders makes this point in "Sources."

TABLE 2

THE SOURCES: PROVENANCE AND ESTIMATED AGE

#### 14th-Century Insular Motet Sources: Yorkshire(household accounts) BERC 55 Ccc 65 (Worcester?(RISM); Benedictine) Coxford: Augustinian Cfm Cgc 512 Norwich: Benedictine Cpc 228 CAC 128/2 Durham; Benedictine DRc 20 LIC 52 Lbm 1210 (Cistercian(Harrison)) St. Thomas, Dublin: Augustinian Lbm 24198 Robertsbridge: Cistercian Lbm 28550 Lbm 40011B Fountains; Cistercian Pountains: Cistercian Lbm 40011B\* Lli 146 Lpro 2/261 Thurgarton: Augustinian Lwa 12185 Surrey (household accounts) 0b D.6 Daventry: Cluniac/Benedictine 0b 7 Bury St. Edmunds: Benedictine Оъ 81 оъ 143 оъ 594 ----Ob 652 ----Omc 266/268 ----Onc 5? Christ Church, Canterbury; Benedictine Onc 362 (London (Hohler); Canterbury (Lefferts)) TACTO 3182 WP Worcester: Benedictine Yc Shouldham: Gilbertine US-NYpm 978 (a royal chapel (Harrison)) US-PRu 119A Revesby; Cistercian US-SM 19914 St. Osyth: Augustinian

Many of the assignments are made on dubious grounds; those with no external evidence to support them are given in parentheses.

US-Wc 14

Table 2, cont.

	Harrison	Sanders	Concersioness
PMPC		00110	Concordances
14	ca.1320	1 3	0b 652;Lbm 24198 Lbm 24198&400113 Lbm 24198;P-M0;WP Onc 362: US-PRu
2	ca.1330	2	DRc 20
3 6 d	:a.1336-55	4 6 7 8 5	DRc 20; BERc 55 0b 7 Cgc 512; Lbm 1210 Lbm 1210 Cpc 228; Yc DRc 20; Cpc 228 Cgc 512; Ob 7; 0b 81; BERc 55 DRc 20; Ob 7
(5) (7)			
8			
	1 4 2 5 7 6 7	2 ca.1330 5 ca.1340 3 ca.1336-55 7 ca.1350-60	1 ca.1320 1 3  2 ca.1330 2  5 ca.1340 4 6 3 ca.1336-55 7 7 ca.1350-60 8 5

characteristics of their music and text hands, and for what all this can possibly tell us about their ages. In a general way the paleography of text and music hands is well understood by musicologists in a broad historical framework. The paleographer is often inclined, however, to defer to the musicologist's familiarity with musical style in any joint effort at coming up with a fairly refined date for a source. As a consequence, it must be recognized that we lack the tools to distinguish a later copy of a repertoire from a version whose compilation may be closer to the date of composition. The in general do not (or cannot, in this situation) make this distinction strongly enough, and hence must be vague not only about the origins of a repertoire but also about the span of time it may have been in circulation.

Table 2 presents the sources for the motet in England in the 14th century, listed first alphabetically by sigla, with an indication of provenance, and then in roughly chronological order. 32 Similar, less inclusive, results are pub-

<sup>&</sup>quot;Note Mark Everist's assessment of the date of Cjc 23 in Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," p.312. Page size, text hand, and the appearance of music and decoration suggest a date in the second half of the century, but the notation "need be no later than c.1300."

<sup>32</sup>This Table includes all known sources except (i) references to motets mentioned by English theorists or by theorists copied and known in England, but not found in an insular music source (mainly, if not exclusively, citations of continental pieces). (ii) The Bridport, Guild Archives fragment, which is a "ghost reference" cited by H. Davey in History of English Music, p.31 and picked up by Ludwig in

lished by Harrison (in "Ars Nova" and again, implicitly, by the ordering of material in PMFC XV) and Sanders ("English Polyphony," p.438). This table is provided as a reference point for the remarks on the ages of pieces and sources that will be made from time to time in the following pages. The dates represent informed guesses, for the most part, 33 and are not to be understood as being as firm and objective as they might seem to be on account of the specificity suggested by this sort of listing.

A second source of evidence on chronology is the evolution of notational forms and mensural organization, along with intimately correlated style features: the range of rhythmic units employed and the rhythmic units used for declamation. (For a survey on the motet repertoire according to these features, see Chapter Three, in particular Table 14.) Again, this is an evolution whose broad outlines are well understood but whose details are not secure enough to

Repertorium I, ii, pp.677-78 but no longer locatable. See Ian Bent, "Polyphonic Verbum Bonum," p.229. There is reported to have been some music for two voices plus a part labelled "Tenor de A toute hure." (iii) Another English "ghost," which was in fact seen and referred to by Wolf in HNK I, p.286 and received a further mention by Ludwig in "Die Quellen," p.192, note. This source consisted of fly-leaves from a Wolfenbuttel codex (Helmstadt 499) of Scottish provenance; they were already missing when Ludwig wrote in 1923.

<sup>&</sup>quot;3'Harrison discusses in "Ars Nova," pp.68-70 the evidence that Cgc 512 may have been copied some time during the years 1325-1336 and have stayed in use at least until about 1355. Such evidence is practically unique among the sources in question here.

provide guideposts for an absolute chronology. A logical resource for chronology would be a comparison between continental and English practice. The "conservative attitude towards the rhythmic surface of the music" in early 14th-century England, along with native innovations in notation and a concentration on formal rather than notational inventiveness, make direct comparison with the continent only that much more difficult in this regard.

Comparative style analysis gives us a number of other yardsticks for musical differentiation along stylistic gradients that may be taken as roughly equivalent to chronological or evolutionary gradients. It will be useful to take up a number of these features for review with regard to the English motet repertoire.

#### Range

Range is one of the critical parameters for control of counterpoint in vocal polyphony; it is governed both by purely compositional considerations and by the make-up of the performing forces for which the piece is intended.

Aspects of range as an element of style include (1) the total range spanned by a motet, (2) the range of the polyphonic framework, i.e. the average width of counterpoint between the outermost parts, (3) the ambitus of individual parts and the degree of stratification or overlap between

<sup>3</sup> Alejandro Planchart, "The Ars Nova and Renaissance,"
p.157.

parts, and (4) the location of the overall range within the Odonian gamut and with respect to the final of the motet. For late medieval polyphony, one can say in general that total range, the width of counterpoint, the ambitus of individual voices, and the tendency towards stratification of ranges are all increasing. In the early 13th century the overall range is usually no more than an octave to a tenth, with a fifth to an octave for the average width of counterpoint. By the end of the century the total range increases to a twelfth or a thirteenth, with an octave as the usual width of counterpoint. In the continental repertoire this remains the norm throughout the 14th century, though in exceptional cases, such as a few of the Petronian motets of the first decades, and in later examples, in particular some isorhythmic motets a4, a fifteenth or sixteenth is reached.

Roger Bowers has shown through an "analysis of a large proportion of English sacred music surviving from the period . cl350-1450 (some 400 movements)" that "two octaves emerges as the normal practical working limit of overall compass." In fact, however, English motets of the first half of the century already frequently exploit a tonal range of around two octaves. They comprise perhaps the first polyphonic repertoire to do so consistently. For a list of these mot-

<sup>35</sup>Bowers, "Performing Pitch," p.22. His data are included in Table 3 below. Bowers further observes that the double octave is regularly exceeded, in English polyphony at any rate, only beginning ca.1460.

ets ordered by ascertainable total range, see Table 3. In those of widest range, the average width of counterpoint often exceeds an octave, frequently touching a tenth or twelfth. As with all such stylistic features, one cannot make very fine chronological distinctions on this basis. Nonetheless, there is a striking contrast between motets that date from perhaps the 1260s and 1270s (such as those in US-PRu 119B, Cjc 138, Cjec 5 or D-Gu 220) and those of sixty or seventy years later, such as the duet motets of Lbm 1210 or DRc 20. On the earlier side are motets with overall ranges of a ninth to an eleventh, with an average width of counterpoint of only a fifth, and voices almost completely sharing the whole range, with much voice-crossing. ' The duet motets have an overall range of a fifteenth or sixteenth, with individual part ranges of as much as a tenth, eleventh, or thirteenth, without voice-crossing in partwrit-The average width of counterpoint is an octave, but there is a great diversity of interval content in the outervoice framework (from sixths to twelfths), rather than the consistency seen in the earlier motets. 37

<sup>3&#</sup>x27;See Lefferts, "Simon de Montfort," p.220.

<sup>37</sup>On the basis of this kind of comparison, it can be argued strictly from considerations of range that at least one motet in the 14th-century repertoire, Trinitatem veneremur (Lbm 24198, 5) is of earlier origin: its overall range is only a tenth, with part ranges of a 9th, 8th, 10th, and 7th. Every voice at some time assumes the role of the lowest sounding part, and there is considerable voice crossing.

TABLE 3
COMPARATIVE DATA ON OVERALL RANGE

Source	Range	(#/%)	.1 .1		Sample Size
9**	10 11	121 1314	14 15	16th 17th	
PMFC 6 XIV 19	3 7	- 8 4 25 12	4		32
F-MO 1 7&8 fasc. 1	22 22 24 24	- 36 8 40 9	2		91
F-Pn 146 & de Vitry	2	6 10 22 37	6 3		27
Machaut	1-4	- 4 13 16 54	4 2 16 8		24
PMFC V		7 18 21 55	3 3	2	33
CMM 39		1 8 7 53	3 1	寺寺	15
14th-C. insular	1	6 15 8 21	21 19 30 27	8 1	71
14th-C.' continental in England		1 14 61	3 5 13 22		23
Bowers data	( -30-	- ) <u>/113 /1</u> 28 <u></u>	20/103 30/26	27 5	398

#### Table 3, cont.

# 14th-Century Insular Motets By Determinable Overall Range

10th Trinitatem veneremur

11th ----

12th Ade finit
Civitas nusquam
Herodis in pretorio
Iam nubes
Suffragiose

Regina iam discubuit?

Candens crescit
Excelsus in numine
Fusa cum silentio
Ianuam quam clauserat
O homo
O pater
Petrum cephas
Salve cleri
Triumphat hodie

Triumphus patet Tu civium Inter usitata

Detentos a demonibus? Venit sponsa de Libano?

14th A solis-Ovet mundus
Balaam de quo
Caligo terre
De flore martirum
Solaris ardor
Suspiria merentis
Thomas gemma
Virgo Maria
Cuius de manibus

Alta canunt?
Augustine par angelis?
Beatus vir?
Inter choros?
Quid rimari?
O crux vale?
Parata paradisi porta?
Regi regum?
Regnum sine termino?
Veni creator?
Viri Galilei?

Laus honor?

Quare fremuerunt
Regne de pite
Rosa delectabilis
Rota versatilis
Virgo mater salvatoris
Virgo sancta Katerina

Astra transcendit
Ave miles
Barrabas dimittitur
Doleo super te
Frondentibus florentibus
Hostis Herodes
Mulier magni meriti
Orto sole
Patrie pacis

Assunt Augustini? Radix Iesse? Zorobabel abigo?

#### Table 3, cont.

16th Jesu fili
Rex visibilium
Te domina
Zelo tui

Baptizas parentes? Hac a valle? Lux refulget? Salve sancta?

17th Jesu redemptor

# 14th-Century Continental Motets in Insular Sources

12th Firmissime fidem

13th Amer amours
Apta caro
Domine quis
L'amcreuse flour
Mon chant
Musicorum collegio
Omnis terra
Pura placens
Tribum quem

Alme pater?
Maria diceris-Soli fines?
Parce piscatoribus?
Virginalis concio?
Nec Herodis?

14th Ad lacrimas Rex Karole

15th Deus creator (Eng.?) Humane lingue (Eng.?)

> Vos quid O canenda Inter amenitatis

0 vos omnes?

### Four-Part Writing

Three-voice part-writing is a universal norm from the late 12th through the mid-15th century. In Notre Dame polyphony there is a small number of organa, conductus, and clausulae a4; the motet a4 is cultivated for a short time in the early 13th century, as represented by the collection of such pieces in the second fascicle of F-MO. Resurgence of four-voice writing on the continent comes over a hundred years later, in the 1330s, with the later motets of de Vitry and Machaut. On the other hand, the English cultivate four-voice writing particulary in the motet a4 throughout the later 13th and early 14th centuries with a distinct upturn in output in the later period. 38 As a percentage of the surviving repertoire, motets a4 make up a more significant part of the 14th-century corpus than of the 13th-century corpus, although they never come to predominate, going from about 20% of the 13th-century number to about 40% of the 14th-century number.

If the motet a3 in its normal scoring (tenor plus texted duplum and triplum) is represented texturally as 2+1, then one possible scoring for the motet a4 is 3+1, representing the inclusion of an additional texted upper part.

<sup>&</sup>quot;The emergence of writing in four real parts, with special emphasis on the English contribution, has been discussed by Ernst Apfel in "Uber den vierstimmigen Satz," and "Zur Entstehung des realen vierstimmigen Satzes in England."

(The term for the fourth part is, straighforwardly, quadruplum.), This is the scoring of early French motets a4 and also of a small number of English examples, mostly of the 13th century. Another possible scoring for the motet a4 is 2+2, which indicates that there are two texted and two untexted parts. \* The fourth voice in such pieces is low in range like the tenor and has a clearly subordinate, tenorlike function. In some motets it is the equivalent of the later-14th-century continental contratenor, which accompanies the tenor cantus firmus, filling in counterpoint above or below the tenor as necessary and serving as the lowest sounding voice whenever the tenor rests. Its role is an essential one and the part cannot simply be omitted in order to lighten the texture, but it is usually not patterned rhythmically the way the tenor is, and may be more active. This is the kind of fourth voice found, for example, in isoperiodic motets such as Petrum cephas and Ianuam quam clauserat. The latter motet is found in Onc 362 with a fifth voice, labelled "Tenor per se de lacet granum," that is the earliest known example of a solus tenor. It combines the

<sup>&</sup>quot;triplices" and "quadruplices" respectively. This one source has eight of the fourteen 13th-century motets a4.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Two l3th-century English compositions a3 survive in a scoring which could similarly be designated 1+2. These are O debilis (WF, 73) whose supporting parts are labelled "Pes" and "Primus Pes"; and Senator regis curie (WF, 11 and D-Gu 220, 2), whose supporting parts are labelled "Primus Pes" and "Secundus Pes" in WF, and "Pes" and "ii" in D-Gu 220.

lines of tenor and quartus cantus, reducing their counterpoint to a single part of equivalent function that can be used in their place to allow a performance of the motet a3 instead of a4.

In other English motets a4, especially in the largescale free compositions with voice exchange, the role of the fourth voice in a 2+2 texture is slightly different. the two lower parts are almost entirely equivalent. may have identical ranges and rhythmic activity, and share melodic material through exchange. Often this form of twovoice substructure (with or without exchange) is effectively only a single voice, with fragmentation of the lower part into two through hocket. (See the tenors of Candens crescit and O pater in Figure 1.) In other motets such as Rota versatilis the two lower voices may have slightly differentiated ranges and fixed harmonic functions. The effective texture in these motets a4 is, in any event, mostly in three real parts, with only occasional bars of true four-part writing. Extensive use of imperfect consonances facilitates four-part writing by making more consonant pitches availaple, especially in an increased contrapuntal field, but fully independent four-part counterpoint cannot be sustained for any substantial length of time because of the homogeneity of rhythmic motion in all voices, coupled as it often is to parallel motion. "

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Parallel counterpoint in imperfect consonances permits

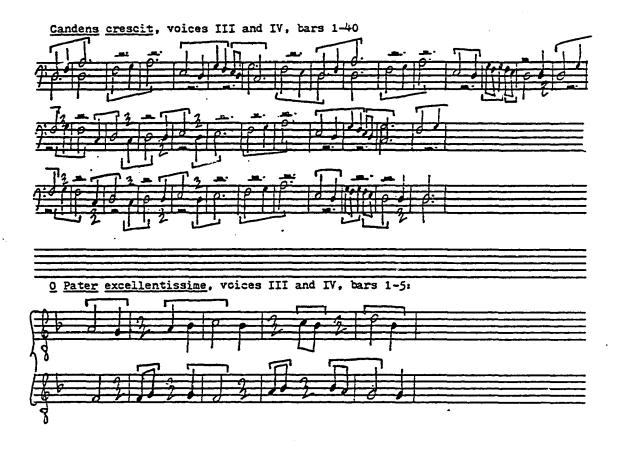


FIG. 1: The Tenors of Candens Crescit and O Pater

It is tempting to see an effort to distinguish between

fluent partwriting with rapid harmonic motion a3, but not a4. Partwriting in compositions a3 may be fairly continuous, or may itself be broken up in hocket fragmentation, as for instance in Triumphat hodie or Salve cleri. (Sanders, "English Polyphony" p. 197, has singled out the style of the second of these two motets as comparable to the stile brise of the 17th-century French clavecinists.) This transparent style of writing, already remarked upon by Levy, "New Material," p.231, is also a mark of late conductus-rondellus writing ca. 1300, as in Fulget celestis (WF, 31 and Onc 362, 16).

the various possibilities for scoring in a 2+2 texture in the terminology used to label the lower parts in English motets a4. The evidence has been assembled in Table 4. There is too little of it to draw firm conclusions. One attractive interpretation is that the terms "Tenor" and "Quartus cantus" are used when these voices are stratified by range and/or function, and that the terms "Primus tenor" and "Secundus tenor" are used when the two parts are a perfectly equivalent pair. On the other hand, it may be that "Quartus cantus" is the earlier designation and "Secundus tenor" the later. However, the use of both kinds of terminology in concordances of <u>Candens crescit</u> suggests that the different modes of nomenclature were equivalent, simply reflecting what are perhaps regional preferences. \*2

The form of the final cadence provides one interesting measure of style change among the motets a4. The earliest either cadence awkwardly to an 8-5 sonority with doubling, or else cadence to an 8-5-3 sonority. The triadic final is seen in the following pieces:

<sup>&</sup>quot;Tenor" or "Tenor de" usually mean the same thing, i.e. a non-Gregorian tenor, and that the distinction between them is basically chronological, pes being the earlier term. But there are exceptions to both of these generalizations. (See note 7 above.)

#### TABLE 4

#### ENGLISH MOTETS A4

# 13th Century:

3 + 1

O nobilis nativitas O quam glorifica Pro beati Pauli (I) Pro beati Pauli (II) Spirans odor (Sancta parens) 2 + 2

Ave miles de cuius
Campanis cum cymbalis
Dona celi factor
In odore
Loquelis archangeli
O mors moreris
Opem nobis O Thoma
Super te ierusalem
Virtutum spolia
(Sumer canon)

# 14th Century:

3 + 1
Inter choros
Orto sole
Solaris ardor
Trinitatem veneremur

2+2, cont.

Maria mole pressa

0 crux vale

0 homo de pulvere

0 pater

0rto sole

Peregrina moror

Petrum cephas

Quid rimari cogitas

Regi regum enarrare

Regina iam discubuit

Regnum sine termino

Rota versatilis

Salve cleri
Salve sancta virgula
Thomas gemma
Triumphat hodie
Tu civium
Ut recreentur
Veni creator
Venit sponsa
Virgo Maria
Viri Galilei
Zorobabel abigo

2+2

A solis-Ovet mundus Absorbet oris-Recita Alta canunt Apello cesarem Assunt Augustini Augustine par angelis Ave miles

Candens crescit
Cuius de manibus
Detentos a demonibus
Flos regalis
Hac a valle
Hostis Herodes
Ianuam quam clauserat
Inter choros
Laus honor
Lingua peregrina
Lux refulget

#### Table 4, cont.

## Insular Terminology for Lower Voices in Motets a4

#### Quartus Cantus

Ave miles de cuius Dona celi factor Loquelis archangeli O mors moreris Opem nobis O Thoma

Candens crescit
Hostis Herodes
Ianuam quam clauserat
O homo de pulvere
Petrum cephas

## Quadruplum

Alta canunt

Quatruplex

Ovet mundus

Quadri livium

Cuius de manibus

#### Primus Tenor & Secundus Tenor

#### motet:

Candens crescit Quid rimari cogitas Flos regalis

rios regalis

Super te ierusalem Nec Herodis ferocitas

Thomas gemma

Ut recreentur celitus Detentos a demonibus Ave miles

Ave miles Salve cleri

textless lower part in Ccc 8, 3a

Textless lower part in Lwa\_12185, 5a

## surviving part names:

Tenor primus
Tenor primus

(Conditor) Kyrie. Tenor primus

Kyrie Seconde. Primus tenor Primus tenor

P(rimus tenor)
Secundus tenor

Secundus tenor Secundo tenore

Tenor ii

ii

Primus

Tenor secundus

#### Contratenerem

Humane lingue

Sumer canon	Lbm 978, 5	F-final
Pro beati Pauli	WF, 70	C-final
Super to Ierusalem	WF, 95	F-final
Loquelis archangeli	WF, 18=66	F-final
Campanis cum cymbalis	Ob 60, 13	F-final
O homo de pulvere	Onc 362, 17	D-final

These all appear exclusively in 13th-century sources with the exception of O homo, which argues for an early date of composition for this piece. Later motets a4 cadence either to 8-5 or to the more progressive 12-8-5. Scarcely any English motets a3 cadence to 12-8, a final sonority which is significantly more common among 14th-century continental motets a3. It is, at any rate, safely to be regarded as more progressive than a close on 8-5.

<sup>\*&#</sup>x27;The editions of O homo in PMFC XV and the Oxford Anthology both modify the "Quartus de O homo" in order to cadence to an 8-5 without the third. I do not approve of this editorial decision, but it is true that O homo, the only one of these pieces built on a cantus firmus, is also the only one to cadence to an 8-5-3 whose third (D-F) is minor, which may have caused the editors to edit it out. Note also that the concordance of Pro beati Pauli in Lwa 33327 ends differently and, presumably, not on a full triad. See the critical report in PMFC XIV.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;The four-voice motets <u>Virgo Maria</u> and <u>Tu civium from Cgc 512</u>, and <u>A solis-Ovet</u> and <u>Hostis Herodes</u> from <u>Ob 81</u>, do not indicate exactly how their final cadence is to be voiced, but the cadences probably move to 8-5, either a4 with doubling or simply a3.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Barrabas dimittitur and Deus creator are the only English motets a3 to cadence to 12-8; Orto sole (with its added voice), Cuius de manibus, Regne de pite, and Humane lingue, are the only English examples of motets a4 cadencing to

In addition to an observation on how pieces end, it can be useful to observe how pieces begin. Most motets a3 begin on an 8-5 sonority, and most(all?) motets a4 do likewise, either by doubling or by resting in one voice (usually the duplum or the second lowest part). This convention is abandoned in a small number of 14th-century English examples:

Zelo tui and Doleo super te both begin with the triplum briefly unaccompanied; Jnesu redemptor begins the opposite way, with tenor and duplum only; and Petrum cephas begins with triplum and quartus cantus only, in what may be a gesture towards a continental-style introitus.

Finally, an important guide to relative chronology is offered by the handling of imperfect consonances in contrapuntal interval combinations. The English preference for a full, rich sonority of thirds, sixths, and tenths in their polyphonic writing is a marked feature of insular style from the early 13th century on. One can observe in both motet and cantilena repertoires an evolution from the use of 5-3 sonorities to more progressive 6-3 and 10-5 sonorities, along with an increasing use of a more diverse vocabulary of interval combinations such as 8-6, 10-6, 10-8, 12-8, and 12-10. This can be correlated with a contrapuntal grammar in which they appear with increasing frequency in chains of parallel imperfect intervals, moving in quickening note val-

<sup>12-8-5.</sup> Comparable numbers drawn from PMFC V are 6 motets a3 (nos. 3, 7, 11, 12, 29, 30) and 10 motets a4 (nos. 2, 4, 6, 9a, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28) out of a total of 34.

ues. In particular, with regard to the motet Harrison has observed the phenomenon he calls "pre-cadential protofaburden." This is found in some relatively early 14th-century motets where three voices move in semibreve values while the tenor rests. In later motets there emerges the texture Harrison calls "protofaburden-parlando," with longer chains of 6-3s.44 This parallelism finds a direct counterpart in the writing of cantilenas, and as with the cantilena, becomes less of a feature later in the century, when the full English sonorities are used in a more varied contrapuntal environment.47

<sup>&</sup>quot;Harrison, "Introduction" and "Notes on Transcription and Performance" in PMFC XV, and "Ars Nova," p.72.

<sup>&</sup>quot;See especially Sanders, "Cantilena and Discant," pp.10-23.

#### CHAPTER II

#### TYPOLOGY OF MOTET STRUCTURES

#### Introduction

Large-scale features of design are of particular interest in the study of the 14th-century motet in England. Since a motet is as much constructed as composed it will normally have both audible form and inaudible order, an architectural plan, based on elementary principles, that dictates for each motet an overall shape and internal details of phrasing and counterpoint (some immediately perceptible and others only revealing themselves to the patient student). The most striking feature of English motets in terms of compositional procedure is that their musical structures are limited to variations on a small number of recognizable models, or formal archetypes. Surviving motets and fragments are particular realizations of these types, each individualized through specific ways of handling cantus firmus, text, and the numerical proportions of phrase lengths and sections. These consistent methods of approach, though few, are in fact more diverse than those found in continental motets from contemporaneous sources.2

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Manfred Bukofzer, Music in the Baroque Era, pp.365-69.

In an examination of the structure of any motet the tenor must be taken as the point of departure. One reads the motet "from the bottom up," observing the tenor's patterns of rhythmic and melodic repetition and then looking to the other voices for correspondences in musical phrase structures and counterpoint. The most basic subdivision among motet types followed here distinguishes between two structural or compositional categories: 1) isomelism, where musical repetitions in the tenor are accompanied by repetition of musical material in the upper voices, and 2) periodicity (in particular, isoperiodicity) of phrase structures in two or more voices.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Sanders, "Motet," pp.550-54, classifies continental motets of the late <u>Ars Antiqua</u> into three types: the Petronian motet, the Latin double motet, and the French accompanied—song-style motet. None of these shows the kinds of distinctly defined and recurrent structural plans that characterize the English output. Günther, "Fourteenth-Century Motet," makes a typology for the isorhythmic motet by distinguishing between unipartite, bipartite, and multipartite designs (pp.29, 41-42), following Besseler, "Studien II," p.219.

Consideration of text structure (i.e. versification) is secondary in this initial approach to typology, although it can be of critical interest to observe whether the text structure is independent of the musical phrase structure or whether they, to some degree, have isomorphic features, and whether in either case the resulting versification is regular or irregular. Some motet types normally accommodate regular texts, and it is probable that this consideration influenced the choice of motet type to be composed in individual instances. See the section on versification in Chapter Four.

Among the motets categorized as isomelic are those exhibiting strict and varied voice exchange, strophic repeat with variation, and refrains. In many of these motets it is apparent that composition actually proceeded "from the top down," with a loosely patterned (or non-patterned) tenor that was freely composed or else disposed ad hoc so as to support a tuneful texted voice with symmetrical melodic periods. As a result most isomelic motets are markedly sectional or have prominent strophic features. They are built out of a series of well-defined musical units with clearly articulated boundaries corresponding to textual strophes, and melodic variation is an important stylistic feature, especially in the freely composed pieces. One of the most vigorous and distinctive of these indigenous motet types is the motet a4 with five sections of voice exchange followed by a coda.

The motets with periodic phrase structures are designed to express simple numerical schemes through interlocking musical phrases of rationally controlled length. Periods of these phrases may be uniform throughout a motet, or may be mixed in various ways. Especially in isoperiodic motets, a rhythmic module defined by the phrase beginnings and endings may replicate itself several times in the course of the motet, thus defining a sectional structure that is audible, but conceptually the periodic motets must be regarded as through-composed; theirs is a musical fabric without sharp

internal divisions articulated by cadences observed in all parts, and textual strophes overlap. A particularly clear-cut type of periodic motet is the isoperiodic duet motet with <u>medius cantus</u>. The isomelic and periodic categories are not mutually exclusive, as will be seen in a number of examples, but the distinction between them is generally useful.\*

The typology reveals that a rather chaotic collection of whole compositions and fragments from many sources can be assembled into rational categories accommodating practically all the extant material. That this is possible suggests that although the great bulk of the repertoire is lost (and with it, undoubtedly many fascinating and original motets), we can get a sense of its range, its variety, and the consistency of its compositional techniques from those we have. In the following pages the various motet types will be described with some examination of the shared or unique fea-

<sup>&#</sup>x27;This typology is based on one by Sanders, who divides the English 14th-century motets into those exhibiting voice-exchange, variation, or isoperiodicity, and comments on a number of interesting hybrids. (See Sanders, "English Polyphony," Chapter III, pp.192-263 and the later discussions derived from it in "Motet," pp.538-50 and "England: From the Beginning," pp.283-89.) The divisions made here are roughly the same, though no single category of the present classification corresponds to the variation type of Sanders, "the successor to the ostinato pes-motet of the 13th century." (Sanders, "England: From the Beginning," p.287.) Rather, the motets on "ostinati and varied ostinati which are freely invented (or perhaps borrowed from popular sources)" are grouped with cantus firmus motets of similar isomelic structure, such as varied voice exchange, strophic repeat, or refrain types.

tures of the motets falling under each heading, and with some mention of those motets that depart to some extent in their stylistic and formal relationships from the more clearly defined types.

#### Isomelic Motets

Motets With Strict Voice Exchange

#### The 13th Century

The most important group of isomelic motets is that in which exact voice exchange occurs over a repeating tenor. A significant number of these pieces survives in late 13th and early 14th-century sources, and they show a continuity of approach to motet design over the entire period (perhaps ca.1270-1330). Independent compositions built on a succession of periods of voice exchange may be free or possess a cantus firmus, and may be either monotextual or polytextual. Those which are both free and monotextual lack both of the essential criteria of the motet as it developed on the continent, namely polytextuality and a rhythmically patterned cantus prius factus as tenor. For this reason Harrison regards them instead as rondellus-conductus, and sees in such a cantus-firmus-based voice-exchange piece as Ave miles a hybridization or fusion of the techniques of rondellusconductus and motet; therefore he labels it a rondellusmotet. However, there is evidence that in the usage of English musicians voice exchange compositions on a pes (freely composed tenor) were regarded as motets rather than as a species of conductus. Terminology such as "rondellusmotet," in its suggestion that norms have been contravened or boundaries crossed in the fashioning of a piece, conveys the common background of both rondellus and voice—exchange techniques in England but blurs the important technical difference between rondellus and motet, or between conductus and motet. This distinction needs to be made with clarity precisely because of "the close stylistic relationship that unites conductus, rondellus, and freely composed motet in the English repertoire of the thirteenth century."

Voice exchange (<u>Stimmtausch</u>) occurs when two voices alternately present the same music over a double-versicle tenor. In a rondellus, all voices begin together and proceed through periods of exchange. The rota, a related musical phenomenon, is a round canon at the unison in which all voices participate. One could conceivably describe voice

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See, among other places, Harrison, NOHM III, pp.88-94, where <u>Balaam</u> is called a rondellus-motet, <u>Salve cleri</u> is called a conductus-motet with rondellus technique, and <u>Ovet</u> mundus is called a rondellus-conductus.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;See Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp.103-104, n.74 and "Tonal Aspects," p.24, n.38.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Sanders, "English Polyphony," p.122, summarizing Chapter IIA (pp.78-122), which is devoted to an investigation of this relationship.

<sup>\*</sup>Harrison (in "Rota and Rondellus," p.101) insists on a

Voice-Exchange	Rondellus		
a b b a X X	ab ba		a4 abcd dabc cdab

Rota .

abcd...

FIG. 2: Voice Exchange, Rondellus, and Rota

further distinction beyond one of performance practice in discriminating rota from rondellus, arguing that "[in] a rota...some or all of the phrases of its melody extend over at least two units of interchange, while in the rondellus each phrase is the same length as the unit." This distinction is not observed here, and I take the only two true rotas in the repertoire to be the Sumer Canon ( $\underline{\text{Lbm}}$   $\underline{978}$ ,  $\underline{5}$ , edited, among other places, in PMFC XIV, 4a) and  $\underline{\text{Munda Maria}}$  ( $\underline{\text{WF}}$ ,  $\underline{21}$ , edited in PMFC XIV, 35). The Sumer Canon imposes a rota on an ostinato pes and for that reason can be regarded as a kind of voice-exchange motet. Barry Cooper plausibly argues that a similar situation obtained in  $\underline{\text{Salve Symon}}$  ( $\underline{\text{Cic}}$ ,  $\underline{5}$ ). For this reason both have been listed as motets

exchange as a rondellus in two parts imposed on a repeating tenor. However, a true rondellus is a self-contained entity whose counterpoint is complete in and of itself, so the application of the term in cases where "voice-exchange" would be more apt seems a misnomer.'

Rondellus and voice-exchange techniques in 13th-century English compositions¹° occur in conductus, tropic chant settings of alleluias, independent voice-exchange motets, and independent rondelli. These are listed in Table 5. In each category the pieces have been listed in an order representing a chronology based on style features. The style criteria include range (increasing overall span, width of counterpoint, and width during rondellus section), units of declamation (from longs to longs and paired breves and

in Table 1 below. (See Cooper, "A Thirteenth-Century Canon," and Lefferts, "Simon de Montfort.")

<sup>&#</sup>x27;The only medieval authority who applies the term rondellus to compositions a3 such as in Figure 2 is Walter Odington, who provides an example, Ave mater Domini, included in Table 5. See Dittmer, "Beitrage," pp.29-33, and see also Eggebrecht, "Rondellus," Falck, "Rondellus, Canon, and Related Types," and Sanders, "Communication." Bent, in "Rota versatilis," observes the kinship of rota and rondellus implied by the text and form of Rota versatilis, inspired by the legend of Katherine and the wheel. Despite this testimony I would still insist on the distinction between rondellus and voice-exchange, and not use the term "rondellus" or "rondellus-motet" to describe Rota.

<sup>1°</sup>The following deals with pieces a3. There exists one conductus a2 with a rondellus section, namely <u>Karitatis</u> (<u>Omec</u>, <u>2</u>). (See Dom A.Hughes in NOHM II, p.377.) Examples fitting our definition of an independent rondellus a2 include <u>Salve mater salvatoris</u> (<u>Ob 343</u>, <u>1</u>) (edited in PMFC XIV, 6) and two better known pieces cited by Harrison in "Rota and Rondellus," pp. 98-100, the "voice-exchange hymn"

finally to longs and breves in alternation), manuscript layout (in score or parts), and notation (from premensural notation to English mensural notation and finally to Franconian notation).

The parallels in the evolution of rondellus and voiceexchange techniques are clear. It is probable that both have their origin in the constructivist techniques of contrapuntal invention found in conductus caudae. Most voiceexchange and rondellus passages, when not melismatic, bear a single text, in one voice at a time. Rare instances of simultaneous texting of all voices in typical conductus fashion are seen in Salve mater (two-thirds of a rondellus section), and Salve rosa florum and Equitas in curia (voice-exchange passages). Like conductus, the independent rondelli and voice-exchange motets often have melismatic preludes, interludes, and postludes. Like motets in general, the independent rondelli and the later conductus and conductus-rondellus are written in parts, and Fulget celestis curie even has the simultaneous declamation of two different texts. 12 No later examples of rondellus a3 survive;

Nunc sancte nobis and the Benedicamus trope Ad cantus leticie, for both of which Harrison suggests a possible British origin. (On these two compositions, see also RISM B/IV/1, p.15.)

<sup>11</sup>As the tables show, it is not possible to distinguish conductus from rondellus on the basis that the former is always notated in score, the latter in parts. When such compositions are written in parts, all the parts are texted. This is probably as good a place as any to note one isolated example that shows what is best described as a polytextual

TABLE 5

#### RONDELLUS AND VOICE-EXCHANGE IN 13TH-CENTURY ENGLISH MUSIC

#### Rondellus

1) in conductus ("conductus-rondellus"): score/parts 0ъ 489, 3 Integra inviolata <u>0b 489</u>, 1b/2; Salve mater gracie-Salve mater misericordie <u>0b 591</u>, 3 оъ 489, 1 Flos regalis <u>0b 591</u>, 1 0 laudanda virginitas WF, 20 Amor patris WF, 5 WF, 69; <u>Du</u>, 1 De supernis sedibus Quem trina polluit WF, 93; <u>US-Cu</u>, 4 One 362, 14 In excelsis gloria Karisma conserat Regis aula US-PRu 119A, 1;

2) in organal settings of Alleluias, where ascertainable:

Lbm 24198, 3

3) in independent rondellus (and "rondellus-motets") in parts:

<u>Ob 497</u>, 2 (in score) Kyrie rex Marie Ave virgo mater WF, 25 WF, 21 Munda Maria mater (rota) WF, 13 0 venie vena (motet+rondellus) Orbis pium US-Cu, 8 Ob 60, 7 ...ha mundi gloria ...sine macula 0b 60, 8 Ave mater Domini Ccc 410 (Odington ex.in Stella maris US-Cu, 6 score) Christi cara mater Gaudeat ecclesia <u>US-Cu</u>, 10 WF, 94 WF, 31; Fulget celestis curia Onc 362, 16

Table 5, cont.

### Voice Exchange

1) in conductus:

written in score/parts

Salve virgo tonantis
...angelorum agmina
Ave credens baiulo
Salve rosa florum

Regina regnans
Equitas in curia
Sanctorum gloria laus

Ob 3, 3

WF, 90

WF, 90

WF, 92

WF, 107

Cgc 820, 1

Sanctorum gloria laus

Onc 362, 21

2) in organal settings of Alleluias, where ascertainable:

Ave magnifica WF, 19 = WF, 56 = 0b 400, H

(= Alle psallite) (= F-N0, 8.339)

Alleluya psallat WF, 46

Alme veneremur WF, 52

Alleluya moduletur WF, 55

Re(gis) WF, 57

Alleluya Christo Ob 400, 1

3) in independent motets:

WF, 12 Virgo regalis Lbm 978, 5 Cjec 5, 7 WF, 23 Sumer canon (rota on pes) Salve Symon (canon on pes?) Sanctorum omnium Sol in nube tegitur WF, 17 WF, 76 Puellare gremium  $\frac{\text{US-PRu }119\text{A}}{\text{WF, }18 = \text{WF, }66}$ Alleluia celica rite Loquelis archangeli O quam glorifica WF, 10 Patris superni US-Cu, 7 US-PRu 119A, 2 Tota pulchra es WF, 16 WF, 41 Quam admirabilis Dulciflua

The conductus do not include pieces from continental sources that Falck suggests might be English.

Some of the conductus-rondellus have voice-exchange caudae.

the abandonment of this technique is undoubtedly due to the progressive expansion of range that had taken individual voice parts to a 12th (in Fulget celestis) or a 14th (in Regis aula), representing an extreme upper limit on the practical range demanded of singers in 13th- or 14th-century polyphony. It seems reasonable to postulate that the progressive tendency toward four-voice writing in English polyphony found the functionally stratified voice-exchange motet better suited for development than the equal-voiced rondellus.12 Further, another innovation, adoption of cantus-firmus technique in voice-exchange motets, was simultaneous with the widespread extension of free composition to motets a4 through the replacement of the pes by a two-voice supporting substructure. Voice-exchange motets a4 may be successors to the rondellus but they are linear descendants of the exchange motet a3.

Before any discussion of 14th-century motets with voice exchange, it may be well to demonstrate the facture of such compositions in the 13th century, so as to clarify points of continuity and contrast. Two later 13th-century voice-exchange motets, strikingly similar to each other in design,

conductus written in parts. This is <u>Salve fenestra vitrea</u> (WF, 34).

<sup>12</sup>The sectional structures and isoperiodicity of phrase design in the motets may owe much to the phrase structures of the more elaborate rondelli.

illustrate the earlier motet's features. They are Quam admirabilis (WF, 16) and Dulciflua (WF, 41). 13 In both motets, a conductus-like melismatic prelude and postlude frame four sections of texted exchange; each has a freely composed tenor whose repetition scheme may be diagrammed as xxy AA BB CC DD z, where exchange occurs over each double versicle and capital letters represent texted sections. In numerical terms, the two motets are proportioned as follows:

Quam admirabilis

131L = 2(16L) + 4L + 2(10L) + 2(10L) + 2(12L) + 2(12L) + 7L

Dulciflua

122L = 2(14L) + 5L + 2(8L) + 2(12L) + 2(8L) + 2(12L) + 7L

XX Y AA BB CC DD Z

Quam admirabilis has a single text, each of whose four stanzas is sung and then repeated, while <u>Dulciflua</u> has a single text of eight brief stanzas arranged in four pairs, so each section sets one pair without any textual repetition from one voice to the other; the subject matter in both cases is the BVM. Finally, each of these two motets is notated in a variant of English mensural notation. <u>Dulciflua</u> has the

¹³These two are edited in Dittmer, MSD 2, 16 and 41, and in Sanders, PMFC XIV, nos. 53 and 55. Two other 13th-century motets, Virgo regalis (WF, 12) and Loquelis archangeli (WF, 18=66), also have four sections of exchange followed by a coda.

paired breves of alternate third mode while <u>Quam admirabilis</u> has binary longs and breves with an unusual proliferation of semibreves. 14

#### The 14th Century

The manuscript Onc 362 contains a pivotal repertoire in the apparent evolution of the voice exchange motet, namely two surviving intermediaries between the corpus of voice-exchange motets a3 in English mensural notation and the later motets a4 in Franconian notation. These are Balaam de quo and Excelsus. Both are a3 but in Franconian notation; indeed, in Balaam there is declamation and hocketing in semibreves. 15 Excelsus is constructed on a freely composed pes that is identified in the manuscript as "Tenor de Excelsus." Balaam, on the other hand, is built on a cantus firmus. It is the first exchange motet surviving in England to have this feature' and, as in later examples, its text tropes the chant verses. In regard to the handling of text, Balaam is single texted, repeats the verses on exchange, and has a coda to the first texted section where both upper voices declaim together (on "exhibit stella"); Excelsus as two

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'For more on these notations, see Chapter Three.

<sup>15</sup> Its notation is similar to that of <u>Triumphat hodie</u>, a voice-exchange motet a4 in the same manuscript.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;An earlier French motet on the same tenor, spoofing English drinkers of good ale, has voice-exchange features. See <u>Hare hare hie Godalier-Goudalier on bien-T.Balaam (D-W2, fol. 197v-198v).</u>

#### TABLE 6

#### 14TH-CENTURY VOICE EXCHANGE MOTETS

#### Voice-Exchange Motets a3

Balaam de quo Excelsus in numine

### Five-Section Motets a4 with Coda

Ave miles Cuius de manibus O pater excellentissime Triumphat hodie Salve cleri

Quid rimari cogitas Viri Galilei (Rota versatilis)

## Large-Scale Sectional Voice-Exchange Motets a4

A solis ortus-Ovet mundus Hostis Herodes impie Rota versatilis Absorbet oris faucibus

## Varied Voice Exchange

Virgo Maria Tu civium

Thomas gemma Te domina

Regnum sine termino Alta canunt

O homo de pulvere Barrabas dimittitur different texts identical in versification that are heard alternately, except at the end of each half of the motet where, in brief codas, they are heard simultaneously.

Formally, these motets are the last of an old bipartite design also seen in <u>Sol in nube</u>, <u>Alleluia celica rite</u>, and <u>Tota pulchra.</u><sup>17</sup> They are divided by a central cadence and double bar into two slightly unbalanced halves, and begin with a melismatic prelude. Each half of <u>Balaam</u> ends with an elaborate textless <u>cauda</u>, while each half of <u>Excelsus</u> ends with a texted coda, as has just been mentioned. The numerical proportions and tenor design of these motets may be represented as follows:<sup>18</sup>

Excelsus 90L = 14L+2(8L)+2(8L)+5L/+2(8L)+2(8L)+7Lx AA BB C DD EE F

Balaam 108L = 4(5L+5L+4L)/+4(4L+4L+5L)aab AAB aab aab CDE CDE cde cde

 $<sup>^{17}</sup>$ In Onc 362 the motets Civitas nusquam and Alta canunt are also bipartite.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;\*The phrases of <u>Balaam</u> are elided; the numbers shown here represent musical units rather than, strictly speaking, phrase lengths.

Both motets are of high musical interest, <u>Excelsus</u> for its lyrical melodies and <u>Balaam</u> for the way in which both the internal repetitions and restatement of the <u>Epiphaniam</u> chant are exploited to construct a form of substantial complexity using a technique that Dalglish calls "hocket variation.";

From the similarities in design shown by the pairs of voice-exchange motets just discussed it is clear that their composers were working to create uniquely individualized interpretations of a conventional design or common archetype for voice-exchange motets a3. The 14th-century exchange motets a4 generally follow one of two such models with much the same kind of fidelity. In idealized form these are (i) a motet with five sections of exchange in which exchange occurs between every successive pair of musical phrases, over a two-voice supporting substructure that itself is undergoing a coincident exchange, followed by a coda; (ii) a motet with four sections of exchange, in which exchange does not occur after every musical phrase (corresponding to a few verses or a stanza of poetry), but rather after a longer, self-contained unit of four musical phrases (corresponding to a pair of four-line stanzas or to four three-line stanzas), over a two-voice substructure that repeats without These possibilities may be diagrammed as below exchange.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'See Dalglish, "Variation," and "Hocket." Dalglish has a full analysis of <u>Balaam</u> in "Hocket," pp.353-59. I do not agree that his analysis shows it necessary to regard the second half of <u>Balaam</u> ("Huic ut placuit") as an independent composition.

for a single period of exchange:

Here al, a2 etc. bear text; B, X, Y do not. As the diagrams show, text is not repeated in the first type but is repeated in the second type. A single five-section motet, O pater excellentissime, occupies an intermediate formal position between the alternatives just given. Each of its five sections maybe represented as:

al a2	B	or	in	more	detail	al	a'2	В	В'
B	al a2					В	B'	al	a'2
X	X					X	Y'	x	Y'
Y	Y					Y	x'	Y	x''

with a coda that may have had the form:

al b2'

B A'

X Y'

Y X'

In order to see to what degree motets of the first type adhere to a norm of five sections of exchange followed by a

coda, some data on these motets are given in Table 7, which will serve as a point of departure for a number of observations. First, all the motets except Quid rimari and Viri Galilei have five sections of exchange, and all save for Salve cleri (and Rota versatilis) have a coda. In three (Ave miles, Cuius de manibus, and Quid rimari) this coda is melismatic, while in three others (O pater, Viri Galilei, and Triumphat hodie) it is texted. 2° Both upper parts of Triumphat hodie were apparently underlaid with text throughout. 21 In all the others a single text is sung without repetition, the upper parts alternating in the singing of consecutive stanzas. Saints, rather than the BVM, predominate as subject matter.

The presence of a cantus firmus in half the compositions affects tonality and the numerical proportions between sections. All the pieces on a chant tenor are tonally closed compositions with a D final, while those that are free have either a C or F final.<sup>22</sup> The cantus firmus for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Justification for the assertion that these texted sections are 'codas' is not hard to find. In <u>O pater</u> and <u>Viri Galilei</u> they are formally and textually anomalous. In the case of <u>Triumphat hodie</u>, the coda is defined by the handling of the tenor, which exhausts its French text and proceeds through a final double period (AA) in hocket between the two lower parts.

<sup>2&#</sup>x27;I say apparently because one upper part has not survived. However, the voice that remains is through-texted, and it interacted with the lost voice by singing the syllables of several words in hocket alternation.

<sup>22</sup>The two motets on F, O pater and Quid rimari, are remarkably similar in melodic style and in the dovetailing

TABLE 7

DIMENSIONS OF FIVE-SECTION VOICE-EXCHANGE MOTETS

Motet	Subject F	inal cf?	Range Total Length/Phrase lengths
Ave miles Cuius de manibus O pater Triumphat hodie Salve cleri	St Edmund BVM St Bartholomew St Lawrence St Nicholas		15th 96L = 2(15L)+2(5L)+2(8L)+2(9L)+2(9L)+5L 14th - 95L = 2(12L)+2(6L) +2(7L)+2(8L)+2(11L)+7L 15th 152L = 2(12L)+2(14L)+2(14L)+2(16L)+2(14L)+10L(2x5L?) 15th 73L = 2(7L)+2(4L)+2(7L)+2(4L)+2(7L)+14L(2x7L) 15th 124L = 2(14L)+2(13L)+2(12L)+2(12L)+2(12L)
Quid rimari	BVM	i free	14th 72L = 2(12L)+2(5L)+2(8L)+2(8L)+7L
Viri Galilei	Ascension	F free	14th 100L = 2(8L)+2(8L)+2(8L)+2(8L)+2(8L)+2(8L)+4L
Rota versatilis	St Katherine	C free	14th 336L = 2(54L)+2(38L)+2(18L)+2(40L)+2(27L)

Phrase lengths do not always add up to the total length, when there is overlapping. Actual, not elided phrase lengths are given above. But for instance, the first section of Ave miles is actually 29L = 14L + 15L (two elided 15L phrases); the first section of Quid rimari is 23L = 11L+12L; and the first section of Salve cleri is 26L = 2(13L), i.e. two elided 14L phrases.

Salve cleri is the St Nicholas prose Sospitati dedit egros, whose double versicles underly four sections of exchange and set eight stanzas of text, which paraphrase and expand upon the corresponding verses of the prose. The first section is free, lacking any apparent cantus firmus or prior model for its text, and is constructed in two overlapping 14L phrases. The other sections are identical in length aside from the second, which lengthens the duration of the first syllable, thus adding a bar to the phrase. Triumphat hodie is built on a secular French tenor (Trop est fol) whose repetitive musical form, AA BB AA BB AA, is also conveniently designed for exchange, and dictates the alternation of 7L and 4L The motet's texted coda is built on one further statement of the first part of the tenor, AA, with elaborate hocketing between the lower voices. The tenor of Ave miles, on the other hand, has no repetitive structure of its own, and as a result is divided in a fairly arbitrary fashion. The lengths of the sections of this motet, like those of Cuius de manibus, Quid rimari, and also to some extent Rota versatilis (but not O pater), seem governed by a scheme whereby the first section is the longest, the second is the shortest, and the following sections grow slowly in length. O pater, by contrast, is designed as an arch form with the

of the two lower parts in a simple hocket (see Chapter One, Figure 1).

longest section towards the middle.

One exceptional motet fragment, Viri Galilei, is best described in conjunction with the five-section voice-exchange motets. It has a unique approach to voice-exchange construction a4, with six sections followed by a texted Only one of its two lower parts survives. This voice is designed as a series of double versicles that are themselves repeated, i.e. AA BB CC CC AA BB D. The surviving upper part makes good counterpoint with itself if exchange is assumed within each section (AA, etc.), hence counterpoint a3 is restorable, and the reconstruction of a fourth (lower) part is straightforward. The composition can be said to mix the techniques of voice exchange and varied strophic repetition. Tenor melodies A, B, and C are closely related and share their final two bars as a refrain; hence the composition as a whole is a series of variations. text has a complementary design. It consists of five variations or paraphrases on a text that is finally heard in its original form only in the sixth (final) section; this text, familiar from the Ascension Day liturgy, is there set in full save for its final two Alleluias, which have been appropriated for the short coda.

#### <u>Large-Scale Sectional Voice</u> <u>Exchange</u>

The large-scale sectional voice-exchange motets are another distinct type. There are four or five of them

extant, a number that depends upon whether one regards A solis ortus (Ob 81, 1) and Ovet mundus (Ob 81, 2) as one motet or two (while granting that the fragment Absorbet oris-T.Recita formosa (Lbm 40011B\*, 1\*/6\*) should be classified with this group). These motets have lengths approximately double those of the pieces discussed so far. Each section sets four musical phrases in long, balanced melodies of great individuality and distinction that are interrelated either as pairs, with ouvert and clos cadences, or by recurring patterns of declamation, cadential figures, and similar melodic contours. All sections close with a short melismatic "turn-around" or linking figure that effects a transition either into a repetition or on to the next period. The two lower voices have overlapping but stratified (rather than identical) ranges, with the designation "Tenor" reserved for the lowest voice, which usually sounds the root of all 8-5 harmonies. The "Quartus cantus" (or "Quadruplex" in Ovet mundus) lies, on average, a fifth above. than write these two voices out twice in full their repetition is indicated by the rubric "Recita" at the end of each section.

The proposition that the archetypal form of these motets has four sections is not easy to justify, given the few examples of this type and the fact that only one of these, <a href="Hostis Herodes">Hostis Herodes</a>, incontrovertibly has four sections. But something can be said in its favor. One must first of all

versatilis. By comparison with <u>Hostis Herodes</u> in regard to the length, mensuration, and declamation of each section, the first section of <u>Rota</u> stands out; it is unusual in notation and by far the longest. I propose that <u>Rota</u> has been composed with an extra section in accordanc, with the "fivefold" convention for voice-exchange motets discussed above. It can be said to reflect two archetypes.<sup>23</sup>

If taken as one motet, <u>A solis ortus</u> and <u>Ovet mundus</u> would have the same number of sections, with roughly the same features and dimensions, as <u>Hostis Herodes</u> or sections two through five of <u>Rota versatilis</u>. They survive on adjoining openings of <u>Ob 81</u> and are followed immediately by <u>Hostis Herodes</u>. It is tempting to propose that this source preserves two adjacent large-scale motets (in different layouts, as will be discussed), one on Christmas followed by one on Epiphany. The evidence suggesting that <u>A solis</u> and Ovet are a single extended work is first of all stylistic:

<sup>23</sup>Other motets do exist with a fivefold structure. These include Suspiria merentis, whose refrain is sung five times; Candens crescit, which has an overall five section form defined by the rondo-like recurrence of a refrain (ABABA); and Thomas gemma, which can be analyzed as an irregularly proportioned five-section form framed by a short introduction and a coda and subdivided by a hocketing refrain. (See Figure 5.) In none of the motets in which "5" plays a role is there an obvious symbolical meaning.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  The idea of associating <u>A solis</u> and <u>Ovet</u> was proposed by Margaret Bent in "Rota versatilis," p. 76. My discussion here is indebted to the observations and arguments she makes there.

they are structural twins; their notation and part-ranges are the same and they have similar clefs; they share tenor contours, melodic motives, and second-mode rhythms. In regard to harmony, all the large-scale voice exchange motets have similar "pes harmony," with a very limited tonal vocabulary based on tonic and supertonic chords. Rota is a closed tonal unit on C with a significant amount of motion to Bb; Hostis Herodes opens on D and closes on C, with sectional cadences on C; A solis and Ovet both open on D, with the former closing on D and the latter on C. A final cadence to D for A solis is uncharacteristic of free compositions, which usually end on F, C, or G. Thus A solis taken alone is abnormal in this regard, while as one piece, A solis/Ovet would have the nearly the same tonal characteristics as Hostis Herodes.

The use of hymn paraphrase in <u>A solis</u> and <u>Hostis Herodes</u> also bears on the present question. In each of these compositions the opening stanza of the hymn beginning with the same words is paraphrased in the opening two stanzas of the motet text. Further, both motets quote the opening melodic phrase of their respective hymn tunes in the initial bars of the top voice, as can be seen from Figure 3. These well known hymns for Christmas and Epiphany are closely related. Both texts were originally drawn from a single source, the ancient acrostic hymn on Christ's life by C. Sedulius (d. ca.450) and the tunes most commonly associ-

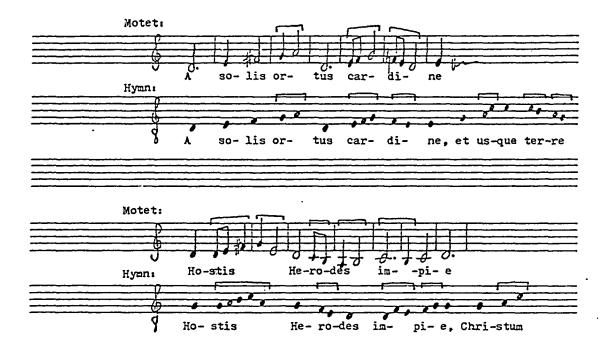


FIG. 3: Comparison of Hymn and Motet Incipits

ated with them are identical except in their respective opening phrases. Melodic quotation in the motets therefore occurs precisely and exclusively where the two hymns differ. In light of these circumstances the lack of any hymn quotation in <a href="Ovet mundus">Ovet mundus</a> can be taken to indicate that it is not an independent piece.

The conclusion that Ovet mundus is just a subsection of A solis also follows, perhaps more strongly, from an examination of texts. The verses for Hostis Herodes are a free expansion of the hymn stanza, telling the Epiphany story of Herod and the Wise Men based on the account in Matthew 2:1-12. There are shifts in the narrative viewpoint every two stanzas and a striking use of direct discourse as Herod raves in stanzas three and four. Together A solis ortus and Ovet mundus tell the Christmas story in similar fashion, freely expanding their hymn stanza following the account in Luke 2. Here, too, there are shifts in the narrative viewpoint corresponding to the four sections of the motet and a use of direct discourse in the second section. Parallels in versification also tend to associate A solis with Ovet. All these arguments taken together suggest that Ovet is not the second of three similar motets but rather the second half of A solis ortus, a motet that together with Hostis Herodes forms a Christmas-Epiphany pair with similar form and dimensions for each member.

The foregoing does not establish that A solis and Ovet are unsatisfactory if sung independently. (Were they sung at different times on Christmas Day?) Indeed, their manuscript layout, covering an entire opening per piece, speaks rather strongly for their separate identities, granted the extreme rarity in English sources of a motet being copied

into more than a single opening.25 Nothing in Ob 81 suggests the necessity of a page turn from one opening to the next, either in layout, ornamentation of initials, or rubrics. The following does, however, need to be considered. Hostis Herodes fits on a single manuscript opening because it has been written out in a different format than is used for A solis/Ovet. In its layout no repetition or voice exchange is explicitly called for; rather, the music for each section is written out once, with voice I singing the texted part in the first and third sections and voice II singing the texted part in the second and fourth sections. Though there is no indication in the source, this format can be regarded as a method of condensing the full layout of the voice-exchange composition, either for an abbreviated performance or merely in order to save space. Such an hypothesis is given credence by the transmission of Rota versatilis. sources Rota was apparently written out in full (Ob 652 and Lbm 40011B\*) while in a third (Lbm 24198) it was presented in the same "condensed" format as we find for Hostis. Perhaps in view of the unusual length of A solis/Ovet the Ob 81 scribe took some economies in the layout of a second example rather than dispose similar works in the same way.

The dimensions of these motets and the phrasing in the texted voice are given for comparison in Table 8.

<sup>25</sup>For isolated instances, see <u>O spes et salus</u> in <u>Ob 60</u>, fol.104-104v, or troped chant settings of Kyries such as <u>Virgo mater salvatoris</u>, <u>Cfm</u>, fol.1-lv. Bent makes this point in "Rota versatilis," p. 76.

TABLE 8

DIMENSIONS OF LARGE-SCALE VOICE-EXCHANGE MOTETS

A sclis ortus-Ovet mundus										
Section length	Doubled (in perfect L)	Phrases								
1. 44L 2. 72B (36 imp.L) 3. 36L 4. 72B (36 imp.L) +6B "turnaround"	88L 48L 72L 48L +2L	12 12 10 10 L 18 18 18 18 B 9 9 9 9 L 18 18 18 18 B +6B								
total:	2581									
Hostis Herodes										
1. 44L 2. 60B (30 imp.L) 3. 34L 4. 72B (36 imp.L) -4B "turnaround"	88L 40L 68L 48L	12 12 10 10 L 12 12 18 18 B 8 9 8 9 L 18 18 18 B								
total:	244L (-4B)									
Rota versatilis										
1. 54L (27 x 2L) 2. 38L 3. 54B (18L?27L?) 4. 40L 5. 54B (27 imp.L)	108L 76L 36L 80L 36L	? 10 10 8 10 L 12 14 13 15 B 10 10 10 10 L 14 14 14 12 B								
total:	336L									

#### Table 8. cont.

Remarks: In <u>A solis-Ovet</u>, the 6B "turnaround" links the statements of the final section; it is sung once and stands outside of the regular 72B phrase structure. The linking "turnaround" in the last section of <u>Hostis Herodes</u> falls within the 72B phrasing; possibly the final long may be considered to hold through the number of B required at the end in order to complete the number structure.

For totals, all numbers have been converted to their equivalent in perfect longs.

#### Motets with Varied Voice Exchange

#### The Caius Motets

Virgo Maria and Tu civium are virtually twin compositions, the first on Mary and the second on St Peter, that appear as consecutive motets in Cqc 512. Virgo Maria is laid out across a single opening in two lengthy voice-parts, each of which occupies one page. From these, two other voices are to be realized by singers beginning half way through the parts at a point marked in each by an asterisk. In Tu civium four voice-parts are written out one after the other with only a double bar to separate each from the next. Virgo Maria has presumably been performed in its entirety when all singers have sung both halves of the part they began. A similar performance with exchange between pairs of voices can be presumed by analogy for Tu civium. Hence both are motets a4 (2+2) and can be diagrammed formally by the simple voice-exchange scheme

ab ba cd dc

Performance of either as a true rondellus, presumably following the form

abcd badc cdab dcba or something similar, is precluded by a number of factors: the layout of <u>Virgo Maria</u>, the overall range that would be demanded of the singer, and the careful stratification of the voices into two pairs by range, texting, and features of counterpoint. In these respects they are much like the other voice-exchange motets examined above except that here all four voices bear text. These two motets are surely the least conventionally "motet-like" in the repertoire.<sup>24</sup>

The Caius motets share many features beyond their formal structure, including length (twice 70L for <u>Virgo Maria</u> and twice 72L for <u>Tu civium</u>), the same binary mensuration, and a G-final. There are interesting differences, however, in their tonal language. <u>Virgo Maria</u> has a strong secondary emphasis on C and stresses that pitch's sub- and supertonic harmonies, including their colorful superposition in a sonority of three stacked thirds: Bb-D-F-A. <u>Tu civium</u> lies

<sup>2 &#</sup>x27;Harrison considers them to be conductus-related free settings, which is why they appear in PMFC XVI rather than in XV. Sanders, "English Polyphony," p.92, speaks of them as elaborate rondelli, a designation about which Apfel complains in <u>Grundlagen</u>, pp.93-94. Like rondelli they are texted in all parts, but unlike rondelli, all voices do not sing all music or all text. Rather, all parts apparently are meant to sound their differing texts simultaneously. Texting, in fact, highlights the individuality (and interaction) of all the parts here, a motet-like trait quite opposite in conception from the highlighting of a single melodic line, which is the function of text in the rondellus. Historically speaking, one could see them as furthering the tendency of <u>Fulget celestic curie</u> or of the two "conductus motets" in <u>US-Cu</u> to introduce polytextuality into a context that had traditionally lacked it. (The motets in <u>US-Cu</u> with sections in voice exchange (no.7) and rondellus (no. 8) are "conductus-motets" because their upper parts have the same text, while their tenors bear a different text.)

approximately a third higher in overall range than <u>Virgo</u>

<u>Maria</u> and emphasizes harmonies secondary to G on subtonic F

and confinal D, including a sustained pedal on D.<sup>27</sup>

The texts of these motets make little sense if taken out of their musical context. Wibberley attempts to explain their chaotic character by making the assumption that regular poetry has been randomly distributed across the poly-In the case of Virgo Maria he has been able to extract several Marian poems from the motet's four texts by tracing rhymes and verses linearly through all four voices. His attempt ultimately accounts for almost every word, but the poems so extracted are not particularly convincing on their own merits, and it is not comforting to have to suggest they were distributed across the lines of the motet without any rational method. 2 \* Rather, it seems more probable that what is provided as text for these motets was written to fit a finished composition and was designed to underline and emphasize musical interrelationships between the voices of the motet. The kaleidoscopic nature of the musical fabric, with an ever-changing texture of melodic duets in thirds and sixths, hocketing between pairs of voices, voice exchange on several rhythmic levels, larger structural

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup>This is an instance where modal terminology seems an apt way to characterize tonal features of, and distinctions between, medieval polyphonic compositions. <u>Virgo Maria</u> may be associated with the 8th mode, and <u>Tu civium</u> with the 7th mode.

<sup>2°</sup>R.Wibberley, "English Polyphonic Music," pp.145-49.

repetitions, and recurring melodic tags, accommodates a similarly varied verbal play between the voices of the motet through the use of assonance, echo-rhymes, textual hocketing, homo-declamatory patter, and varied text-exchange paralleling musical voice exchange. The lack of balanced phrases and regular periodicity in the music forestalls the use of conventional poetry. The result is a harmonious tapestry for the ear, the audible appearance of order and structural interrelationship from moment to moment without any clear controlling design.

The musical periods in <u>Virgo Maria</u> and <u>Tu civium</u> may be approximately represented as in Figure 4.

Almost all the periods are 4L units or multiples of 2L units, with some overlapping.<sup>2</sup> The high degree of repetition and variation in each motet is immediately apparent. In <u>Virgo Maria</u> the 'a' section functions as an introduction of 8L. At the structural midpoint (46-49) there is a shift from a strong secondary harmonic emphasis on D, the supertonic of C, to Bb, the subtonic. Section 'd' and its variations feature extensive patter duet.

In <u>Tu civium</u> the first 19L are an introduction somewhat independent of what follows. At 'b' there is a duet similar to passages in <u>Virgo Maria</u>. The letters r and r" stand for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>'Harrison, in PMFC XVI, bars the double long in these pieces. Edited that way, identical figures often recur in different halves of the bar. My numbers in Figure 4 count single longs.

## Virgo Maria

# Tu civium

b.1-4 5-8 9-15 16-19		4 L 4 7 4	a b c a	Intro.
20-25		6	d )	X
26 <b>-</b> 29 30 <b>-</b> 35		4 6	rr') e 7	Y
36 <b>-</b> 39 40 <b>-</b> 45		4 6	a' ] e 7	Y'
46-49 50-55		4	a']	X'
55 - 58 59 <b>-</b> 64		3 6 6	r. J	X''
65-70		6	ſ٦	Coda
71-72 Repeat	in	2 full.	r'J	

FIG. 4: Formal Design in the Twin Caius Motets

a musical tag that recurs as a refrain. There are lengthy pedal points on D and then on G at d and d', respectively; hocket sections occur at e. The use of repetitive two-bar cells is seen first at c, which is constructed in pairs of phrases, i.e. 9-10,11-12; 13,14; 15-16,17-18. The last pair overlaps the repeat of 'a'. At f, following the procedure seen at c and also in the counterpoint over the preceding pedal points, the figure picked up from 64-65 is spun out in similar 2L units.

In both Caius motets voice exchange is not merely a feature of performance practice, but integral to the contrapuntal texture throughout. See, for example, sections e and e' in <u>Virgo Maria</u> (50-53, 53-57, 61-65) or the e sections of <u>Tu civium</u> (30-3, 40-48). Among the various melodic and rhythmic turns held in common by these motets, one is particularly prominent, the patter figure in <u>Virgo Maria</u> that is also the refrain tag in <u>Tu civium</u>. The Caius exchange motets show how freely varied voice exchange, in the medium of the limited English pes harmony, becomes the road to considerable structural complexity and display of formal artifice.

#### Other Varied Voice Exchange

Two further motets have interesting additive structures based on varied voice exchange within a static pes harmony.

These are <u>Thomas gemma</u> (a4) and <u>Te domina</u> (a3). The construction of <u>Thomas gemma</u> is at one time strict and quite free, well-determined and yet curiously irrational. The motet works even more rigorously than <u>Virgo Maria</u> or <u>Tu civium</u> in four-bar units.<sup>30</sup> These correspond to statements of three different versions of a four-bar pes,<sup>31</sup> which themselves undergo some variation during the course of the motet. There are twenty-nine four-bar units in all, arranged roughly as five sections framed by hocketing refrains and bounded by an introduction and a coda. The musical materials are structured as in Figure 5. There is clearly an intentional formal structure here (justifying such a diagram), and a varied re-use of distinct yet related materials, rather than merely the stringing together of recurring formulas.

In this diagram x represents the hocket sections built on a variant of B. The other small letters represent text-bearing melody, and lines drawn between them indicate exchange of text. Clearly, melodic material and versions of the pes occur together (a,d,e with B; b,e,f with C; c with A) though there is not necessarily melodic voice-exchange

<sup>&</sup>quot;Four bars represent either four longs or four double longs, depending on which of the two versions of the notation of <u>Thomas gemma</u> is referred to. See Chapter Three, pp. 276-78.

pp.46-47, distinguishes only two, not three, forms of the tenor. Levy first called attention to the ostinato and variation techniques in Thomas gemma, in "New Material," p.230.

when the pes immediately repeats (for example, units 11-12) and textual exchange between voices does not always correspond to melodic voice-exchange (for example, units 3-4 and 4-5). Two points of articulation in this structure (one would hesitate to call either a structural midpoint) are defined after the third hocket unit. One occurs at unit 14, where the role of first partner in textual and melodic exchange passes from voice II to voice I, making a division of the whole motet into 13 + 16 units. Two units later, at the textual midpoint, the predominant rhyme changes from "-ate" to "-atus," making a divison of the whole into 15 + 14 units.

	x x	a	ď	ъС	x x	d d	c e	a	x x	e'f	ď,	, C.	X	ą	· c	x	b	c c	x	
A '	В"	В	C	C A	В"	B'B'	A B	В	В"	CC	ВВ	A	В"	3 B	A	В"	CC	A A	B"	В

Or more schematically:

Intro/R/i/R/ii/R/iii/R/iv/R/v/R/Coda where R is a hocketing refrain over B".

As in the Caius motets, the problems of prosody and sense in the texts of Thomas gemma are inseparable from the nature of the musical texture. The exchange structure and hocketing must be taken into account, and further, it must be recognized that when a voice relinguishes the dominant melodic role, the text it proceeds to sing is likewise subordinate. Hohler reacts to the resulting language by saying, "The piece is frivolous; it can never have made much sense. The upper voice looks like a farsing of a poem in honour of S. Thomas of Canterbury (though if it is, I have never met the poem) but the second voice is really plain It is verbiage designed to carry music."32 He is nonsense. perhaps a bit harsh on the second text, which seems no better or worse than the first. Layout of the texts in parallel vertical columns (see Figure 6) clarifies their verse structure. 3 Two primary texts emerge which are regular in rhyme, syllable count, and stress (8p6p); they divide into 10 pairs of lines framed by introductory and concluding verses. Subordinate words are indented to the right of each column, and the hocketing words are interlocked in the middle of the page. 34 The change in end rhyme can be seen to

<sup>32</sup> Hohler, "Reflections," p.31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup>This layout is indebted to one arrived at by Alexander Blachly and W.T.H.Jackson for the notes to the record Nonesuch H-71292.

<sup>34</sup>I am using "primary" and "subordinate" here to characterize the role of the musical phrase bearing this text, not to suggest that there is an original text and insertions. The

divide the text neatly in half.

The foregoing analysis of text and music describes features of <u>Thomas gemma</u> without suggesting the compositional strategy by which the composer originally arrived at its form. There seems no familiar procedure at work here. It is possible to see a loose five-section form with introduction and coda, but it is not clear why twenty-nine has been used as the total number of units, and no simple number structure is apparent.

Te domina presents a similar problem in determining the compositional procedure underlying an unusual motet and in making sense of the text's versification and language. Like Thomas gemma, Te domina is built in periods of varied voice exchange on a repeated tenor color. The tenor lacks any strict rhythmic pattern, so it never repeats in symmetrical units over which exact exchange could take place. It has irregular groups of longs and long-rests and none of the four-and-a-half statements of the color is exactly like any other in rhythm; the color itself also differs slightly in each restatement, though the variation usually amounts only to a difference in the number of times a pitch might be repeated. Above the tenor the upper voices take turns (six times apiece) in the role of the predominant melodic texted voice. As in Thomas gemma, the subordinate voice is lower

full text of each voice must be regarded as having its own continuity.

FIG. 6: Text Structure in Thomas Gemma

#### Figure 6

PRIMARY TEXT I

HOCKET

PRIMARY TEXT II

Thomas gemma Cantuarie

Thomas cesus in Doveria

primula

emulo fide pro tuenda lesus

cesus in ecclesia

a divina repentina mira caritate

fulgens

a divina repentina mira caritate

fulgens

matutina vespertina

lucis increate

matutina vespertina lucis increate

gratia

rivulo gratia patulo late

tibi nova reparate sublimaris curia regis

tua

sublimaris curia manens

in eternitate

pro fidelitate

a ruina leti bina

a ruina repentina per te liberate

per te liberate

sunt sane

sunt a fece et ab amaro tu doctrina medicina serva sanitate

malo

tremulo frivolo sub dolo

a sentina serpentina gentes expiate

purga

patris

et a viciis

a sentina serpentina gentes expiate

#### Figure 6, cont.

singularis nuncuparis gratia ditatus

dirige

merito

super

singularis nuncuparis

gratia ditatus

hinc perfectos et electos tu es sublimatus super Remo atque

Romulo

rivulo

tremulo

madido

pie sanans egros tu per sanctos et electos

pie sublimatus

preciosis (et) generosis

gemmis tumulatus

aureis peris in ecclesia

modulo

stimulo

tumulo

primulo

decora tumulatus

cum decore vel honore

de sancto

pie laureatus

in celis

in honore et decore

pie laureatus

inter cives celicos

digne veneratus

inter cives celicos summe veneratus

Thoma nunc pro

populo

querulo

stimulo

celo

tempestatis caritate fervida rogatus.

sine fine

gaudiis

manens tam beatus.

in pitch and often rests, but carries text. However, no verse structure with regular rhymes and line lengths emerges when the text is laid out in accordance with the musical design; this is because phrases are not regular in length or declamatory rhythms. The two voices share much melodic material, as explained below, but the voice exchange is in the first place an alternation of roles between the upper parts without necessarily any immediate repetition of text or melody. (See Figure 7.)

The tenor melody, a pes-like ostinato, has not been identified as a Gregorian cantus firmus. In fact, pitch repetitions aside, it is closely related to the pes tenors of two 13th-century English motets, Sol in nube (WF, 17) and Tota pulchra (US-PRu 119, A2), and to the tenor of Thomas gemma as well. This suggests the likelihood that its origin is non-Gregorian. A very high degree of isomelodic linkage coordinates the tenor and upper parts; i.e. certain melodic figures consistently recur against the same tenor elements. These melodic figures may be seen as entirely derived from two archetypal melodic arches, the first (ab) rising from C to C1 and falling back to G, the second (cd) rising from D to D1 and falling back to F. If the tenor color is broken

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup>Primary and secondary texts are determined in this figure by according primary status to text sung to continuous melodic phrases, especially versions of the archetypal melodic arches to be discussed shortly.

FIG. 7: Text Structure in Te Domina

PRIMARY TEXT	I	HOCKET	PRIMARY TEXT II				
Te domina reg pariendo prot sola paritura	tulit vir	nine trie	Te domina Maria Iesse virgula tu germina protinus odorifera				
nitens sidus in caligine	in ethere	•	profers redolencia				
	mundi sine cri	imine	O florigera delens et obprobria a malicia avaricia				
nos serva dom celi rosario	ina		sola deputata subdolis				
privilegium	0 flos o	odor	decore superasti lilia purpurea modulancium				
lucens nitore mater honoris			et carmina et				
	flos gen	us · · · ·	primula per tibi data nato nata privilegia				
virgineum pia sublimia			coronata O				
		consilia viola per imperia	·				
		conviv visita da sola					
	ignaros reos per		via previa nostra post exterminia				
		secula funeris criminalia	5				
peregregia		CIIMINALIA	fata				
rosa demere	predilec candidata		0 tripudiorum dulcis materia laudis immemoria preconizata				
		piacula miseris	_				
loca nos in gl	loria.	poli luminis					

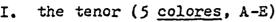
into six short segments then ab is associated with i-ii and iv-v, while cd is associated with ii-iii and v-vi (the melodic cadences to F). From these essentials we can generate a map of the typical counterpoint over a single statement of the tenor color and compare it to the more complex and varied treatment of the components of the archetypal melodies in the finished motet. (See Figure 8 for examples.)

Te domina is extraordinary in its degree of melodic recurrence and motivic play, and remarkable in its adaption of an apparent cantus prius factus to this approach. Certainly composition of this motet was simultaneous in all parts, rather than a process of successive addition of voices to a predetermined patterned tenor. The text here is an afterthought -- poetry for music, whose assonances reflect rather than generate the larger form, though declamation may have played a role in determining local rhythmic features.

There are a few remaining cantus firmus motets with voice exchange that do not fall neatly into any of the preceding categories since they do not have large-scale, multiple double-versicle design in the tenor or the comprehensive reliance on voice exchange seen thus far. In Regnum sine termino, for instance, exact voice exchange occurs twice, in those sections defined by the two melodic double versicles

FIG. 8: Musical Elements of Te Domina

Figure 8



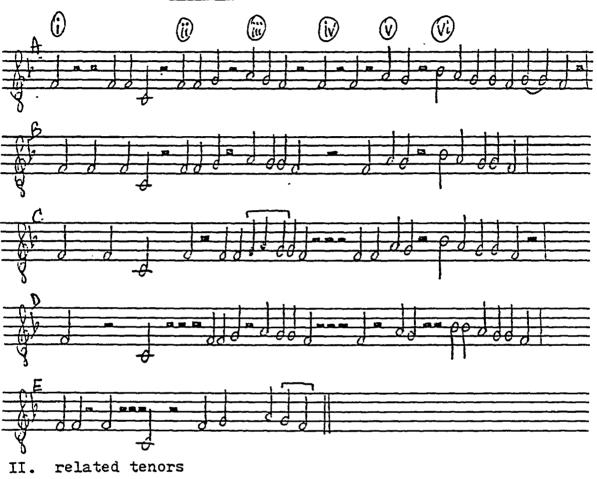




Figure 8, cont.

examples of melodic arches ab and cd:



### Figure 8, cont.

Typical use of melodic material over one tenor statement:

Actual pattern of use in Te Domina:

I = voice I

II= voice II

T = tenor

In = introduction

H = hocket section

embedded in its tenor, the Gloria prosula Regnum tuum solidum (shaped A BB CC D). I. Alta canunt, a fragmentary motet whose tenor is lost, the counterpoint of the surviving texted voice with the extant Quadruplum, and the amount of melodic repetition in each, suggest that the original motet was constructed in loose periods of strophic repetition and varied voice exchange. Since the text tropes Alleluia Pascha Nostrum, the chant melody was probably the cantus firmus; the melodic repetition inherent in the Alleluia melody probably determined the motet's contrapuntal structure, but in this case just how the chant may have been disposed is not clear. O homo considera and Barrabas dimittitur will be discussed below.

### Strophic Repeat With Variation

In reference to the 13th-century English motet repertoire Sanders has noted that "almost all of the <u>pedes</u> of the freely composed motets without <u>Stimmtausch</u> also exhibit features of repetition, some with variation, some without." '' Examples from the 14th-century repertoire, among motets built on a cantus firmus, show a predilection for isomelic exploitation of tenor repetition to have continued.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp.104-105. The <u>US-Cu</u> motet fragments 1-2 and 3, built on <u>cantus firmi</u>, are good further examples. Varied, rather than exact, voice exchange is seen in several 13th-century English motets, including <u>Quam glorifica</u> and <u>Tota pulchra</u>. See also the motets recently discovered in <u>F-TO 925</u> by Gordon Anderson.

#### TABLE 9

#### MOTETS EXHIBITING STROPHIC REPEAT WITH VARIATION

### Varied Voice Exchange

### No. of tenor repetitions

O homo considera Barrabas dimittitur 3x (Filie Jerusalem)
3 & 1/3 x (Babilonis)

### Strophic Repeat with Variation

Ade finit Rex omnipotencie

Solaris ardor Alma mater

De flore martirum Deus creator omnium Doleo super te Duodeno sydere Laus honor Mulier magni meriti Nos orphanos erige Princeps apostolice

3x (A definement) 2x (?) ABBAA (Mariounette douche)

ABAAABAB (rondeau) 2x (Ave rex gentis) 3x (Doucement) 2x (Rex autem) 3x (?)

2x (Laus honor Christo)
3x (pes)
3 & 1/3 x (Veni creator)
2x (?) 2x (?)

Civitas nusquam 1 & 1/4 (Cibus esurientum)
Parata paradisi porta 1 & 4/5 x (Paradisi porta)

(Motets with similar tenor layout, and declamation on semibreves, without marked strophic repeat)

Frondentibus Triumphus patet Herodis in atrio Caligo terre

3x (Floret) 3x (?) 3x (He hure lure) ABBA (Mariounette douche) Strophic repeat with variation is one of the most common features of an important group of motets distinguished by a tenor (usually an integral, non-Gregorian tune) that is stated two or three times in its entirety. The sources of these tenors are quite varied, and include French chansons (A definement d'este, Hey hure lure, Mariounette douche), Latin devotional songs (Babilonis flumina, Cibus esurientum, Floret, Laus honor) and pes-like free melodies (in Mulier magni meriti or Orto sole).

In the case of two motets, <u>O</u> homo considera and <u>Barrabas</u> dimittitur, a threefold statement of the tenor underlies varied voice exchange. The second section of each is a freely varied version of the first, with exchange between upper parts; the third section is freer yet in counterpoint but is fundamentally a strophic variation upon the first. The exchange is more literal in <u>O</u> homo considera, and further, within its tenor there is one near-exact restatement of melody that is matched to voice exchange embedded within each of the three larger sections. <u>Barrabas</u> has a looser relationship betwen sections. In particular, the third

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Two fragments without surviving tenor, <u>Duodeno</u> <u>sidere</u> and <u>Princeps</u> <u>apostolice</u>, can be shown to have had tenors stated three and two times, respectively.

Exceptions to the number of repetitions of the tenor occur in Orto sole, which sets four statements of its tenor, and in Civitas nusquam, which shows strophic repeat of counterpoint only over the last few bars, where the opening music is repeated upon repeat of the first few notes of the tenor.

introduces new material, including dramatic oscillations on the words "hely lamazabathani" and a rise in tessitura with canonic imitation at "hinc clamavit."

Phrase design in motets with strophic repetition usually overlaps the sectional boundaries so that repetitions of counterpoint are embedded in the fabric of the piece rather than clearly articulated for emphasis, as they would be in a strict voice exchange motet. As a result, periodic phrase structures are not precluded if the tenor is appropriately patterned. The three motets of this type in long-breve notation, Ade finit, Solaris ardor, and Rex omnipotencie, each have a slightly different sort of periodicity in phrase design.<sup>38</sup>

A number of the complete motets with strophic repetition have attracted comment in the literature for their high amount of reiterated material. For instance, Dalglish describes <u>De flore</u> as a variation motet with isomelic features; Sanders analyzes <u>Mulier magni meriti</u> as a paired strophic variation with refrain; and Sanders (following Handschin) observes how the melodic repetition in the cantus firmus of <u>Doleo super te</u> allows the construction of a motet whose second half is a close variation upon the first

<sup>3.</sup> Solaris ardor is basically isoperiodic on a module of 9L, Ade finit has mixed periodicity, and Rex omnipotencie has a phrase structure that repeats identically over the second tenor statement. For further discussion of these varieties of periodicity, see below in the section on this kind of phrase structure.

half.' Two fragments, <u>Laus honor</u>, and <u>Nos orphanos</u>, are further clear examples that show the high degree of literal repetition found in this type of motet. (See Figure 9.)

#### Refrain Motets

The motets discussed so far in this chapter consist of a number of discrete sections whose lengths are related by simple musical relationships or numerical proportions. Only in some of the motets exhibiting strophic repeat with variation do periodic phrase structures interlock voices in patterns that tend to obliterate clearly defined sections (though here there is repetition in the unit length of the period). Otherwise, the motets may be viewed as built up linearly in blocks of counterpoint arranged in series. Given this sectional construction, it is not surprising to find instances where refrains are used to define or clarify structure. There are refrains or refrain-like effects in several motets already discussed, including a hocket refrain in Thomas gemma, the repetition of material at the end of the sections of Mulier magni meriti, and the little recurring tag in Tu civium. " Four further examples, two of them very fragmentary, clearly show the exploitation of a distinct textual and musical refrain in which both elements are

<sup>&</sup>quot;Thus isorhythmicity is confounded with isomelodicity."

<sup>&</sup>quot;See also <u>Viri Galilei</u> and <u>Templum eya</u>, or the recurring tag phrase "O Maria" in the 13th-century voice-exchange motet Dulciflua.

FIG. 9: Strophic Repeat in Laus Honor and Nos Orphanos

Figure 9

Strophic Repeat in <u>Laus Honor</u>: Voice I doubled back on itself over a single statement of the tenor(ABAA form).

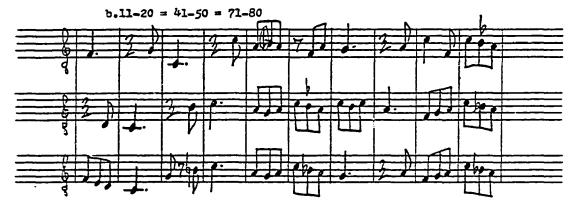


Figure 9, cont.

Strophic Repeat in Nos Orphanos: Comparison of consecutive 30B units, here laid out in 10B Segments corresponding to tenor taleae.

Strophic repeat with variation in Lwa 12185, 4







stable and distinguished in melody and versification from the more varied periods they punctuate. One of these motets, <u>Candens crescit</u>, has first mode rhythms with declamation on long and breve; the others, <u>Suspiria merentis</u>, <u>Rogativam potuit</u>, and <u>Surgere iam est hora</u>, are all in second mode with breve-semibreve declamation.

TABLE 10

#### REFRAIN MOTETS

Candens crescit: ABABA

= axax' bb'x bb'x' etc. (voice II)

Suspiria merentis: AR BR CR DR ER

= aa' rr' bb' rr' cc' rr' dede rr' fg rr'

Rogativam potuit: ....R AA R

= ....rr' ab ab rr'

Surgere iam est: AR BR CR

= aa' r bb' r cc' r (r = xx'y)

<sup>&#</sup>x27;These English refrain motets are not related to the French motet with embedded refrain lines, the so-called motet ente. (See Hoppin, Medieval Music, pp.338-40, and van den Boogaard, Rondeaux et refrains, esp. pp.299-312.)

Though both upper voices of Candens crescit are texted, this motet must be considered a polyphonic setting of the tune in voice II, "Candens lilium columbina," that gives the whole piece its shape and drive. Overall, this musical shape is a rondo-like ABABA, with the second B slightly varying the first in its opening bars and the second and third A bearing the same text, hence functioning as an explicit The tune in voice II divides musically into two refrain. pairs of ouvert and clos phrases. In A, each phrase of the pair is 8L in length and subdivides in half, so that A can be represented as ax ax'. The B section is articulated as two 12L phrases, each of which consists of three 4L subphrases, so that B can be represented as bb'x bb'x'. The ouvert and clos motives (x and x') are the same in A and B. Voice I provides a counterpoint to voice II in the same register, with overlapping phrases. The irregularities of musical phrase in voice I, and chains of identical rhymes in its text, make clear that it was conceived after voice II, as a complement to it. Beneath all this, voices III and IV together create the texture of a single supporting part through a constant alternation of short motives in hocketlike fashion. (See Figure 1 in Chapter One.)

<u>Suspiria</u> merentis is the only other refrain motet that survives complete. It is built over a cantus firmus that is a varied ostinato of six pitches. Each of its five sections is built on a pair (or in the case of the fourth section,



FIG. 10: Refrain Motet Double-Versicle Melodies

two pairs) of phrases arranged melodically as <u>ouvert</u> and <u>clos</u>, followed by the refrain, which is likewise an <u>ouvert</u> and <u>clos</u> pair. Every section has parallel phrases in the upper parts and ends with the same cadential pattern and chiming '-are' rhyme in voice I. The literal recurrence of the refrain has been taken advantage of by the scribe of <u>Cqc</u> 512, who wrote it out in full only once in the manuscript. Subsequent repetitions are indicated in each voice part by a textual cue that is set off by strokes: //Spiritus alme// Seculare// or //Sancte spiritus//tedia// and further indicated by a sign (in the staff above) resembling a Greek letter pi or a doubled t in the cursive script of the text hand.

Two motet fragments have strong similarities in paired-phrase design and melodic facture to the pieces just reviewed. Rogativam potuit is preserved on a page from a musical rotulus now folded into Ob 652. Only a little more than half (the second half) of a single voice remains, including two statements of the refrain and the intervening section. As in Suspiria and Candens, the refrain is composed of a melodic double versicle with ouvert and clos phrase endings. The structure of the surviving section (from "Deus ecce") is similar in design to, though larger in scale than, the fourth section of Suspiria (from "Cur id a quo"). The text of this section of Suspiria has four-line

stanzas that are set as four 3L musical phrases of fourteen syllables each, paired in couplets AB AB as mentioned above. In <u>Rogativam</u>, however, there is twice the amount of text: four four-line stanzas, which are set to four 6L phrases of thirty-two syllables each, related as AB A'B'. Unfortunately no tenor for <u>Rogativam</u> survives, but it must have had a repeating structure like that of the tenor for <u>Suspiria</u>.

Just as there are both free and cantus-firmus-based voice-exchange motets, so there exists a fragment of one remarkable refrain motet built on a Gregorian melisma. This fragment is <u>Surgere iam est hora</u>, and its tenor is <u>Surge et illuminare</u>, the opening melisma of the verse of the Epiphany gradual <u>Omnes de Saba</u>. The cantus firmus is an appropriate one to have chosen on account of its internal repetition: there is a melodic double versicle on "Surge" that is followed by a ten-note extension on "illuminare." (See Figure 11.)

This <u>color</u> must be stated three times in all, though only the second two statements are preserved. In each statement the double versicles are given a different internally repeating rhythm while the extension is repeated identically, thereby laying the groundwork for a refrain structure resulting in the overall form AA'R BB'R CC'R. This design is mirrored in the duplum, which is carefully crafted so that its musical and textual repetitions overlap the tenor's and its own musical phrase boundaries while at the same time

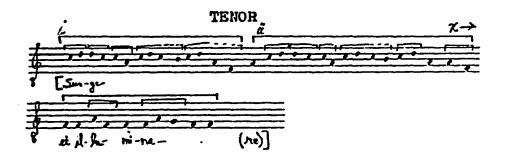


FIG. 11: The Melisma on "Surge et Illuminare"

parallel verses of the poem are set to parallel musical lines. The rhythmic variations in the tenor have a correspondence in the varying versification and increasing length of stanzas in the duplum text, with a consequent acceleration in the rate of declamation from the first through the third section. It is likely that the missing triplum had repetitions of text and music that directly coincided with its musical phrase structure, though doubtless these were not precisely coincident with those of either duplum or tenor. It is worth noting, too, that the refrain in the duplum is itself a mini-AA'B setting.

I suggested above that <u>Candens</u> is a polyphonic setting of the tune carried by voice II, but there is nothing to indicate that this tune had a prior existence. Do the polyphonic refrains of <u>Suspiria</u>, <u>Rogativam</u>, and <u>Surgere</u> preserve pre-existent tunes? It seems unlikely, given the compositional constraints apparent in each motet, though impossible to rule out. The melodic style in the refrains is certainly close to what we commonly regard as a popular, even dancelike idiom, and it definitely colors the melodic style of the other parts in these motets. It is testimony to the vitality of the insular motet that it could produce forms of such transparent charm and ingenuity.

### Motets with Periodic Phrase Structures

Periodicity refers to a regularly recurring element; when the term is used in regard to the motet that element is a musical phrase length. Many of the motets already discussed in this chapter, including those with strongly defined sectional or "strophic" form such as the motets with strict voice exchange or the refrain motets, have features of periodic phrase structure. Periodicity may be found in one or more voices of a motet, usually (but not always) including the tenor. In a part with periodicity, phrase lengths may vary in some predetermined way, but more usually they are equal. If the same period is repeated uniformly in two or more voices of a motet, then these voices (and the motet as a whole) are characterized as "isoperiodic."

TABLE 11
ISOPERIODIC MOTETS

Motets (by increasing size of module)	Module (in L)	Number of Periods	Length (+final L or a coda)
Isoperiodic in long and breve			
Vas exstas Regi regum (wc) Ianuam quam clauserat (wc) Petrum cephas Templum eya Lux refulget Virgo sancta Katerina Solaris ardor (wc) Jhesu redemptor Ut recreentur Inter choros (wc) Veni creator (wc) Salve sancta virgula (wc) Rex sanctorum Dei preco Maria mole pressa	9 10 10;12 12 12(2x6) 12 12 14(2x7) 15	5	70 84 112 108 72 90;12;12 90 54 80 80+4;84+10 60+4 114+1 36+20 72 56 90+1
Isoperiodic in breve and semit	<del></del>		
Duet motets with medius cant	tus		
Rosa delectabilis Jesu fili A solis ortus Fusa cum silentio Zelo tui langueo Quare fremuerunt	4 4 8(2x4) 8 8	15 16 12½ 7½(14½) 16½ 12	60 64 50 58 130 96
(see also Jhesu redempt Dei preco from among t	or, Vas ex chose in l	kstas, and and b)	
Others isoperiodic in breve	and semibr	reve	
Rex visibilium (wc) Suffragiose Iam nubes	4 2 4	9 21 11	36 42 44+1

Table 11, cont.

# OTHER PERIODICITY

### Mixed periodicity

Motet	Periods of Upper Parts: Tenor
Ade finit	13, 11, 9; 4
Detentos a demonibus Regina iam discubuit Venit sponsa de Libano	17; 7 17; 5 17; 11
Parata paradisi porta	6, 8, 9, 12, 13; 14
De flore martirum	9, 6, 2, 4, 8; 7
(Iam nubes	4; 9)

## Sub-divided module periodicity (see Figure 16)

Mulier magni meriti Princeps apostolice Orto sole

Beatus vir

KEY: (wc) signifies that the motet is a whole-chant setting. The <u>Length</u> column under Isoperiodic motets indicates that there is usually a whole number of modules set, and that the number scheme usually incorporates the final long.

Where the periods of the motet voices differ, one may speak of "mixed periodicity." In such a situation there may be occasion to speak of a double structure if a voice seems to have sufficient independence from the tenor in melody and phrase design to suggest that it is a <u>cantus prius factus</u>. It is useful to distinguish a third type of periodicity, "subdivided-module periodicity," in which the repeating module is not itself one single long phrase, but rather is made up of a number of shorter phrases of mixed periodicity; this more elaborate modular structure may be interrupted or reset so as to replicate exactly over restatements of the tenor pattern, rather than continuing from the beginning of the motet to the end.

Isoperiodic motets are the most numerous and clearly defined class of periodic motets in the English repertoire. In a typical case an adjustment is made to the lengths of the initial phrase in each voice so as to stagger or displace subsequent phrases, in order to avoid strictly parallel phrases in two or more parts. This offset is made up at the very end of the motet by a compensating increase or reduction in the length of the last phrase in each part. For instance, if the length of the period is 5L, then the phrases of the voices in a motet a3 might be laid out as follows:

7+5+5+....+5+3L

6+5+5+....+5+4L

5+5+5+....+5+5L

This creates a module of phrases and phrase rests of the unit length that replicates itself strophically throughout the composition. The module may be rigorously isorhythmic as well but in fact seldom is. 42 Usually, however, it is isodeclamatory. That is, the motet's phrases are all identical in declamatory patterning; one may speak of a "declamation profile" that is constant whatever the variety in melismatic subdivision of the regular units of declamation. As a consequence, isoperiodic motets normally have poetic texts with regular verse structures, which are paired in length and versification. In fact regular poetry is associated generally with periodicity and balanced phrase structures; isoperiodicity is merely an important example of this. Granting that the composition of an isoperiodic motet involves the coordination of regularly versified texts with a rigidly constructed numerical phrase scheme, a composer could conceivably begin to work with either the determination of a preferred modular number or the choice of a con-

<sup>\*2</sup>For the clearest available discussion of the meaning of isoperiodicity, with reference to many of the motets to be discussed below, see Sanders, "Motet," pp.543-46. Isoperiodicity is not unknown among 13th-century motets, but is not nearly so often encountered as in the later repertoire, and is more frequent by far in England than on the continent in the earlier period. There is a noticeable lack of such phrase structuring in the newer Latin double motets of the Roman de Fauvel.

ventional versification scheme as a starting point. Given a modular number and uniform declamation in some pattern, versification is dictated. Given a poem (or any predetermined verse pattern) and a declamation pattern, the modular number is dictated.

Motets Isoperiodic on Long and Breve

A clear generic subdivision among isoperiodic motets in the English repertoire occurs between those that have declamation on the long and breve and those that have declamation on the breve and semibreve. Within each of these subdivisions there is a single predominant type: for the former, motets with broadly patterned tenor (similar to Petrum cephas), and for the latter, duet motets with medius cantus (similar to Jesu fili).

In the <u>Petrum cephas</u> type, the phrase rests in the texted voices, and often even more strikingly, the pattern of notes and rests in the tenor, make a distinctive visual configuration in the manuscript source. (See Figure 12.) This orthography is especially characteristic of the motets with large modular numbers. Variations in texture and the rhythmicization and patterning of the tenor in these pieces are in large part due to the fact that a high proportion of whole chants are set this way, with all the problems inherent in trying to accommodate the chant to the modular scheme. The evidence suggests a possible line of develop-

ment: first, motets with three isoperiodic texted voices over a tenor moving strictly in longs (3+1), such as the late 13th-century tropic chant setting Salve mater (WF, 64)\*3 or the Worcester palimpsest Inter choros; second, motets in which the tenor is more active, but not isoperiodic, such as Ianuam quam clauserat or Salve sancta virgula; third, motets in which the tenor articulates the basic modular number but is not yet isorhythmic, such as Regi regum; fourth, motets in which the tenor is organized in a succession of identical rhythmic taleae, especially in longs, and long and breve rests.

Petrum cephas is a typical example of this last stage. It is in four voices, three of which (the two texted upper parts and the tenor) are isoperiodic; the Quartus cantus does not participate in the numerical scheme. The modular number of this motet is 9, articulated in the upper parts as eight longs followed by a long rest and in the tenor as four long-rests followed by five longs. Each texted phrase sets fourteen syllables, comprising two verses of a four-line stanza with syllable and accent pattern 8686pp. ' The even syllable count with pp stress usually invites treatment with an upbeat (anacrusis). Here the pick-up has been stretched

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'All three texted parts articulate ll as eight longs followed by three long-rests (usually setting fifteen syllables per phrase) over a tenor moving in longs.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'That is, a fourteen-syllable long line with rhyme and caesura regularly falling after eight syllables and a proparoxytonic (i.e. antepenultimate) final stress accent.

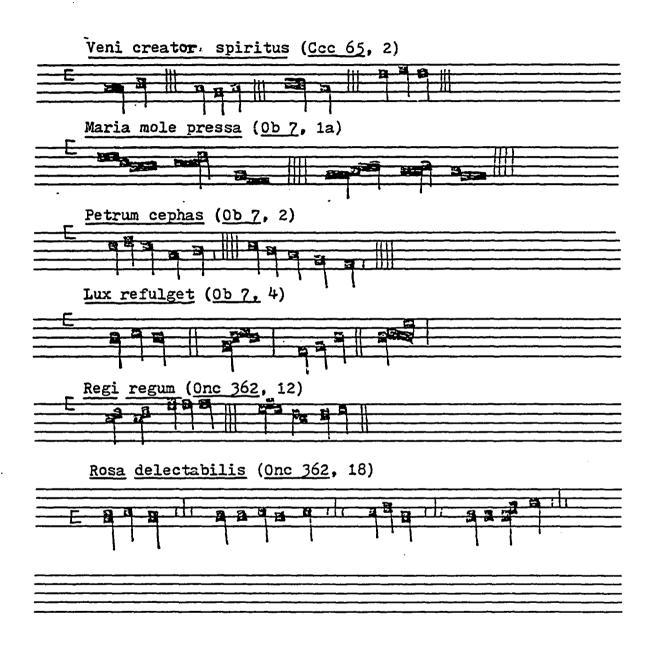


FIG. 12: Orthography of Isoperiodic Tenors
(See also Fig. 15)

to a full bar:



The first duplum phrase is offset from that of the triplum by seven bars of rest -- its poem is, as a result, shorter than that of the triplum by one couplet -- and the tenor is made to overlap with the triplum after three bars of rest. Since the tenor pattern itself begins with four bars of rest, the result is that the triplum sings an entire texted phrase supported only by the Quartus cantus before the other two voices enter together. The effect is similar to that of the introitus that prefaces several isorhythmic motets by de Vitry and Machaut. This staggered pattern of entrances also (perhaps not merely incidentally) serves the purpose of creating tonal unity in Petrum cephas, which the cantus firmus does not provide, by allowing the piece to begin and end on D, whereas the cantus firmus begins on F.\*5

While most of the other motets of this type have similar design in four voices with regular declamation, two are a3: <u>Virgo sancta</u> and <u>Jhesu redemptor</u>, and in both of these the declamation lapses into breve and semibreve values.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;5On the English propensity to manipulate a cantus firmus to provide tonal unity in a composition, see Sanders, "Tonal Aspects," pp.31-34. See also the Critical Report on Venicreator for another probable example.

<u>Virgo sancta</u> parallels the acceleration of activity in its tenor with quickened declamation, and <u>Jhesu redemptor</u> accommodates a text "too long" for its phrase module through recourse to bursts of declamation on semibreve values, though without recurrent patterning. In <u>Lux refulget</u>, a fragment of a motet a4, there is also a speeding up of declamation as a result of the quickening of the tenor rhythms, which is strictly controlled by successive sesquialtera proportions (9:6:4) in the length of the modular unit.

In general, isoperiodic motets show no prominent isomelic features because of the changing relationship of the isoperiodic module to the tenor color. However, there are some interesting exceptions. Solaris ardor, which is basically isoperiodic in a module of 9L, is built on a virelai (musically ABBAA); as has been mentioned above, strophic repetition of counterpoint marks the recurrence of each of the two melodic ideas A and B. Two isolated motet voices, Vas exstas and Dei preco, have features of range and melodic cadencing that suggest they survive from motets in which they were the lowest voice. They show not only the typical displacement of the modular unit found in single voices drawn from motets of isoperiodic design, but also unusual isomelic features. (See Figure 13.)

The ten phrases of  $\underline{\text{Vas}}$   $\underline{\text{exstas}}$  are related melodically according to the scheme AA' BB' CC' DEFG (capital letters represent phrases setting two lines of poetry). Phrases A'

FIG. 13: Isoperiodic Voices with Isomelic Features

Figure 13

Vas exstas (Cpc 228, 1)





Figure 13, cont.

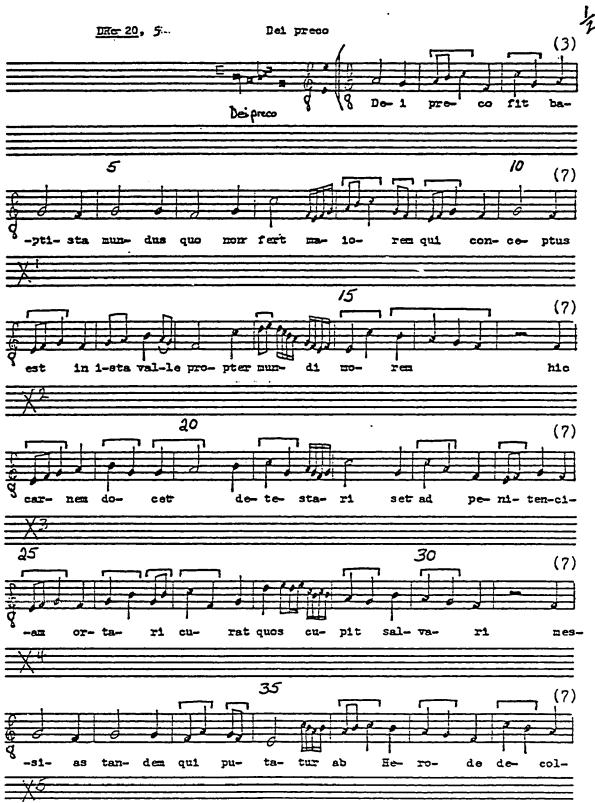
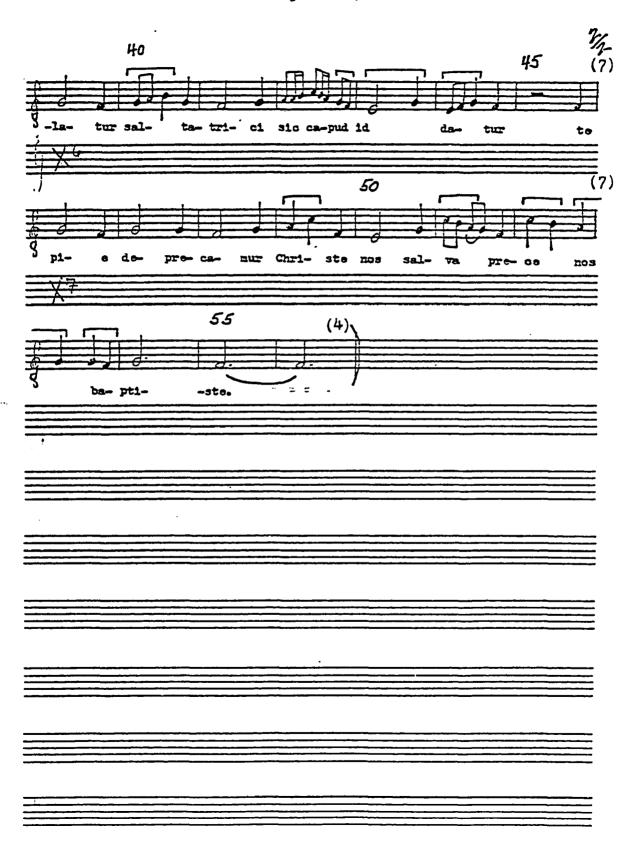


Figure 13, cont.



and B share a common cadence figure, and so do B' and C. This in a sense ties together the first six phrases as a unit. D and E share a similar rhythmic figure at the cadence which is new, and this figure is picked up again at phrase G. The break between C' and D reflects the sense of the text, but not its versification, which remains the same. 'Dei preco, isoperiodic in 14L units, reveals itself to be constructed in smaller 7L units, each of which is a variation on a common melody.

Templum eya Salomonis is an isolated triplum with a regular periodic phrase structure in eight 9L phrases, and impressive features of melodic correspondence and recurrence. The eight phrases define four pairs of melodic double versicles: AxAy BxBy CxCy DxEy, where x and y are ouvert and clos cadential figures of length 4L that repeat (x in varied form, y literally) as refrains. The musical phrases are isodeclamatory, with one text stanza per phrase and an articulation of the melodic line into three segments by caesuras following the three verses of each stanza and their internal rhyme. Paralleling the melodic double versicles is a pairing of the stanzas by initial word ("intus", "foris", "ibi"). In effect, the motet text, written like a sequence, is set like a sequence; it mirrors its text musically to

<sup>&</sup>quot;The break between the first six and final four phrases corresponds to a shift in narrative in the text, moving to direct discourse (the Lord addressing Paul).

produce a hybrid with strict isoperiodicity whose isomelic features give it a close affinity to the refrain motets.

Finally, there is Ut recreentur celitus, which shows isoperiodicity in units of 10L for the first of its two sections and units of 12L for the second. This bipartite construction, with a coda at the end of each half, is unlike that of any other isoperiodic motet, but rather recalls features of other freely composed motets a4(2+2). Ut recreentur demonstrates features of melodic repetition between alternate musical phrases (corresponding to alternate verses of text), but there does not seem to have been any consistent and strongly marked strophic repeat, nor do the adjacent phrases suggest any possibility for voice exchange. Because we lack the means to complete any of the fragments just described, they must remain tantalizing reminders of the creativity possible within the confines of isoperiodic phrase structures in the English motet.

#### The Duet Motets with Medius Cantus

In motets whose main units of declamation are the breve and semibreve the increase in syllabic subdivision of the long leads to shorter phrases (as measured in longs) and to an increase in the variety of declamation patterns for the text. The most important and numerous group of isoperiodic motets with such declamation are the duet motets with medius

cantus.\*7 These are motets a3 in which a pair of texted voices of equivalent rhythmic activity and equal ambitus, lying an octave apart, encloses a cantus firmus that is in effect the middle voice of the three. Duet motets usually have a wide ambitus for each texted voice (a tenth or an eleventh) and for the motet as a whole (two octaves or more). They are, with the single exception of Quare fremuerunt, bitextual, and feature rapid semibreve patter where the outer voices utter text syllables homorhythmically in a counterpoint that often becomes simply a chain of parallel imperfect consonances, the style Harrison has dubbed "protofaburden- parlando." This parallel counterpoint is usually at the sixth. The most frequent isoperiodic module for these motets is one of 4L.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;The term medius cantus makes just a single appearance in a motet source: the tenor of Fusa cum silentio in DRC 20 is identified as <u>Medius cantus.Manere</u>. It simply means middle voice. (Manuscript layout normally puts a <u>medius can</u>dle voice. tus, like any other tenor, at the bottom of the page.) Medius cantus, as used in DRc 20, has an equivalent in the vernacular English term mean, which was used to designate the middle voice in a composition a3 (as the second term in the constellation treble/mean/burden) in many late-Medieval vernacular English texts. (See the references collected by Trowell, "Faburden," pp.32-36, on the basis of which he argues that the terminology is applicable to a popular repertoire of improvised singing a3 in parallel harmonies that was the probable origin for 14th-century English cantilena and cantilena-style writing.) Treble, by comparison, is the English equivalent of triplex or triplex cantus, the term used, for instance, to identify the top part in a discant setting a3 of Angelus ad Virginem in Cu 710.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Harrison, "Ars Nova," p.72, and his "Introduction" and "Notes on Transcription and Performance" for PMFC XV.

A number of motets and fragments prefigure what we may regard as the archetypal duet motet. First, a small number of other motets have a tenor that is either a middle voice by range or else shares its range with the duplum. Among pieces in long-breve declamation, for instance, Regina celestium has a medius cantus (the tenor Regina celi letare, arranged in 4L phrases) but lacks any evident periodicity in the surviving texted voice. Two isolated voice parts just cited previously for certain isomelic features, Dei preco and Vas extas, are most likely the lowest parts from two duet motets with medius cantus in long-breve declamation.\*

Among motets with breve-semibreve declamation and a medius cantus, there are examples ranging from Fusa cum silentio, with its narrow range of only a 13th and texted outer voices that are not equal in activity, so to those whose outer voices are equally active but not regularly patterned with synchronized parlando, such as Jhesu redemp-

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'A number of other motets share tenor range with a lower texted part without exploiting this feature in the fashion of the duet motets. These include Ade finit, Caligo terre, Doleo super te, Orto sole, Patrie pacis, Regina celestium, Solaris ardor, Surgere iam est, Trinitatem veneremur.

so The lower texted voice of <u>Fusa</u> is in long-breve declamation while the upper part has breve-semibreve declamation, so the two texts are not of the same length and are sung at different rates. Melismatic breves and semibreves in the lower part do, however, often move in sixths and tenths with the upper voice.

<sup>&</sup>quot;51 Jhesu redemptor has a module of 10L (that is, an odd multiple of 2L). In respect to the length of the module,

tor, 51 A solis ortus, or Civitas nusquam, 52 to motets such as <u>Jesu fili</u>, <u>Rosa delectabilis</u>, and <u>Quare fremuerunt</u>, with regularly recurring passages of semibreve patter in duo.

Jesu fili and Rosa delectabilis, in particular, show the strong impress of a common archetype. They both have an underlying mensuration in first mode and their overall lengths and numerical structures are closely related:

Jesu fili Rosa delectabilis

I 64L = 5L + 13(4L) + 7L 60L = 5L + 12(4L) + 7LII = 16(4L) = 15(4L)III = 6L + 13(4L) + 6L = 6L + 12(4L) + 6L

In each the initial displacement established between the outer parts is 1L, so phrases of 4L overlap by 3L. It is where the parts coincide that declamation patterns are synchronized. This has been arranged to occur in both works so that the most rapid parlando is performed by the texted voices over the last two longs of the tenor phrase, espe-

and also the declamatory style (mostly on long and breve), it is in a sense intermediate between long-breve and brevesemibreve isoperiodic motets (and akin to <u>Vas exstas</u> and <u>Dei preco</u>).

<sup>52</sup>Civitas nusquam has a total span of only a twelfth with outer voices a fifth apart in range. It lacks any isoperiodic phrase structure, and occasionally engages in parallel counterpoint at the fifth, though counterpoint at the sixth is more common. All of this suggests that it may be an older motet than the others under consideration here.

cially while the tenor rests. The respective duet patterns may be seen in Figure 14.

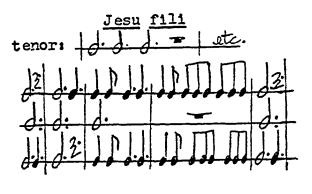




FIG. 14: Duet motet parlando patterns

In both of these motets the text in the upper voice of the duo is laid out so that verse and stanza endings correspond to musical phrase endings, while in the lower part musical phrase endings cut through the verses. At the end of each motet a line of verse has been added to the final stanza in order to stretch the last musical phrase into a sort of coda. The climactic effect is heightened in <u>Jesu fili</u> by having both voices sing the same text, "Reum munda nunc vicio." This technique of highlighting the text was

also used several bars earlier on an equally significant line, "da mihi quod sicio."

Quare fremuerunt stretches the duet concept in both music and text to its practical limit. Here a single poem is sung simultaneously by both voices throughout with additional troping in the lower voice that provides musical continuity when the upper voice has a rest. Patter declamation in semibreves occurs where the tenor rests (for two bars each time) and elsewhere as necessary in order to accommodate all the words provided in this case. The text, unusually favored here since it may be heard with a clarity and emphasis not normally possible in an isoperiodic motet, is an extraordinary poetic tour de force in which the incipits of Psalms 2-12 are quoted in sequence and embedded in a regular poetic matrix.

The tenor of <u>Quare fremuerunt</u> is also noteworthy. It does not have one of the simple tenor patterns of the other duet motets but rather is broadly patterned in longs, triple

of a single text throughout; one of the voices occasionally drops out for a few bars. Systematic parlando in duo beyond that seen in the duet motets is rare but not unknown; it can be heard in the second half of the DRC 20 version of Orto sole (the one a4), in the Cqc 512 motets Virgo Maria and Tu civium, on the final phrase of Doleo super te, in the refrain motet Suspiria merentis, and in the upper two parts of Trinitatem veneremur. Probably there were also duet passages in Parata paradisi porta. It is interesting to see that in Mulier magni meriti, by contrast, increasingly lengthy bursts of semibreve declamation are not exploited for any prominent homorhythmic passagework between texted parts.

longs (here uniquely indicated by a three over the note head), \*\* and long rests, much in the style of the tenors of the motets like Petrum cephas. Appropriately, given the use of Psalms in the motet text, the tenor color is the incipit of a Psalm or Magnificat tone. It has been disposed in three rhythmic taleae of 8L (6L followed by 2L rests). In performance this tenor must be sung four times in all --forward, backward, forward, backward -- to form a double palindrome. Retrograde performance is signalled by the last four pitches written out in the manuscript, which are a mirror image of the third talea, and further by the initial rests, which are not sung when the tenor is read forward (the motet does not start with rests in the tenor) but are necessary to complete the retrograde taleae. \*5 \*\* (See Figure 15.)

The stylistic parallel between the duet motets and English discant settings has been noticed by a number of scholars. 56 In a typical example of discant a3 the cantus firmus

<sup>54</sup>Bukofzer, SMRM, p.97, cites examples of 15th-century English music manuscripts where alteration is indicated by the numeral 2 below the affected pitch.

<sup>55</sup>The tenor of <u>Inter usitata</u> also must be sung in retrograde (though this is conveniently explained in a verbal canon) and similarly provides rests at the beginning.

<sup>&</sup>quot;'Harrison, in NOHM III, p.86, remarks that "this practice {of placing a tenor in the middle voice} is of some interest in view of its regular adoption in English descant after ca. 1350 for ritual plainsong settings." See also Sanders, "Die Rolle," p.45; idem, "Motet," p.544; and Apfel, Grundlagen, Chapter IIh, pp.133-35.

Tenor of Quare fremuerunt (Lbm 1210, 9)



Tenor of Inter usitata (Omc 266/268, 2)



FIG. 15: Tenors of Quare Fremuerunt and Inter Usitata

in the middle voice moves in even breves while the outer voices move around it in breves or shorter values in mainly homorhythmic patterns. Note values in the discant settings are reduced by a factor of two from those that appear in the duet motets (tenor motion in breves rather than in longs, with subdivision into semibreves and minims rather than into breves and semibreves) but the similarity in texture is obvious. Comparison is also apt between duet motets and the only two cantilenas that have Petronian-style syllabic semibreves and homodeclamatory patter (in each case without any consistent grouping of breves into longs). These are Ave

celi regina and Salamonis inclita." Salamonis is in three voices, with a predominance of contrapuntal motion in parallel six-three harmonies during semibreve patter passages.

Ave celi is in two voices that often move together in parallel sixths. Its layout in both of its sources suggests the addition of a third (middle) voice." In regard to the chronology of discant, cantilena, and duet motet it seems simplest to suppose that motets such as Jesu fili and Quare fremuerunt are roughly contemporaneous with cantilenas like Ave celi regina and Salamonis inclita and that these predate the bulk of the English discant settings."

A few fragments, including <u>Beatus vir</u>, <u>Zorobabel abigo</u>, and <u>Radix Iesse</u>, the first two of which use progressive insular notations, and the third, French Ars Nova notation,

<sup>&</sup>quot;  $\frac{5^{\circ}\text{Ave celi regina}}{\text{monis inclita}}$  is Cgc 512,  $\frac{11}{10} = \frac{\text{Cpc } 228}{\text{DS-NYpm}}$ ,  $\frac{5}{9}$  and  $\frac{\text{Sala-monis inclita}}{\text{edited in PMFC XVII.}}$ They will be edited in PMFC XVII.

sin Coc 512 this cantilena was mostly written out on two staves in score, but on one system it was written out on three, with the middle staff left blank. In Cpc 228 it was written out entirely in two-stave systems, but it is followed on the same page by a separate voice part that in fact is a middle voice for the first half of the piece. This third voice does not provide continuous enrichment of the texture, but rather supplements the harmony only at cadences in the outer voices and rests while the texted parts engage in their most extended spurts of homorhythmic patter.

A similar empty staff has been left throughout the  $\underline{Ob}$   $\underline{D.6}$  copy of the cantilena  $\underline{Missus}$   $\underline{Gabriel}$ , and the cantus firmus has been written out separately from the two outer parts of two discant items in score found in  $\underline{US-NYpm}$   $\underline{978}$ ,  $\underline{6}$  and 13.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Alma mater is of the same generation as the duet motets and cantilenas named above. It is of interest to note that in it the words "notulis modulis dulcissimis" are set to

may be related to the duet motet tradition. The best case can be made for Beatus vir, where the tenor, a medius cantus, and the lowest voice of a motet a3 survive. Accelerated declamation while the tenor is silent very well may have been paralleled in the missing upper part. " It is of interest to note that in general the duet motets appear in the later English motet collections such as Lbm 1210, DRc 20, and Lwa 12185. In addition, Rosa delectabilis is a palimpsest in the earlier Onc 362, and is written in a "progressive" notation. Thus the duet motets appear to be among the most "progressive" of all the insular motet types of the first half of the century. They are further distinguished by their subject matter, which turns away from the more familiar motet subjects (such as Mary, saints, and feast days of the church year) towards Jesus and devotional topics. 61

parallel motion in semibreves, albeit parallel fourths over a stationary tenor.

<sup>&</sup>quot;The tenor of <u>Beatus vir</u> uses red coloration to imperfect the long and breve, and the motet has a phrase scheme of mixed periodicity that is adjusted for exact repetition over the second tenor <u>talea</u>. Both of these are features of isorhythmic French motets of the second quarter of the 14th century and suggest in this case a probable French Ars Nova influence.

<sup>&</sup>quot;By contrast, among the motets isoperiodic in long and breve there is a marked prevalence of motets on saints.

#### Other Motets Isoperiodic in B and S

Aside from the duet motets and fragments just mentioned, there are a few other strictly isoperiodic motets with declamation on breve and semibreve. Three of them, Rex visibilium, Iam nubes, and Suffragiose virgini, share an important formal trait: phrase displacement has been arranged to produce overlap by exactly one half of the modular number (4L for the first two and 2L for the third). This permits exact rhythmic exchange between the upper parts within each module: the underlying tenor pattern is either invariable (Iam) or varies only slightly (Rex and Suffragiose) between the two halves of the module. As a result there is exact isorhythmic repetition between periodic modules in addition to isoperiodicity. (In this line of development isoperiodicity is necessarily prior to isorhythm.)

Rex visibilium carries out this design over just the first three quarters of the motet. It uses its tenor, the low-lying whole chant of the Gloria prosula Regnum tuum solidum (shaped ABBCCD), as the starting point for a structure that in several ways is very similar to that of a duet motet with medius cantus. Over phrases A BB of the tenor (28L=8L+2(10L)) the composer has fashioned an isoperiodic structure with declamation in overlapping chains of paired semibreves. Tenor phrases CC D are compressed into eight bars, with an interruption of the isoperiodic phrase scheme and, simultaneously, abandonment of the previous regularly patterned declamation.

Rex visibilium 
$$36L = 1L + 7(4L) + 3L + 4L$$
  
=  $3L + 7(4L) + 2L + 1L + 2L$   
=  $8L + 2(10L) + 8L = 14(2L) + 8L$ 

<u>lam nubes</u> is isoperiodic over the middle three of five 9L periods with a textless <u>cauda</u> over the first and a more irregular scheme over the last, when the text gives up the succession of lines beginning "iam".

Iam nubes 
$$45L = 4L + 3L + 7(4L) + 2(3L) + 4L$$
  
=  $2L + 3L + 7(4L) + 3L + 4L + 5L$   
=  $5(9L)$ 

In <u>Suffragiose</u>, although the long is perfect the initial displacement in the phrase scheme is 2B; after this beginning, however, the module is 2L (6B) with near rhythmic identity of the first 3B with the second 3B, and strict isorhythm between successive modules.

Suffragiose 42L = 2B + 20(2L) + 4B

#### Other Periodicity

Motets with other kinds of periodic phrase schemes are fewer in number. Of those with mixed periodicity, Ade finit and Parata paradisi porta are probably most characteristic. Ade finit has a triplum with phrases of 11L and 13L and a duplum with phrases of 9L, while the tenor moves in units of 4L. Triplum and tenor coincide, as a result, every 24L, the length of the tenor prior to repetition, and there is a marked degree of strophic repetition of counterpoint over each of the following two tenor statements. In Parata paradisi porta, the tenor proceeds in units of 14L while the texted voice has phrases of 6,8,9,12, or 13L, for each of which there is a corresponding fixed declamation pattern and number of syllables (16,25,26,31, and 35, respectively). "2 Both Ade finit and Parata paradisi porta have what will be called here "long-line" verse, in which lengthy lines of fixed syllable count and end rhyme span the musical phrase without marked metrical pulse or subdivision by internal rhyme or caesura.

The third form of periodic phrase construction mentioned at the beginning of this section, "subdivided-module periodicity," is seen among the English motets in three pieces from Cgc 512: Mulier magni meriti, Princeps apostolice, and Orto sole. The only other clear instance is found in a motet from Lwa 12185, Beatus vir. (See Figure 16.) It

<sup>&#</sup>x27;2See Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," pp.334-37.

is also the kind of periodicity seen in many continental isorhythmic motets. Unipartite isorhythmic motets are usually simple isoperiodic motets with an elaborate scheme of mixed periodicity used to articulate phrases within the rather long module. Bipartite isorhythmic motets usually function similarly, except that two such isoperiodic schemes are used, with a "joint" between them. Adjustments are made to the numerical scheme not simply at the beginning and the end, but also at the boundary between diminished and undiminished sections.

#### Other Insular Motet Types

Motets with Varied Rhythmic Patterning of the Tenor

There are fragments of four motets a4 which are similar enough to each other to suggest that they are of a motet type now represented by no surviving complete motets. Their most distinctive feature is the rhythmic variation found in the tenor, whose taleae are mostly 4L units (or occasionally, other multiples of 2L units), in which a rhythmic figure is introduced and repeated a few times, and then cast off in favor of a new pattern. In Apello cesarem and Flos

<sup>&</sup>quot;The development toward such fully worked out and consistent number schemes in isorhythmic motets can be observed in the motets of Philippe de Vitry from the 1320s and 1330s, following the chronology proposed by Sanders in "Early Motets," especially pp.36-37. These kinds of schemes are found in all the fully isorhythmic motets of Machaut, which most likely are indebted in this respect to de Vitry. The English motets surely date from the same time period; the possibility of an English influence on the French is taken up below, pp.155ff.

I 
$$54L = 3 + (6+3) + (6+4)+(5+4)+(5+2) + 4 + (3+2)+4+3$$
, L  
II  $= 7 + (2+7) + (2+7) + (2+7)+(2+3) + 6 + 3 + 6$ , L  
III  $= 3(9+9)L = 3(18L)$ 

I 
$$52L = 6 + 3(5) + (5+1) + 5 + 4(5)$$
 L

Orto sole serene (Cgc 512, 9; DRc 20, 7)

I 
$$60L = \frac{4+4+4+(3+4)+4+4+(3+4)+4+4+(3+4)+4+4+3}{1}$$
 L

II  $= \frac{1+4+5+3+(2+1)+5+4+3+(2+1)+4+1+3+4+1+(1+1)+5+7+2}{1}$  L

III  $= \frac{4(3+4+4+4)}{1}$  L =  $\frac{4(15L)}{1}$ 

Beatus vir (Lwa 12185, 3)  
I(Tenor) 92B = 
$$2(46B) = 2(2[2(6B) + 8B] + 6B)$$
  
II =  $3B+2(13B)+7B + (10+3)B + 2(13B)+7B+10B$ 

In these diagrams, parentheses () enclose a musical phrase whose length has been subdivided to clarify how the phrase schemes overlap tenor taleae, yet in fact replicate the same pattern of phrase and phrase rest over each talea. Since these elaborate patterns of mixed periodicity may shift from talea to talea, absolute phrase lengths may appear irregular and obscure these patterns.

FIG. 16: Examples of Subdivided-Module Periodicity

regalis this change in tenor rhythm coincides approximately with repetition of the melodic color. This may also be the case in Lingua peregrina, judging from the part of the tenor that survives. In Peregrina moror, however, there are only two statements of a very long tenor color, and these are subdivided into roughly equivalent sections by internal shifts in tenor pattern as can be seen in Figure 17.

Another feature held in common by all four is their second mode mensuration. The two palimpsests from the Worcester fragments, Lingua peregrina and Peregrina moror, exhibit what Dittmer calls larga-longa notation (for a further explanation of which, see Chapter Three).

The surviving texted parts to these four fragments are not strictly periodic in phrase design, and their texts show a significant degree of irregularity in versification, although rhyme and some regular recurrence of syllable count help to define stanzas. There is actually, however, a high degree of coordination between the tenor and the texted voice. The upper part often matches or interlaces with the tenor rhythm and aligns its verses with the 4L units of the tenor. Most text lines are declaimed in one of the regular patterns that fits into 4L with declamation on long and breve (or can be explained in terms of a recognizable deviation from such a pattern if syllables are missing), and major text divisions (stanzas or goups of stanzas) coincide with shifts in tenor rhythm (see Figure 17).

#### TABLE 12

#### OTHER INSULAR MOTET TYPES

## Motets With Varied Rhythmic Patterning of the Tenor (Especially in units of 4L)

Lingua peregrina Peregrina moror Apello cesarem Flos regalis

(Other motets with rhythmically varied <u>taleae</u> that are discussed elsewhere include:

Virgo sancta Katerina

Suspiria merentis

Surgere iam est hora

Lux refulget Te Domina Suffragiose)

#### Petronian-Style Motets with Stratified Levels of Activity

Inter amenitatis
Frondentibus florentibus
Rosa mundi purissima
Triumphus patet hodie

Patrie pacis Caligo terre Herodis in atrio

(Two fragments with some evidence of strophic repetition might also be assigned here:

Duodeno sydere

Princeps apostolice)

#### The Remainder

O crux vale
Augustine par angelis
Si lingua lota
Trinitatem veneremur
Virgo mater salvatoris
Hac a valle

In <u>Apello cesarem</u> and <u>Linqua peregrina</u>, rests in the surviving vocal line sometimes appear to fall outside of the 4L framework. Under these circumstances it cannot be said for certain just how the final motet design was settled on, that is, whether it was the execution of some rigid scheme that was predetermined or whether as composition proceeded some influence may have been exerted by the phrase demands of the upper parts. <u>Peregrina moror</u> may represent the former case, and <u>Apello cesarem</u> the latter. In the case of <u>Linqua peregrina</u> it is possible that those extra rests act to displace that voice in a periodic phrase structure that would have been perfectly regular in the missing triplum.

Four other motets are distinguished by rhythmic variation in the tenor. Three have already been discussed. They are the refrain motets <u>Suspiria merentis</u> and <u>Surgere iam est</u>, and the variation motet <u>Te domina</u>. The fourth, <u>Virgo sancta Katerina</u>, is, for purposes of classification, best regarded as isoperiodic. It takes as its tenor five statements of the <u>Agmina melisma</u>. Each statement is patterned by the repetition of a different short rhythmic phrase; from the first to the last of these there is an acceleration in rhythmic values, from longs to breves and then to semibreves. The tenor rhythms "infect" the upper voices so that there is a parallel acceleration in the rate of declamation, but the upper voices are cast in considerably longer periods

FIG. 17: Rhythmically Varied Tenor Taleae

#### Figure 17

Norms of Declamatory Patterning in the Upper Voices over 4L (p = paroxytonic accent; pp = proparoxytonic accent)

Tenor Patterns:

Peregrina moror (in order of appearance)

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#### Flos regalis

Apello cesarem (a sample of tenor patterns, all repeated at least once; not all are in even multiples of longs)

1d) 1d. 1d. 1d2 1d1 1d2 1d. 1-1

than those of the tenor, and in fact are initially isoperiodic in units of 9L while the tenor moves in 3L units, then temporarily in units of 8L while the tenor moves in 2L units. It is noteworthy that the texts of <u>Virgo sancta Katerina</u> are regular and paired in versification, suggesting that they were created for a strictly isoperiodic composition.

#### Petronian motets

Of the remaining early-l4th-century motets, the most significant group consists of motets in the style of Petrus de Cruce, with a sharp stratification of activity between a fast-moving triplum engaged in the virtuoso declamation of a prose-like text, a slower moving duplum with considerably less text, and an unpatterned, or very simply patterned tenor. "This is the style of the majority of the newest motets in the Roman de Fauvel, for instance, although it should be noted that the Fauvel motets mostly set regular texts, while as a rule irregular phrases and lack of rhythmic patterning, coupled to syllabic declamation, result in irregularly versified texts in Petronian motets. Inter amenitatis, found in Fauvel as well as in an English source,

<sup>&</sup>quot;Stratification of rhythmic activity does not necessarily imply stratification of range between triplum and duplum. In a number of Petronian motets triplum and duplum ranges overlap almost entirely, and the duplum frequently sounds over the triplum. Caligo terre and Triumphat hodie are clear examples.

is typical in its lack of regular phrase and verse structures. Rosa mundi, Triumphus patet, and Frondentibus florentibus are equally amorphous in musical facture.

Given the English predilection for pattern and structure in the motet, it is not surprising to see how few motets and fragments there are of this type. However, declamation in chains of semibreves has made its influence felt in well-defined motet types such as the refrain motets, motets with strophic repeat, the duet motets with medius cantus, and some of the motets with unusual periodicity (such as the three from Cqc 512: Mulier, Orto sole, and Princeps).

Among those insular motets with stratification of activity are three with noteworthy elements of periodicity:

Caligo terre, Patrie pacis, and Herodis in pretorio. Patrie pacis has rigidly patterned semibreve declamation in the triplum and a melodious duplum with balanced phrase structure in long-breve declamation. The tunefulness of the duplum suggests that it is a single statement of a pre-existent melody. This might account for the shortness of the motet as a whole, and also for the layout of the (unidentified) tenor, which moves in an uninterrupted series of eighteen undifferentiated longs (perhaps composed this way simply to support the duplum). Caligo uses the virelai "Mariounette douche" (the same tune found as the tenor of Solaris ardor) in the duplum and has a lowest written part (called "Tenor" in the manuscript) that is regularly patterned in rhythm

without any repeating melodic color. It was evidently freely composed as a contrapuntal support to the actual cantus prius factus. The triplum is more irregular in phrasing (though it sets a regular text); the resulting three-voice counterpoint is sometimes awkward. Clumsy partwriting is also a feature of Herodis in pretorio. Here both tenor and duplum have highly repetitious melodic designs. The tenor, a French chanson in the form AAB, is stated three times to vield the overall shape AAB AAB AAB. The duplum has a series of double versicles with ouvert and clos cadences, suggesting that it, too, is a tune. Its form is AA' x BB' CC' DD' EE' y. The elements x and y in this diagram were probably fabricated to help fit the duplum to the tenor (and the tenor itself may have been modified slightly from its monophonic form to help accommodate the duplum). The added triplum, like that in Caligo, does not have regular patterning, and again, as in Caligo, the counterpoint must be judged inexpert. In particular, the two lower voices do not fit well against one another.

#### The Remainder

The remainder of the earlier 14th-century motets, mostly showing distinctively insular features of design, resist accommodation in the foregoing taxonomy. Of these, three deserve to be singled out for attention: O crux vale, Augustine par angelis, and Hac a valle. O crux is a two-voice torso of what must have been a freely composed motet

a4 (2+2) with the careful phrasing and melodic facture, sectional structure with coda, and sectionally-bounded changes of mensuration characteristic of the large-scale voice-exchange motets. However, though it exhibits some isomelic features in its second section, it shows no features of voice-exchange. '5 Augustine par angelis, like O crux, survives as two voices of a four-voice original. Its counterpoint shows parallel sixths and open tenths that indicate the characteristic English harmony of the original, but there is no repetition of counterpoint corresponding to the threefold statement of the tenor, nor is there any hint of voice exchange despite the fact that the texted part alternates cum and sine littera passages (the text could be alternate stanzas of a larger poem). Hac a valle consists of one whole voice and part of a second (most likely voices I and III of a motet a4) that engage extensively in parallel The second counterpoint, mostly at the fifth or sixth. voice bears less text but is just as rhythmically active as the first, and both have quite wide ranges. It seems there was at least one other rhythmically active (upper) part, but the nature and level of rhythmic activity of the tenor appear to be impossible to judge. The "progressive" notation and counterpoint of this fragment (typical of all the

<sup>&#</sup>x27;SViri Galilei or Ut recreentur, in some sense analogous free compositions a4, lie closer to recognizable norms for voice-exchange or isoperiodic compositions, respectively. See also Candens crescit, whose sectional structure has affinities to these large-scale free pieces.

motets in its source, <u>Lwa 12185</u>) suggest it is one of the newest motets in the earlier 14th-century corpus.

# The Later 14th Century Ob 7 and DRc 20 Rear Leaves

When considering the later 14th-century motets in England the question of French influence on notation, musical style and form is primary, both with regard to chronology and the direction of influence. There can be no doubt that English musicians were fully aware of the continental innovations of the musical Ars Nova by about 1350, for the author of the Quatuor Principalia shows full knowledge of continental developments, and in particular an admiration for Philippe de Vitry and a familiarity with his motets. " (On this basis the introduction of the minim in England is usually taken to be ca.1350.) '' Of course French motet style was already pressing against the native English musical idiom much earlier, as the insular examples of Petronian motets testify. As Levy has observed, "For a period around the beginning of the 14th century the well-developed English motet type represented (by Thomas gemma) must have held its own against an advancing French influence." Levy further posits that the sectional voice-exchange style of Ave miles

<sup>&</sup>quot;This treatise (CS IV, pp.201-98) cites the de Vitry motets <u>Cum</u> statua and <u>Vos</u> <u>quid</u>, which are dated by Sanders to the 1330s ("Early Motets," p.37). <u>Vos</u> <u>quid</u> appears in the English source <u>DRc</u> <u>20</u>.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'See for instance Harrison, "Ars Nova," p.69.

and the isoperiodic design of <u>Fetrum cephas</u> "would seem to represent a slightly later English conception of motet construction -- a conception more rigid, more strongly influenced by French isorhythmic procedures." '\* More recently Sanders has argued for a position 180 degrees from that of Levy. Believing that "isoperiodicity is the English road to isorhythm," 'he observes that a relative chronology of the development of large-scale sectional forms and isoperiodic phrase structures in English motets, in comparison to the evolution of these features in the motets of de Vitry, suggests the strong possibility of direct English influence on this innovative French musician.' 'e

Whatever the relative strength and direction of formative influence over the first third of the century or so, it is clear that few French pieces entered the English repertoire, or vice versa. 71 This situation changes, however.

<sup>&</sup>quot;English Polyphonic Music," Chapter III: The Assimilation of Continental Trends.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Sanders, "English Polyphony," p.234.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Sanders, "Motet," pp.559-62 and "Vitry, Philippe de," pp.26-7. (Strophic is an appropriate term if there is a close correspondence between large textual subdivisions and the musical sections.) Sanders suggests a line of influence from the sectional or strophic English motets to Philippe de Vitry, in addition to the influence of isoperiodicity on isorhythmic design.

<sup>7:</sup>Bent, "Transmission," pp. 66-67, raises the possibility that the motets of Onc 362, Lbm 24198, and DRc 20 that have French-texted tenors are French in origin. I think there are good musical reasons (as the analyses in this chapter hope to show) as well as circumstantial ones, for taking

# TABLE 13 LATER 14TH-CENTURY MOTETS IN ENGLAND

#### Isorhythmic

<u>Unipartite</u>	Bipartite		
Amer amours DRc 20, 11 Ad lacrimas " 12 L'amoreuse " 16 Apta caro " 18 Mon chant " 19	Omnis terra Domine quis Pura placens Parce piscatoribus	0b 7, 1 " 1 " 1	6 5
Tribum quem Lbm 28550, 5 Alme pater Lbm 40011B, 18 Rex Karole US-Wc 14, 3  (?Deus creator Ob 7, 14) (Inter usitata Omc 266/268)	Virginalis concio Vos quid O vos omnes O canenda vulgo Musicorum collegio Firmissime fidem Li Humane lingue Lbm	bm 28550	10 13 14 15 17
	Nec Herodis <u>Ob 143</u> (Regne de pite <u>Ob 14</u>	, 1	17

#### undetermined

Deus compaignons US-Wc 14, 4

In ore te laudancium <u>US-SM 19914</u>, 1 Maria diceris-Soli fines " 3

### Insular motets with Non-Isorhythmic Features

Cuius de manbus <u>Ob 7</u>, 11 (voice exchange) Deus creator " 14 (strophic repeat)

Regne de pite 0b 143, 3 (bipartite)

Baptizas parentes Omc 266/268, 1 Inter usitata " 2 Flos anglorum " 3

Radix Iesse Ccc 65, 3

Ancilla Domini Lli 146, 6
Geret et regem TACTO 3182, 1
Rex piaculum "

### Two possibly English motets in continental sources

Sub arturo plebs 0 dira nacio

The mature French Ars Nova style is of great influence on English music from mid-century on, and the English repertoire comes to contain French pieces. It seems quite likely that the influx of motets represented by such collections as the rear leaves of Ob 7 and DRC 20 is in large part the result of many occasions for English exposure to recent French music on account of the activities of the 100 Years War. Not only were minstrels and domestic chapels of the English aristocracy brought over to France, but French chapels made the reverse trip across the channel with captured noblemen being held for ransom. The most important of all such occasions may well have been the period of captivity of the king of France, John the Good, who remained in England from 1357-60 with his domestic court chapel.

these pieces to be English in origin. This position is strengthened by the musical characteristics of the (mainly late-13th-century) motets with French tenors found by Anderson in F-TO 925, which all look distinctly English rather than continental in form, counterpoint, and harmonic lanquage.

<sup>72</sup>See Craig Wright, <u>Music at the Court of Burgundy</u>, pp.11-18 for details of the documented musical activity associated with this involuntary sojourn. Wright makes the intriguing suggestion that the keyboad intabulations of two de Vitry motets in the Robertsbridge codex (<u>Lbm 28550</u>, <u>4</u> and <u>5</u>) may be linked with John's captivity in England and his interest in organ music (ibid, p.16, n.29). Wright also cites (p.28) a later occasion when in Tournai four Englishmen sang a motet for young king Charles VI.

The reference in the text of the triplum of <u>DRc</u> <u>20</u>, <u>10</u> to a "J. Anglici" who sings in a "curia gallicorum" with six Frenchmen and Flemings indicates another way in which an Englishman might come into contact with French polyphony around mid-century (see the section on "External References"

The bulk of the Ars-Nova-style motets surviving from 14th-century England, most of them with continental concordances and of probable continental origin, are found in two sources, the rear flyleaves of Ob 7 (six motets) and DRc 20 (ten motets).' In both manuscripts there are front flyleaves preserving insular motets in very different hands, and no incontrovertible links can be made between front and rear collections. The probability is strongest in both cases, however, that front and rear leaves were simply drawn from different gatherings of their dismembered parent codices. Both sets of rear flyleaves are written in what appear to be English text hands' and show at least one characteristic English trait in their notation, the form of the perfect semibreve rest. 75 Hence they were copied in England. In regard to text content, the DRc 20 motets "document ... for the first time the importation unchanged of

in Chapter Four).

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'For more discussion of Ob 7, see Lefferts, "Motet," and for more on DRC 20, see Harrison, "Ars Nova." While it is beyond doubt that the Ob 7 motets were compiled for (and perhaps at) Bury St. Edmunds, Nicholas Sandon has recently reminded us (in "Mary, Meditation, Monks and Music," p.55, n.21) that there is no hard evidence for the origin of the DRC 20 motets at Durham. Nor, for that matter, is it necessary that they were used there, given that the host manuscript was donated to the cathedral priory by Prior Wessyngton in the mid-15th century. We clearly need to know more about the age and provenance of the binding than is reported in the musicological literature.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> According to Margaret Bent (private communication).

<sup>75</sup>See Chapter Three, pp.306ff.

secular motets into Britain, where no indigenous examples survive, "'' but all of the <u>Ob</u> <u>7</u> motets are sacred in subject matter. In at least one case (<u>Ob</u> <u>7</u>, <u>16</u>) and possibly in others the sacred texts of <u>Ob</u> <u>7</u> replace secular French love poetry.''

Harrison dates the Ob 7 leaves to ca.1340 and puts the DRC 20 collection in the decade ca.1350-60.'\* These dates are plausible, perhaps even slightly late, estimates for the age of the Ars Nova musical repertoires; they may be ten to twenty years too early for the ages of the sources themselves. If one judges by the ages estimated for the most important continental manuscripts containing concordances to the repertoire of these English leaves, dates of copying in the 1360s or 1370s seem probable. Ivrea (I-IV) is now thought to have been copied after 1365, with additions into the 1370s, either for the papal court in Avignon or for the court of Gaston Febus, count of Foix (1343-1391).'' Tremoülle (F-Pn 23190) was copied in 1376, probably at the court of Charles V of France, by the king's first chaplain,

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'Harrison, PMFC V, p.ix.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup>See Chapter Four, p.402.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;\*Harrison, "Ars Nova," p.69.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'See RISM B/IV/2, pp.282-83 and Gunther, "Sources."

<sup>\*</sup> See RISM B/IV/2, pp.205-206 and Craig Wright, Music at the Court of Burgundy, pp.148-58.

affinity (29 concordances, mostly motets) and are clearly central sources of the repertoire of the greatest centers of the cultivation of polyphony in the French cultural orbit. The rear leaves of <u>DRc 20</u> have seven motets with concordances and of these, six (nos. 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19) are in both <u>Ivrea</u> and <u>Tremoille</u>, so in all likelihood <u>DRc 20</u> was once a comparable central (English) repository of Ars Nova polyphony. <u>Ob 7</u> has a similar relationship to the continental sources, although with fewer concordances (no.15 is in Tremoille, while no.16 is in both <u>Tremoille</u> and <u>Ivrea</u>).

Stylistic comparison suggests that most of the <u>unica</u> in the two English sources are also of continental origin.

Omnis terra (Ob 7, 12) and <u>Musicorum collegio</u> (DRc 20, 17) are bipartite isorhythmic motets a3 with diminution by one half, notated in tempus imperfectum maior, with a range of a 13th. In this respect they are just like <u>Pura placens</u> (Ob 7, 15), <u>Domine quis</u> (Ob 7, 16) and other motets in <u>Ivrea</u> and by Machaut. Parce piscatoribus (Ob 7, 17), <u>Virginalis concio</u> (DRc 20, 10), and O vos omnes (DRc 20, 14) are motets a4 with similar design features. The piece <u>Nec Herodis feroc</u>

<sup>\*</sup>¹Besseler reports that no.15 was the first motet in a continental source of French Ars Nova polyphony now lost (Studien I, p.184.) There is no compelling reason to assume English authorship for any of the motets that have continental concordances, though Harrison (NOHM III, p.99) suggests an English origin for the unicum Nec Herodis ferocitas.

<sup>\*2</sup>See the motets from <a href="Ivrea">Ivrea</a> edited as PMFC V, nos.7, 8, 11, 13, 32 and Machaut motets 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 18.

<sup>\*</sup> The two Durham unica both have a prefatory introitus,

itas (Ob 143, 1), from a fragmentary insular source roughly contemporary with Ob 7 and DRc 20, also belongs with this group. These four are comparable in approach to Vos quid admiramini (DRc 20, 13) and O canenda vulgo (DRc-20, 15), both motets by Philippe de Vitry, and to other motets by de Vitry and Machaut.\*\*

The only traces of an English origin for the motets in the rear leaves of <u>DRc</u> 20 are in no.10: the duplum text ("Virginalis concio") appears also as the duplum text of a later motet by Bittering found in the Old Hall manuscript, <u>En Katerine solennia-Virginalis concio-T.Sponsus amat sponsum</u> (<u>Lbm</u> 57950, 145). The missing but restorable tenor of the same Durham motet ("Virgo sancta katerina") is used as a point of departure for a number of earlier English motet texts on Katherine but does not seem ever to have been used as a source of text or tenor for polyphony on the continent (judging from a perusal of the text indices in RISM B/IV).

Ernest Sanders has remarked on the evident skill of composition in O vos omnes and Ad lacrimas flentis and suggests because of their proximity to motets in DRC 20 and F-CH 260 known to be by de Vitry that they may be of his authorship. (Private communication.)

though.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The tenor and contratenor of <u>Virginalis</u> concio apparently had different mensural organizations on the modus level. This feature, together with the presence of an <u>introitus</u> and a four-voice texture, relate this motet particularly to Machaut motets 5, 21, and 23. In addition to the motets by de Vitry named above in the text, <u>Impudenter circuivi</u> (<u>I-IV</u>, 6) is of similar construction. See also <u>Nostris lumen</u> (<u>B-Br</u> 19606, 9) and PMFC V, nos. 2, 24, 27.

<u>Ernest Sanders has remarked on the evident skill of</u>

The situation in the rear leaves of Ob 7 is quite different, though. Two unica, Cuius de manibus (Ob 7, 11) and Deus creator (Ob 7, 14), are quite likely to be either of English origin or else written under strong English influence. The first of these has already been listed without particular comment in the foregoing typology as a five-section voice-exchange motet a4 (2+2) with coda. It is virtually a twin to Ave miles in terms of structure. They have the same number of voices, the same overall length, the same comparative lengths of sections, similarly melismatic codas, and probably the same manner of texting continuously in successive paired stanzas of a single text. Two significant differences exist. First, Cuius de manibus is a free composition rather than one based on a cantus firmus (such as Ave miles), and second, it is notated in tempus imperfectum maior rather than in Franconian notation. The similarity of structure suggests that Cuius de manibus was deliberately modelled on the earlier Ave miles.

It is reasonable to turn the tables and ask whether <a href="Cuius de manibus">Cuius de manibus</a> shows any particularly English compositional features aside from gross aspects of form and structure. In fact, though it does not exhibit the smooth rhythmic flow, careful regard for declamation, neat phrasing, and tuneful melodic facture of the other motets of its type, it does have distinctive, and typically English, harmonic and local contrapuntal detail. To begin with, like most freely

composed English motets, it is a tonally closed composition, here with a final on C, and has counterpoint that elaborates a very limited harmonic vocabulary. There is essentially just root motion by step from harmonies on C (and occasionally on E) to harmonies a step away on Bb or D -- the English supertonic and subtonic "pes harmony" so familiar from the Sumer canon and many other compositions. \*5 The composition opens on a 10-8-5 sonority and frequent use of imperfect consonances is the norm, including extensive motion a3 in parallel 6-3 and 10-5 sonorities. One sees the constant employment of voice exchange not just as a formal device on the level of the section, but also on the most local scale between paired voices to animate a static harmonic environment. On the other hand, the elastic rhythms, alternating sustained motion in breves with lively stretches of semibreves and minims, along with the occasional harsh dissonances in the four-part writing (characteristic and most prominent during the final cadence) indicate some indebtedness to the continental Ars nova idiom. 86

Deus creator is the other motet from the Ars Nova gathering of Ob 7 that demands consideration as an insular product. A description of this motet must begin with its tenor,

<sup>\*&#</sup>x27;See Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp.92-93.

<sup>\*&#</sup>x27;The nearest equivalent to the style of <u>Cuius</u> <u>de manibus</u> in the wider English repertoire are the marvelous four-voice <u>Deo gratias</u> (<u>US-NYpm 978</u>, <u>9</u>) and the <u>Alleluia Nativitas</u> (<u>Ccc</u> 65. 1).

which is fully equivalent to the upper voices in its degree of rhythmic activity, with motion predominantly in semibreves and minims and without any striking rhythmic patterning (apart from the short rhythmic sequence of bars 25-32) or internal melodic repetition. The tenor is stated in full three times, suggesting a relationship with unipartite isorhythmic motets, but <u>Deus creator</u> lacks the regularity and numerical coordination of phrase structure found in unipartite motets of mid-century:

(All triplum phrases begin on a downbeat; all duplum phrases, save for the first, on an upbeat.)

The tenor of  $\underline{\text{Deus}}$   $\underline{\text{creator}}$  is texted in  $\underline{\text{Ob}}$  7 with the lines

Doucement me reconforte cele qui mon cuer ad pris.

This text is known from other sources as a couplet used by a trouvere, Watriquet de Couvin (active as a minstrel in the 1320s and 1330s), to compose a <u>fatras</u>. Watriquet impro-

<sup>\*7</sup>A <u>fatras</u> is a short strophe of eleven lines with rhyme scheme AAB AAB BABAB that begins with the first line of a given couplet and ends with its second line. See Lambert C. Porter, <u>La Fatrasie et Le Fatras</u> (Paris, 1960). On Watriquet see Porter, <u>La Fatrasie</u>, pp.149-59, and for a full list

vised the <u>fatras</u> to the above distich in competition with another trouvere before Philip, the king of France (most likely Philip VI, who ruled 1328-50). Another couplet on which he composed a <u>fatras</u> runs as follows:

Presidentes in thronis seculi sunt hodie dolus et rapina.

These lines, the only Latin couplet he ever used for such a purpose, also occur as the incipit of the triplum of a motet in the Roman de Fauvel.

The relationship between the couplet <u>Doucement</u> and the music of the motet <u>Deus creator</u> is not entirely clear. Is the tenor an ornamented version of a simpler monophonic setting of the couplet or the longer <u>fatras</u>, or could it be taken from a polyphonic setting of either of these? Could the motet itself in fact be a sacred contrafact of a musical setting made for one or the other? A recent discovery sheds some light on these questions. Charles Brewer has found a polyphonic setting of yet another couplet associated with

of all such French couplets, see van den Boogaard, Rondeaux et refrains (Paris, 1969). Doucement is published in Porter as no. 2, p.149, and is no.618 (Fatr. 14) in van den Boogaard.

<sup>&</sup>quot;This couplet is no.26 in Porter, p.157. The reference was first noticed by Ludwig, according to Dahnk, <u>L'Heresie</u>, pp.11-12. The motet is <u>F-Pn</u> <u>146</u>, <u>4</u> (written prior to 1316). For the use of the <u>fatras</u> and <u>fatrasie</u> in 15th-century musical settings, see Rika Maniates, "Combinative Techniques," pp.49-52.

Watriquet: "'

Amis loial vous ay trouvé c'est drois qu'a vous me rende prise.

The setting (<u>PL-WRu I.Q.411</u>, <u>2</u>) has the following features of present significance: it is in three voices, of which only the second bears text; the declamation is irregular and very melismatic; the setting is not tonally closed and there appears to be no cantus firmus, although the lowest voice moves in a lower range and with slower note values than those shared by the two upper parts; finally, the setting is written in <u>tempus imperfectum maior</u> and is divided into two sections, of 22 and 19 breves, by a single central cadence in all voices followed by rests and a double bar.

On the evidence of this new find, it seems likely that the tenor of <u>Deus creator</u> was drawn from a polyphonic setting of the couplet <u>Doucement</u>, similar to that of <u>Amis</u> <u>loial</u>, which was also tonally open, divided into two sections (of 16 and 18 breves), melismatic in declamation, and written in <u>tempus perfectum maior</u>. The second, text-bearing voice was probably the one borrowed, and was likely transposed down to its present pitch level to serve as the motet

<sup>&</sup>quot;'I wish to thank Dr. Brewer for sharing with me a transcription of Amis loial and a typescript copy of an article by him on its source, PL-WRu I.Q.411, entitled "A Fourteenth-Century Polyphonic Manuscript Rediscovered." The couplet is published in Porter as no.11, p.152 and is no.121 (Fatr. 131) in van den Boogaard, Rondeaux et refrains.

tenor. "

Several features of this motet indicate English influence. The use of a French tenor supporting Latin upper parts, while uncommon on the continent, is not rare in England. The assonance of <a href="Deus-Doucement">Deus-Doucement</a> also suggests English tastes, as does the fact that the two upper parts take as their point of departure the <a href="initia">initia</a> of the two most famous Kyrie tropes in the Salisbury rite. However, these points are weakened somewhat by the irregularity of versification in the two texts and the manner in which they extend a short way into the concluding hocket, which suggest that they might be substitutes for another, perhaps secular French, pair of texts.

More telling are certain features of style. A three-fold statement of the tenor is relatively uncommon among continental unipartite isorhythmic motets, which usually favor four, five, or six taleae. The layout here recalls more strongly the English motets with strophic variation over a non-Gregorian tenor. Indeed, tenor repetition in

<sup>&#</sup>x27;There are strong reasons, primarily the repetitions of the tenor and the lack of sharp internal divisions reflecting the two lines of the distich, for disqualifying the motet in its entirety as a candidate for the original setting of the couplet.

<sup>&</sup>quot;The motet has a number of unusual, if not necessarily English, features. One can mention the wide range (a 15th), the paired ranges of the upper parts (c-dd), the relatively infrequently encountered mensuration (tempus perfectum maior), and the wide final cadential sonority (12-8 rather than 8-5, approached by a 10-6).

Deus creator is associated with considerable repetition of counterpoint, including exchange between the upper parts. Further, the tenor is rhythmically integrated with the upper parts, which tend to move homorhythmically with it in semibreves and minims. When one or another part rests, the remaining two move in parallel thirds, sixths, or tenths; when all three parts move together the counterpoint often is in parallel 6-3, 10-5, 10-6, 10-8, or 12-10 harmonies. This reliance on parallel imperfect intervals has no continental equivalent, and in fact compares less with the parallel part-writing in duet motets (for instance) than with the expanded sonorities and part-writing of the later cantilenas in such sources as <u>US-NYpm</u> 978, Occ 144, or <u>LEC1</u> 6120.

On balance the factors just enumerated suggest that

Deus creator is either the work of an English composer or
has been modelled on 14th-century insular style features and
motet practice. The presence of both Cuius de manibus and

Deus creator in a gathering with four motets typical of continental Ars Nova developments is of great significance. It
means we cannot any longer hold that "the indigenous English
repertory between the Worcester Fragments and Old Hall has
no demonstrable continental links, and seems to have
remained quite separate in style, techniques, and notation
until the very late 14th century." Rather, a picture of a

<sup>&#</sup>x27;2Bent, "Preliminary Assessment," p.65. (I have already quoted her to this effect above, p.4.)

more complex interaction, or English response to continental developments in roughly mid-century, is indicated.

## English Isorhythm

There is no significant body of isorhythmic compositions surviving in English sources after the rear leaves of Ob 7 and DRc 20 until the Old Hall manuscript a half a century later. Hence it is difficult to write the history of the English assimilation of continental isorhythmic techniques.' The isorhythmic motets and settings of the Gloria and Credo found in the first layer of Old Hall themselves show a wide range of technique (and most probably of age as well) and may span most of the stylistic distance traversed in this era. A conservative benchmark for the native style in isorhythmic (hence "motet-style") mass movements is established by such similar pieces as the Credo by Pennard in Old Hall (Lbm 57950, 89), a Gloria (also by Pennard?) in the Fountains fragments (Lbm 40011B, 1), and a Gloria in a Bodleian Library source (0b 384, 2). The first two of these have been published in modern editions," but the third, an

<sup>&#</sup>x27;For remarks on this problem, see Harrison in NOHM III, pp.99-100 and Hughes, "Reappraisal," pp.125-26. We are equally in the dark about, for instance, the canonic technique that appears so skillfully in Old Hall, especially in the compositions of Pycard. Two recent finds have begun to remedy this ignorance. Nicholas Sandon has found a chacelike canonic Salve regina in a Durham manuscript, now Lbm Royal 7.A.vi (fol. 35v-36), and Ernest Sanders has found a caccia-like canonic Gloria in US-NYpm 978, 14. See Sandon, "Mary, Meditations, Monks and Music," and PMFC XVII.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'Hughes and Bent, Old Hall, no. 89; Marrocco and Sandon,

incomplete piece, has not and therefore a transcription is offered here as Figure 18.

The piece is bipartite, with diminution by one half in the melismatic "Amen" section. There are two colores and six taleae, with strict isorhythm in all voices and a distinctive phrase-by-phrase alternation of text between the upper parts. The mensuration is tempus imperfectum maior, with straightforward and uncomplicated rhythms.' Hence it is not at all far removed from the later motets of Ob 7 and DRC 20. The Old Hall motet En Katerine solennia (Lbm 57950, 147) is representative of a more advanced style seen in Old Hall. It is tripartite, with successive diminution of the tenor in the ratio 3:2:1, and has a rhythmic character marked by a great deal of syncopation, as well as the simultaneous use of conflicting mensurations (with minim equivalency).

What of those few pieces from other sources that are believed to have been written in the latter half of the century? Those from <u>US-SM 19914</u> are too fragmentary to be of much help, especially in light of the fact that a successful transcription of <u>Maria diceris-Soli fines-T</u>. has not yet

Medieval Music, no. 65. (See also the Gloria by Tye in Old
Hall, no. 19.)

<sup>&#</sup>x27;5 (The use of the ligature shapes of Robertus de Brunham in the tenor and contratenor parts is discussed below in Chapter Three in the section "Breve-Semibreve Notation.") The duplum has been erased and written over, so that it is impossible to read, even with the aid of ultraviolet light.

FIG. 18: The Isorhythmic Gloria in Ob 384

Figure 18



Figure 18, cont.

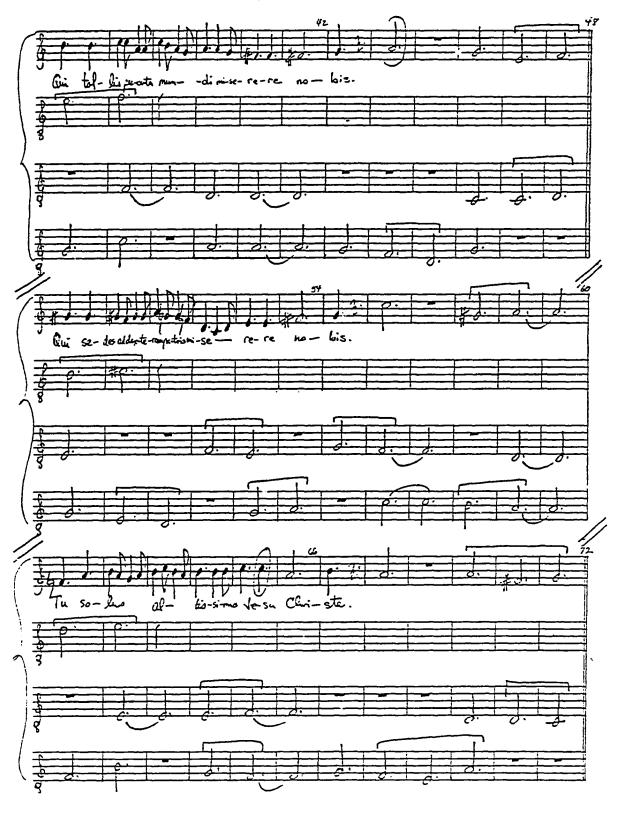
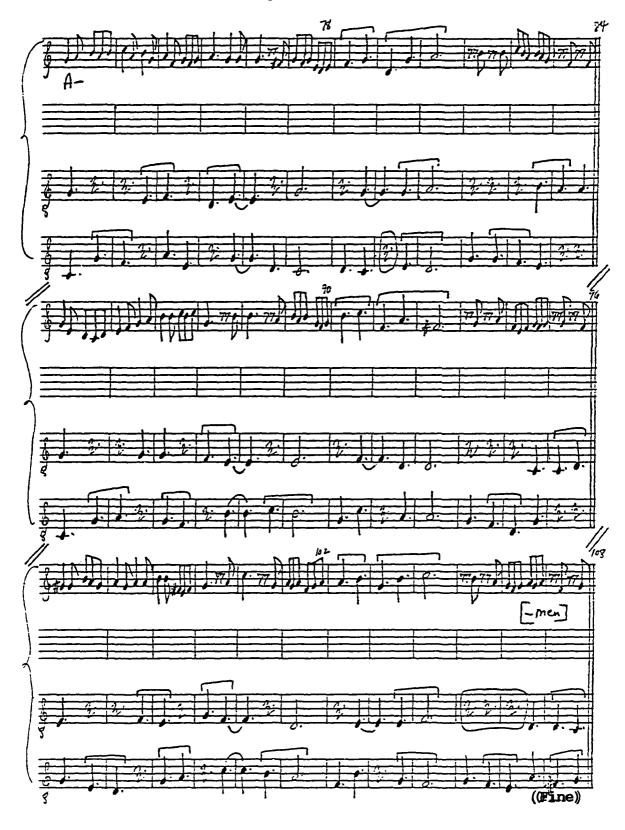


Figure 18, cont.



US-Wc 14 contains fragments of at least two been made. isorhythmic motets, one of which, Rex Karole, has concordances in the Chantilly and Strassbourg manuscripts, and can be dated to the reign of Charles V of France (1364-1380). Gunther suggests the date may be refined to late 1375 on account of the political situation to which the text refers. The motets in this source are certainly French in origin.' Lbm 40011B, a source with close ties to Old Hall, preserves two motets that tell us a little more. Humane lingue and Alme pater. The former shows the smooth rhythmic and melodic character of the stylistically advanced pieces in minor prolation and incorporates a sophisticated proportional diminution scheme.' Alme pater, a fragment, is a motet that may be dated through textual references (if these are being correctly interpreted) to the year 1384 or shortly thereafter, and so contribute valuable and scarce evidence for the chronology of style change.' It is a large-scale unipartite isorhythmic motet with introitus, probably not

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'It ought to be noted here that the Strassbourg source attributes Rex Carole to Phillipus Royllart, who may be tenuously associated with the otherwise unknown Rowlard who contributed a Gloria to Old Hall (no. 29) that also survives in Lbm 40011B, 2. See Gunther, The Motets of Chantilly and Modena, p.xxxi.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'Its choice of tenor and use of the <u>cauda hirundinis</u> tend to confirm its English origin. (See the Critical Report.)

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'On the text of this motet, see the section "External References" in Chapter Four.

composed on a cantus firmus, with coloration in both surviving parts that in the upper one produces recurring passages of lively syncopation.

Another isorhythmic motet of possible English provenance is nominally outside the scope of this study because it is not found in any insular sources: Sub arturo plebs. The texts of this motet name many English musicians, including the motet's composer (and probable text author), J. Alanus. Much has been written about this well-known and controversial piece.' Suffice it to say here that Brian Trowell's dating to 1358 is less plausible on grounds of musical style than Bent's suggestion of a date in the early 1370s, 100 a decade also targeted by Roger Bowers's recent archival work and reading of the verse. 101 Sub arturo plebs would be relatively advanced in that time frame as well, given its tripartite structure, complex scheme of successive diminutions, and frequent syncopations. 102

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'For a brief introduction to this piece, see the Critical Report provided in Appendix I, and especially see Trowell, "A Fourteenth-Century Ceremonial Motet," Bent, "Transmission," and Bent, "Two Fourteenth-Century Motets."

<sup>&#</sup>x27;° Bent suggests the compositional milieu was the circle
of Edward, the Black Prince, in Aquitaine (hence presumably
no later than 1371, when he returned to England for the last
time).

<sup>1° 1</sup>Private communication.

<sup>1°2</sup> See Gunther, "The l4th-Century Motet and its Development," and The Motets of the Manuscripts Chantilly and Modena, pp. vii, li-lii.

## The Indigenous Tradition

Are there traces of a surviving indigenous tradition of motet composition in the same era as these later isorhythmic motets? Indeed, there are a few, most of which are unfortunately so fragmentary that very little can be said about them. These include two from TACTO 3182, two from Omc 266/268, and Radix Iesse (Ccc 65, 3), which may possibly be a fragment of a duet motet with medius cantus. However, about two motets much more can be said. Inter usitata is the second and most recoverable of the three motet fragments in Omc 266/268, and it is the only one written in a typical Ars Nova notation. Its tenor moves in breves and longs according to a simple second mode pattern. A written instruction, or canon, specifies that the tenor be sung three times with the second statement in retrograde: "Hoc ter cantetur medio retro gradietur." Such canons are a feature of the tenors of many motets and motet-style mass movements of the late 14th and early 15th centuries and figure prominently in Old Hall. This canon is a very simple instruction, however, which suggests that the composition is either earlier than those in Old Hall or from a less sophisticated compositional milieu. The tenor is framed by rests of two breves. If the whole were to be repeated literally, then at the juncture of the first and second, or second and third, statements of the tenor there would be four breve rests. Transcription reveals that only two are required,

however; the set of rests belongs only at the end of each tenor statement, filling in a long-perfection after a breve. The initial rests are only necessary to be sung after the retrograde statement. However, since this requires that the tenor be notated with rests at the beginning, the upper two voices have also been given two breves worth of rest to start off with, so the entire motet begins (and incidentally, ends) with a moment of silence, a very curious situation indeed. Inter usitata is not quite regular in its structure of mixed periodicity; the tenor phrases are in 12B units and the triplum is periodic in 16B units, while the duplum has 15B and 14B phrases. Nonetheless, the texts of triplum and duplum are paired in length and versification. This is not normally the relationship between texts of an isorhythmic continental motet but is typical of insular isoperiodic motets. A futher markedly insular trait of this motet is its counterpoint, which features a great deal of note-against-note writing in parallel thirds and fifths, most conspicuously in the brief duet passages spanning rests in the tenor.

Regne de pité is another example of the apparent cross-fertilization of English and continental motet practice. It is preserved in Ob 143 in the same music hand as a fragment of an isorhythmic motet a4 (Nec Herodis ferocitas) and an Agnus Dei setting in score that is known from an earlier 14th-century English source, Ob 55. Regne de pité is

unusual in a number of respects. First, it is monotextual; the upper voices sing (either homorhythmically, or separately) four stanzas of a widely preserved Old French poem attributed to Rutebeuf, following this poem's Anglo-Norman text tradition (see the Critical Report). This unusual treatment of text is unknown in continental motet repertoires but has precedents in the English repertoire, most immediately recalling the duet motet Quare fremuerunt.

The motet is divided into two parts with the proportional relationship of 2:3, which is the durational relationship of breves under the mensurations in each section, tempus imperfectum maior and tempus perfectum maior, respectively. Two lines are omitted from the second stanza of the original poem to provide 30 lines (rather than 32), which are divided by the structural midpoint into 12 and 18 lines, hence in the same proportion as the motet as a whole. tenor is only written out once, in tempus imperfectum. After it is sung through it must be read in retrograde with a change in mensuration paralleling that of the other parts. This is not specified in the manuscript, so performers must be guided by the instruction implicit in the last line of the text; that is, the tenor must be "besturné de vois et d'entendement," just as <u>EVA</u> becomes <u>AVE</u>. Regulation of the motet structure by proportion is not solely an English trait, but handled in this unique manner and with the unique method of text presentation, it can be taken as evidence for English authorship.

Several technical features of notation and counterpoint help to strengthen this surmise. In Regne de pité there is the use of the signum rotundum in all parts to indicate the change of mensuration and the use of the cauda hirundinis to indicate the alteration of unligated semibreves under tempus perfectum. Perhaps most significantly, under tempus perfectum the first of two, rather than the second of two, semibreves must be altered in a binary c.o.p. ligature, a distinctively insular convention. Finally, although the amount of dissonance is high for an English piece, the amount of parallel motion in thirds and 6-3 harmonies is additional evidence for English authorship.

One final piece must be brought into consideration in this chapter. The motet O dira nacio, like Sub arturo plebs, is not a "motet in England;" it survives uniquely in the Tremoille manuscript, one of only four pieces to be preserved along with the index to this once impressive collection. The suggestion that O dira nacio is English has not to my knowledge been previously made, but deserves consideration. Text, form, and musical style all differ from the style and procedures of those motets named in the Tremoille index that are known through concordances, such as those found in DRC 20. Besseler has commented that the "conductus-like" phrasing of its upper parts points to an earlier date of composition. 103 Of course that description might

<sup>&#</sup>x27;°'3Besseler, "Studien II," pp.190-91.

also be said to suggest the motet is not French in origin. To begin with, the text is on Thomas; most likely Thomas of Canterbury is meant, though here his bowels, not brains, are slashed. The two poems are stanzaic and paired in length and versification. The motet is built on an unidentified whole chant with a single internal melodic repetition in its color. This tenor is laid out in longs and long rests without any strict rhythmic patterning. The form of the motet is sectional, in twelve blocks of counterpoint defined by successive two-line units of the triplum text. The most frequent of the declamation patterns for these verses (a) and the most common alternative (b) are given in Figure 19. (The duplum text is usually declaimed simultaneously in the same pattern.)

The form of the motet may be diagrammed as follows:

## ABAACABCA' A' A C.

The A sections are built on the declamation pattern (a) in both texted parts. Section B also uses (a) in both parts, though successively rather than simultaneously. Section C uses pattern (b) or some modification of it. The guiding principle behind this form seems to be variation, articulated through the text "from the top down."

a) 12-syllable pattern:



b) 6-syllable pattern:



(the transcription in the critical report is marked off in sections to show how these patterns operate in practice.)

# FIG. 19: 12 and 6-Syllable Patterns in O dira nacio

The mensuration of the motet is binary, with few minims (none set to a syllable), melismatic groups of binary ligatures <u>cum opposita proprietate</u>, and declamation on long, breve, and semibreve. This is similar to the mensuration of <u>Tu civium</u>, <u>Virgo Maria</u>, or <u>Te domina</u>. The piece contains numerous imperfect consonances, including 5-3 harmonies and much parallel motion in thirds and 6ths between the upper voices, especially in the rapid semibreve duet passages of the A sections when the tenor rests. All of the above

points suggest the likelihood of the motet's English authorship. However, the identification of the chant used as the cantus firmus and confirmation that Thomas is the English saint are imperative if the question of origin is to be settled with any finality. Nonetheless, the kinship of O dira nacio in form and style to the three English 'variation' motets cited above (or to Thomas gemma, to name another), suggests that the Tremoi'lle motet came out of the same compositional milieu at about the same time as, or only a little later than, these pieces.

## Summary

In summary, the English motet flourished in the early 14th century, carrying on an indigenous musical tradition capable of influencing continental directions in composition, especially through the impact that isoperiodicity and large-scale sectional structures may have had on de Vitry and his generation. A good number of distinct and persistent motet types were explored by English composers, including those using strict and varied voice exchange, strophic repeat with variation, refrains, and periodicity in many guises. Variation emerges as one of the most important means of compositional exploitation of musical ideas and structures. The particular directions in which the motet developed in the second half of the century are harder to follow, but what evidence there is suggests the native

traits were not wholly erased, and that despite a taste for French notation there was not a capitulation in all quarters to French motet techniques.

### CHAPTER III

### MOTET NOTATIONS

## Introduction

The motets under consideration in this study were composed in an era in which musical notation was undergoing considerable change as new forms of mensural organization were being explored and codified in the late 13th and early 14th centuries. This evolution of note forms and metrical structures has long been a primary interest of musicologists working on the late medieval polyphonic repertoires of France and Italy. The notation of English polyphony in the same era has until recently however, been terra incognita. This lack of attention has been remedied by a few important contributions, most notably Ernest Sanders's "Duple Rhythm and Alternate Third Mode in the 13th Century," and Margaret Bent's "A Preliminary Assessment of the Independence of English Trecento Notations." Thirteenth-century English nota-

There is near total neglect of the subject in Apel, The Notation of Polyphonic Music (hereafter NPM) except for the brief remarks on p.243. Parrish, Notation, has a number of relevant plates (XXXII-XXXIII, XLIII, XLIV), but does not discuss with any insight their peculiarly insular features.

The following presentation is indebted to the work of both of these scholars, deriving some measure of novelty and independence from the fact that most issues will be raised here from the point of view of the motet. I would like to

tional practices are marginally better known, especially due to the controversy over the rhythmic interpretation of the so-called English mensural notation (EMN) in the <u>Sumer Canon</u> and the Worcester fragments. This chapter will be prefaced with a short review of earlier practices in order to establish the background for a number of 14th-century insular conventions and also to clarify one important means of drawing the boundary line between 13th and 14th-century motets and sources from England.

Writings on music by Englishmen are a significant source of reference for the notations to be discussed here, primarily the treatises of Walter Odington, Robertus de Handlo, Johannes Hanboys, and the anonymous author of the

acknowledge the benefit of hearing a later presentation by Professor Bent on the same subject in a lecture delivered at Columbia University in 1977 entitled "A View of Early Ars Nova Notations and their Relationship to the English Tradition." In addition, see her brief survey in "Notation III, 3," section vi in The New Grove.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>CS I, pp.182-250; ed. by Hammond in CSM 14; there is a translation of Part VI by Huff.

<sup>\*</sup>CS I, pp.383-403; there is a translation by Dittmer (not without its problems) in <u>Robert of Handlo</u>. The explicit of the treatise dates the work to 1326.

<sup>\*</sup>CS I, pp.403-448. Hanboys is usually taken to be a 15th-century compiler (as for example by Hughes in "Hanboys" and by Wibberley in "Notation," p.xx) but Bent considers his treatise to be a work of the later 14th century, dating dating him to ca.1375? in "Notation," p.368. The treatises of Handlo and Hanboys are closely related; most of the former is incorporated in the latter. Thomas Walker, who is editing both for the <u>Corpus Scriptorum Musicae</u> (<u>CSM</u>), has kindly shared with me in advance of publication his conclusion that

Quatuor Principalia. They have long been available in the editions by Coussemaker and have been valued for their information about French practices from Franco to Philippe de Vitry. The fragmentary state of the English repertoire and the relative paucity of known sources until after the Second World War have made it difficult to evaluate and utilize these writers' comments on purely insular figures and practices. Empirical evidence of the sources and the testimony of the theorists are complementary and, as will be made clear below, only when they are brought together do many points made by the latter become clarified.

A study primarily devoted to the motets is a reasonable base from which to launch a discussion of 14th-century English notations because they span such a diverse range of notational practices. Table 14 is the focal point for this chapter. It groups the motets into large categories by features of notation, mensuration, and declamation; that is, the range of available symbols used to write the music down, the metrical organization of rhythmic values, and the primary durational units normally associated with a syllable of

the authors are in fact one and the same individual, and that the name Hanboys is merely a scribal corruption of Handlo. The later redaction, Hanboys, is reorganized and differs in many points of content, so it will be useful to refer to each treatise separately in this chapter.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;CS IV, pp.200-298; fourth chapter also in CS III, pp.334-64 (Anon.I). The compilation dates to 1351.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;In this light, the work of Wolf in GMN and HNK is worthy of respect.

TABLE 14

# NOTATION, MENSURATION, AND DECLAMATION IN THE MOTET

KEY: m2,m3 indicate melismatic semibreve duplets or triplets.

s2,s3 " syllabic " " " " " " grantheses indicate the rare appearance of the semibreve group so designated.

an asterisk \* indicates that a motet appears in more than one place in the TABLE.

An attempt has been made to put motets into an order indicative of increasing use of semibreves and increasing amount of subdivision of the breve. First and second mode columns are roughly aligned horizontally. underlining indicates the use of stems to differentiate semibreves in motets of Group 2(i) and 2(ii).

Group 1: 1 and b are primary units of declamation, with ornamental s in melismatic duplets or triplets (m2 or m3).

Absorbet oris - Recita m2 0 homo considera (m2)\*Alta canunt m2 · \*Apello cesarem Flos regalis Detentos a demonibus Ade finit perpete Januam quam clauserat \*Apello cesarem Hostis Herodes impie \*0 crux vale O pater excellentissime \*Ut recreentur celitus Veni creator spiritus Quid rimari cogitas Regi regum enarrare \*A solis - Ovet +(m3)+(m3)Regina iam discubuit \*Hostis Herodes impie \*Rota versatilis \*Rota versatilis \*Ut recreentur celitus Venit sponsa de Libano Excelsus in numine (m3) (m2,m3) Thomas gemma Petrum cephas m2(m3)\*Lux refulget m2(m3)Salve sancta parens Salve cleri Rex omnipotencie Barabbas dimittitur (m2)m3m2,m3 |\*Virgo sancta Katerina \*0 crux vale m2,m3 Rex sanctorum Inter choros Candens crescit \*Virgo sancta Katerina

# Table 14, cont.

Group 2:	Addition of $\underline{s}$ as unit of declamation alongside $\underline{l}$ and
	b. with (i) up to 3 s per b or 9 per 1. with dots of
	division; (ii) syllabic s in groups of 4 or more per
	<u>b</u> .

<u>b</u> .			
(i) PD			
Genitricem personante Regnum sine termino Sol-aris ardor Si lingua lota Virgo mater salvatori Regina celestium Hostium ob amorem Dei preco Tam nubes  Maria mole pressa Vas exstas eleccionis Ave miles Triumphat hodie  Balaam Trinitatem Jhesu redemptor *Lux refulget  *Virgo sancta Katerina Jhesu fili Quare fremuerunt Viri Galilei Patrie pacis Civitas nusquam Alma mater Caligo terre De flore	(s2)m2 (s2)m2(m3) s (s2)m2,m3 (s2)m2-4 (s2)m2-5 s2,m2 s2,m2(m3) "" s2,m2,m3,(m4)	Suspiria merentis Rex visibilium Rogativam potuit Surgere iam est A solis ortus	s2(s3) s2(s3)m2,m3 s2,s3,m2
Inter amenitatis Mulier magni Frondentibus Laus honor Rosa delectabilis Rosa mundi	s2-4;m2,m3 s2-4;m2 s2-4;m2-4 s2-5 s2-4;m2-5] s2-6;m2,m3(4	Orto sole  Duodeno sydere  Princeps aposto- lice  Herodis in atrio	s2-4;m2 s2-4;m2,m3 s2-4;m2-4
(for bracketed items[see also Group 3)	],	Flos anglorum  Beatus vir  Triumphus patet  Hac a valle	s2-4 s2-6] s2-9] s2-9] s2-9]

Table 14, cont.

# Group 3: Innovative Insular Notations

(i) Circle-Stem notational complex

Hac a valle (notation of Garlandia)
Beatus vir (notation of Doncastre)

Firmissime fidem (intabulation)
Tribum quem (intabulation)

Astra transcendit Rosa delectabilis

(Triumphus patet)

(ii) Ternary Breve-Semibreve notation

Ancilla Domini
Assunt Augustini
Baptizas parentes
Geret et regem
Nos orphanos
Rosa delectabilis
Thomas gemma (WF version)
Zorobabel abigo
(Flos anglorum)

- (iii) Forms of Binary Mensuration
  - (a) larga-longa notation

Lingua peregrina
Peregrina moror
\*Rota versatilis
Thomas gemma (long-breve version)

(b) binary long (and breve)

Augustine par angelis m2
Te domina m2,s2
Tu civium m2,m4,s2
Virgo Maria m2,(m3),s2,s4
0 dira nacio m2,(m3),s2

\*A solis-Ovet m2,m3,s2
\*Hostis Herodes "
\*Rota versatilis "

\*0 crux vale

# Table 14, cont.

# Group 4: Ars Nova mensurations (all tempus imperfectum maior unless otherwise indicated)

Virginalis concio DR Amer amours Ad lacrimas Vos quid O vos omnes O canenda L'amoreuse flour Musicorum collegio Apta caro Mon chant	Re 20, 10  " 11  " 12  " 13  " 14  " 15  " 16  " 17  " 18 0  " 19 ©
Deus creator Parfundement Domine quis Parce piscatoribus	Ob 7, 11 12 14 ⑤ 15 16 17
In ore te laudancium <u>U</u> Maria diceris-Soli fin	S-SM 19914, 1 les " 3 O
	Ccc 65, 3 ©
Nec Herodis ferocitas Regne de pite	<u>0b 143</u> , 1 3 € ⊙
Rex Karole Deus compaignons	<u>US-Wc 14</u> , 3 0
Inter usitata Omc Flos anglorum	266/268, 2 " 3 ⊙ q= □◊·□◊·□◊
Rex piaculum TACT	<u>o 3182</u> , 2
Humane lingue Lbm Alme pater	40011B, 17 O

The critical distinction between Groups 1, 2i, and 2ii is the use of syllabic semibreves (none in Group 1, s2 and s3 (duplets and triplets) in Group 2i, and more than s3 in Group 2ii), with a further gradation of pieces by the number of melismatic semibreves providing ornamental subdivision of the breve (from m2 to m6). Groups 3 and 4 list the motets with more innovative insular notations and those from later in the 14th century that exhibit French Ars Nova notation and mensurations. There are multiple entries for a number of motets, in particular for those with sectional change of mensuration or those of Group 2ii with innovative notations (entered also in Group 3). A touch of the arbitrary inevitably enters into a categorization of this sort, for instance in the judgement as to whether m3 are rare, or in the fact that a single m3 in the midst of prevalent m2 is sufficient to shift a motet's location; the use of stems on semibreves is also not taken into account in Groups 2i and 2ii (though stemming is indicated where present by underlining motet sigla).

<sup>\*</sup>The letters s and m will be used here not to stand for semibreve and minim, but to indicate syllabic or melismatic groups of semibreves. The terms duplets and triplets will be used as shorthand for groups of two or three semibreves per breve (s2, m2; s3, m3), with no implication that the subdivision of the breve is into smaller values equal to each other.

This means of tabulation was suggested by the approach of Frank Harrison to his discussion of "Division of the Brevis" in the Introduction to PMFC XV. There he arranged his 36 motets into six groups differentiated by the division of the breve into two or three semibreves, the use of dots of division to clarify breve groups and the use of stems to clarify rhythm, the appearance of rapid parlando in semibreves, and the appearance of major prolation (see Table 15).

TABLE 15

NOTATIONAL GROUPINGS FOLLOWING HARRISON IN PMFC XV

Group	Characteristics	Motets (PMFC XV numbers)
i ii	only m2,s2 C and O	1,4,9,14,16,27,36 22, 23, 24, 29, 34, 35
iii	m2,s2 with rare m3.s3	11, 18, 20, 30, 32
iv		2, 6, 7, 8, 15, 17 e
v vi	parlando, with douse of stems	<b>t</b> 3, 5, 13, 19, 26, 28, 31 10, 12, 21, 25, 33

Harrison's total sample was small; this has led him on the one hand to put together disparate items in the same group (as Group i, where nos. 14 and 16 use dots of division and also have an imperfect long while no. 36 is in typical French Ars Nova tempus perfectum minor) and on the other make a distinction (the separation of Groups i and iii) that

is perhaps too fine.' (It is a distinction necessary for Harrison on account of his rhythmic interpretation of semibreve groups, which will be discussed below.) Nonetheless Harrison's sensitivity to the problems of notation and rhythm has been a valuable impetus to the assembly of the data in Table 14, which amplifies Harrison's approach without in large measure contradicting it.

In the broadest view the notational development implicit in the organization of Table 14 is chronological. However, it would be simplistic to merely equate the age of any motet with the age of its notation, which provides at best only an earlier terminus. Not all the motets in Groups 1 or 2i are necessarily older than those in Groups 2ii, 3, Insular composers do not seem to possess the preoccupation with the codification of notation and mensuration that is the hallmark of the early French Ars Nova period. The English were notationally conservative, because notation and syllabic declamation on long and breve or breve and semibreve were adequate for the kinds of musical forms and text setting they apparently were preoccupied with instead. terms of sheer numbers, motets in Franconian notation predominate over those that are more innovative. Widespread adoption of Ars Nova mensurations after mid-century in motet and cantilena is probably coincident with the relinquishment

<sup>&#</sup>x27;To quibble over another small point, motet no.30 (put by Harrison in Group iii) is not really m2(m3); in fact m2 are rare in this piece, and m3 common.

of a close text-music relationship in both genres, and the abandonment of the cultivation of archetypes for motet construction that had persisted for several generations.

Three further tables will form a coda to this introduction. The first of these, Table 16, lists separately all those motets that exhibit changes in mensural organization.

TABLE 16
MOTETS WITH SHIFTS IN MENSURATION

Motet	Division of the long
Rota versatilis	1st→2nd→binary→1st/2nd→binary
A solis-Ovet	2nd→binary> 2nd→binary
Hostis Herodes	2nd→binary→1stbinary
0 crux vale	2nd ──→ 1st ──→ binary→1st
Ut recreentur celitus	2nd ───── 1st
Apello cesarem	2nd ————————————————————————————————————
Alta canunt	2nd ────────────────────────────────────
Lux refulget	2nd ———— 1st
Virgo sancta Katerina	1st→2nd→(accel.in 1st)
	•
(Regne de pité)	tempus imperfectum→tempus perfectum

These shifts are, except in <u>Virgo sancta Katerina</u>, coterminous with structural or formal boundaries. <u>Virgo sancta</u> temporarily intermingles second mode rhythms in a first mode context. This is done more systematically in the fourth section (<u>Katerina spe</u>) of <u>Rota versatilis</u>, where there is

alternation of first and second mode between every phrase or half phrase. Elsewhere the mingling of modes is seen only in passing details of rhythm, such as in the opening phrase of Vas exstas, the patterning of the tenor of Suspiria merentis (second mode, with one first mode section), or in the rest-writing at the ends of phrases in Parata paradisi porta (where the cadence normally falls on a breve followed by a two-breve rest, but in one instance falls on an imperfect long followed by a single breve rest). Occasionally a motet may show a shift in rhythm and patterning of declamation within the bounds of a single overall mensuration. sole provides the best large-scale example of that kind of shift, in this case from semibreve duplets and breves to semibreve quadruplets, triplets, and breves after its structural midpoint (i.e. in effect from Group 2i to 2ii in Table 14).

In regard to the use of stems on semibreves, see Table 14 and also Table 17. They appear in Group 2i only in two Ob 7 motets, Templum eya salomonis and De flore martirum. 1° Noteworthy is the fact that stems are not used to clarifiy the rhythm of the groups of four and five melismatic semibreves that occasionally appear in other motets of Group 2. Stems are the rule within Groups 2ii, 3i, and 3ii; within

<sup>&</sup>quot;Stems were added to the motets in the front leaves of  $\underline{Ob}$   $\underline{7}$  by a later hand or hands. None appear to be the work of the original scribe(s). This activity may have been confined to a single gathering of the original book. (See Lefferts, "Motet," pp.58-59.)

Group 2ii only Rosa mundi and Inter amenitatis lack them. A rough chronological development is apparent among those sources with at least occasional use of more than three semibreves per breve. The motets in Onc 362, Ob 652, and Lbm 24198 lack stems. In a later group similarly related among themselves by concordances -- Cb 228, Cqc 512, Ob 7 (front leaves), and DRc 20 (front leaves), there is stemming. Lbm 1210 and Lwa 12185 preserve examples of more elaborate and innovative insular practices, which are to be discussed further below.

Finally, Table 18 provides an overview of the cantilena repertoire grouped according to the same features as the motets. The cantilena repertoire sets poetry; it is in that respect related to the motet, whose means of setting verse are sometimes similar. For that reason the comparison afforded by Tables 14 and 18 is instructive. The predominance of first-mode over second-mode rhythmic patterning noticeable in the motets is even more striking in the cantilenas. This is evident not just in Groups 1 and 2i, but also, more emphatically, in Group 3, where breve-semibreve declamation is the rule and semibreve-breve rhythms are

<sup>&</sup>quot;Stems are added to  $\underline{Ob}$   $\underline{7}$ , but they are apparently original in  $\underline{Cqc}$   $\underline{512}$ , and are both original and more extensive in  $\underline{DRc}$   $\underline{20}$ . Harrison, in the "Notes on Transcription and Performance" for PMFC XV, sees no chronological development among the sources of motets with stems (his group vi), but he is led astray in this regard by failing to take into consideration that  $\underline{Rosa}$   $\underline{delectabilis}$  (with stems) is a palimpsest much younger than the rest of the contents of  $\underline{Onc}$  362.

TABLE 17

# MOTETS WITH MORE THAN 3S PER B, AND MOTETS WITH STEMS, BY MANUSCRIPT

Motets of Groups 1 and stems, listed by manus	2 with more than 3 s pecript.	er b, without
Rosa mundi Surgere iam est	<u>Lbm 24198</u> , 2	
A solis ortus	Lwa 12185, 5	•
Lux refulget	<u>0b 7</u> , 4	
Regina celestium	<u>ob 652</u> , 3	
Civitas nusquam Caligo terre Virgo sancta Katerina Iam nubes	One 362, 5 9 11 15	
Inter amenitatis	<u>Yc</u> , 2	

Motets with stems, listed by source.

Mulier magni meriti Princeps apostolice	Cgc 512, 1	
Laus honor vendito	Cpc 228, 3	
Herodis in atrio Princeps apostolice Dei preco Orto sole Jesu fili	DRc 20, 1	
Triumphus patet	<u>Lbm 1210</u> , 2	
Beatus vir Hac a valle	<u>Lwa 12185</u> ; 3	
Duodeno sydere Frondentibus De flore martirum Templum eya	0b 7, 5 " 6 " 8 " 9	
Frondentibus	<u>0b 594</u> , 1	
Rosa delectabilis	<u>Onc 362</u> , 18	

rarely encountered. The fact that Group 2ii and all other Group 3 categories are well supplied with motets but not cantilenas is indicative of the degree to which the cantilena is associated with regular declamation patterns, which are relatively rare in pieces in which there is rapid declamation on chains of semibreves. The two cantilenas in Group 2ii are exceptional pieces that don't have regularly and uniformly versified texts, but rather set varied pairs of stanzas to correspondingly varied musical double versicles. In fact, in neither <u>Salamonis inclita</u> nor <u>Ave celi regina</u> is there a consistent organization of breves into perfect longs.<sup>12</sup>

In both long-breve and breve-semibreve cantilenas the form can be understood as generated from the poetry through a consistent declamation scheme. Form is in that sense additive; hence the lack of a maximodus level of organization in long-breve pieces and of a modus level of organization in breve-semibreve pieces. One wonders why the two forms of "long-short" musical rhythm are then both necessary. The answer may lie in the ability to introduce melismatic elaboration in long-breve notation (breve-semibreve notation would have to introduce the minim) or of the more frequent use in breve-semibreve notation of declamation on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>See the discussion of these pieces in relation to the duet motets in Chapter Two.

#### TABLE 18

## MENSURATION AND DECLAMATION IN THE CANTILENA

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Group 1 long-breve declamation
                                    09
Astrorum altitudinem
Ab ora summa nuncius Lbm 1210,14;
   Cjc 84,1.
                                        Lbm 38651, 3
                                    Gaude virgo mater Lbm 3132,1
Ad rose titulum Cgc 512, 13b
Ave caro Christi Cgc 512, 13a
                                    (textless) Cfw, 4
Decora facie Cb 228, 6
*Grata iuvencula WF, 109
In rosa primula Lbm 1210, 12;
   Cjc 84, 4
Lucerna syderis Cjc 84, 3
Mater Christi nobilis Cgc 334,4
Missus Gabriel de celis Ob D.6,1
Psallens flecte Cjc_84, 2
Veni mi dilecte Lbm 1210, 3
Virga Dei generosa Cgc 334, 9
Group 2
          breve-semibreve declamation
                                     04
   םם
(i)
Ave mater summi regis LEcl 6120,7 | Arbor Ade veteris Lbm 1210,4
Gemma nitens Cgc 512, 14
*Grata iuvencula WF, 109
Virgo salvavit Lbm 1210,7
(ii) lack consistent modus level of organization
Ave celi regina Cgc 512, 11;
   Cb 228, 7/8
Salamonis inclita Cgc 512,10;
  US-NYpm 978, 5
         ternary breve-semibreve notation (some have minims*)
Group 3
A magnifica misericordia Ob D.R.3*, 10/11
Beata es Maria B-Br 266, 6
....filio Dei. Ob D.R.3*, 9
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Beata es Maria B-Br 266, 6
...filio Dei. Ob D.R.3\*, 9
Includimur nube caliginosa Cgc 334, 6 etc.
\*Jhesu Christe rex GLcro 678, 2
\*Letetur celi curia GLcro 678, 1
Maria virgo (?) Ob D.R.3\*, 13
...merenti modo scicienti WF, 82
Mutato modo geniture B-Br 266, 5 etc.
...numinis et rivos doleo Lbm 38651,2
O ceteris preamabilis Cgc 334, 8
Salve mirifica virgo Ob D.R.3\*, 7 etc.
Salve virgo singularis Lbm 38651, 1 etc.

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Group 3 (cont.)
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Table 18, cont.

....solvisti criminis <u>Ob D.R.3\*</u>, 8
Stella maris illustrans <u>Cgc 334</u>, 7
\*Vincti presepio (from Christi messis) <u>LEcl 6120</u>,11
Virgini Marie <u>Cu 16</u>, 1
\*Virgo decora <u>Ob 14</u>, 8

# Group 4 Ars Nova mensurations

Singularis laudis digna Gaude virgo immaculata Regem regum collaudemus Generosa iesse plantula Ut arbatum folium	US-NYpm 978,1; 0b 144 2 3 4 11	<u>+,</u> 1
frangens evanuit/ Jhesus nobis aperuit Ave mundi rosa Hic quomodo seduxerat Christi messis	LEcl 6120, 1/2 5 9 11	€[0] € 6
Que est ista Fulgens stellaquodquod na rogaveris Robur castis	<u>Ob 144</u> , 2 3 4 5 6	6 (6) (6) (6) (6)
[O Mari]a laudevenieet propitia Pia mater salvatoris Salve porta paradisi Stella celi	Lbm 57950(OH), 41 42 45 46 54 55	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
transfer nos Virgo vernans velud	Cgc 230/116, 1 2	C
De spineto nata rosa	BERC 55, 3	C

Frangens evanuit-Jhesus nobis (<u>LEcl 6120</u>, 1/2) may have a section in a type of insular circle-stem notation. See p.000. Certain of the examples of tempus perfectum in Group 4, such as in Christi messis (<u>LEcl 6120</u>, 11: section "Vincti presepio") or in Fulgens stella (<u>Ob 144</u>, <u>3</u>) retrain traits of insular breve-semibreve notation.

the perfect breve (corresponding to the less commonly used perfect long). Certainly in a broad historical overview the breve-semibreve notation can be seen as supplanting the older long-breve values, which we can observe whether we know the reason or not.

Later pieces in Ars Nova mensuration are quite common, reflecting the flourishing of compositional activity in the cantilena genre to the very end of the 14th century. These later compositions, many with sectional changes of mensuration, have a text-music relationship less closely bound to patterning of declamation than the earlier pieces. Here declamation may be syllabic on the breve, regular only on a verse/stanza-to-phrase/section basis, or coordinate poetry to form without a neat isomorphism in structure (see the section "Versification" in Chapter Four).

## 13th-Century English Mensural Notations

The notational practices in 13th-century English polyphony have not been much studied in comparison with continental notations (the pre-modal and modal systems of the Notre Dame era, the early mensural polyphony of the first half of the 13th century, Franconian notation). The English go their own way in matters of notation. This is clear from the musical sources, and also from the oft-cited testimony

of a reporter of the 1270s, the Englishman Anonymous IV. 13
Early work in the field was done by Bukofzer, Levy, and
Handschin, culminating in the editions and articles of the
late 1950s by Dittmer. 14 This body of work was addressed and
corrected in a seminal article by Ernest Sanders, "Duple
Rhythm." More recent contributions are the dissertation by
Roger Wibberley (1976), now summarized in the introduction
to EECM 26, and the edition of most of the recoverable
pieces by Sanders in PMFC XIV (1979).

Two notational styles must be distinguished in early English practice. The most important uses a rhomb (lozenge) to represent the breve; this notation is often referred to simply as English mensural notation (EMN). In the other style the breve is square, hence identical in appearance to the continental variety. Square-breve notation may follow continental precepts in its intended rhythmic realization, or it may embody rhythmic characteristics similar to those of rhomboid-breve notation. Table 19 lists all English sources of 13th-century polyphony classified according to the style(s) of notation they exhibit and the approximate age(s) of their repertoire. It is difficult to say how old the rhomboid breve convention is, but it goes back as far as

<sup>13</sup>The statements of Anon. IV on the peculiarities of English practice are quoted, among other places, in Wibberley's contribution on notation in the Introduction to EECM 26.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'See especially Bukofzer, "Sumer Canon: a Revision,"
Handschin, "Sumer Canon," Levy, "New Material," and Dittmer,
"The Dating and the Notation of the Worcester Fragments."

the early 13th century. The oldest sources, marked (A), mostly use Notre-Dame-style non-mensural notation. Here declamation tends to fall exclusively on the long. Most breves are melismatic and hence either found in ligatures or as part of conjunctura figures. In consequence few single breves or pairs of free breves occur. In the later conductus and conductus-motets of group (A), long-breve and long-breve-breve patterns begin to appear, and in these pieces the breve is always rhomboid. In group (B) sources most of the notation is EMN. A few sources use the square breve, mostly in continental fashion except within the Worcester fragments, Ob 60, and US-Cu. The youngest sources, group (C), mainly use the square breve in Franconian fashion.

The idiomatic insular use of the breve (rhomb or square) can be separated into three categories. They are (1) an alternation of single longs with single breves; (2) an alternation of single longs with pairs of breves; and (3) a succession of notationally undifferentiated breves (chains of paired breves). Most compositions show one type of notational idiom exclusively. A small number show predominantly one type while occasionally exhibiting features of another, and in some there is a distinct shift, usually after an internal division, from one type to another (see Table 20).

<sup>15</sup>Wibberley, "English Polyphonic Music," p.63.

TABLE 19
SOURCES OF 13TH-CENTURY ENGLISH POLYPHONY

Sources by Sigla	Sources by Age (and by sigla within)		Notation (1,2,3,4) (see KEY)	
Ccc 8	A. Prior to 1260		C. ca.1280-1300	
Ccl	Cgc 8 <b>9</b> 3	1	Ccl	4
Cgc 803- Cgc 820	Cjec 1	2	Lwa 33327	4
Cjc 138	Ctc	2	0ъ 60	
Cjec 1	Cu 29	1	WF	1,2,3,4
Cjec 5	CAC 128/1	1(2)	US-Cu	2,3
Ctc	Lbm XXI Lbm 248	1	US-PRu 119	2,4
Cu 29	Lbm 978	1 1,2	F-TO 925	4
CAc 128/1	Lbm 1580	1,2		
77	Lbm 5958	(1)2	KEY:	
DRu	Llp 457	1(2)	Notation-	
Lbm XVIII	0b 3	1	1 = non-men	
Lbm XXI	0b 18	1 1 2 1	Notre-Dame	e type
Lbm 29	0b 59	2	2 = EMN with	h rhombs
Lbm 248	0b 257	1		11101110
Lbm 978	0b 343 0b 497	(1)2	3 = EMN with	n square
Lbm 1580	0b 1225		breve	-
Lbm 3132	Omec	1 2	t	
Lbm 5958 Llp 457	0wc	1	4 = Franconi	ian
Lwa 33327	WF	1,2	parentheses	ah o
	F-Pn 25408	1,2	some traces	of the
0b 3	B. ca.1260-1280		enclosed notation.	
0b 18			Some source sigla	
0b 19	Ccc 8	4	cover fragments of	
ОЪ 2 <i>5</i> ОЪ <i>5</i> 9	Cgc 820	2	more than or	e early
0р 60	Cj <b>c</b> 138   Cjec 5	2	collection.	
0b 139	DRu	2		
0ъ 257	Lbm XVIII	2 2 2 2 2		
оъ 343	Lbm 29	2		
0ъ 400	Lbm 3132	4		
0ъ 489	Lbm 5958	2 2		
0b 497	0b 25			
0b 591 0b 1225	0b 60	2,3,4		
Omec	0b 139 0b 400	(1)2 2		
Owc	0ъ 489	(1)2		
WF	0ъ 497	1,2		
	0ъ 591	$(1)^{2}$		
D-Gu	WF	1,2		
F-TO 925	D-Gu	2		
F-Pn 25408 US-Cu	US-PRu 119	2,4		
US-Cu US-PRu 119				
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TABLE 20

#### 13TH-CENTURY PIECES WITH CHANGE OF NOTATIONAL IDIOM

#### Pieces in EMN

Felix namque Maria WF, 4 Alt.3rd >1st

Gaude Maria plaude WF, 35 " > "

Fons ortorum WF, 30 " > "

Equitas in curia Cgc 820, 1 " > "

Virgo paris filium WF, 14 1st -> Alt.3rd

Pieces in Franconian Notation

Kyrie (Orbis factor) WF, 1 1st  $\longrightarrow$  2nd Kyrie (Fons bonitatis) WF, 29 2nd  $\longrightarrow$  1st

Beata supernorum WF, 26 1st \_\_\_\_\_ accel.
Alma iam ad gaudia WF, 28 " \_\_\_\_\_ "

Gloria:Spiritus et alme <u>Ob 60</u>, 12 1st ———— binary

These notational idioms can be used to express several different mensurations. Compositions with notation of the first type, mainly alternating longs and breves, specify first or second mode unambiguously. Square-breve pieces in first mode are rare and, along with square-breve second mode pieces, occur mainly in the newest 13th-century sources (in continental notation). Rhomboid-breve pieces in first mode are very numerous; mostly conductus motets and troped chant

settings, they make up the single largest subset of pieces in EMN. Rhomboid-breve pieces in second mode (breve-long) are, by contrast, extremely rare. Only three are known:

Nobili precinitur (Lbm 5958, 1, an anglicized version of a continental motet also preserved in F-MO, 4.67), Fulgens stella (WF, 74, an early piece with primitive two-voice counterpoint and a notation dependent on context and consistency of declamation for its rhythmic interpretation), and 0 spes et salus (Ob 60, 15 [fol. 104-104v], a fragment of a lengthy motet with a very highly developed form of EMN). 16

Compositions of the second type, with paired breves, may potentially indicate third mode, alternate third mode, or a binary third mode. Sanders has argued convincingly for an interpretation of paired English breves (and also, in some contexts, paired square breves) in trochaic rhythm, demonstrating the historical predominance of alternate third mode in the music of 13th-century England. He has further demonstrated that notation of the third type, chains of undifferentiated breves, ought to be read as a succession of trochaic pairs. In his analysis only a few pieces must be singled out, primarily because of the complicating factor of the semibreve, for binary treatment of the long.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'See transcriptions of the latter two in Appendix II.
On O spes et salus see also Lefferts and Bent, "New
Sources," pp.338-42. Fulgens stella arguably has a firstmode ligature pattern, but features of declamation (in particular, the location of fractio), and the slant of the note
heads (interpreted following Wibberley's hypothesis as
described below) point to second mode.

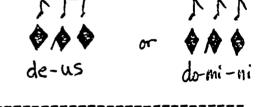
FIG. 20: Morphology of EMN

Figure 20

# Simple Figures:

The semibreve stem is sometimes used to indicate syllabic declamation, as follows:





Binary Long and Ternary Breve in Quam admirabilis (WF, 16)

Figure 20, cont.

Examples of the calligraphical distinction observed by Wibberley (see EECM 26, xxiv-xxv):

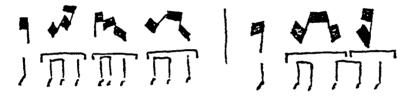
single long and breve



ligatures for alternate third mode



ligatures for binary third mode



Wibberley's contribution to our understanding of EMN has been to call attention to the noticeable slant given note-heads in most of the sources of EMN, so that square note-heads on longs and in ligatures become rhomb-like parallelograms with a distinct axis of orientation off the hor-It is Wibberley's thesis that this calligraphical feature of English scribal music hands is meant to facilitate the recognition of, and distinction between, long and breve, or between breve and altered breve, in binary and ternary ligatures. The longer value is indicated by slanting the note-head in the direction of melodic motion and the shorter value is indicated by slanting the note-head in the direction perpendicular to the direction of melodic motion. By these means it is possible to indicate distinctions between third mode, alternate third mode, and binary third mode. 17

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'See Wibberley, "English Polyphonic Music," pp.61-134 (esp. 61-106), and "Notation," pp.xxv, and see also Figure 20. Presumably the singer, having established the mensuration by inspection of the most heavily ligated voice (usually the tenor) could apply it to his own part by the principle of convenientia modorum (see Sanders, "Duple Rhythm," p.266 and Wibberley, "English Polyphonic Music," p.66; both borrow the term from Anonymous VII in CS I, p.379).

Wibberley's hypothesis confirms Sanders's conclusions (against Dittmer's) in most instances. (Wibberley does not consider WF, 14.) No compositions in EMN use regular third mode, for instance. Candidates for duple rhythm according to Sanders include WF, 14, 15, 16, 17 (in EMN); WF, 32 (square breve); US-Cu 3, 5, 8, 9 (in EMN); and US-Cu 1, 6, 7, 10 (square breve). Wibberley argues that the following additional pieces have binary subdivision of the long: WF, 18=66, 24, 25, 95. Using his test, Wibberley further con-

Some basic morphological features of EMN are given in Figure 20, and some comparison between notations in examples where a piece survives both in EMN and in square-breve notation are given in Figure 21. Both Sanders, in "Duple Rhythm," and Wibberley, in "English Polyphonic Music," have demonstrated the usefulness of these comparisons in establishing the idiosyncratic features of EMN. Particularly interesting in EMN is the use of the semibreve form (especially in syllabic declamation) and the so-called English conjunctura, which may replace the value of a long, imperfect long (altered breve), or regular breve. From among the small number of pieces that exist in both notational states two are instructive to single out for comment, Salve sancta parens, a troped chant setting, and Regis aula, a conductus-rondellus.

Two notational figures are of special interest in <u>Salve sancta</u>. First, chains of rhomboid breves, and some successions of longs and breves in alternation, translate into chains of square breves. The English conjunctura, when it

curs with Sanders's transcription of the Ob 139 monophonic dance in ternary longs (see "Duple Rhythm," pp.289-91) but argues that the original notation of the Sumer canon indicated binary longs, and he supports Bukofzer's interpretation of Veni mater gracie (Lbm 29, 1) in duple meter (Wibberley, "English Polyphonic Music," p.72; Bukofzer, NOHM III, p.112).

Where note-head slant is pronounced Wibberley's conjectures are compelling, but where note-heads are rectangular and parallel with the staves the argument is not as strong. One needs somehow to establish that the scribe knew the slant convention and deliberately chose to write square instead of slanted note heads.

# · Repertoire:

WF, 9 = 0b 60, 1 Salve sancta parens US-PRu  $1\overline{19A}$ , 1 = Lbm 24198, 3 Regis aula WF, 11 = D-Gu, 2 Cjec 5, 1 = D-Gu, 1/5 WF, 88 = 0b 60, 10 Senator regis curie Opem nobis Gloria Lbm 978, 4 = F-MO, 4.53 Lbm XVIII, 1 = F-MO, 2.23 Ave gloriosa mater Amor veint  $0b\ 139$ , 3 = F-MO, 7.260 Au queer 15m 5958.1 = F-M0.4.67Nobili precinitur WF, 95 = F-MO, 4.68Super te Ierusalem Ob 497, 5 = F-MO, 4.70In odore Pro beati Pauli WF, 70 = Lwa 33327, 4

FIG. 21: Comparisons of Pieces in Two Notational States

stands in the place of a perfect long, is replaced by a ternary ligature c.o.p. <u>sine perfectione</u>. The stem on the first rhomb of the conjunctura indicates that it and the following rhomb are semibreves, each taking half the value of an altered breve (hence equal to the third breve in duration). The ternary c.o.p. translates this meaning directly into a continental symbol, though without the rhythmic interpretation normally associated with it. This ternary c.o.p. stands in the place of three equal regular breves, not two. (The conversion of the Gloria, <u>WF</u>, <u>88</u>, in <u>EMN</u> into the square breve version of <u>Ob 60</u>, <u>10</u> translates the conjunctura literally into two semibreves followed by a breve.)<sup>12</sup>

Regis aula mostly converts longs and rhombs unproblematically into longs and square breves. It is instructive to see the differences in ligature shapes here, because the unconventional use of the c.o.p. is reinforced. In EMN a binary ligature <u>cum-sine</u> is read 2+1; in Franconian notation the same rhythm must be indicated by a ligature <u>sine-sine</u>. A ternary ligature <u>cum-cum</u>, similarly, is read 2+1+2(or 3) in EMN, where in Franconian notation it would normally be

<sup>18</sup> In Campanis cum cymbalis (Ob 60, 13) the ternary c.o.p. sine perfectione is likewise best interpreted as breve-breve, as Sanders has done in the edition for PMFC XIV (no.59). Though this piece has no surviving version in EMN, the rhythmic interpretation of the ligature must be predicated on EMN practice.

read 1+2+2(or 3). In the English notational idiom the first of two breves is interpreted as the longer in these ligatures, hence, the necessity to turn to the c.o.p. shape to represent a ligature incorporating three equal breves.

#### Conclusion

A comprehensive survey of the 13th-century English repertoire from the point of view of notation is still needed, growing out of the work that has been accomplished in this area to date. A morphogenesis of EMN, with particular emphasis on the semibreve, the English conjunctura, and the forms of ligatures (particularly the c.o.p.) is a top priority. Generic as well as chronological differences need to be explored. Motets, in particular, because of their syllabic style and correspondences of verse and musical phrase, bear the burden of the most elaborate notations and the "complicating factor" of the semibreve. The longevity of the notation needs to be established, as does the full implication of its norm of trochaic rendition of paired breves for 14th-century English notations (a point to be returned to shortly below).

## Franconian Notation and the Semibreve

The notation of the majority of the motets under consideration in this study is Franconian. That is, according to our conventional understanding it follows the prescriptions codified ca. 1280 by a certain Franco of Cologne in

his <u>Ars Cantus mensurabilis</u>. Parly 14th-century English motets and <u>cantilenae</u> account for a significant part of the surviving Franconian corpus. Continental sources embodying its principles are relatively small in number, especially by comparison to the number of modal and early mensural sources of 13th-century French polyphony.

Franconian notation is fully mensural, with a relatively fixed rhythmical value for each notational symbol that is subject to modification through rules governing alteration and imperfection in only a limited number of contexts. The system has the inherent potential to erase all modal traits. Franco refers to this new freedom in the following way: "Observe also that the modes may run together in a single discant, for through perfections all are reduced to one. Nor need one attempt to determine the mode to which such a discant belongs, although it may be said to belong to the one in which it chiefly or frequently remains."<sup>20</sup>

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'See <u>Franconis</u> <u>de Colonia Ars Cantus Mensurabilis</u>, ed. Gilbert Reaney and Andre Gilles, and the earlier edition in CS I, pp.ll7-l36. There is a translation of the latter by Oliver Strunk in <u>Source Readings</u>, pp.l39-59.

The dating of Franco's treatise is controversial. Wolf Frobenius recently proposed the date 1280 in "Zur Datierung von Francos Ars Cantus Mensurabilis." This date has been accepted, at least in principle, by most scholars but not by all. Some still argue for the traditional date about twenty years earlier; see for instance Anderson, "Review," pp.454-55 and Levy, "Organum Duplum," p.184.

<sup>2°</sup>Strunk, SR, p.151; CSM 14, pp.58-9.

The strongest force working to undo Ars Antiqua notational practice was the increasing amount of brevial subdivision, especially by syllabic semibreves. 21 Franco never discusses chains of semibreves occupying the duration of more than two regular breves. Since in his system a breve may be divided into two or three semibreves, the duration of two breves may be filled by four, five, or six semibreves, grouped 2+2, 3+2, 2+3, or 3+3. Franco's rules allow, though nowhere demonstrate, the division of a perfect (ternary) long into as many as nine minor (syllabic) semibreves, with the groupings clarified as necessary by the use of the division modi. 22 As most widely disseminated, Franco's practice was modified by Petrus de Cruce, who introduced a dot or punctus in the place of Franco's divisio, and used this dot

Nonetheless, through the use of the <u>divisio modi</u> a great variety in semibreve patterns is apparently possible. This conclusion stands in opposition to the analysis of Willi Apel (NPM, p.318), who says "the greatest shortcoming

<sup>21</sup>To my knowledge only Petrus le Viser makes an explicit distinction between melismatic and syllabic values. However, the distinction is important; syllabic, rather than melismatic, subdivision of the breve is the critical parameter. Further, all examples showing the manner of Franco, as well as those showing the slightly later manner of Petrus de Cruce, use syllabic semibreves.

<sup>22</sup>Handlo, in speaking of Franco, says chains of semibreves in the Franconian system are to be interpreted 2+2+2+...+2+3 (unless clarified by the use of the <u>divisio</u>, presumably). See CS I, pp.387-88. In Franco's treatise, and in the discussion by Hanboys (CS I, p.424), it would seem that the opposite procedure ought to hold, i.e. that because semibreves stand in much the same relation to breves as breves to longs, one ought to group chains of semibreves by threes. This of course leads to a problem if one is left over, for that is impermissible. Hence Handlo probably reports Franco's intention.

consistently to distinguish all breve groups, which was necessary because Petrus also permitted more than three (four to seven) semibreves per breve.

An underlying modal subdivision of the perfect long is clearly evident in the motets of Groups 1 and 2 (and in some of those in Group 3 as well); only in a very few pieces can the modes be said to be "run together," even briefly, in a single discant. An important point can be made about subdivision of the breve based on the evidence of the motet repertoire. This subdivision, whether highly patterned rhythmically or not, and whether syllabic or melismatic, tends to reflect the underlying modal foot of first or second mode by the frequency of location of the fractio, which falls most commonly at the beginning of the long part of the foot in each perfection. In first mode, the first breve is most likely to be divided, then (as the weight of examples shows) the third, and lastly the second. The most frequent subdivision of first mode is given in Figure 22, example 1. a pattern so common that Lambertus accorded it a separate number in his expanded categorization of the rhythmic modes.23 In the second mode the second breve is most fre-

of Franco's system was the lack of rhythmic variety in the realm of small values."

<sup>23</sup>The rhythmic modes of Lambertus are printed in CS I, pp.279-81. They are discussed by Gordon Anderson in "Magister Lambertus and Nine Rhythmic Modes." On mode six, the above pattern, see especially p.67 and note 41.

Anticipating the problem of rhythmic interpretation of these semibreves, it should be noted that Anderson raises

FIG. 22: Subdivision of the Breve

Example 2:

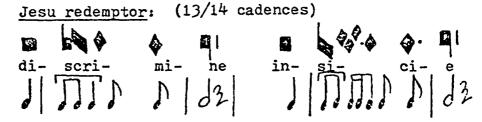
Example 3:

Example 4:

Example 5:

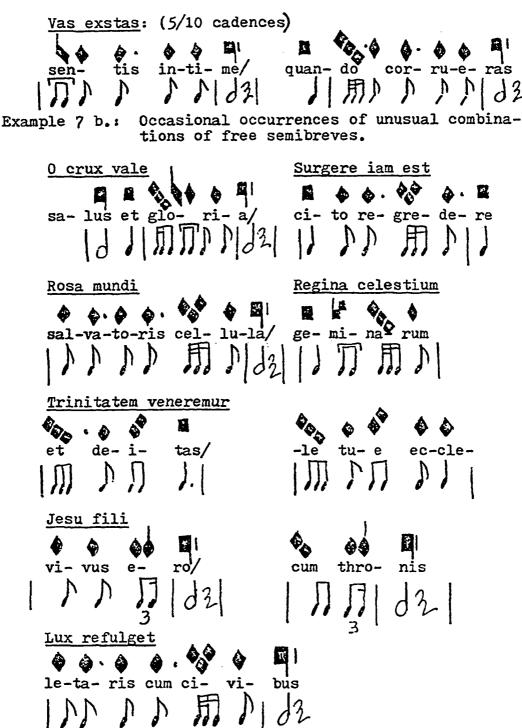
Example 7: unusual use of free (unligated) syllabic and melismatic semibreves.

a. Systematically recurring patterns at the cadence



### Figure 22, cont.

Example 7a, cont.



quently the one divided, then the third, and lastly the first. (Note that first and second modes differ in whether the imperfect long is fully subdivided before the breve or not.) Characteristic further subdivisions of first and second mode are given in Figure 22, example 2.

The one important exception to the commonly encountered subdivisions just described involves the use of the threenote descending conjunctura figure given in Figure 22, example 3. This replaces the value of two breves, or more specifically, replaces the imperfect long at the beginning of the perfection in first mode or in the middle of the perfection in second mode (with few exceptions). Its usual interpretation in the present repertoire is just as it looks, i.e. as a breve followed by two semibreves; in essence it functions as a notational symbol in place of the awkward ternary ligature whose first element would have to be a breve and second element a binary ligature c.o.p. Thre is occasional corroborative evidence for the bss interpretation when contrapuntal parallelism in another voice, or repetition of what must be intended as the same rhythm, associates this figure with a breve followed by a free-standing c.o.p.

the possibility that the semibreves are equal, but in my opinion Lambertus offers no justification for this interpretation. In fact, if anything this notation corresponds with Petrus le Viser's mos lascivus, in which the interpretation of semibreves is explicitly Franconian, i.e. unequal.

(See, for instance, example 4.)<sup>24</sup> This figure is more common in second mode than in first mode; this can produce a mixture of two forms of <u>fractio</u> rather than one consistent pattern in motets with this rhythmic underpinning.

Another context in which free (i.e. unligated) semibreves are sung melismatically involves conjunctura-like
figures of three to six semibreves in the space of a breve.
The descending figure given in Figure 22, example 6a, is by
far the most common and almost invariably replaces the last
breve of a perfection after an imperfect long in first mode.
Similar figures include those cited in example 6b. Much
less common are those occasions when one or more of the semibreves replacing a breve are sung syllabically while the
remainder are sung melismatically with a preceding or fol-

<sup>24</sup>This may seem obvious, but in fact there is a controversy in the musicological literature over the interpretation of this symbol, which may at certain times and places have been intended to be read as ssb (i.e. as a substitute for a descending ternary c.o.p., or looked at another way, moving from shorter to longer values, as one would evaluate a conjunctura in Notre Dame modal notation; this ssb reading may be correct for most appearances of this figure in the old corpus of F-MO, i.e. fascicles 2-6). See Johannes Wolf, GMN I, p.52 and the review of GMN by Ludwig in SIMG 6, p.627. Wolf interprets the figure as bss. while Ludwig interprets it as <u>ssb</u>. See also Apel, NPM, pp.297 and 304, and Parrish, <u>Notation</u>, p.136. Further evidence in favor of the interpretation as bss in the English motet repertoire includes: (i) the fact that in Lux refulget the descending ternary c.o.p. and this figure are both used, so they presumably do not both represent ssb. (ii) In Ade finit (Onc) the figure given in example 5 is used twice (bars 14 and 63), while otherwise all such figures are represented by ternary descending c.o.p. ligatures. The figure ssb appears even more frequently in the newly discovered concordance to Ade finit in F-TO 925, where it again is clearly interchangeable with the c.o.p.

lowing syllable. This is indicated where it happens by very careful spacing of notational symbols. It is a regular feature of patterning at the approach to cadences in <u>Jhesu</u> redemptor and <u>Vas exstas</u>, and appears unsystematically elsewhere. In contrast to the <u>conjunctura</u> figures, the free semibreves sung here do not emphasize descending melodic motion; instead, there may be pitch repetition or disjunct motion up or down. See Figure 22, example 7.25

Rhythmic Interpretation of Semibreve Groups

Problems in the interpretation of Franconian and Petronian notation involve the intended rhythms for semibreve duplets, triplets, and larger groups subdividing a breve.

English notational styles and mensural practice in the 14th century raise many questions concerning the proper rhythmic interpretation of semibreves and introduce several systems (some showing continental influence) for wholly or partially eliminating the ambiguity concerning their duration. This evidence will be considered below. First, however, the following discussion will briefly review some theoretical treatments of the semibreve in the 13th and 14th centuries and consider what has been said in the scholarly literature about English practices and their relationship both to earlier insular and to contemporaneous continental handling of

<sup>25</sup>The kind of notation of free semibreves described here is especially characteristic of the notation of the more modern items in the <u>Roman de Fauvel</u> and the chansons of Jehannot de Lescurel found in F-Pn 146.

these rhythmic problems.

In Franconian notation, as we have seen, groups of two or three semibreves may replace the durational value of a breve, and no free-standing single semibreves are possible. Some sources show the use of only duplets or triplets, while others may divide the breve both ways in the course of a The most fundamental question regarding the rhythmic value of these semibreves is whether two are equal and three are not, or vice versa.26 In the theory not yet reflecting the mensural practice of Franco's generation paired semibreves are specified as equal and three as unequal (1+1+2). This is the position taken by Amerus and Dietricus, as well as by the retrospective testimony of Odington.27 The unequivocal insistence of Franco and his generation that paired semibreves be unequal can be regarded as "a deliberate deviation" from the earlier tradition, 28 one that extends the relationships between long and breve to operate in much the

<sup>2°</sup>It is never the case that two are equal (each a half of a breve) and that three are equal (each a third of a breve) in the same piece. This point will be returned to below.

<sup>27</sup>See Bent, "Notation III, 3" and Apel, NPM, p.296. Amerus ref. is in CSM 25, pp.99-100; Dietricus is mentioned in Apel, NPM, p.296, note 1; for the reference in Odington, see CSM 14, pp.138-39 (CS I, p.245) and see also Huff, "A Translation," p.9. In addition to theoretical testimony, the name itself can be taken to mean "half a breve" (however, see Apel, ibid.). In the sources of the early to mid-13th century groups of two semibreves are more common than groups of three semibreves and syllabic semibreves are rare (see Apel, ibid.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>\*Apel, NPM, p.296. Its adoption can by no means be regarded uncritically as universal, however.

same way between breve and semibreve. This innovation is tied to another, the systematic use of declamation on the semibreve.

The specifically Franconian doctrine, widely disseminated, often copied, and carrying great authority, teaches that when the (ternary) breve is replaced by two semibreves, the first is minor and the second is major (1+2), and if by three, then all are equal minor semibreves. A few theoretical sources transmit an alternative rule concerning unequal paired semibreves in the same context, permitting the first to be major and the second to be minor (2+1). These sources include the following:

(1) from the treatise of Magister Lambertus (Coussemaker's Pseudo-Aristotle):

De recta breve ....se ipsamque in duas diminuit partes non equales vel in tres tantummodo equales et indivisibiles, quarum prima pars duarum semibrevis minor appellatur, secunda vero major, et e converso. (CS I, p.272)

(speaking of a binary c.o.p. ligature)....est ligatura duarum figurarum ....prima autem minor semibrevis dicitur, secunda major, vel e converso.(CS I, p.274)

(2) from the 1279 treatise of the St. Emmeram anonymous (ed. Sowa), who reports on the doctrine of Lambertus concerning the binary c.o.p. ligature, in order to take issue with it:

et si inequales, utrum minus frustrum debeat precedere et maius sussequi necessario aut pro voluntate mutua et converso, sicut quam plures asserere sunt reperti. Deinde utrum pro maiore brevi in equipollentis possint supponere sicut quidam in suis artibus assuere non formidant, dicentes de ea (here 1b above is quoted). (Sowa, p.48.)

quidam dicunt in illa figura minorem semibrevem precedere et maiorem sussequi vel penitus e converso pro mutua cantantium voluntate. Et isti opinioni videtur maxima pars canentium adherere. Unde Magister Lambertus de tali figura dicit (quoting lb above). (Sowa, p.51)

#### (3) from the Ars Nova of Philippe de Vitry:

Minimum tempus posuit Franco. Unde notandum est secundum Magistrum Franconem...(quod) minimum tempus non est nisi tres continens semibreves, quae quidem adeo sunt strictae quod amplius dividi non possunt, nisi per semiminimas dividantur. Unde notandum quod, quando aliquis cantus temporis perfecti reperitur ubi non nisi tres continentur semibreves pro uno tempore, secundum minimum tempus pronuntiari debent (si sint quatuor, primae duae semiminimae, nisi aliter signentur).

Item sciendum est quod, quando pro isto minimo tempore duae ponuntur semibreves, prima maior debet esse et nunquam secunda, nisi signetur, licet secundum artem veterem superius probaverimus quod secunda debet esse maior...(CSM 8, p.29).

# (4) from an anonymous 14th-century <u>Compendium Musicae Mensurabilis Artis Antiquae</u>:

Item quandocumque due semibreves pro recta brevi inveniuntur in unisono, id est in eadem linea vel in eodem spatio, ad voluntatem cantantis possunt fieri prima vel secunda maior; sed quando in diversis tonis inveniuntur, secundum maiorem concordantiam debet prima vel secunda semibrevis maior pronuntiari. (CSM 15, p.69.)

#### (5) From the Regula of Robertus de Handlo:

(in regard to binary ligatures) si tractus autem ascendens, qui causat oppositam proprietatem, fiat curtus, tunc in hac obliquitate sine ligatura major semibrevis minorem precedit, ut hic patet: (example follows; CS I, p.394).

Quando due semibreves similes sunt in conjunctione, prima erit minor, alia major, ut supra in exemplo tertie huius rubrice. Nisi tractum obliquum sit impedimentum, et tunc erit semibrevium dissimilitudo, et fiet prima major, altera minor, ut hic: (example follows; CS I, p.396).

#### (6) from the Quatuor Principalia:

Dividebat enim Franco longam in tres breves et brevem in tres semibreves, sed non minus quam in duas semibreves, quarum prima maior, secunda minor semibrevis ab eo nominatur, vel e contrario. (CS IV, p.257; CS III, p.337.)

These examples hardly constitute proof of a vigorous tradition running counter to Franco's. Lambert is attacked by the St.Emmeram anonymous; the author of the Quatuor Principalia may have in mind a different notational context', from the one in question here; the anonymous citation links the mensural choice to consonance; Handlo describes unusual note-shapes whose precise shapes are uncertain (but undoubtedly rarely, if ever, used); and de Vitry explicitly acknowledges Franco's way as the old way ("secundum artem veterem"). Nevertheless the possibility of reading a pair of semibreves as 2+1 rather than as 1+2 has some authority, and we must be open to the possibility that in certain otherwise "Franconian" repertoires or in certain musical centers (say, English) trochaism might be the norm.

<sup>2&#</sup>x27;That context is what I will call breve-semibreve notation. See the section devoted to this notation below.

We must now ask if there is any justification for interpreting paired semibreve duplets as equal (hence, for a binary breve) in the period of years between Franco and the codification of tempus imperfectum in de Vitry's Ars Nova. Certainly we can theorize that the Franconian doctrine was not universally adopted, so that somewhere the binary breve may have continued to be the norm. However, only scattered theoretical evidence supports binary subdivision of the breve, and it is important to note that these citations refer to contexts where the long is also binary. " For instance, Odington probably intends equal subdivision of the breve in remarks on binary versions of third and fourth mode, and the same association seems to be made in a discussion of these modes by Anonymous IV. 31 In the mos mediocris of Petrus le Viser, as Handlo reports it, "due semibreves equales sunt, et tres inequales, et quatuor equales, et quinque inequales."'2 It is not easy to grasp the distinc-

<sup>3°</sup>The evidence has been reviewed by Sanders in "Duple Rhythm," pp.250-62, on which the following summary relies. Amerus, an Englishman writing in Italy in 1271, also describes a notational system with a binary long and binary breve. See Amerus's treatise, and the discussion in Gallo, La teoria della notatione in Italia, pp.13-17.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Alii...dividunt...brevem in duas semibreves et raro in tres" might be stretched to imply that some divide the breve into two equal semibreves, but this moves securely into the realm of conjecture. (See note 27, p.226 above.) On Anonymous IV, see CS I, pp.361-62 and Sanders, "Duple Rhythm," pp.257-60.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> CS I, p.338.

tions made by Petrus le Viser or to associate his teaching with any surviving repertoire. The <u>mos mediocris</u>, it seems, encompasses two states of notation within its presumed medium tempo:

- (i) with longs, semilongs, breves, and semibreves; the semibreves (2-5 per breve) are performed as above (two equal, etc.) and are melismatic.
- (ii) without longs, i.e. with only semilongs, breves, and semibreves (2-5 per breve); semibreves are syllabic in groups of two or three, melismatic in groups of four and five, with rhythms as above (two equal, etc.).

In addition to the recognition of a binary breve, applicable to both (i) and (ii), it is likely that the restriction to semilongs (i.e. imperfect longs, worth two regular breves) in (ii) also defines the binary character of the modus (i.e. that there are only duple, never triple, groups of breves or the equivalent). It seems that for Petrus the perfect long in mos mediocris would make the tempo too slow if there were syllabic semibreves. Hence only in (i) would there be binary breves as a level of subdivision of the perfect (ternary) long. These references are in general unhelpful about Franconian contexts, then.<sup>33</sup>

We need further to ask what theorists say about the rhythmic subdivision of the breve by four or more semibreves, as an alternative guide to the binary or ternary

character of the breve. They are, in fact, of very little help. Petrus de Cruce, following Franconian precepts, interprets semibreve duplets unequally (1+2) and triplets equally; it is unclear from the testimony of our main reporter, Jacques of Liege, just how four through seven semibreves per breve were intended to be sung by Petrus. 4 Petrus le Viser is similarly silent on the exact means of rhythmic interpretation of his unequal groups of three or five semibreves per breve in the mos mediocris.

Walter Odington is more helpful. He explains that when a ternary breve is divided into four parts the first two are equal and twice as long as the last two. '5 (See Figure 23, example a.) This specifies that <u>fractio</u> is applied at the end of the major semibreve, the longer part of the foot. The same is true in de Vitry's specification for minimum

<sup>3</sup> Modern scholars can have diametrically opposed views. Sanders, for instance, argues that the small semibreves must have been sung in a style of free virtuoso declamation, as fasc as possible and hence for all practical purposes, equal. Bent, on the other hand, assumes the faster semibreves of Petrus to be unequal according to one of the systems later codified. The positions of both are to be found in separate articles in The New Grove Dictionary. For Sanders, see "Petrus de Cruce," pp.598-99, and for Bent, see "Notation III, 3," p.364.

See CSM 3/7, pp.37-8, 84-86, 89-90 (CS II, pp.401-402, 428-29). These passages by Jacques de Liege have been read to mean that for Petrus just as three are equal, so are four, five, six, or seven. In fact, however, "equales" only directly modifies "tres." Harrison, in the Introduction to PMFC XV, incorrectly reports that in the practice of Petrus de Cruce both duplets and triplets subdivide the breve equally.

<sup>35</sup>See CSM 14, pp.129; Huff, p.10.

tempus perfectum, where the order of major and minor semibreve is reversed, along with the specified location for subdivision. 'By contrast, in Vitry's tempus imperfectum maius four semibreves are interpreted as two pairs. (See Figure 23, examples b and c.) Later 14th-century theorists tend to follow de Vitry in their interpretation of four semibreves under tempus perfectum, including Theodorus de Campo (CS III, p.185), who interprets them in one of two ways, as in example d, at the pleasure of the singer, and the Anonymous IV of CS III (CS III, p.378), who interprets them as in example e. In both cases the location of the fractio indicates that semibreve duplets would be read unequally as 2+1.

It is clear that in order to have firm criteria for the interpretation of semibreve groups one must know the character of the breve (binary or ternary) and the conventions in effect both for uneven duplets and for interpreting brevial subdivision by four or more semibreves. The theorists report a range of possibilities for what to do, but their immediate relevance to any particular motet or motet source is open to challenge. If stems are present to clarify semibreve conventions, then one may interpret from them the character of the breve, on the basis of the location of the fractio. When stems are absent, one needs to make a few informed assumptions about possible rhythmic readings. We could assume that the rhythms specified in de Vitry's Ars

<sup>&</sup>quot;See CSM 8, p.29 (quoted above, p.228).

a. Walter Odington

b. de Vitry, minimum tempus perfectum

c. de Vitry, tempus imperfectum maius

d. Theodorus de Campo

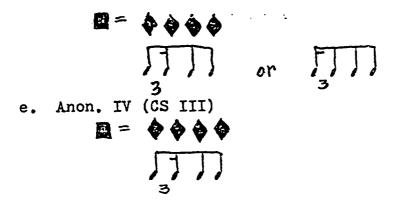


FIG. 23: Rhythmic Conventions for Groups of Four Semibreves

Nova for tempus imperfectum and perfectum codify the unwritten conventions of the rhythmic language that had developed rapidly after the innovations of Petrus de Cruce. There may, of course, have been less widely favored alternative rhythmic idioms that he rejected (or was unaware of), and of course Vitry's teaching and compositions may have been an influential point of departure rather than a codification of popular trends.

One argument that has been brought forward in recent years by scholars concerned with the rhythmic interpretation of semibreves in the English repertoire is the assertion that there is a strong English preference for trochaic rendition of paired semibreves in the late 13th and early 14th centuries. Sanders states that "it is likely that, contrary to Franconian practice, the English method of alteration (2+1) was applied to the semibreve in at least some English compositions of the time," and he cites some instances, including a number of pieces in which "the binary ligature cum opposita proprietate must be read 2+1." Bent concurs and cites examples that cause her to propose "that trochaic interpretation of semibreve pairs might be taken much further than the cases noted by Sanders." Wibberley reaffirms this point of view, arguing that for "those [notations]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Sanders, "Duple Rhythm," pp.275, n.134 and p.276.

<sup>3 \*</sup>Bent, "Preliminary Assessment," p.67.

employing Petronian methods in which the semibreves are notationally undifferentiated....the traditional English preference for trochaically conceived rhythms" ought to be favored in the interpretation of semibreves, for "it hardly seems likely that a short-lived period of Petronian notation should have witnessed such a fundamental change in attitude towards performance as to admit the use of iambically conceived rhythms to any great extent.";

This position rests on certain assumptions and a particular body of evidence, both of which demand closer scrutiny. Sanders established firmly that there was indeed an English method of alteration in the 13th century, in which pairs of breves (rhombs or squares) must be read 2+1. There is no necessary reason for this relationship to devolve upon paired semibreves after the adoption of Franconian notation. One can, of course, hypothesize about the logic or rationale that might have prompted such a transfer of rhythmic performance practice down one notational level. The Franconian system extends the relation between long and breve to that between breve and semibreve in several respects, including the interpretation of the second of a pair of the smaller values as the longer of the two. Following similar logic, some English musicians may have adopted a practice whereby, on account of the fact that traditionally the longer of two

<sup>&</sup>quot;Wibberley, contribution on "Notations," in the Introduction to EECM 26, p.xxvi.

paired breves was the first, this relationship devolved upon the pair of semibreves. On the other hand, we know of no explicit English antipathy for iambic rhythms, there are exceptional examples of EMN in second mode (as well as binary rhythms, of course), and it seems perfectly reasonable to expect that if the English adopted features of continental notational practice, one of the rhythmic idioms they could well have taken up was the iambic interpretation of semibreve pairs. There is no reason to assume a priori that because English mensural notation interprets paired breves trochaically that they also follow this convention for semibreves.\*

The evidence cited by Sanders and Bent compels us to make an important distinction. They have not, in fact, proven that this trochaic preference applies to paired semibreves within a Franconian context. That problem remains open for the moment. Rather, they have shown evidence that the trochaic reading of paired semibreves applies to a small subset (those pieces with paired semibreves) of a class of compositions in what I shall call breve-semibreve notation

<sup>\* °</sup>My concern in stressing this point is to make clear that any large-scale generalization about English rhythmic preferences ought to be made on the basis of data collected separately for each clearly distinguishable kind of notation. In fact, to anticipate the conclusions that will emerge below, I do agree that there seems to be a large-scale avaidance (or disregard) of a rhythmic category common across the channel, i.e. iambs, in English music of the 13th and 14th centuries. This must be a conclusion, though, not a presumption.

(Group 3iii in the tables on mensuration and declamation), a notation that will be discussed in detail shortly. \*1 This sharpens the focus but at the same time narrows the field within which their evidence lies and within which their conclusions apply.

Harrison has also recently written on the problem of "the division of the brevis" in relation to the English motet repertoire. Regarding semibreve duplets he argues that "where a motet has only duple subdivision of the brevis....no ambiguity about division of the brevis arises" and "the assumption is made here that subdivision is in notes of equal length." Further, "there is some warrant in the theoretical literature for unequal subdivision [but] in practice, however, this principle seems inapplicable in virtually all of the motets [of PMFC XV] to which it might be considered relevant." As a result he concludes not only that for those motets in which syllabic and melismatic duplets prevail they should be equal, but also that in those in which syllabic and melismatic triplets occur (frequently

<sup>\*</sup>¹In his argument Wibberley cites as evidence the Worcester version of Thomas gemma which is actually in the paired semibreve type of breve-semibreve notation, not a version of Franconian. He also cites the cantilena Salamonis inclita, a piece not relevant to his argument because the trochaic rhythms designated by a later source for it apply on a different level (subdivision of the perfect semibreve rather than subdivision of the perfect breve) than the one at issue either in his discussion or the present one. See EECM 26, p.xxvi.

<sup>\*2</sup>Harrison, "Notes on Transcription and Performance" in the Introduction to PMFC XV.

or infrequently), the duple or triple subdivision is always into notes of equal length (one half or one third of a breve, respectively). Both of these positions are subject to criticism. On the strength of the theoretical tradition outlined above, few modern scholars would follow Harrison in rejecting "the underlying axiom...that the brevis is perfect, and hence all its subdivisions must be related to a basic triple subdivision" just because a composition has only semibreve duplets. " Moreover, it does not ever seem to have been acceptable to the 13th- and 14th-century theorists (continental or English) on whom we rely that both semibreve duplets and triplets could divide the breve equally in the same piece. " Harrison does not raise the issue of the rhythm of semibreve duplets in those pieces in which he interprets them unequally; they are all transcribed iambically (1+2) with no reference to the school of thought that credits the possiblility of a transcription trochaically

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'I'm not totally unsympathetic to this view, as an editor. But to justify such flexibility, one has to examine pieces one at a time, asking of each if it reflects stylistic conventions simpler than, earlier than, or at least —different than — those of the motets for which we normally judge Franconian precepts to be applicable.

<sup>\*\*</sup>These are the grounds for the most telling criticism of the methods of transcription used by Rokseth (and more recently, Tischler) for F-MO, as well as for Harrison in PMFC XV. (In all cases, when editing it seems the best policy to amend inconsistency when spotted. Harrison's policy, by contrast, is to assume inconsistency is intentional, and so he leaves unmodified certain inconsistent rhythmic details in Mulier magni meriti, De flore martirum, and Rosa delectabilis, for example, a decision I find particularly unsatisfactory for these pieces.)

(2+1).

## Evidence of the Musical Sources

Empirical evidence provided by the English motets suggests the diversity of solutions available for the interpretation of semibreves in Franconian and Petronian contexts, including the anti-Franconian, trochaic interpretation of semibreve duplets. Contrapuntal evidence is perhaps the hardest to find and the most ambiguous in its analysis. cite one example, Civitas nusquam conditur provides a number of instances (eleven in all) where two semibreves in one voice are put against three in another. In only a small number of these does it seem to make any difference to the counterpoint whether the major semibreve is assumed to be the first or second of a pair; where it matters, the reading is better when the larger is first (arguing for 2+1 against 1+1+1, although a binary interpretation, 2+2 against 1+1+2, is not ruled out). The syllabic semibreve groups of Figure 22, example 7, also suggest, in their distribution of notes, the intended rhythm of semibreve pairs. In most cases (Trinitatem veneremur being a distinct exception) the rhythm suggested is again anti-Franconian (2+1). Not just the groupings of notes, but also the melodic shapes they outline, can suggest the underlying subdivision. This is particularly noticeable where repeated notes are found. Assunt Augustini or Alma mater, for example, repeated notes

are always the first two of an s3 or m3 group, suggesting that they subdivide a 2+1 figure. In the more progressive notation of the <u>Roman de Fauvel</u>, to cite a continental counterpart, repeated notes in s4 or m4 groups are either the first two or last two, suggesting the subdivision 2+1+1 or 1+1+2 of a binary breve. Most motets fail to provide these kinds of clues, however.\*5

Semibreve stems clarify to a very important degree the problems inherent in the evaluation of semibreve groups. In the simplest case, the stem either ascends or descends from the center of the semibreve. The stem descending from a note-head lengthens value, normally identifying the major semibreve. An ascending stem shortens value, normally identifying the semibrevis minima, or smallest value. In contexts where stems are used it may be the case that all notational symbols have single, fixed values, or on the other hand, that (as in Figure 23, example b) certain relationships still have to be understood by some convention.

Although the most dramatic use of semibreves is in bursts of

<sup>\*&#</sup>x27;As Bent notes ("Preliminary Assessment," p.70), where there are hocketing semibreves the possibility exists for clarifying the subdivision of the breve through an examination of the rests. This can be seen, for instance, in the careful rest-writing in the "In seculum" hockets of a continental source, the Bamberg codex. However, in the English motets, results of an examination of rest-writing are wholly ambiguous. For instance, where there are hocketing semibreves in Triumphat hodie and Balaam de quo, the scribe of Onc 362 shows a preference for the form whether in pre- or post-semibreve position. (The scribe of Lbm 24198 seems to prefer A and 1 to some degree.)

from five to seven or nine syllabic notes in the space of a breve, the most important expansion of Franconian practice, in terms of frequency of appearance, is the consistent use of four syllabic semibreves per breve. In the English motets (as in Fauvel) this is accompanied by the use of the downstemmed semibreve in almost every instance. (See Figure 24.)

In these examples the breve is clearly binary, i.e. the larger two semibreves are equal, although ambiguity remains in the rhythm of the four smaller semibreves. Some evidence suggests that the latter are unequal according to the convention specified by de Vitry in the Ars Nova for groups of two to four semibreves under tempus imperfectum maior. The evidence consists of a number of bits and pieces all pointing in the same direction: (1) in the motet Dei preco one semibreve triplet has an upward stem on the third rather than a downward stem on the first, presumably with equivalent meaning; (2) the Ob 598 version of Frondentibus florentibus uses the downward stem exclusively but the Ob 7 version, which originally had no stems, has had upward stems specifying de Vitry's rhythms entered by a later hand; (3) the motet Inter amenitatis, with groups of two to four syllabic semibreves, is not stemmed in Yc but is given de Vitry's rhythms by upward stems in I-TR 87, a much later source; (4) the cantilena Salamonis inclita, stemless in Cgc 512, is given de Vitry's rhythms by stems in US-NYpm 978, a

FIG. 24: Stemming Practices in the English Motets

later source; (5) the motet Herodis in atrio, with two to four syllabic semibreves per breve, has stemming following de Vitry in the hand of the original music scribe of DRc 20. The cumulative impact of this evidence is to suggest that in any English composition with two to four syllabic semibreves per breve the breve is binary and each major semibreve is ternary (with pairs of minor semibreves read 2+1). would apply, arquably, to the Cgc 512 version of Orto sole or the original Ob 7 version of Frondentibus, with later stems understood as a clarification, not modification of original intent. ' It must be observed, however, that the English stemming patterns are slightly less limited than de Vitry's (note the occasional position of the major semibreve as the last of three, and the appearance --admittedly, rare-- of the binary c.o.p. ligature in place of a major semibreve).

Other methods of stemming occasionally found among the motets specify a ternary breve, with either Franconian or anti-Franconian handling of semibreve duplets, in a few individual cases. In Templum eya Salomonis the downstemmed

<sup>&</sup>quot;The problem is one we have already encountered. Are these rhythms a modernization of the original? Were groups of s4 under a binary breve never equal for the young de Vitry and his generation, as they could be for Petrus le Viser? There are some grounds for the possible interpretation of groups of s4 as equal in English sources, if the instances just cited are taken as representative of the simplest forms of circle-stem notation. (See Group D(i) in Figure 25 below.)

semibreve is used to specify the 1+2 rhythm of duplets (Figure 24). In <u>De flore martirum</u> the upward stems on semibreves, more or less following the precepts of de Vitry for tempus perfectum maior, confirm by their pattern of <u>fractio</u> the iambic reading of duplets (Figure 24). In <u>Jesu fili</u>, on the other hand, two short passages (see Figures 23 and 24) unequivocally indicate the anti-Franconian reading of duplets. Finally, the use of downstems in <u>Laus honor vendito</u> should be noted for the record; the rhythms intended are not easy to interpret, but because there are no stems on either groups of two or three, two are probably unequal and three equal. The location of <u>fractio</u>, in the interpretation offered in Figure 24, may possibly indicate the trochaic reading of duplets.

Some of the motets of Group 2ii show distinctive, innovative, and, in some cases, apparently insular stemming practices. Of these, only Rosa delectabilis is in first mode. The others are in the second mode and may be considered examples of the second-mode tendency toward fractio.

Two adopt for their subdivision of the breve the Ars Nova mensurations of de Vitry; in Herodis in atrio, tempus imperfectum maior, and in Flos anglorum inclitus, tempus perfectum maior. The others show features of notations associated with insular 14th-century repertoires and will be be discussed below.

#### A Notational Complex

A good number of 14th-century English compositions can usefully be thought of as belonging to a single notational complex, unified by (1) the use of a dot (or <u>punctus</u>) to set off breve groups, (2) the use of the downward stem to mark the major semibreve, (3) either the use of a small circle (the <u>signum rotundum</u>) or else minim stems to designate smaller values, and (4) the appearance of certain characteristic rhythmic patterns. The compositions included in this notational complex are listed in Table 21, where they are arranged first by source and then by the primary and secondary divisions of the breve.

The roughly equivalent French or Italian mensuration is indicated for purposes of orientation. In some of these pieces the smaller values are rarely used, in others they are pervasive.

Bent has suggested that "If four was considered the basic Italian division of the breve and six the French, the English was nine." \*7 This is certainly the case if one begins with theoretical testimony, which when describing insular techniques for breve subdivision concentrates almost exclusively on the ternary breve and semibreve. The extension of breve-subdivision from 7 to 9, the invention of the downstemmed major semibreve, and the use of a small circle to mark off the thirds of a ternary breve are all credited

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup>Bent, "Notation III, 3," p.368.

# TABLE 21 THE CIRCLE-STEM NOTATIONAL COMPLEX

### a) BY SOURCE

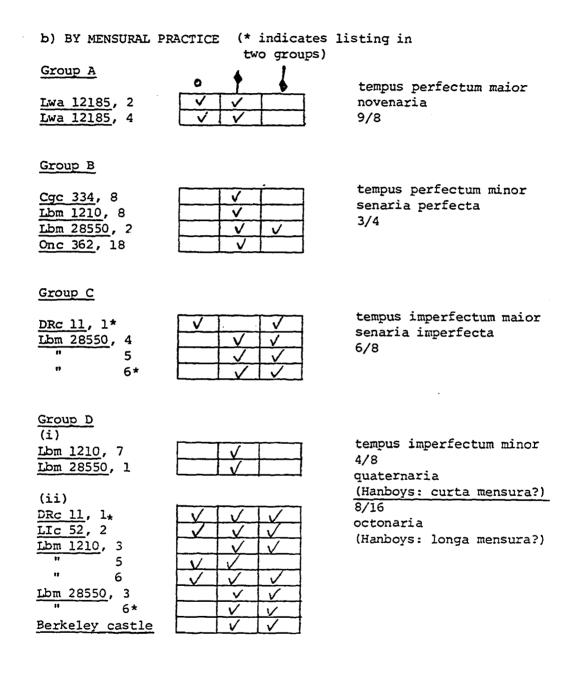
Muniments

DRc 11, 1	Kyrie Cuthberte
Cgc 334, 8	O ceteris preamabilis
LIC 52, 2	Astra descendit
5 6 7 8 Lbm 28550, 1 2 3 4	Veni mi dilecte Et in terra Kyria christifera Virgo salvavit O lux beata  (Dance) (Estampie) (Estampie) Firmissime fidem Tribum quem Flos vernalis
<u>Lwa 12185</u> , 2	Hac a valle Beatus vir
Onc 362, 18	Rosa delectabilis
Berkeley Castle	Paradian

(<u>LEcl VR 6120</u>, 1/2 Frangens evanuit is a possible candidate for inclusion. Its mensurations would be classified in Groups C and D(ii).)

Benedicta es celorum

#### Table 21, cont.



by Robertus de Handlo to a certain Johannes de Garlandia (whose nationality and further identity are unknown, although he is not to be confused wth an earlier theorist of the same name).

One motet fragment, <u>Hac a valle</u>, survives in a purely Garlandian notational idiom. (See Figure 25, Group A.)

In it the breve is divided into 2 to 9 syllabic semibreves by a system of notation in which breve units are set off by solid dots, ternary subdivisions of the breve are set off by small circles, the major semibreve, worth two-thirds of a breve is a rhomb with a downstem, and all smaller values are simple rhombs, whose values must be determined from context. The minor semibreve is worth one-third of a breve, the <u>minorata</u> is worth two-ninths of a breve, and the <u>minima</u> is worth one-ninth of a breve. The <u>minima</u> always precedes the <u>minorata</u> where two rhombs stand in place of the minor semibreve, establishing a predisposition toward iambic rhythms on this smallest level.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Handlo, CS I, 388-90, 396, 398; Hanboys, CS I, pp.424-25. This Johannes de Garlandia is a different individual from the Johannes de Garlandia who was an important mid-13th-century continental theorist. (Neither musician is to be confused with the well-known l3th-century Parisian scholastic author.) The later musician, this shadowy Garlandia "the younger," must have been an important figure around 1300, working after Franco and Petrus de Cruce (and probably after Petrus le Viser) but before Admetus de Aureliano (CS I, 397-98) and probably before de Vitry's Ars Nova (in any case, before the 1326 date of Handlo). See Bent, "Preliminary Assessment," p.75, note 6, and Sanders, "Duple Rhythm," p.253ff.

FIG. 25: Circle-Stem Notation in Practice

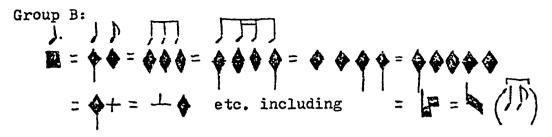
#### Group A

Hac a valle (Lwa 12185, 2) = Notation of Johannes Garlandia

Beatus vir (Lwa 12185, 4) = Notation of W. de Doncastre

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Figure 25, cont.



Outside of <u>Lbm 1210</u> and <u>Lbm 28550</u>, notation D(i) is also found in a small number of 14th-century English motets, mostly in sources <u>Cgc 512</u> and <u>DRc 20</u>. See Figure 24.

Group D(ii):

The only other piece clearly exhibiting a ninefold division of the breve is another motet fragment, Beatus vir, which uses the notational system attributed by Hanboys to the otherwise unknown W.de Doncastre. '' (See again Figure 25, Group A.) This system is very similar to Garlandia's in its resultant rhythms. However, the minor, minorata, and minima are distinguished by individualized note shapes, and the customary division of the minor semibreve places the minorata before the minima, thus introducing a trochaic rather than iambic rhythm on that level. 5 ° Beatus vir also introduces the semiminima in effect (by using four minimae in the place of a minor semibreve), 51 and introduces red coloration into both the tenor and texted voice to signal a recurring shift from perfect to imperfect modus and tempus. When the modus is perfect an underlying second-mode foot is discernable, defined by the position of rests and full breves. When minim values are employed, the ternary or binary subdivision of the breve is clarified by the use of

<sup>&</sup>quot;CS I, p.427. The notation is mentioned by J. Wolf in HNK I, p.271. Dittmer's transcription of this motet, accompanying a facsimile of it in his edition of Handlo, is not entirely reliable in its readings of rhythms and of text. See Dittmer, Robert of Handlo, p.21 (facs.) and pp.22-24 (transcription).

<sup>5°</sup>Notice the similarity in shape between the minorata and the shape described by Handlo for the major semibreve. CS I, p.396; quoted above on pp.228-29.

<sup>\*1</sup>Some ambiguity remains in the rhythm of these groups of 4M.

the <u>signum rotundum</u>. In many respects, therefore, the notation is clearly an advance on Garlandia, and in all likelihood has felt French Ars Nova influence.

The rhythmic patterns characteristic of the other groups of the notational complex are listed in Figure 25, Groups B, C, and D. The circle makes its only other appearance where the breve is binary, in Groups C and D. In the first line of Group D(ii) the utility of the circle is clear, though in fact there is one characteristic rhythm that cannot be notated without using minim stems. In Group C the circle is clearly superfluous, 52 and Bent has very reasonably proposed as an historical process that "increasing use of minim stems eventually made the circle redundant and it died out."53

Relevant theoretical description of duple divisions, as they appear in Group D, are confined to a single reference by Hanboys to <u>curta</u> and <u>Longa mensura</u>, terms that apply when the breve is divided into four or eight equal minor semibreves. 54 When there are only four, as in Group D(i), one is naturally faced with the problem of deciding whether they are equal, or else must be read unequally following some

<sup>52</sup>Similar superfluous use of the circle could have been quoted from the <u>Kyrie Cuthberte</u> in citations under Group D(ii).

<sup>5</sup> Bent, "Preliminary Assessment," p.69.

<sup>54</sup>See CS I, p.415 and the discussion of these terms in the section of this chapter on binary mensurations, below.

rule, such as those of de Vitry. When seen in association with the other breve divisions of this notational complex, such as appear in the two main sources of this notation, <u>Lbm</u> 1210 and <u>Lbm</u> 28550, it seems appropriate to take them as related to Group D(ii) as <u>curta mensura</u> is related to <u>longa mensura</u>, and hence -- equal. However, the same use of the downstemmed semibreve and two to four syllabic semibreves per breve also occurs in a number of motets discussed above, whose source contexts and concordances rather strongly raise the possibility of an unequal interpretation.<sup>55</sup>

It is clear that in only a few examples, mainly the motets and the <u>Kyrie Cuthberte</u>, is the use of these small note values essential, i.e. integral to the conception of the piece (for instance, because of syllabic declamation or essential contrapuntal motion on these values). In the rest, the subdivision has a specifically ornamental character. In three instances, the two motets by Philippe de Vitry intabulated in the Robertsbridge codex <u>Firmissime</u> fidem and <u>Tribum quem</u> (<u>Lbm 28550</u>, 3 and 4), and the <u>Kyria christifera</u>, an unornamented version exists with which the present version may be compared. In the case of the motets, the added rhythmic figuration leaves the basic contrapuntal structure intact, '' while in the <u>Kyria</u>, long-perfections

<sup>55</sup>See above, pp.241-44 and Figure 24.

<sup>56</sup>See the comparative editions published by Apel in CEKM 1.

have been pulled out of shape by the perhaps overenthusiastic addition of extra breves of pre-cadential filigree. 57 (See Figure 26.)

The remaining pieces exhibit rhythmic elaboration and diminution applied to compositions apparently also originating in simple long-breve and breve-semibreve notations. \*\* As in the homorhythmic "protofaburden" of the English duet motets, or of the similar activity in the outer voices of ornamented English discant settings written in Ars Nova mensurations, the ornamentation here is mainly neighbor-note motion and sequential figuration in parallel sixths or six-threes.

This notational complex provides a securely English context for the mensural notation of the right hand in the Robertsbridge intabultions, whose apparent mix of French and Italian features has intrigued musicologists in the past. The association of this notational complex with instrumental music prompts the thought that the ornamental breve division might be at least partly instrumental in origin or character. Precedents in the vocal repertoire (motets and discant) have just been mentioned, but the virtuoso degree of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup>The dotted barlines in the Figure are meant to draw attention to the fact that the subdivisions seem to group more naturally into 2B than into 3B units.

seFor instance, <u>Veni mi dilecte</u> and <u>Virgo salvavit</u> are cantilenas that move basically in long-breve notation, <u>O lux beata</u> is an ornamented form of an English discant setting of a hymn and moves in ternary breve-semibreve notation, and the <u>Lbm 1210</u> Gloria, lacking a consistent modus level of organization, basically has an ornamented form of binary breve-semibreve notation.

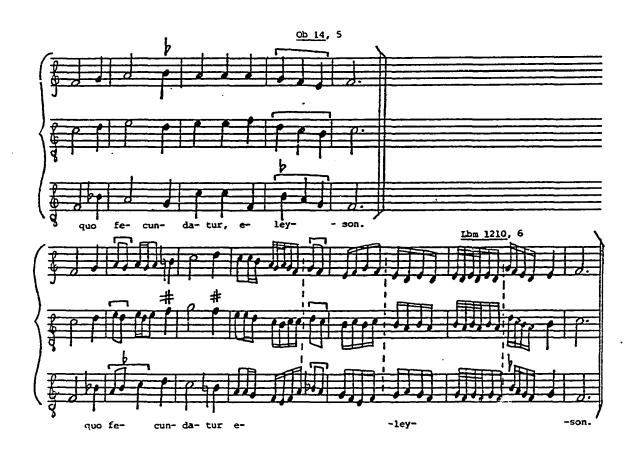


FIG. 26: Versions of the Kyria Christifera

diminution involved in the most elaborate of these settings is perhaps modelled on an instrumental technique. The high degree of chromaticism employed in the Robertsbridge items, is very likely also a sign of an instrumental idiom. '' If so, it is even more interesting to point out that it is fully matched by the extravagant use of accidentals (producing dramatic departures from diatonicism) in the Kyrie cuthberte and the cantilena Stella maris (Cgc 334, 7).

On the basis of the sources we have, it would seem that this notational complex, and its associated ornamental style, flourished in England through the second and third quarters of the 14th century. It would have been current in the 1350s when, according to a suggestion made by Craig Wright, the Robertsbridge codex music might have been assembled for the pleasure of the French king John the Good, who was captive in England from 1357-1360. And it may even be the case that we have here written examples of the kind of florid singing with "small breaking" that Wycliffe and his followers single out again and again in their castigations of church music over the last third of the century.

<sup>5&#</sup>x27;See the remarks by Ernest Sanders in the preface to PMFC XVII.

<sup>&</sup>quot;See Chapter Two, p.158.

<sup>&</sup>quot;For some of these statements, see Trowell, "Faburden -- New Sources, New Evidence," pp.39-40 and his notes.

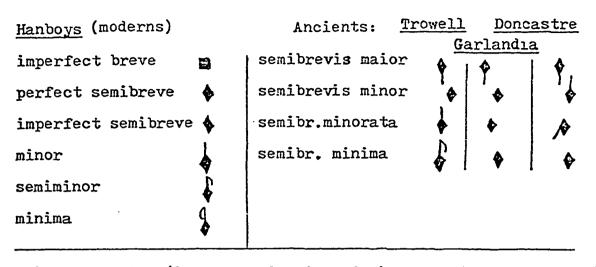
## The Notation of Triumphus patet

Triumphus patet exhibits note shapes in its triplum similar to some described by Hanboys (see Figure 27). The varied and apparently inconsistent use of these shapes does not correspond to any of the practices cited by Hanboys or any other 14th-century theorist. Figure 27 details some of the configurations in which note shapes appear in Triumphus patet.

Each configuration has the duration of a breve. transcription, the breve has been assumed to be perfect, but this is by no means proven.) It is clear, at the very least, that most semibreve shapes can adopt more than one value. Due to the near illegibility of the unique manuscript source, stems are hard to see and dots are hard to distinguish from dirt flecks. (Dots may possibly be used to subdivide some configurations as well as define breve units, though the latter is evidently their main function.) correspondence between certain configurations given on the left and their counterparts on the right suggests, further, that the notation is not entirely consistent, and it certainly resists a fully consistent solution in transcription. Harrison, who devotes a paragraph to this notation in the introduction to PMFC XV, concludes fairly that "though the rhythmic layout of the tenor and duplum (given an assumption about the perfection or imperfection of the brevis) provides

FIG. 27: Configurations Equalling a Breve in Triumphus patet

Figure 27



Triumphus patet (in presumed order of size from large to small)

(or possibly )

(or possibly )

Notational constellations equalling a breve in <u>Triumphus</u>:
(horizontal alignment suggests some possible equiva-

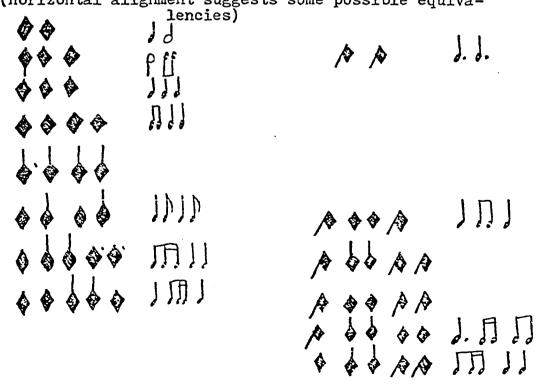
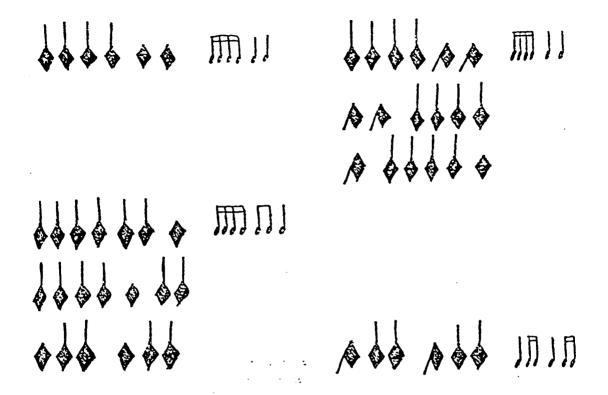
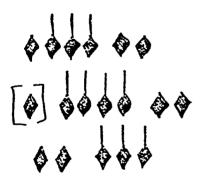


Figure 27, cont.





a reasonably firm substructure, the details of the mensural rationale of the triplum must remain somewhat pragmatic." 62

#### The Signum Rotundum

It will be useful to take a moment to explain the signum rotundum further. The little circle (signum rotundum, figura rotunda, parvulum circulum) has a variety of distinct uses in the theoretical and musical sources of late medieval England. " In roughly increasing order of significance these are as follows: (1) The circle (actually the sign 0) is used as a vide symbol or asterisk in the Ob 652 version of Rota versatilis to correct a scribal error (the RISM entry for Ob 652, and Wibberley in EECM 26, incorrectly call this a mensuration sign). (2) The circle indicates the pitch to which a plica must resolve in the music examples of Lbm Royal 12.c.vi, fol. 53v. (3) For some unknown purpose the circle is frequently placed over notes in the upper (mensurally notated) line of the compositions in the Robertsbridge codex (Lbm 28550). It may perhaps be a sign calling for some sort of ornamentation. (4) The circle is used to indicate a change of mensuration in O crux vale, Rota versa-

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'PMFC XV, p.xiv. <u>Triumphus patet</u> also provides an example of the use of the <u>brevis erecta</u>, whose appearances in practical sources always correspond to innovative insular stemming practices.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Bent discusses uses 1, 3, 5, and 6 in "Rota versatilis," pp.79-80. See also Wolf, HNK, p.268.

tilis, and Reque de pite. Change of mode is coincident with change of section in these motets except in section four of Rota versatilis, where the change of mode from first to second between individual phrases is indicated this way. (5) In Walter Odington's treatise, the circle replaces the divisio modi in its function of separating breve groups when (a) there are four to six semibreves per breve, or (b) when there are semibreve hockets where the divisio might be mistaken for a rest. (6) Finally, the circle may be used to mark off each third of a ternary breve or each half of a binary breve, as was just seen in Beatus vir and Hac a value. This is the use of the circle credited in Handlo and Hanboys to Johannes de Garlandia.

#### Breve-Semibreve Notation

The notational complex discussed above originates in patterns of breve subdivision within a long-breve context, introducing smaller note values into the Franconian long-

<sup>&</sup>quot;In O pater the circle is used as a kind of signum congruencie at the ends of sections. In one source of Rota versatilis, Lbm 40011B\*, a small dot placed over the first note of the section is used instead of the circle. In two instances, Hostis Herodes and the Robertsbridge codex intabulation Flos vernalis, three or four circles arranged vertically in the place of a staff division mark a sectional and mensural change. Though I would emphasize the role of the circle in mensural, not merely sectional demarcation, Bent, for example, interpets the latter as the primary meaning.

<sup>&</sup>quot;5CSM 14, pp.128-9, 145; Huff, p.10. Odington's practice is not seen in <u>Lbm 1210</u> (contrary to Sanders, "Duple Rhythm," p.235, n.13); rather, the use of the circle in this source is as in (6) above.

perfection (and then later, apparently, introducing the style of subdivision into other mensurations). The next l4th-century insular notation to be discussed stands in a very different relationship to the Franconian tradition. This is breve-semibreve notation. From the table at the head of this chapter it can be seen that there are seven motets categorized as in breve-semibreve notation (Group 3iii). This notation is, however, much more commonly found in the cantilena and discant repertoires. Therefore its main features will be dealt with from the point of view of this central corpus and the motets will be returned to briefly for discussion at the end of this section.

There are two forms of English breve-semibreve notation, one in which the breve is ternary, which is very common, and one in which the breve is binary, which rarely occurs. 'The following discussion will focus on the first kind. This notation is in many respects identical to the tempus perfectum of de Vitry, but certain notational and rhythmic idiosyncracies reveal it to be an independent, if closely related, system.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'The binary-breve version is seen in some free cantilena-style settings of the Gloria, such as  $\underline{\text{Lbm}}\ \underline{\text{XXIV}}$ ,  $\underline{\text{l}}\ \text{and}\ \underline{\text{Lbm}}\ \underline{\text{40725}}$ ,  $\underline{\text{l}}$ . It is used in the Gloria,  $\underline{\text{Lbm}}\ \underline{\text{1210}}$ ,  $\underline{\text{5}}$ , with rhythmic diminution as in Group D(ii) of the notational complex just discussed. Further, it occurs as a contrast to ternary breve-semibreve notation in a number of pieces such as the Gloria,  $\underline{\text{Lbm}}\ \underline{\text{3865l}}$ ,  $\underline{\text{6}}$ , and the troped Gloria in  $\underline{\text{DRc}}$ , Communar's Cartulary.

The fundamental unit of ternary breve-semibreve notation is the breve itself, which is shaped like a square.

The next-smaller value, two-thirds of the ternary breve, is the major semibreve. In ten pieces, surviving in a total of eight different sources, this note value is shaped like a rhomb, or in other words like a normal semibreve. '' (See Table 22. In two of the pieces it is occasionally given a downstem.) The minor semibreve, worth one-third of a breve, also uses this shape. Thus the alternation of major and minor semibreves produces a chain of notationally undifferentiated semibreve pairs. Sanders and Bent must be credited with establishing that these paired semibreves are read trochaically (2+1), or in other words, with the major always preceding the minor semibreve. '\* Hence one can legitimately

<sup>&</sup>quot;That total of eight sources includes the very fragmentary concordance of <u>Mutato modo</u> in <u>Lbm 38651</u>. There are very few free pairs of semibreves in <u>Spiritus et alme</u>. O <u>lux beata</u> and <u>Rosa delectabilis</u> are examples of breve-semibreve notation ornamented according to Group B practice in the notational complex described above.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Sanders, "Duple Rhythm, pp.275-76 and Bent, "Preliminary Assessment," pp.66-69. Their arguments and evidence include the following. (1) It is reasonable to assume that the different notational states in which the cantilena Includimur nube caliginosa and the motet Thomas gemma have been preserved, represent the same rhythms, thus equating paired semibreves with square breve and semibreve in Includimur and paired semibreves with long and breve in Thomas. (2) When there are ornamental figures in one or more sources of a piece, these may indicate through spacing or the use of stems the underlying binary or ternary character of the breve and its prevailing mode of subdivision. For instance, concordances of the cantilena Mutato modo geniture indicate in a number of small details that the breve is ternary and its customary subdivision is 2+1. (3) Pieces may yield other empirical evidence such as the use of the binary

speak of an English preference for trochaic rhythms that is evident in 13th-century English mensural notation, in at least some of the pieces written in the nominally continental-style notation adopted at the end of the 13th century, and in the ternary breve-semibreve notation employed for much of the 14th century.

The paired-semibreve version of ternary breve-semibreve notation certainly predates the adoption in England of one of the most important novelties of de Vitry's Ars Nova, namely the imperfect breve and its concomitant free-standing single semibreve. These introduce the capacity for transferring to the relationship between the breve and semibreve all the relationships existing between long and breve under the Franconian system. Under this French influence, the square replaces the rhomb as the form of the major semibreve. As the author of the Quatuor principalia put it around mid-century, "maior autem semibrevis pro tanto dicitur, quia duas minores includit, et figurari debet ut brevis

c.o.p. ligature in contexts requiring it to be read 2+1. (4) There is some small amount of theoretical testimony indicating the possibility of a trochaic interpretation of paired semibreves, mainly the statement in the <u>Quatuor Principalia</u> just referred to above. (5) There is a 13th-century predilection for trochaic rendition of paired rhomboid breves, and this may devolve upon these paired rhomboid semibreves (though it must be clarified that the context here is not Franconian). To these I would add a sixth, namely (6) that there are strong stylistic similarities between breve-semibreve pieces (with or without paired semibreves) and compositions in similar styles and genres written one level of notation higher, in longs and breves. I will elaborate on this point shortly below.

TABLE 22

## PIECES IN THE PAIRED-SEMIBREVE VERSION OF TERNARY BREVE-SEMIBREVE NOTATION

B-Br 266, 2 Spiritus et alme
" 5 Mutato modo geniture
" 6 Beata es Maria

Cgc 512, 8 Mutato modo geniture

Lbm 1210, 8 O lux beata

Ob 20, fols.35,34(WF, 67) Thomas gemma

Onc 362, 18 Rosa delectabilis

WOc 68, frag.xix(WF, 82) ...merenti modo

recta, quia equipollet brevi imperfecte. "'' It is in this fashion that breve-semibreve notation is found in the majority of 14th-century English sources. One piece, the cantilena <u>Includimur nube caliginosa</u>, is preserved in both versions, and the famous <u>Angelus ad virginem</u> settings in the Dublin troper show evidence of having been copied, using the square form of the major semibreve, from an exemplar in paired rhombs.'

<sup>&</sup>quot;CS IV, p.257; CS III, p.337.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'John Stevens describes the notation of <u>Angelus ad virginem</u> in the polyphonic settings of the Dublin Troper as

The range of note values is usually restricted to those three just described (perfect breve, major semibreve, minor semibreve), with no longs except as final longs and few or no minims. Ornamental figures occasionally may introduce more than three minor semibreves per breve, especially at cadences. When this happens, the rhythmic interpretation may be clarified through the judicious spacing of note heads or the use of upward or downward stems; the implied subdivision of the minor semibreve in most cases is ternary. There is usually no binary or ternary modus, i.e. no regular metrical grouping of breves by two or three, except in a few motets where breve-semibreve notation is introduced into a Franconian long-perfection as the means of division of the breve. On the other hand, other kinds of rhythmic organization on the phrase level often generate consistent larger

simply "full black mensural....perhaps late fourteenth to early fifteenth century," but this is not sufficient, nor entirely accurate, in my view. See Stevens's description in Cambridge Music Manuscripts, ed. Fenlon, p.81. For more on the Angelus settings, see below.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'To anticipate a point, if the evolutionary hypothesis concerning the halving of values that I propose below holds, then perhaps the semibreves are ternary because their larger equivalent, the Franconian breve, is ternary.

Incidentally, tempus perfectum is very much less common than tempus imperfectum on the continent in the 14th century, as can be seen, for example, by a perusal of the works of Machaut or the motets of PMFC V. The reverse is true of breve-semibreve notations in England; perhaps this is so because, on the larger level, the binary long is less common than the ternary long in Ars Antiqua sources.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;2See especially the use of ternary breve-semibreve notation in motets, discussed below.

groupings of breves, such as the groups of five and ten seen in the cantilena <u>Mutato modo</u> <u>geniture</u>.

Two discant settings of the Latin song Angelus ad virginem found in the Dublin Troper (Cu 710) will serve as an introduction to some of the idiosyncracies of breve-semibreve notation. The notation of rhythm in this setting has been commented on by Bukofzer, Sanders, and Bent. ' Here the breve is perfect and is subdivided either 2+1 (square-rhomb) or 1+1+1. The binary c.o.p. ligature occurs in two con-It either ligates the first two of three minor semibreves (i.e. taking the value of the major semibreve or altered breve) or it stands in place of the full perfect breve. Distinguishing between these contexts is a simple matter. The first is unambiguous in its rhythmic interpretation but the second is problematic. How can we identify which of the two elements in the ligature is the larger value?

In a transcription of the first stanza of the <u>Angelus</u> setting, Bukofzer chose to render the rhythms of the ambiguous c.o.p. ligatures trochaically, with the remark that "the unorthodox rhythmic interpretation of the ligature...is sug-

of organization in a long-breve cantilena, so one does not expect to see a modus level of organization in a breve-semi-breve piece. In both cases construction is essentially additive, perfection by perfection. (See my remark above, p.200 in regard to cantilenas.)

<sup>7 \*</sup>Bukofzer, NOHM III, pp.115-17; Sanders, "Duple Rhythm,"
p.276; and Bent, "Preliminary Assessment," p.68.

gested by the context and by the middle voice at 'tu porta.'"' Bent points out that there is a curious piece of supporting evidence in the second stanza of the Angelus setting. Here the ligature in the lowest voice at 'Dominum' is an unusual step-wise descending form of the binary c.o.p. ligature with the cauda hirundinis attached to the second (This symbol indicates which value is the larger; for more on the cauda see below, pp.280-82.) The cauda, she posits, reinforces (and clarifies) the intended rhythmic interpretation of this ligature, which is iambic (1+2), suggesting thereby that the c.o.p. ligatures normally are trochaic. ? There is additional internal evidence for this conclusion further along at 'tu porta.' Here the scribe began to copy out the tune in the middle voice as if for the fifth, rather than for the sixth and final phrase of the melody. The error was noticed and the incorrect pitches circled for deletion. At this point the scribe wrote two successive breve-perfections in which 2+1 rhythms were notated by paired semibreves, the first of which was given a This inconsistency in notation suggests that the exemplar from which the scribe copied was written in paired-semibreve notation in which the first of the pair,

<sup>7 5</sup> NOHM III, p.116. It should be added that the top voice at 'concipies' supports his decision as well.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'Preliminary Assessment," p.68. Her argument is somewhat obscured there by the misprint "trochaic" for "iambic" five lines up from the bottom of the page.

whether free or in ligature, was the larger value.

Under the conventions just seen in <u>Angelus ad virginem</u> the binary c.o.p. ligature can have two different rhythmic meanings depending on context. It may either stand in place of the major semibreve (rhythmic value 2=1+1) or replace the ternary breve, standing for two semibreves, the first of which is major and the second, minor (rhythmic value 3=2+1). A ternary c.o.p. ligature without perfection (s-s-b) must, as a result, be understood normally as having the value of two ternary breves (6=2+1+3). (See Figure 28, example a.)

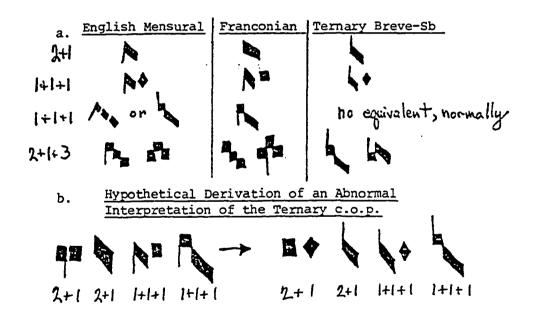


FIG. 28: Parallels in Ligature Formation

In two exceptional cases, this note shape is used to ligate three minor semibreves. In the first, a free setting of the Marian sequence <u>Virginis Marie laudes</u> (<u>Cu 16, 1</u>), this inference is drawn by comparison of the different notations of two otherwise identical cadences at the ends of both halves of a written-out musical double versicle, on the words "plasma ex te nascentis" and "manet Iudea." (See Figure 29.)



FIG. 29: Notational Variation in Virginis Marie Laudes

This unconventional reading is most likely also intended for the pre-cadential ligatures in the Latin-texted Kyrie Ob 14, 1. There is a parallel here in musical content

to the counterpoint of free semibreves at the cadence in stylistically similar Kyries in breve-semibreve notation, and also a strong parallel to cantilena-style free pieces in long-breve notation, such as the unornamented form of the Kyria christifera (Ob 14, 5). The latter has a strong resemblance to the other Ob 14 Kyries in counterpoint and rhythm, but is notated one level of values higher, with pre-cadential, stepwise-descending 6-3s written with ternary cum-sine (b-b-b) ligatures. (See Figure 30.)

In general there is a parallel between the role of the ligatures in breve-semibreve notation and those used in the paired-square-breve form of 13th-century English mensural notation, as shown in Figure 28, Example a. The ternary c.o.p. is used in the square-breve version of EMN to ligate three equal values, the first two of which are conceptually semibreves (dividing the larger breve) though they have the same value as the third note, which is a breve. There is no normal means of ligating three semibreves in breve-semibreve notation. In order to explain the unusual use of the c.o.p. in the two special cases just mentioned (Virginis Marie

<sup>7&#</sup>x27;There are many stylistically similar pieces in long-breve notation with few or no semibreves, flowing conjunct melodies in stepwise sequential melodic descent, counterpoint in parallel six-threes tempered by occasional eightfives and cadences to eight-fives. See, for example, <u>Beata viscera (WF, 91)</u>, <u>Spiritus procedens (Onc 362, 13)</u>, and <u>Ob 14, 6, etc.</u>), and the <u>DRC 8</u> Latin-texted Kyries. These are representative of the late 13th- and early 14th-century generation of conductus, rondellus, and cantilena-style compositions.

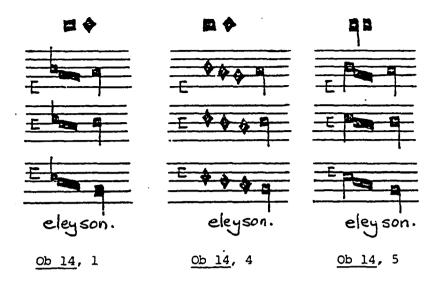


FIG. 30: Cadences in Three Latin-Texted Kyries

laudes and the Ob 14 Kyrie), it seems reasonable to propose a correlation with long-breve note shapes, in which an exact halving of values is indicated by the use of the upward tractus. This hypothetical rationale is shown in Figure 28, Example b. It is offered as a means of explaining only the two special cases; the logic of Example a is posited as the normal situation.

These observations suggest the following line of speculation: the introduction of breve-semibreve notation in England might have come about as a result of the decision to begin to write certain kinds of pieces (most notably at first, cantilenas and cantilena-style free settings) down one level of notation from their previously accustomed values, preserving the characteristic trochaic rhythms of these genres in new note shapes. This proposed relationship of long-breve to breve-semibreve notation would be the clearest manifestation of a general shift to shorter values for which there remain other pieces of evidence. To cite but one instance: the English discant setting of Mater ora filium exists in two notational states, an earlier version in longs and a later version in breves, 'e as can be seen in Figure 31.

Two further examples speak directly to the question of the emergence of breve-semibreve notation. The first is the well-known motet <u>Thomas gemma</u>, which survives in two sources in long-breve notation and in a third source in the early paired-semibreve version of breve-semibreve notation.' A

<sup>&#</sup>x27;\*Though long goes to breve, s-s-b goes to s-s-b in this example. Discant pieces move from cantus-firmus motion in longs to motion in breves early in the 14th century, and from breves to semibreves late in the century. For an example of this later, further shift to shorter values, see the setting of Alma redemptoris mater in Occ 144, 7 (edited in PMFC XVII), and other examples in Old Hall.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'Sanders and Bent both argue (Sanders, critical report to Thomas gemma in PMFC XIV, 61; Bent, "Preliminary Assessment," p.69 and also p.75, note 8) that the long-breve version might be a later notational clarification of the paired semibreves of Thomas, and further, it might be later because of the desire to introduce ornamental rhythmic subdivision on the semibreve level found in the long-breve versions, which would be impossible to accommodate in the breve-semibreve notation. In addition, Sanders has remarked that the necessity of reading paired semibreves unequally in the breve-semibreve version corresponds to the tradition of

## The Two Notational States of Mater Ora filium



# The Two Notational States of Thomas gemma

- a. long-breve version in Cgc 512, 6; US-PRu 119, A4
- b. breve-semibreve version is palimpsest in Ob 20, fols.35,34(WF, 67)

FIG. 31: Mater Ora Filium and Thomas Gemma

comparison of note-shapes, especially ligatures, shows the kinds of correlations proposed above.

A second example is the composition <u>Virgo decora</u>, which has a rather unusual and illuminating history. It originated as a polytextual troped chant setting of <u>Virgo Dei denitrix</u> (the verse of the Marian Gradual <u>Benedicta et venerabilis</u>), written in parts and notated in the long-plus-rhomboid-breve version of <u>EMN</u>. It was probably composed late in the third quarter of the 13th century. The later version (in <u>Ob 14</u>, a source that has figured large in this entire discussion) has undergone a generic transformation into a cantilena by putting the parts in score, texting all voices with the words of the duplum, and cutting all note values in half. See Figure 32.

<sup>13</sup>th-century EMN in its handling of paired rhomboid breves (PMFC XIV, 61 -- critical report).

Of course one might also say that long-breve notation is vulnerable to rhythmic elaboration, and the long-breve original may have been simpler in rhythmic character. One can also point out an analogous relationship, both stylistic and notational, between cantilenas in long-breve and brevesemibreve notation, observing their basic equivalency except in regard to ornamental subdivision (and to some extent, in declamation on the longest perfect value --more frequent on perfect breve than on perfect long). I will argue shortly that the mensuration of Thomas gemma is fundamentally a binary one, and that the long-breve notation is best regarded as a "duplex long-long" version used to write rhythms unavailable on a purely long-breve level without a binary long, which in effect is the version we have in breves and semibreves.

<sup>\*°</sup>It is probably identical to a composition listed early in the <u>LoHa</u> (<u>Lbm 978</u>) index. For an edition of both versions, see PMFC XVII.

## FIG. 32: The Two Notational States of Virgo Decora

If there were any intermediaries in this evolution they have not come to light; in any event, the association of EMN, and of the cantilena, with breve-semibreve notation is revealing.

Given that there were strong conventions in at least some English circles for the anti-Franconian interpretation of paired semibreves, it is little wonder that attempts would be made to invent unambiguous new notational symbols specifying the authentic Franconian doctrine. (English theoretical sources are among the best witnesses for Franco, after all.) According to Hanboys, this is precisely the

contribution of Frater Robertus de Brunham, who originated the use of new forms of the binary c.o.p. ligature to specify alteration of the second of two ligated semibreves, and introduced the swallow's tail, or <u>cauda hirundinis</u>, as a further tool to clarify the rhythms of paired semibreves, whether free or in ligature. 1 Hanboys and the author of the <u>Quatuor principalia</u>, as good Franconians, are offended by the introduction of these means of indicating alteration, 1 but the practicality of Brunham's notational devices caused their use to survive a few academic criticisms.

Brunham's ligature shapes are given in Figure 33, example a. They are obviously closely related to familiar binary ligatures with propriety and perfection -- the podatus and the clivis -- except for the addition of an upward

<sup>&</sup>quot;If Hanboys's ascription is correct, Brother Robert is clearly a major figure in the development of mid-14th-century English music. Brunham is one of these shadowy figures whose activities need to be dated and localized. He is identified as a friar by Hanboys (CS I, p.477) and by a Trinity College copy of the musical treatise Declaratio, there attributed to Frater Robertus de Brunham but elsewhere usually associated with the name of Torkesey (Cambridge, Trinity College, MS 0.9.29, fols. 53v and 94). See CSM 12, p.36 and note 8. On Brunham, see also Bent, "Preliminary Assessment," pp.68, 70.

Brunham's devices are introduced in Hanboys's section devoted to the semibreve practices of the moderns, as opposed to those of the ancients. Brunham probably was active in the years 1330-1350 or so. One other innovation credited to Brunham, some special forms for perfect long, breve, and semibreve rests, appears in many 14th-century English sources. See below, pp.306-307 and Figure 40.

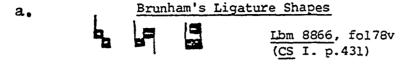
<sup>\*2</sup>Hanboys writes "Ergo vitiose assignatur alteratio, quando assignatur per duos tractulos, et potest assignari per punctus." See CS I, p.432; for the <u>Quatuor principalia</u>, see CS IV, p.271 (CS III, p.349).

stem on the left hand side. These ligatures appear in four musical sources. In one instance, in the diminution section of the tenor and contratenor of a bipartite isorhythmic Gloria in Ob 384 (Ob 384, 2), they occur as the notational shapes directly corresponding to the undiminished binary ligatures just named, thus lending some credibility to the hypothesis brought forward for the English view of the meaning of the upward tractus. See Figure 33, example b.

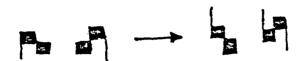
The use of the <u>cauda hirundinis</u> is much more widespread. Its function is to label the major semibreve, or in the words of Hanboys, to assign alteration "per duos tractulos ad similitudinem caude hirundinis" (that is, by a sign in the shape of a swallow's tail). "Hanboys's examples of Brunham's device, given in Figure 33, show it attached to both free and ligated semibreves, always to signal the alteration of the second of two, or in other words to clarify by special means the normal Franconian convention. In actual practice, as tabulated in Table 23, it not only marks the second of two free semibreves, but may indicate the alteration of either the first or second of two ligated sem-

<sup>\*3</sup>Cu 710, 1 (Angelus ad virginem); Ob 384, 2 (Gloria); TACTO 3184, 2 (Magnificat); and OCC 144, 3 (Fulgens stella). Two other appearances are worthy only of a footnote: in US-PRu 103, 3 (Salve regina) the descending form is used in I:107 against the normal oblique descending form in a parallel part, and in LECl 6120, 1/2 (Frangens evanuit) a Brunham shape appears at the final cadence in voice I, probably representing some attempt at a rhythmic readjustment to a problematic spot in the piece.

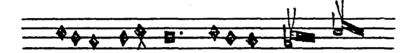
<sup>54</sup>CS I, p.432.



b. Ligature Shapes in the Gloria, Ob 384, 2



C. Hanboys's Examples of the Use of Brunham's Cauda Hirundinis



Lbm 8866, fol.78v(CS I, p.432)

FIG. 33: Brunham's Ligature Shapes, etc.

ibreves. In later 14th-century sources the <u>cauda</u> is used, independent of its original context and function, to alter a semibreve between two imperfect breves in <u>tempus perfectum</u> <u>maior</u>, to alter a semibreve between two minims, and to alter minims.

TABLE 23

EXAMPLES OF THE CAUDA HIRUNDINIS IN PRACTICE

<u>Item</u>	Source	Context
Latin-texted Kyrie	<u>05 14, 1</u>	to alter the first of two ligated Sb:
Latin-texted Kyrie	<u>ob 14</u> , 4	The Additional of the Addition
Gloria	Lbm XXIV, 2	<u> </u>
Alma redemptoris	<u>C5 27</u> , 2	٠ <b>١</b>
Sanctus	NWCIO 299, 8	£ " <b>K</b> . "
Gloria	DRc Comm.Cart. 1	£ }
Gloria laus honor	<u>WF</u> , frag. xix(82a)	
Angelus ad virginem	<u>Cu 710</u> , 2	to alter the second of two ligated Sb:   (max)
Fulgens stella	<u>Occ 144</u> , 3	two ligated Sb: la (once)
Frangens evanuit	LEC1 6120, 1/2	(mistake)
Credo	US-NYpm 978, 8	A (coce) is
Kyrie	I-Pisa, l	4 h
Singularis laudis	Occ 144, 1	to alter the first or second of two ligated Sb:
Numinis et rivos	Lbm 38651, 2	to alter the second of
Christi messis	LEC1 6120, 11	two single Sb:
Humane lingue	Lbm 40011B, 17	<b>♦</b> ♦ ^
Regne de pite	<u>Cb 143</u> , 3	to alter the Sb between two B: • # • and • • •
Agnus	<u>Cb 143</u> , 1	to alter the Sb between
Gloria	Ob 384, 1	to alter one Main pairs of M:
Gloria	<u>Ob 384</u> , 2	• • • •
Gloria	Cb 384, 3	
Credo	<u>Lbm 40011B</u> , 15	♦ ¼ (١٩١١) × ×

### Motets in Breve-Semibreve Notation

The motets using breve-semibreve notation are a varied lot. Thomas gemma has been discussed above. Ancilla Domini and Et reget gencium are similar in versification and apparent lack of regular patterning of declamation; they tantalize by the thought that they may represent an important direction for motet composition later in the century, but are too fragmentary to allow of further comment. Zorobabel abigo and Nos orphanos are more substantial fragments, and put breve-semibreve notation to work in more varied textures than those found in discant and cantilena pieces; this is most noticeable in their diverse configurations of semibreves and rests. In Zorobabel not a single breve-perfection is filled by three consecutive semibreves in any one voice-part. This is achieved, rather, by hocket between the surviving parts. It is also noteworthy that the rhythms of Zorobabel are consistently iambic (semibreve-breve). Baptizas parentes, Assunt Augustini, and Rosa delectabilis the long is perfect and rhythmic activity defines a firstmode underpinning. In the latter the notation is a rhythmically ornamented version of paired-semibreve writing, with downstems added in the idioms of the notational complex described above (this motet is most similar to the hymn setting O lux from Lbm 1210 in respect to its notation). the first, breve-semibreve motion predominates, with declamation falling in irregular fashion on long, breve, and semibreve values. See Figure 34.

Ternary breve-semibreve notation is found in cantilenas, free cantilena-style settings, discant settings of plainchants, and motets -- in other words, all the major genres of polyphonic music cultivated in 14th-century England -- and seems to have been in use over about the same time period as circle-stem notation, i.e. the middle two quarters of the century. Some traces might arguably be said to remain in Old Hall. \*5 The dividing line between insular practice and Ars Nova practice is elusive where the ternary breve (and square form of the major semibreve) is concerned. Hence the list of sources of this notation, offered as Table 24, is provisional and to a certain extent tentative. Tempus perfectum, maior or minor, is best recognized by (1) the extensive use of minims in patterned and sequential rhythmic figuration. (2) when the minim is used consistently as a unit of declamation, or (3) when sectional changes of mensuration introduce other Ars Nova prolations. \* The simi-

<sup>\*&#</sup>x27;I have in mind a discant setting of Sarum Agnus 9 that survives in both Old Hall (Lbm 57950, 134) and the Fountains fragments (Lbm 40011B, 14). Figures written in the ternary-breve section of this piece as breve-plus-semibreve (2+1) in Fountains appear in c.o.p. ligatures in Old Hall. These are read 1+2 in the edition of Bent and Hughes. Their decision is based on the prevailing rhythmic language and conventions of the manuscript, but it does seem to be the case that an anti-Franconian reading of the ligatures, following the rhythms designated in Fountains, would improve the counterpoint in at least two spots.

<sup>\*&#</sup>x27;Margaret Bent also stresses the importance of the vio-

Zorobabel abigo

Baptizas parentes

Flos anglorum inclitus

Nos orphanos

Assunt Augustini

FIG. 34: Breve-Semibreve Notation in the Motets

TABLE 24
SOURCES OF BREVE-SEMIBREVE NOTATION

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B-Br 266
                                       GB-Lli 146
GB- Cgc 334
    Cgc 512
                                           LIC 52
    Cu 16
    Cu 710
    DRc Communars Cartulary
    GLcro 678
    LEC1 6120
    Lbm XXIV
    Lbm 1210
    Lbm 38651
    NWcro 299
    0b D.R.3*
    0b 14
    0b 27
    0 b
    <u>оъ 60</u>
    Occ 144
    Omc 266/268
    WF
I- Pisa
I- Fol
I-GR 197
US-NYpm 978
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larity (and compatibility) of English and French notational

lation, or hesitancy to violate the <u>similis</u> ante <u>similem</u> rule. (Private communication.)

Sectional changes of mensuration do not always prove the intent to use Ars Nova prolations exclusively, as is seen by the pieces cited above in note 66 that alternate ternary and binary breve-semibreve notation. The cantilena Frangens evanuit (LECl VR 6120, 1/2) moves between an apparent tempus imperfectum major (perhaps a version of circlestem notation Group C) and longa mensura (Group D(ii)).

style seems to have led to a gradual merger for all practical purposes, especially through a proliferation of minims. There are examples where an English ternary breve-semibreve piece has accumulated enough minims in a late source to look continental, which can be seen as either under French influence, or perhaps merely reflecting the English taste, probably in part improvisational at its roots, for making settings more florid.\*7

Inevitably some ambiguity remains, especially in the interpretation of c.o.p. ligatures. Here context can often suggest a solution, for example if melismatic c.o.p. ligatures are mixed with melismatic breve-semibreve motion, suggesting the Franconian (semibreve-breve) interpretation for the ligatures. There are any number of English pieces in basically continental notation that exhibit some English notational traits. For example, in the tempus perfectum maior section of the motet Regne de pite, the cauda hirundinis makes an appearance and binary c.o.p. ligatures must be read trochaically, indicating the tenacity of certain aspects of this English tradition.

## Binary Mensuration

Binary mensuration of the long and breve is rare in 13th-century polyphony, and is scarcely mentioned by theorists describing Ars Antiqua practices, as we have seen

<sup>\*7</sup>See the Kyrie with concordances in  $\underline{Ob}$   $\underline{14}$ ,  $\underline{Ob}$   $\underline{55}$ , and  $\underline{NWcro}$   $\underline{299}$ .

above. In the early 14th century it becomes more common in musical sources both on the continent (witness the motets with binary longs in the <u>Roman de Fauvel</u>) and in England (as testified to especially by the motets of Group 3iv). The purpose of the following section is to discuss the rhythmic organization of those English motets with duple rhythm on one or more levels.

Only one English theorist, Hanboys, has directly relevant material. His treatise systematically discusses the use of eight species of simple figures that are used in mensural music. These are the <u>larga</u>, <u>duplex longa</u>, <u>longa</u>, <u>bre-</u> vis, semibrevis, minor, semiminor, and minima. \*\* For each he provides an extensive presentation of its ligated and unligated shapes, the range of rhythmic values it can adopt, the notational configurations in which it can appear, and the other figures with which it can be mixed. The combinations and permutations of binary and ternary subdivision possible in Hanboys's system are considerable. At the extremes are the all duple or all triple mensurations, the cases of the larga imperfecta ex omnibus imperfectis and the opposite, the <u>larga perfecta ex omnibus perfectis</u>. Mensurations are characterized for Hanboys not only by the hierarchy of mensural organization but also by the range and frequency of occurrence of note values. Only a few consecutive simple

<sup>\*\*</sup>See CS I, p.404-405. By contrast, for Franco just three simple figures sufficed: <u>longa</u>, <u>brevis</u>, and <u>semibrevis</u>.

figures in his descending series can be found together in any one voice-part.\*'

Much of Hanboys's treatise can be taken as scholastic system building, especially his exhaustive treatment of the very largest and smallest simple figures. In practice, the largest notated value used as the basis for metrical and rhythmical organization in the motets is the double long, but it occasionally occurs in contexts that demonstrate Hanboys's work to be grounded in more than mere speculation.'°

Two motet fragments found among the l4th-century palimpsests in the Worcester fragments, Lingua peregrina and Peregrina moror, (WF, 44 and 47), are written using just three note forms: double long, long, and breve. Dittmer found the appearance of double longs and longs in the tenors (and the restriction to occasional double longs, single longs, and breves in the surviving upper parts) so distinctive that he coined for these pieces the label "larga-longa notation."'

<sup>&</sup>quot;The concept that not all rhythmic values can be found together in one voice is not new in Hanboys's formulation. Handlo, for instance, qualified the use of the long by making it clear that longs cannot be associated with the very smallest values, minimae and minoratae, and he closed his discussion relative to this point with the following remark: "Patet igitur que note cum quibus haberi possunt." (CS I, p.391).

<sup>&#</sup>x27;The largest note value found in the repertoire is the triple long used in the tenor of <u>Quare fremuerunt</u>, the smallest the 1/18th of a breve found in the lowest voice of <u>Beatus vir</u>.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Dittmer, MSD 2, p.42 (in the critical notes to <u>WF</u>, <u>47</u>) and in "The Dating and the Notation of the Worcester Fragments," p.6. In this article he wrongly includes <u>WF</u>, <u>48</u>

It should be noted here that the "larga-longa" appellation has no medieval authority behind it, and an assertion by Dittmer that larga-longa notation is "discussed by R.Handlo and J.Hanboys" is in fact rather misleading.'2 Dittmer follows the 14th-century English theorist Torkesey and his school in using the name larga for the value known elsewhere as the maxima or duplex longa. It is the middle element in the trio largissima, larga, longa." Handlo never uses the word <u>larga</u>, referring instead only to the <u>duplex</u> longa, which has the value of two simple longs (i.e. six breves).' This figure may stand by itself or be used in ligatures, and it may be imperfected to the value of five tempora (breves) by a preceding or following breve or breve-rest. Hanboys does refer to the <u>larga</u>, as we have seen. It is the largest in the trio large, duplex longa, In his system the larga cannot be ligated ("et simplex est, quia ligari non potest"), and it contains from nine to four longs.'s The larga perfecta contains three double longs, each of which, curiously enough, consists of

<sup>(</sup>written in the same hand as  $\underline{WF}$ ,  $\underline{44}$  and  $\underline{47}$ ) with the others in larga-longa notation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Dittmer, "The Dating and the Notation," p.6.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'See CSM 12, p.25.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'The <u>Quatuor principalia</u> also only refers to the <u>duplex</u> <u>longa</u>. (Incidentally, Handlo also acknowledges an "immeasurably long" long for the tenors of organa.)

<sup>&</sup>quot;5CS I, p.405.

three (not two) perfect longs. The <u>duplex longa</u>, in turn, may consist of between nine breves (three perfect longs) and four breves (two imperfect longs). When it contains six breves (two perfect or three imperfect longs) it corresponds to the <u>duplex longa</u> of Handlo and to the notational figure we have been discussing above. Hence, the notation of <u>Lingua peregrina</u> might better be called <u>duplex longa-longa</u> notation. Although it arises out of the sorts of mensural organization implicit in Hanboys, it is not singled out for special mention there.

About "larga-longa" notation as it is used in practice in the Worcester fragments, the following observation must be made. The large note values have been employed to create a mensuration with two levels of binary and one level of ternary organization (double longs by twos, longs by twos, breves by threes). The archaic look of the notation is misleading. These large values are undoubtedly used to evade the problems inherent in the establishment of the same metrical hierarchy with smaller note values (introducing paired semibreves or even minims while employing declamation that regularly falls on the smallest available rhythmic units)." The mensuration is akin to modus imperfectus, tem-

<sup>&#</sup>x27;The larger values are conveniently well-determined and customarily available as units of declamation. One avoids the binary long and breve on the next level down, or the use of the minim as a unit of declamation two levels down. Further, the rhythms of the longs and breves in the Worcester pieces follow second mode patterns; on the minim level the equivalent to these iambic rhythms was rarely seen until

pus imperfectum, prolatio maior notated two full levels
higher than the note values of de Vitry's prolation.

The two Worcester pieces have a second-mode subdivision of the long; two further examples of larga-longa notation exhibit first mode subdivision instead. These are the "long-breve" version of <u>Thomas gemma</u> and the first section of <u>Rota versatilis</u>.' We have seen in Chapter Two that <u>Thomas</u> is rigidly structured in 4L units that are divisible throughout into two 2L units. As in the Worcester pieces, rhythmic subdivision falls more often on the first two than on the second two longs -- here most frequently setting a line of six syllables with penultimate (paroxytonic) accent, as in Figure 35.

The breve-semibreve version expresses these rhythms down one level in the metrical hierarchy, introducing a binary long, and paired semibreves that must be read trochacically. The first section of Rota versatilis has an unambiguous organization throughout into units of two longs each; in the two lower voices these are mostly filled by double longs or the equivalent rests. Further grouping into fourlong units is fairly natural, though one assumes it would be

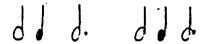
after mid-century (it is one of the progressive traits in the later works of Machaut).

<sup>&#</sup>x27;7This section of Rota has one ornamental c.o.p., and there are ornamental semibreve duplets and triplets in Thomas. These intrusions of semibreves may be considered accidental rather than essential to the basic character of the mensuration of these motets.

Most common in Thomas gemma:



In the Thomas gemma hockets:



## FIG. 35: Declamatory Patterns for 6pp Lines

better defined if the upper voices had survived in full. This section ultimately sacrifices regularity of mensuration in 4L groupings to a larger proportional scheme that requires it to have a total of 54 longs (a number not evenly divisible by four); probably the "missing" bars are at the very end.' Declamation would have been mainly on double longs and longs, and the whole section stands in a kind of

<sup>&#</sup>x27;In the final section of <u>Rota</u> the very last phrase rest is suppressed in order to make four 7L phrases total 27L instead of 28L. The final phrase probably cadenced to a double long in the last two bars of the section, trimming the phrase by the normal following bars of rest. If this is so, the section was probably 56 longs (2x28), and the phrase structure might have been something like 16L+12L+14L+14L (with truncation of the last phrase to 12L).

augmented notation with respect to the sections that follow.

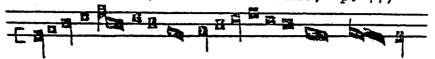
It is probably on account of the mensural and rhythmic organization of this section of Rota versatilis that the incipit of the top voice survives at all. It exists in an example quoted by Handlo to show notational figures and rhythmic values that may appropriately occur together, specifically illustrating the following remark: "Breves vero cum longis duplicibus misceri possunt, cum semibrevibus etiam et obliquis, ut hic patet."' The musical example that follows is obviously corrupt in our one source, and Bent sees a problem in associating it with the statement just quoted, to which it is supposed to pertain. 100 However it is possible to suggest a few plausible amendments to the incipit that bring it closer to a condition relevant to Handlo's remark, and at the same time allow it to fit more easily into the surviving lower parts than Bent's proposed alterations (see Figure 36).

A number of other motets show some of the features of longa-larga notation without the restriction in the range of note values used and the organization of mensuration and declamation around a succession of paired <u>duplex longa</u> durations. These include <u>Regnum sine termino</u>, <u>Flos regalis</u>, Inter choros, and the Caius twin motets Virgo Maria and <u>Tu</u>

<sup>&</sup>quot;CS I, p.391; <u>Lbm</u> 4909, p.8 (fol. 4v).

<sup>&</sup>quot;" Bent, "Rota versatilis," pp.76-78. I am indebted to her article for drawing my attention to this quotation.

Incipit of Rota versatilis in Lbm 4909, p.8 (fol. 4v): (see also Bent, "Rota versatilis," p. 77)



Hypothetical original:



See also Appendix I, p. 622.

## FIG. 36: Incipit of Rota Versatilis

civium. One case worth examining more closely is the second section of O crux vale. Like the first section of this motet, the second is exactly 34L in length and nearly regular in periodicity (9L+8L+8L+9L instead of 4x9L in the first section, and 12L+12L+10L instead of 3x12L in the second). The first two 12L phrases of the latter are articulated into three 4L subphrases by motion in longs and breves on the odd-numbered bars and in semibreves on the even-numbered bars. Not only are the two 12L phrases equivalent in rhyth-

mic organization but they have important isomelic correspondences (see Figure 37). The necessity of cutting short the third phrase in order to reach exactly 34L probably resulted in its lack of any corresponding pattern.

Motets with a ternary long and binary breve have been dealt with above in the discussion of stemming practice, and to some degree in the discussion of circle-stem notations. The motets exhibiting binary mensuration of the long present a familiar problem in the rhythmic interpretation of the breve and semibreve. In Hanboys's discussion of the imperfect long ("longa imperfecta duorum temporum") he does not explicitly consider the situation where it consists of two perfect breves, but he does make reference to the imperfect long that consists of two imperfect breves with a total value of four semibreves ("longa valet...quatuor semibrevium quando constat de duabus brevibus imperfectis"). 101 In his music example illustrating this situation the semibreves are ternary (see Figure 38, from Lbm 8866).

In a later passage, Hanboys "gives two possibilities for imperfect breves where the semibreve is also imperfect, namely <u>curta mensura</u>, in which the breve contains four minims, and <u>longa mensura</u> where it contains eight." <sup>102</sup> <u>Curta</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>° CS I, p.415; <u>Lbm</u> <u>8866</u>, fol. 70v.

<sup>102</sup>Bent, "Preliminary Assessment," p.69. The Latin is as follows (from CS I, p.428): "Si sit de semibrevi imperfecta, distinguendum est an sit de curta mensura: quatuor equales pro brevi, vel de longa mensura: vidilicet octo equales pro brevi."



Note that B and B' are most nearly alike. A and A' or C and C' differ because the first 12L are tonally closed on the pitch C, while the second 12L are tonally closed on the pitch D. Note also the means of articulation of each 4L into 2x2L.

FIG. 37: Isomelic correspondences in O crux

CS I, p.415b (Lbm 8866, fol. 70v):

longa valet....quatuor semibrevium....quando constat de duabus brevibus imperfectis:



FIG. 38: Example of Imperfect Long and Breve

and <u>longa mensura</u> may be the terms applicable to the forms of binary division of the breve seem above in the circlestem notational complex. They certainly have a close kinship with <u>quaternaria</u> and <u>octonaria</u> in the Italian Trecento system of notation. Unfortunately no way to distinguish them from other possible kinds of binary division of the breve is given by Hanboys.

There is a great deal of variation in the subdivision of breve and semibreve in pieces with a binary long. In Augustine par angelis semibreves are rare, never syllabic

and appear only as ligated duplets. Rhythmic equality for these duplets seems a reasonable assumption. In O dira nacio there are many chains of paired semibreves. In those few instances where the breve is divided by three, the final one has been given an upward minim stem, thus clarifying at one stroke that the breve is binary and the semibreve is ternary. Hence, the running semibreve duplets are all equal. The same conclusion also seems to be the most plausible for Te domina, where only semibreve duplets are written. In this case, however, the possibility that paired semibreves are read unequally (trochaically?) cannot be entirely ruled out. In Tu civium and Virgo Maria the subdivision of the breve into two and four semibreves (with rare triplets in the latter) makes clear that the larger semibreves are equal. It seems most likely that we have here an example of an all-binary mensuration, perhaps even an example of curta mensura, but again the possibility of the inequality of the smallest semibreves cannot be ruled out.

The final group of motets exhibiting features of binary mensuration of the long and breve are the large-scale voice-exchange motets with sectional changes of mensuration, i.e. Rota versatilis, A solis-Ovet, and Hostis Herodes, along with the stylistically related free composition O crux vale. Each has one or two sections where motion in longs and breves is replaced by motion in breves and semibreves with a shift to the smaller units for declamation. In the

final section of Rota (Virgo perduxerat) and in the third section of O crux the mensuration is clearly binary on the level of the long. 103 In A solis-Ovet and Hostis Herodes the mensural organization is more complex, and some evidence speaks for the possibility of a ternary long in the evennumbered sections. The situation is as follows. tions two and four of these pieces the phrase structures span 12 or 18 breves, articulated as either two or three 6B subphrases. Ambiguity arises in the interpretation of the 6B units as two perfect longs or three imperfect longs. Most evidence favors a binary long, including the melodic facture, rhythmic patterning, textual syntax, placement of harmonic change and internal cadences, and the writing of ligatures and rests (the latter, with some exceptions to be noted, are all written as single breve rests). All this is contradicted, however, by the rest-writing in the melismatic interludes that occur at the ends of the sections in question in A solis-Ovet and after each of the 18B phrases in the relevant sections of Hostis Herodes. Here the alternation of long and breve rests clearly indicates that the long is ternary (see Figure 39).

Further contradictory configurations of long and breve rests appear in the untexted voices during the second section of <u>Hostis</u> (<u>Hic princeps</u>). In the lower two parts they

<sup>103</sup>This is so despite the phrase structures in O crux, which are in some sense ternary in their groupings of breves. See the critical report.



FIG. 39: Rest-Writing in Hostis Herodes

support a ternary reading of the long, but in the top voice they support a binary reading. Hence, I am inclined to see the rest-writing as accidental (perhaps scribal whim or the mistaken grouping of single breve rests into imperfect long rests) rather than essential to the character of the mensuration, which rests on 6B subphrases that are to be understood normally as consisting of three binary longs. 104

The third section of <u>Rota versatilis</u> (<u>Rota Katerine</u>) is problematic in another way. Here no two phrases are of the same length; the first two, moreover, contain an even number of breves while the second two consist of an odd number of breves (54B = 12B+14B+13B+15B). Together they cover the four consecutive whole numbers 12-15.105 No declamatory pattern repeats on the phrase level. As a result, there is not much to recommend an interpretation in binary longs over one in ternary longs. One can point out that the <u>signum rotundum</u> indicates a mensural shift at the start of this section, that the rests are single breve rests grouped by twos (once, six are grouped by threes in <u>Lbm 24198</u>), and that the binary interpretation causes the form of the first two phrase end-

<sup>104</sup> In PMFC XVI, Harrison transcribes the last section of Ovet mundus in three-half time (three two-four bars), and transcribes the two sections of Hostis Herodes in three-quarter time.

<sup>105</sup>There is here the same kind of circularity that Bent sees in the lengths of verse in each new stanza (i.e. 12, 13, 11, 15, 14); see "Rota versatilis," pp.84-85.

ings to be the same (likewise for the second two), which would not be the case in a ternary reading. 106

The method of division of the breve needs to be addressed in these motets. In all of them declamation is syllabic on semibreve duplets and melismatic on semibreve triplets. The frequency of appearance of triplets varies within motets from section to section quite markedly, and also from motet to motet; they are considerably more numerous in O crux vale than in the others. As Bent has put it in regard to Rota versatilis: "Firm criteria for the interpretation of these semibreve groups are lacking. "107 She opts to render all semibreve duplets unevenly (2+1) in that Given the characteristically insular form and counterpoint of these free compositions, the use of this insular method of breve subdivision seems plausible for all. As far as the relationship of note values under changing mensurations in these sectional pieces is concerned, breve equivalency is incontrovertibly indicated. The shift in declamation and rate of general motion is therefore quite marked from section to section.

<sup>10</sup> It might be argued that the ternary long on the last syllable of the fourth phrase and the subsequent ternary long rest strengthen the case for an interpretation in ternary longs.

<sup>107</sup>Bent, "Rota versatilis," p.66; see also pp.83-84.

## Other Insular Notational Peculiarities

## The Brevis Erecta

The brevis erecta is a form of the breve that is notated with an ascending left-hand tractus; in fact, it looks most like a plicated brevis ascendens that has lost its right-hand tractus. There are theoretical references to this note shape in Handlo and Hanboys, who also report on the longa erecta. 10% Its use is to signal the temporary chromatic alteration of the note in question up a halfstep. 10, In practice it is found on the pitches F and C, raising them to F# and C# as the leading tones to G and D in melodic cadences. The brevis erecta is relatively rare in surviving musical sources, and because it can be so easily mistaken for a misformed brevis plicata it may be that some awkward or otherwise inexplicable use of plicas on the leading tones of cadences (particularly in the discant and cantilena repertoires) may be a result of scribal confusion between the two symbols. The brevis erecta is unmistakeably used in the motet repertoire only in Tu civium (Cgc 512, 4)

<sup>1° \*</sup>See the discussion of this note form in Bent, "Preliminary Assessment," pp.73-74, with reference to the definitions of Handlo (CS I, p.383) and the nearly identical ones in Hanboys (CS I, pp.413, 417). Bent notes that the only other references to <u>longe</u> and <u>breves erecte</u> are in the London version of de Vitry's Ars Nova (CSM 18, pp. 77-78), where "it may have been introduced into the text by an English compiler" (Bent, p.73).

<sup>10, &</sup>quot;longe....vocantur erecte quia ubicunque inveniuntur per semitonum eriguntur" (Handlo, CS I, p.383).

and <u>Triumphus patet</u> (<u>Lbm 1210</u>, <u>2</u>). Its appearance in conjunction with varied insular notational practices in these and other sources is striking. 110

## The Notation of Rests

Hanboys attributes the use of a distinctive constellation of rest shapes to Robertus de Brunham. A few of these are given also by other theorists, mainly English, and it would seem that their use is confined to English sources. 111 Brunham's form of the perfect long rest (for which, see Figure 40) is used in the motet Veni creator spiritus (Ccc 65, 2), which comes from an English source all of whose other pieces are written in Ars Nova notation. Canvassing the later 14th-century motets from England that have a perfect breve produces interesting results. Among the motets in breve-semibreve notation only the Taunton fragment Geret et regem uses the distinctive form of the perfect breve rest. 112 The number of motets in tempus perfectum maior is

<sup>11°</sup>Sources in which the <u>brevis</u> erecta is found include <u>Lpro 23</u>, <u>Lbm 1210</u>, <u>Ob 384</u>, and <u>Ob 60</u>. Bent reports finding other examples in non-motet items of <u>Ob 14</u> and <u>B-Br 266</u> (Bent, p.76, note 32).

Assessment," pp.70-71. For Brunham's rests in particular, see CS I, p.447. Johannes Wolf has made a comparative chart of rest shapes (GMN I, pp.88-89; HNK I, p.336) from which it can be seen, for instance, that Anonymous VI in CS III, p.402, presents the same series of rests as Brunham. Wolf's chart shows that certain of the series, in particular those for the perfect semibreve, imperfect semibreve, and minim, are also given elsewhere, for instance by Hanboys and in the Quatuor principalia.

small in <u>Ob 7</u> and <u>DRc 20</u>, but significantly, the English rest-forms do appear, helping to establish that the rear leaves of these sources were copied in England. <u>Deus creator</u> (<u>Ob 7</u>, <u>14</u>) is particularly rich in the variety of rests that it uses, but <u>Apta caro</u> (<u>DRc 20</u>, <u>18</u>) and <u>Mon chant</u> (<u>DRc 20</u>, <u>19</u>) also provide examples, especially of the distinctive perfect breve rest. <u>Reque de pite</u> does not use the latter, but does employ the forms of the perfect semibreve, imperfect semibreve, and minim rests. These distinct forms are used as late as two English sources in void notation, <u>Lbm</u> 40011B (with two motets), and Cu 5943.<sup>113</sup> (See Figure 40).

### Summary

Taking the motet repertoire as a point of departure, it has been possible to establish a great deal about English notational practices in the 14th century. First, it is demonstrable that an English preference for the trochaic interpretation of undifferentiated paired semibreves holds both in Franconian ("ancient") and breve-semibreve ("modern") contexts, though not to the exclusion of iambic practice in some pieces.

<sup>112</sup> Thomas gemma does not use any of the distinctive rest forms. Nos orphanos and Zorobabel, the only other motets in breve-semibreve notation that have considerable rest-writing, never rest for the duration of a perfect breve. Their forms for the imperfect breve rest and perfect semibreve rest correspond to those of Brunham.

 $<sup>^{11}</sup>$ See Bukofzer, SMRM, pp.97-98 where he remarks on the distinctly English rest writing in <u>Lbm 40011B</u>, and see also Bent, "Preliminary Assessment," pp.70-71.

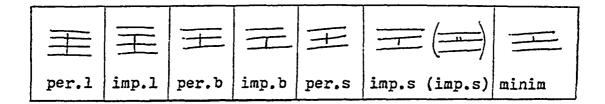


FIG. 40: Rest Shapes

Certain shadowy individuals named by Handlo and Hanboys, including Johannes Garlandia, W. de Doncastre, and Frater Robertus de Brunham, emerge as important innovators. Brunham, in particular, according to Hanboys, is responsible for the cauda hirundinis, special forms for rests, and special forms for c.o.p. ligatures. Though these are castigated by Hanboys and the author of the Quatuor principalia, they are found in many of the musical sources, testifying to their utility.

Insular notations have similarities to French practices and to Italian practices; the extent of influence and its direction is unclear. In general, however, the English notations show sufficient individuality and idiosyncracies

to be regarded as individual responses to notational problems along lines of development parallel to those of the continental musical cultures. All are responding to the same crisis, the need to codify the kind of subdivision of the breve into four and more syllabic values inaugurated by Petrus de Cruce. French notational practices eventually are adopted in England, with assimilation of certain features of insular practice where possible, and an adherence to others (rest-writing in tempus perfectum major, for instance).

The time of greatest innovation in English notational practice was certainly the first half of the century, probably mostly in the second quarter, roughly between the completion of Handlo's essay (1326) and the compilation of the Quatuor principalia (1351), which already knows of, and complains about, the practices that Hanboys will link with the name of Robertus de Brunham. The most interesting motet source from the point of view of notation is <a href="Lwa 12185">Lwa 12185</a>, with examples in the notations of Garlandia and Doncastre, a piece in breve-semibreve notation, and two others in Franconian and Petronian style.

A certain conservativeness in notation and rhythm evident in motets of the first quarter of the century is a result of an English preoccupation with musical forms and text setting that were possible using Franconian and Petronian notation. Widespread adoption of Ars Nova mensurations after mid-century, especially noticeable in the cantilena

and motet, is coincident with the relinquishment of a close text-music relationship in both, and the abandonment of the cultivation of archetypes for motet construction that had persisted for several generations. Milestones in the assimilation of French practice are the introduction of the imperfect breve and the single semibreve in tempus perfectum, the minim, and eventually, the flagged semiminim.

In summary, then, the vigorous musical life of 14th-century England spawned not only distinctive genres of polyphony, and very individual performance practices, but also indigenous notational systems that yielded only gradually to the encroachment of the French Ars Nova prolations over the course of the century. Despite the fact that there are important superficial resemblances to French and Italian practice in the English approach, we are wisely cautioned by Bent against too readily seeing a foreign influence of any sort here. All three music cultures evolved notational and mensural systems in the late 13th and early 14th centuries in response to nearly the same sets of circumstances. Without a single unified theoretical system propounded by a Guido Frater or Marchettus, a de Vitry or Muris, the English explore several lines of notational development, and we must struggle to piece together a picture of these diverse musical practices from the notoriously fragmentary English sources and the few relevant references that the theorists leave us. The notations dealt with in this chapter, especially the circle-stem notational complex and breve-semibreve notation -- those that survived longest in use -- testify to the vitality, individuality, and continuity of approaches to musical notation in late medieval England.

#### CHAPTER IV

#### THE TEXTS OF THE MOTETS

#### Introduction

The texts of the motets in the English repertoire constitute a relatively minor corpus of Latin poetry and heightened prose that is devoted almost exclusively to religious topics. The motet is normally polytextual, so most complete compositions have a pair of texts with varying degrees of affinity in subject matter, length, and versification. Just as the polyphonic motet may be looked upon as a composite of melodies, so it may be considered a composite of texts, a polyphony of lyrics. And just as music is expressed in number and sound, with numerus represented in the succession of melodic and harmonic pitch relationships, and in mensural structure and larger formal proportions as well, so the texts are governed by number (in syllable count and caesura, lengths of lines and stanzas, variety of stan-

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Vernacular texts (Middle English or Anglo-Norman) are exceptional in the English repertoire, surviving in one example each: the later 13th-century Worldes blisce and the later 14th-century Regne de pité. See below in the section "Vernacular Texts." Secular texts are confined to the imported continental motets that have not been provided with sacred Latin contrafacts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>See Clarkson, "On the Nature of Medieval Song," Chapter III: The Lyric Structure of the Fourteenth-Century Motet.

zaic and strophic patterns) and sound (rhyme, assonance and alliteration, accent). As literary products of the late Middle Ages whose form and language are shaped by musical constraints and requirements as well as literary conventions, the texts — though mainly of unknown authorship and poorly understood provenance — perhaps deserve more attention than they have received until now.

The neglect of the texts of motets is not limited to the present repertoire, which has been virtually inaccessible even to specialists. Hendrik Van der Werf has recently made a call for more scholarly attention to the French texts of the well-known Montpellier codex, noting "it is still not known in what circles the [Parisian] motet, as a literary genre, originated." He goes on to observe that this ignorance extends to the Latin motets of the same manuscript, and that their contents, scrutinized for particular emphases, choices of words, and figures of speech, "may point to a certain period in the history of religion, devotion, or theology." This holds equally well for the Latin texts of the English motets, which will require such expert scrutiny if they are to be brought out of isolation into a concrete literary and historical environment.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Van der Werf, "Review," pp.201-202.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Hohler, in "Reflections," has recently made a stimulating foray in this direction. Rigg, in Editing Medieval Texts, "Medieval Latin," pp.113-16, makes some telling comments on the amount of unstudied Latin poetry in late medieval British anthologies. Until this material is better

The texts of the motets are given in the Appendix with some brief annotations and bibliographic information. In view of the unsatisfactory condition of many of the sources and the rarity of concordances, there is no way to present definitive editions (even for those texts edited for publication in PMFC). The present chapter will serve to introduce the texts through a survey of general features of subject matter, content, and versification. Some consideration will be given to other repertoires of verse and music, with special emphasis on the 13th-century English motet and the devotional lyric.

### Motet Subject Matter

The subject matter of the English motet falls into a narrow range of categories whose orientation is religious. 5

There is a heavy concentration on the lives of familiar saints, the Virgin Mary, and the greatest feasts of the

controlled, and until we have a better picture of the genres of liturgical Latin poetry actively being written in the 14th century (sequences, rhymed Offices, and the like), the motet texts will necessarily have to be viewed quite narrowly.

The contents of the texts of a polytextual English motet almost never address their subject matter in exactly the same way, but on the other hand almost never show the sharp differences in subject matter occasionally encountered in continental motets. Petrum cephas is typical in this regard, with a triplum citing New Testament stories of Peter's calling, his naming, and his designation as keeper of the keys, while the duplum refers to later events and legends, most specifically Peter's encounter with the magician Simon Magus. Trinitatem veneremur is an untypical instance where the various texts sound different themes (all appropriate in an address to God, however).

church year -- in effect, the highest ranking feasts of the Sanctorale and Temporale. See Table 25.

TABLE 25
SUBJECT MATTER OF MOTETS IN ENGLAND

	Saints	BVM	<u>Feasts</u>	Other	<u>Total</u>
Numbers	39	35	24	25	123
%	32	28	20	20	100%

Other	=	God/Jesus	Admonitory	Secular	Problem
		9	5	8	3

These numbers represent the entire repertoire, including imported motets. Excluding the latter (mostly from the rear leaves of <u>DRC 20</u>) the subject matter would be all religious. This emphasis on the sacred is apparent in the surviving contents of the most substantial collections of motet fragments from the first half of the century, which are given in Figure 41.

In view of the topical coverage and specific content of these texts, and the nature of those institutions known to have supported polyphony before the rise of the collegiate and aristocratic chapels, it seems most probable that the

#### Lwa 33327

BVM

Christmas Easter

Peter and Paul

Pentecost Thomas Edward

Nicholas

#### Cgc 512

Katherine
Common of Apostles
BVM
Peter
Holy Spirit (Pentecost)

Mora Sprin

Jonathan and Absolon

BVM BVM

## DRc 20 (front leaves)

Holy Innocents contrition Jesus Common of Apostles John the Baptist Easter BVM

## Lwa 12185

Ascension Nicholas Trinity Michael Christmas

# 0b 7 (front leaves)

Mary Magdalene
penitence
Peter
God
Benedict
Andrew
Easter
Edmund
Edmund
Dedication of Church
Easter

# Lbm 40011B\*

Katherine
Margaret
Katherine (?)
William

## FIG. 41: Contents of Selected Motet Sources

texts are essentially liturgical rather than devotional, leaving open the question of where in the specific ritual of daily services the motet might have found a place. This raises the question how securely we can fix the occasion(s) in the church year for which a motet may have been intended.

Many texts, readily identifiable as to subject, are not so specific in content that they are appropriate for a single day only; the correspondence between subject matter and liturgical calendar is not always explicit. However, most can be as igned to a particular feast through some reference or other in the language of the text. Two sets of motet fragments, Onc 362 and Lbm 24198, still bear legible marginal rubrics that identify each item, e.g. "de sancto Edwardo." (See Figure 42). This style of rubrication, familiar from liturgical books, suggests that these two motet collections were intended as resources to be drawn In neither. upon for the celebration of certain feasts. though, were the motets in calendrical order according to the liturgical year. In Lbm 24198 we happen to know the order was alphabetical instead.

Some evidence allows an estimate to be made of the size and means of organization of 13th- and 14th-century English collections. From the 13th century, fragments in <a href="Lbm 5958">Lbm 5958</a> are from an alphabetically organized codex (items from B survive, two of which are numbered X and XII); the famous Harleian index (<a href="Lbm 978(LoHa">Lbm 978(LoHa</a>) fols.160v-161) preserves textual incipits for 164 items in a lost codex that was arranged by musical genre (see below); <a href="Ccc 8">Ccc 8</a> has paginations up to 558; Dittmer's Worcester Volume I has foliations up to cxxxviii; <a href="Lwa 33327">Lwa 33327</a> has headings for "quadruplices" and "triplices." From the 14th century, <a href="Onc 362">Onc 362</a> has foliations

Onc 362: rubric entire on one margin (on verso if motet laid out across an opening)

motet	rubric	original foliation
Ianuam Triumphat Civitas Excelsus Ade finit Solaris Fulget* Sanctorum*	de sancto Thomas cantuarie de sancto Laurencio de sancto Edwardo de sancto Thoma cantuarie de resurrectione de sancto (Augustino) de sancto Petro (too worn to read)	XC TXXXIII TXXXII TXXXII TXXVII TXXVII TXXVI TXXVI TXXVI

Lbm 24198: rubric usually split between verso and recto

Rota versatilis	(de sancta) Katerina	(R) VI
Rosa mundi	de sancta (Maria)	R (VII or VIII?)
Regis aula*	de sancta (Maria)	•
Trinitatem	de sancta Trinitate	T II
Te domina	de sancta Maria	T (III or IV?)
Triumphat	de sancto (Laurencio)	•

KEY: an asterisk \* indicates a non-motet item R&T under Lbm 24198 are alphabetical headings

#### FIG. 42: Rubrics in Lbm 24198 and Onc 362

up to xc; Ccc 65 has foliations up to c; LIC 52 and Ob 652 may come from alphabetically arranged collections; and Lbm 24198 (an alphabetically arranged codex with items extant from R,S,T) has numerations for each letter implying either eight compositions per letter, or eight pages per letter. A book with 100 or more compositions may reasonably be extra-

polated. '

What we can tell of motet codices from the extant fragments suggests that the majority were devoted exclusively (or primarily) to motets. Some, such as <a href="Ccc 8">Ccc 8</a>, were large anthologies of several hundred pieces. Others, perhaps the majority, were reasonable working collections of perhaps 60-100 pieces. Some sources were certainly smaller than that, with fewer pieces. A number were, for instance, rotuli (Ob 652, Lpro 261, and BE 55 are the only ones identified as such to date.) Some sources mix motets with discant and cantilena settings; these are mainly from later in the century. In a few cases motets were entered onto blank pages of a book (YC) or entered into what amounts to a commonplace book of music and other materials (Cgc 512, which may for that reason represent a "complete" collection).

<sup>&#</sup>x27;See Bent, "Rota versatilis," p.67. Harrison's assertion ("Ars Nova," p.80, n.1.) that two items in the rear leaves of  $\underline{DRc}$   $\underline{20}$  are numbered is incorrect. However, the front and rear leaves of  $\underline{Ob}$   $\underline{7}$  and  $\underline{DRc}$   $\underline{20}$  indicate by their contrasts in repertoire that the collections from which they came were probably grouped stylistically; further, the front leaves of  $\underline{Ob}$   $\underline{7}$  may have grouped insular motets by features of form and structure. See Lefferts, "Motet," pp.58-60.

Incidentally, the earliest continental motet collections were arranged either in liturgical order by cantus firmus, or alphabetically. Fascicles 2-6 of F-MO (a large anthology) group motets systematically according to the number of voices, method of texting, and text language. Within each fascicle, however, the rationale for ordering is not clear.

 $<sup>^7</sup>$ For Ob 652, see Bent, "Rota versatilis," pp.81-82; for Lpro 2/261, see the report by Lefferts and Bowers in Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," p.334; and for the Berkeley castle rotulus (BERC 55) see the forthcoming report by Wathey.

From the earlier to the later 14th century there may also be an historical trend away from large working collections (60-100 motets) to smaller collections (on the order of 10 to 15). If this is eventually verifiable, then it probably reflects either a change in motet function, a change in the institutions cultivating the motet, or both.

In regard to a medium-size motet collection, such as that implied by the foliations of Onc 362, a certain disorderliness, from a functional point of view, does not necessarily speak against the hypothesis of a liturgical function for its motets. It could merely indicate that convenience of access to any specific piece was either not a high priority or not considered a problem. (Of course, most of these collections would have had indices.) Also, this attitude toward organization may be indicative of the transitory nature of the collection in the contemporary view, if it were seen as a fluid body of material subject to additions or deletions in part or in whole over a relatively short time span. By contrast, a chant book transmitted a rather stable repertoire and could be expected to serve, if well made and conveniently organized, for a very long time.

The failure of even a single English motet collection of any size to survive in full' deprives us of ready means by which to determine the normal number of motets in such a

<sup>\*</sup>With the possible exception of Cgc 512, which has the character of a commonplace book, as just noted above.

book, the usual distribution of subject matter, and their internal order (if in fact there were norms for any of these). The lack of an integral collecton is made up in part by the survival in <u>Lbm 978 (LoHa)</u> of the index to a now lost book of English polyphony from the later 13th century (ca. 1290). The primary contents of this lost codex consisted of a series of 37 Alleluias, 38 conductus, and 81 motets. See Table 26 below.

The Alleluias form a series of feasts from the <u>Sanctorale</u> and <u>Temporale</u> running in chronological order from Christmas to December 6 (St Nicholas), hence spanning the church year and conveniently defining for some institution those occasions on which festal polyphony was provided at Mass. Whether the conductus and motets that follow were music for Mass or Office, it seems reasonable that they pro-

Incidentally, Hohler ("Reflections," p.16) asserts that the heading in LoHa that reads "postea Rx W.de Wic" may not refer to the Alleluias, as is usually assumed.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;The contents of this index have been printed in Ludwig, Repertorium I,1, pp.270-76, and Wibberley, "English Polyphonic Music," pp.179-81. Holschneider, Die Organa von Winchester, pp.48-53, tabulates the Alleluias only. See also Sanders, "Sources, English." Table 26 does not indicate those pieces in the index for which there survive possible concordances, of which there are only a few.

<sup>1°</sup>In his discussion of <u>LoHa</u>, Hohler ("Reflections," pp.13-14) observes that the Alleluias ought to define very precisely the provenance of the index, but tracing though surviving liturgical books has not yet been successful in locating a concordant series. Other evidence suggests the institution may have been Reading abbey (though Hohler raises some cogent objections to this), and the Alleluia cycle identical to that one known to have been composed by one W. de Wycombe. See Sanders, "Wycombe, W de."

# TABLE 26

# THE LOHA INDEX

Ord.	.li. W. de Wint. (Ordo libri W.	, de Winto	on)
1.3 1.4 1.5 1.6	Spiritus et alme. Rd de Burg. ( Rex omnium lucifluum.i.regnum t Item Regnum tuum solidum Virgo decora. Virgo dei genitri All. Virginis inviolate. Virga All. Gaude mundi domina. Gaude All. Salve virgo domini. Salve All. Virga ferax	tuum solid ix Iesse virgo	argate) lum BVM
2.1 2.3 2.5 2.6 2.7 2.9	All. Dies sanctificatus All. Video celos apertos All. Hic est discipulus All. Te martirum All. Gloria et honore All. Multiphar(iam) All. Vidimus stellam	Dec. 26 Dec. 27 Dec. 28 Dec. 29 Dec. 31 Jan. 6	Christmas St Steven St John, Ap. Holy Innocents St Thomas Circumcision Epiphany Purification " or 8ve Easter
2.11 2.12 2.13 2.14 2.15 2.16 2.17 2.18 2.21 2.22 2.23 2.24 2.25 2.27 2.28	Item Pascha nostrum	June 29 July 25 Aug. 10 Aug. 15 Sept. 8 Sept. 29 Nov. 1 Nov. 11 Nov. 25 Nov. 30	10
2.31 2.32 2.33 2.34 2.35 2.36	All. Ave Maria All. Salve virgo All. Gaude virgo All. Porta Syon All. Ora pro nobis All. Virga Iesse All. Dilexit Mariam All. Salve decus		BVM " " " " " "

# 3 Cunductus

3.1	Veni creator spiritus	Pentecost	
3.2	In celesti ierarchia	St Dominic, ap	ost
3.3	Dulcis ave femina	_	
3.4	Mater Christi quem pavisti		
3.5	Miles Christi qui vestisti	Edmund/Edward?	,
3.6	Miles Christi qui vestisti Katerina progenie	Katherine	
3.7	Andreas celici	Andrew	
3.8	Dux Andrea	Andrew	
3.0	Ave caro Christi	Easter	
3.10	Veni sancte spiritus	Pentecost	
3 11	Mundo salus oritur	2011000000	
	Gaudent celi letantur populi		
	Vox locunda		
	Gaude virgo vas pudicie		
3.15	Virgo pudicicie		
3.16	Salvatori sit gloria		
3.17	De radice sentium		
	Castitatis culmine		
	Salve sola solis cella		
	Regina misericordie		
	Ave Maria laus tibi quia		
3.22	Salve decus castitatis		
	Adorna Syon thalamum	Jesus	
	Letentur omnium corda	00343	
	Felix Magdalene	Mary Magdalene	
2 26	Benedicta sit regina	mary magdarene	
2.20	Senedicta sit regina	martyr	
	Corpora sanctorum	mar cyr	
	Rex sedet in solio	Tahu Aha Banti	
	Zacharie filius	John the Bapti	St
	Hodie letitiam	Min and a m	
	Pastor gregis Anglici	Thomas	
3.32	Salve Thomas flos	Thomas	
3.33	Ecce virgo iam complete Ympni novi nunc intonent		
3.34	Impni novi nunc intonent		
3.35	Concipis affata		
3.36	Rorant celi	•	
	O castitatis lilium	virgin or BVM	
3.38	Resurrexit Dominus	Easter	

4	Moteti cum una littera et duplici nota	
4.2	Gloriemur crucis in preconio Mundialis glorie Salve virgo que salvasti Reges Tharsis et insule	
4.4	Reges Tharsis et insule	Epiphany
1L K	Radix Iesse Nimis honorati sunt	Com.of Apostles
4.10 4.11 4.12	Omnis sexus gaudeat Ave pater inclite Christi miles rex Edmundus Zelo crucis innocens Veritatis vere testis Ad gloriam deice Homo quam ingratus	saint? Edmund
,	and the second s	
5	Moteti cum duplici littera	
5.2 5.4 5.6 7.8 9.0 1.1 2.13	Quem non capit Super te Ierusalem Precipue mihi dant Presul ave flos presulum De stirpe Davitica Plausit sterilis Sancte Dei preciose Anima mea liquefacta est Descendi in ortum meum O felicem genitricem Mira federa Salve gemma virginum O Maria vas mundicie	Nicholas Steven
5.15 5.16 5.17	Maria laudis materia Benedicta sis lucerna In Domino gaudeat Epulemur et letemur Resurgente salvatore	Easter Easter Easter
6	Item moteti cum duplici nota	
	Claro paschali Mira virtus Petri	Easter Peter

7	Item cum duplici littera	
7.1	In sanctis est mirabilis	saint
7.2	In te martir patuit	Martyr
7.3	Salvatoris est effecta	•
7.4	Virgo Jesum preter morem	
7.5	Quod in rubo Moyses Intrat Noe portat iusticiam Regis summi glorie Benedicta sit regina	
7.6	Intrat Noe portat iusticiam	
7.7	Regis summi glorie	
7.8	Benedicta sit regina	(3.26)
7.9	O regina misericordie	(3.20)
7.10	Turtur innocencie	
7.11	Salve decus virginum	
7.12	Veni creator spiritus	Pentecost
7.13	Qui mortalia	
	Mulierum flos Maria	
7.15	Spiritus spirat ubi vult	Pentecost
7.16	O Iudee nepharie	Easter
	Ave Maria gracia plena	
7.18	Gaude virgo concipiens	
7.19	de costa dormientis	•
7.20	Benedictus sit sincerus	
7.21	Eterne rex glorie	<b>J</b> esus <sup>,</sup>
	Zacharie par helie	Jesus/John the
	Ysaias ut notavit	Jesus Baptist
	Salve stella matutina	
7.25	Nostris Christe melis	
	Virgo sancta Katerina	Katherine
	Katerina lex divina	Katherine
	Clericorum sanctitate	Katherine
	Salve gemma confessorum	Nicholas
	Gaude gemma virginum	
	Salve mater salvatoris	
	In honorem summi Dei	
	O sanitas languencium	
	Felix illa curia	
7.35	Rex auctor misericordie	Jesus
7.36	Christum Dei filium	Jesus
7.37	Zacheus publicanorum	<b>Jesus</b>
7.38	O martir egregie Gaude virgo mater Christi Ad gracie matris obsequia	martyr
7.39	Gaude virgo mater Christi	
7.40	Ad gracie matris obsequia	
7.41	Auctor pacis	
7.42	Virgo pura pariens	
7.43	Roma felix decorata	Peter
	Cives apostolici	apostle
	Te Dominum clamat angelicus	Michael
7.46	Sanctorum meritis	martyr
	Ecclesie vox hodie	
7.48	Rex omnipotens die hodierna	Jesus

vided a repertoire to draw from on the same occasions, if not in fact more often. A few of the motets in the index can be identified with surviving compositions, but the greater number are unfortunately known only through their LoHa incipit, which means some ambiguity must inevitably remain in the determination of their subject matter. None-theless it is clear that Marian subjects predominate, as the BVM can be associated with over half the incipits. 11 A fair number of the remainder are on saints.

We need to ask to what degree we can learn about the typical subject matter of a single motet collection from the surviving corpus. On the basis of two assumptions: (1) that the make-up of most contemporaneous motet collections was basically the same and (2) that the survival of motets is basically random, the surviving specimens as a group ought to constitute a reasonable approximation of the contents of a motet codex in regard to distribution of subject matter. In fact, the correlation between subject matter coverage in the LoHa index and surviving motets is gratifying. If the 13th-century motets are canvassed for their subject matter, we find 50% on the BVM and nearly all the rest devoted to Jesus or the saints.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>12</sup>Among the Alleluias, by contrast, only about a third (12/37) of the total are Marian.

<sup>12</sup>As Sanders has noted in regard to a more limited sample of 13th-century pieces, when only the free compositions of

In the early 14th-century repertoire, Marian motets drop from 50% to nearer 25% of the total number, with an increase in the proportion of motets on saints, and a particularly large increase in the number of motets assignable to particular feasts of the Temporale, such as those for Trinity Sunday, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, or Ascension. 13 Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost, though well represented, do not have as many motets as might be expected from their importance in the liturgical year (though Marian motets on the Annunciation and Nativity augment the number for Christmas). Perhaps it is the wealth of ritual unique to these feasts that precludes a larger number of motets; the more elaborate the liturgy, the less necessity there was for its augmentation with this form of polyphony, if we restrict motets to liturgical functions. Hence a single motet might suffice for either Christmas Day or Easter Sunday, just as one would suffice on the feast of St Lawrence or John the Baptist. 14 Though the emphasis on Mary remains considerable,

the Worcester fragments are considered, the percentage of Marian pieces becomes still higher, reaching two-thirds. See Sanders, "English Polyphony," p.104, note 76; for the percentage he calculates on cantus firmus items, see ibid., pp.125-126.

<sup>13</sup> If the slight shift in subject matter is real, rather than merely a fiction of faulty data, then there may be some historical (liturgical) reason for it, but I can propose none.

<sup>14</sup>Again, this piece of evidence, if that is what it is, may be telling us something about the role of the motet in the liturgy.

the drop in the percentage of motets devoted to her is significant. It is possible that the composition of Marian cantilena settings affected the total number of new Marian motets being composed, not replacing the motet directly but substituting a different form of polyphony for the celebration of her feasts.

Table 27 provides a systematic listing of the 14th-century motets by subject, beginning with a calendrical series from Christmas through Advent, in parallel with the ordering of the LoHa Alleluias (i.e. with an interruption after the Purification of the BVM for the movable feasts of the Easter season). The list has been augmented by the inclusion of relevant 13th-century items (which have been bracketed, and given an asterisk \* if they are not motets) in order to give as complete a picture as present knowledge permits of the saints for whom polyphony survives in England through the early 14th century. Where subject matter is not explicit about the particular occasion of use (as in some compositions in honor of a saint, for instance) the motet has been placed in the highest possible feast (and when a name might apply to a number of saints, the most likely identity has been adopted). Marian motets, and others whose subject matter is not readily assignable to any date in the church year, are separately listed afterwards.

The motets on Mary are mainly less specific in their content than those on saints. Most cannot be clearly asso-

TABLE 27

# SYSTEMATIC LISTING OF MOTETS BY SUBJECT MATTER

	Mote	ts c	of the Temporale and	Sanctorale
	Date		Occasion	
	Dec.	25	Christmas <u>LoHa</u> , 2.1	A solis-Salvator A solis-Ovet mundus Rogativam potuit (O nobilis nativitas) (In excelsis gloria* and BVM motets "de nativitate"
•	Dec.	26	St Steven LoHa, 2.2	(Sancte Dei pretiose LoHa, 5.7)
	Dec.	27	St John, Ap. LoHa, 2.3	
	Dec.	28	Holy Innocents LoHa, 2.4	Herodis in pretorio
	Dec.	29	St Thomas of Canterbury LoHa, 2.5	Excelsus in numine Ianuam quam clauserat O dira nacio Thomas gemma (Opem nobis) (O mores perditos) (Pastor gregis anglici LoHa, 3.31) (Salve Thomas flos LoHa, 3.32)
	Dec.	31	Circumcision LoHa, 2.6	• •
	Jan.	6	Epiphany LoHa, 2.7	Balaam de quo Hostis Herodes Surgere iam est (Reges Tharsis et insule LoHa, 4.4)
	Jan.	25	Conv. of St Paul	Vas exstas eleccionis
	Feb.	2	BVM Purification LoHa, 2.8; 2.9	
	Mar.	21	St Benedict	Lux refulget monachorum
,	Apr.	29	St Peter of Verona	(0 decus predicantium)

Ade finit perpete Easter Alta canunt assistentes LoHa, 2.10;2.11 Barrabas dimittitur Frondentibus florentibus Parata paradisi porta (+BVM) Laus honor vendito (+Holy Cross?) Maria mole pressa (+Mary Magd.) (0 mors moreris) (Ave caro Christi LoHa, 3.9\* (Resurrexit Dominus LoHa, 3.38\* (In Domino gaudeat LoHa, 5.16) (Epulemur et letemur LoHa, 5.17) (Resurgente salvatore LoHa, 5.18) (Claro paschali LoHa, 6.1) (O Iudee nepharie LoHa, 7.16) Viri Galilei Ascension LoHa, 2.13; 2.14 Pentecost Suspiria merentis Ut recreentur spiritus LoHa, 2.15 Veni creator spiritus (Domine celestis rex) (Dona celi factor) (Veni sancte spiritus LoHa, 3.10\* (Veni creator spiritus LoHa, 3.1\* (Veni creator spiritus LoHa,7.12) Beatus vir Trinity LoHa, 2.16 Deus creator omnium Firmissime fidem Trinitatem veneremur 0 crux vale Invention of May 3 the Holy Cross Triumphus patet hodie (Exalt.Sept.14) Laus honor? (+ Easter) LoHa, 2.12 May 26 Solaris ardor St Augustine Augustine par angelis of Canterbury Hostium ob amorem June 8 St William of York (Virgo regalis fidei) June 15 St Eadburga June 24 Nat. John Bapt. Dei preco (Decap.Aug.29) (Zacharie filius LoHa, 3.29\*

(Zacharie par helie LoHa, 7.22)

LoHa, 2.17

June	29	St Peter and Paul LoHa, 2.18	Petrum cephas Tu civium (Fulget celestis* (Quem trina polluit* (Pro beati Pauli) (Pro beati Pauli) (Tu capud ecclesie) (Mira virtus Petri LoHa, 6.2) (Roma felix decorata LoHa, 7.43)
June	30	Commemoration of St Paul	Vas exstas? (+Conversion) Inter usitata? (+BVM) (0 spes et salus?)(+BVM)
July	20	St Margaret	Absorbet oris-Recita (Virgo vernans velud rosa*
July	22	Mary Magdalene	Maria mole pressa (+Easter)
July	25	-St James <u>LoHa</u> , 2.19	(Felix Magdalene <u>LoHa</u> ,3.25* Parce piscatoribus Nec Herodis ferocitas (Senator regis curie)
Aug.	4	Simon de Montfort	(Miles Christi gloriose) (Salve Symon Montisfortis)
Aug.	5	St Dominic	(In celesti ierarchia LoHa, 3.2*
Aug.	10	St Lawrence LoHa, 2.20	Triumphat hodie Christi
Aug.	15	BVM Assumption LoHa, 2.21	
Aug.	20	St Bernard	Detentos a demonibus Regina iam discubuit Venit sponsa de Libano
Aug.	24	St. Bartholomew	O pater excellentissime (O sancte Bartholomee)
Aug.	28	St Augustine of	Assunt Augustini
		Hippo	Jhesu redemptor omnium
Sept.	8	BVM Nativity LoHa, 2.22	
Sept.2	29	St Michael LoHa,2.23	Nos orphanos erige (Te Domine laudat)
Oct.	4	St Francis	(Alleluia. Hic Franciscus*

Oct.		St Edward, K and Conf.	Civitas nusquam (Ave miles de cuius)
Nov.	1	All Saints LoHa, 2.24	
Nov.	3	St Winifred of Shrewsbury	Inter choros paradisicolarum
Nov.	6	St Leonard	(Alleluia. Fit leo fit Leonardus*
Nov.	11	St Martin LoHa,2.25	Baptizas parentes
Nov.	20	St Edmund of East Anglia	Ave miles celestis De flore martirum Flos anglorum inclitus (Christi miles rex Edmundus LoHa,4.9)
Nov.	25	St Katherine <u>LoHa</u> , 2.26	Flos regalis Mulier magni meriti Rota versatilis Virginalis concio Virgo sancta Katerina (0 laudanda virginitas* (Virgomanet lux) (Virgo regalis fidei) (Virgo sancta Katerina) (Katerina progenie LoHa, 3.6* (Virgo sancta Katerina LoHa, 7.26) (Katerina lex divina LoHa, 7.27) (Clericorum sanctitate? LoHa, 7.28)
Nov.	30	St Andrew LoHa, 2.27	Duodeno sydere (In odore) (Andreas celici <u>LoHa</u> , 3.7* (Dux Andrea <u>LoHa</u> , 3.8*
Dec.	3	St Barbara	(Barbara simplex animo)
Dec.	6	St Nicholas LoHa, 2.28; 2.29	Hac a valle Salve cleri (Psallat chorus) (Salve gemma confessorum) (Sospitati dedit) (Presul ave flos presulum LoHa, 5.4) (Salve gemma confessorum LoHa, 7.29)

## Motets to the BVM

# Annunciation/Nativity of Christ:

Ancilla Domini Candens crescit Geret et Regem Orto sole Quid rimari Zelo tui

# Nativity of the BVM (September 8th)

Caligo terre Iam nubes Rosa delectabilis

Alma mater

## Assumption (August 15th)

Astra transcendit
Detentos a demonibus
Regina iam discubuit
Venit sponsa de Libano

(and St Bernard, Aug. 20th)

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## Other exceptional texts

Virgo mater salvatoris --troped chant setting of Kyrie
Suffragiose virgini --setting of Marian legenda
Soli fines-Maria --mention of Carmelites
Inter usitata --about Immaculate Conception; St Paul
Parata paradisi porta --for BVM memorials during Eastertide
General texts to the BVM

Ad lacrimas flentis
Apta caro plumis
Ave prolem parienti
Cuius de manibus
Lingua peregrina
Peregrina moror
Pura placens
Patrie pacis
Radix Iesse
Regina celestium
Regne de pite
Rex omnipotencie
Rosa mundi
Salve sancta virgula
Si lingua lota

Te domina Virgo Maria Vos quid admiramini

## Common of Apostles (some specific Apostle?)

Princeps apostolice

### Dedication of a Church

Templum eya

#### Jesus or God

Domine quis
In ore te laudancium
Humane lingue
Jhesu fili Dei
Omnis terra
Quare fremuerunt

Regi regum enarrare Regnum sine termino Rex invictissime

## Contrition or Admonition

Apello cesarem Fusa cum silentio Inter amenitatis O homo considera Zorobabel abigo

#### Secular

Amer amours
Alme pater
L'amoreuse flour
Mon chant
O canenda vulgo
Musicorum collegio
Tribum quem
(Sub arturo plebs)

#### Problems

O vos omnes (dedication, admonition, or secular?) Rex piaculum (tropic chant setting of Alleluia?) Doleo super te (liturgical or non-liturgical?)

KEY: i) Fully bracketed items are 13th-century motets.

ii) Items market by an open bracket and asterisk ( \* are non-motet pieces of polyphony.

iii) Two items under St Katherine, and two under St Nicholas, may in fact be identical.

ciated with any particular Marian feast, but rather are very general in nature. Some were presumably votive motets, just as there were votive sequences. A number of these more general Marian texts are primarily catalogues of her epithets. As it is put in <a href="Regne de pite">Regne de pite</a>, 'mult as des noms': many are her names. She is the re-embodiment of Judith and Esther, the antithesis of Eve, the withered branch that flowered, a sweet remedy, a healer, guide along the path to Heaven, a blossom surpassing all others in fragrance and appearance, and so on. <a href="Rosa mundi">Rosa mundi</a>, <a href="Text-domina">Te domina</a>, and <a href="Virgo Maria">Virgo Maria</a> show how easily this cataloguing is adaptable to situations in which musical considerations such as variable phrase structures and declamation call for irregular texting.

Some motets on Mary are clearly most appropriate for the Annunciation and the Christmas season, or Easter. Three, all from Onc 362, are specifically for her Nativity on September 8th. One, Inter usitata, is on her Immaculate Conception, and in this motet (as well as in the 13th-century motet O spes et salus) her name is linked with that of St Paul. In two or three more (the motets of CAC 128/2) she is associated with St Bernard, whose feast day (August 20th) falls within the octave of her Assumption (August 15th).

The most remarkable BVM texts in terms of subject matter are those of <u>Suffragiose</u> <u>virgini</u>, which narrate two Marian <u>legenda</u> in verse. The texts are hard to read, but appear to be miracles of Our Lady similar in approach to the sorts of tales told in prose or verse in a multitude of later Medieval sources, both in Latin and the vernacular. Collections of such <u>exempla</u> and <u>fabulae</u> proliferated rapidly in the later Middle Ages, so much so that they are roughly comparable in quantity even to that other popular genre, saints' lives. No search has yet found a concordance to either story set in the motet.

Determining subject matter is normally not a problem, but some decisions are unavoidably interpretive and consequently arbitrary to some degree. Two motets whose assignment to Trinity Sunday is fairly certain show the sort of analysis that is occasionally required for a decision on classification by subject matter. Deus creator has as the incipits of its two texts the initial lines of two of the best known Latin-texted Kyries in later medieval England, Deus creator omnium and Rex genitor. Both have the often-encountered Trinitarian format, whereby the first three acclamations concern God the Father, the second three God the Son, and the final three God the Holy Spirit. The motet triplum in fact deals with the three persons of the Trinity, though not in the specific language or content of the Kyrie text, while the duplum deals exclusively with the life of

<sup>15</sup> See for example the <u>Stella maris</u> of John of Garland, <u>Les Miracles de Nostre Dame</u> of Gautier de Coinci, or the <u>Cantigas de Santa Maria</u> compiled for Alphonso X of Spain.

Christ, from His conception to His ascension. Both motet texts are thus, in their own ways, appropriate to Trinity Sunday, though no internal reference explicitly and unambiquously calls for the use of the motet on that day. assignment of Beatus vir to Trinity Sunday is even more hypothetical. It is suggested by text content ("unum in trinitate sed trinum in unitate"), but since only one text survives, doubts can still be entertained. An association with Trinity Sunday is strengthened, though, by the following: many Proper chants for Trinity begin with some version of a blessing for the Lord, for instance "Benedicta sit Deus," "Benedictus es Domine," or "Benedicimus Deum." and The tenor of Beatus vir is perhaps the most familiar such formula, "Benedicamus Domino." The duplum is assonant with this tenor, and it is likely that the missing triplum was also assonant, perhaps even through the citation of some blessing formula. Hence the entire motet, resonant with verbal associations to Trinity chants, would have been especially apt for performance that day. ''

Another miscellaneous class of pieces that presents difficulty in liturgical assignment is that small number about the moral conduct of life grouped together in Table 27

<sup>1.</sup> The motet might have served as an elaborate <u>Benedicamus</u> <u>Domino</u> substitute for Trinity Sunday. However, given the obvious striving for assonance in the texts of all parts in many motets, one might argue that its use as a <u>Benedicamus</u> substitute is not inevitable, since the blessing formula is so frequently encountered in the liturgy of this feast.

under the heading "Contrition or Admonition."17 On account of its tenor, one late-13th-century example of this textual genre has been assigned elsewhere in the table. This is O mores perditos-0 gravis confusio-T.Opem nobis, which has been placed on the feast of St. Thomas of Canterbury. Its tenor is a well known chant from that Thomas's office, the texts appear to be suitable moral commentary for his commemoration. This kind of assignment, based in the first place on the source of the tenor, is less convincing in cases such as those presented by Apello cesarem and Fusa cum Their tenors are drawn from Graduals for Christsilentio. mas and St. John's Day (Dec. 27th), respectively, but are traditional cantus firmi very frequently used for the tenors of motets from the days of the earliest clausula and motet repertoires of Notre Dame. The very popularity of these tenors calls into question the direct association of motet and feast on their account; neither are the subjects of the motets obviously suitable.18

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>Rokseth notes the difficulty with this topic in her discussion of the texts of the F-MO motets. Rokseth, <u>Polyphonies</u> IV, p.231.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Fusa cum silentio deals with a theme common to the friars' preaching handbooks, the too-noisy prayer or oratio clamorosa. "Non vox sed votum, non musica cordula sed cor, Non clamor sed amor sonat in aure Dei" or "Deus non verborum sed cordis est auditor" are examples of the pithy way the sentiment might be stated. See Siegfried Wenzel, "Fasciculus Morum," p.232. It may be that in the homiletic motet texts we see the influence of the friars; perhaps it is significant in this regard that there are so few of this type.

Only three motets are truly inscrutable. Too much of the text of the second item in TACTO 3182 is illegible to allow determination of subject matter, beyond the fact that the piece is probably a tropic chant setting of an Alleluia. O vos omnes is the duplum text of an imported motet, and the tone of cynical, secular complaint againt the worldliness of the church is closer to that adopted by de Vitry, for instance, than to the stance of any insular motet text (save perhaps those of Trinitatem veneremur). It is impossible to say whether the lost triplum may have had more political overtones or conversely, that it spoke in more friendly fashion of the dedication of some church building, an occasion that might have called forth a musical sermon with elements of both chastising and rejoicing.

The third problematic piece, <u>Doleo super te</u>, presents a different sort of dilemma, for both of its texts are preserved, perfectly legible, and are, in fact, well known. They are ultimately derived from the Bible, but the composer's more immediate source was two antiphons for the Magnificat drawn from a series provided for a stretch of Sundays after Trinity. (The motet's cantus firmus is also drawn from one of these two antiphons.) The texts describe David grieving for his son Absolon and for Jonathan. The use of antiphons for two different occasions seems a barrier to

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'These are the Sundays when the Matins lessons are read from the book of Kings, the so-called <u>Hist.Reg</u>. period. See Brev.Sar. I, p.mclxxii.

liturgical employment and Sanders claims "there can be little doubt that the motet is unliturgical." 20

Two further motet fragments, each merely an isolated voice (Templum eya Salomonis and Princeps apostolice), provide further interesting testimony on the subject matter orientation of the English motet. They suggest that there might be such a thing as a motet belonging to the Common of Time or of Saints and made Proper to suit the needs of individual institutions and their calendars. The text of Templum eya Salomonis makes the traditional association of the new celestial Jerusalem with Solomon's Temple. This tradition further associates both of these with the Christian sanctuary on earth, particularly (and most familiarly) in the words of the dedication rite. 21 Double-versicle couplings of melodies with text stanzas in the surviving part are strikingly suggestive of the sequence tradition. One sequence, in particular, which functions "in dedicatione ecclesie," may have been a direct source of influence: Salomon fecit templum. 22 Its seventh stanza, emphasizing the

<sup>2°</sup>Sanders, "Motet," p.548. It may be that the Biblical figures in these motet texts are meant to stand for contemporary persons; if so, the composer's intended referential or allegorical meaning is obscure. Perhaps, like some sequences, the motet could be sung "in dominicis diebus per estatem." This is the rubric in the Dublin Troper, Cu 710, for the sequences Quicumque vult salvus and Voce iubilantes. The topical specificity of Doleo does seem, I grant, insufficiently neutral to be suited for most Sundays.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup>See von Simson, <u>Gothic Cathedral</u>, p.8, 11, 134, and elsewhere for a discussion of this tradition.

trinity:

sed tres partes sunt in templo
trinitatis sub exemplo
ima summa media

may have inspired the threefold "intus, foris, ibi" device that so markedly structures the <u>Templum eya</u> text. A dedication poem by Walter of Chatillon that begins:

Templum veri Salomonis
dedicatur hodie
Deus trinus in personis
unius essentie

has a striking resemblance to <u>Templum eya</u> in its opening line, but the motet text and Walter's poem do not prove to be any more closely related. The poem, in fact, is much more closely dependent on the sequence than the motet text is.<sup>23</sup>

Given these associations it is likely that the motet was in fact meant for performance in celebration of the anniversary of the dedication of a church, one of the feasts of highest rank in its calendar. Since the provenance of its motet collection is Bury St Edmunds, the festivities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>See AH 55, p.35(no.31).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup>See Karl Strecker, <u>Die Gedichte Walters von Chatillon</u>, I, no. 9, pp.13-14. Strecker's critical notes examine the relationship of <u>Templum veri</u> to <u>Rex Salomon fecit</u>.

were probably in honor of the Bury cathedral itself. never be known whether the motet was written initially for Bury or whether instead it was borrowed and altered to be suitable, or whether indeed its missing text may have been so general in reference that it was suitable for any number of institutions. There are motets extant that show how this last possibility might work. The most unequivocal example is the 13th-century motet Virgo regalis fidei, which is more or less appropriate for any Virgin-Martyr with a four-sylla-In its single source the name provided is Katerble name. ina, but a marginal note provides for the substitution of Eadburga. 24 Jhesu redemptor is a more hypothetical case. The language of its two texts is very general, being made proper to St. Augustine solely in two paired stanzas (six lines out of twenty-five) of the duplum. With a minimun of emendation the motet could be made usable by a skilled rhymester for any feast de communi unius confessoris or in natali unius confessoris. This possibility is lent some additional credence by the function of the motet tenor, Jhesu redemptor omnium, which in the Use of Salisbury, and presumably elsewhere, was the hymn for the Common of a Confessor.25

<sup>2.</sup> This motet (WF, 12) has been edited by Dittmer in MSD 2, no.12 and by Sanders in PMFC XIV, no. 51. Hohler, in "Reflections," pp.24-25, points out the insuitability of the text for the non-martyred Eadburga.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup>See Bowers on <u>Cfm</u> in Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," pp.289-91.

The fragment <u>Princeps apostolice</u> further fuels the speculation that some motets may have been composed for a rather broad spectrum of feasts by a textual orientation towards the Common of Saints rather than the Proper of Saints. The surviving text names all the apostles, with a brief description or capsule comment on the evangelizing activity or martyrdom of each. This topic was a favorite one; many such texts may be found under the rubric 'Common of Apostles' in the <u>Analecta Hymnica.2' Princeps apostolice</u> is in fact clearly modelled on one of these, the sequence <u>Alleluya nunc decantet</u>, which is classified as "in die unius apostoli" in the Sarum Missal and given the rubric "in festis plurimorum apostolorum" in the Hereford Missal.2' Correspondences between motet text and sequence are close:

<sup>2&#</sup>x27;See under the Latin equivalents of this subject heading in the Register. Two such texts appear in Lbm 978 on fols. 10v-11, between the motet Ave gloriosa mater and the Sumer Canon. They are Felix sanctorum and Petrus Romanis reseravit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup>Dickinson, <u>Missale Sarum</u>, pp.661\*-663\*; Henderson, <u>Missale Herefordense</u>, pp.370-71; Chevalier, <u>Repertorium</u>, no. 815.

MOTET	Sequence
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Indis vite dogmata Bartholomeus dat dat Bartholomeus Indis vite dogmata

Thomam fossum lancea Thomas confossus lancea

Indi contestantur cursum consummat in India

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These similarities suggest the motet was suitable for performance on the same occasions as the sequence, that is, on those feasts of one or more Apostles where the rubrics for the sequence at Mass direct one to the Commune Sanctorum.

In the Use of Salisbury this included James and Philip (May 1), Barnabas (June 11), James (July 25), Bartholomew (August 24), Symon and Thaddeus or Jude (October 28), and Thomas (December 21). The loss of one text for this motet prevents any more certain determination. Some of the saints just named have one or more motets in the surviving repertoire.

#### The Saints

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Long-established and internationally popular saints appearing as the subjects of motets include Peter, Nicholas, Lawrence, Katherine, Thomas of Canterbury, and various of the Apostles. They are joined by saints of the religious and monastic orders, such as Benedict, 26 Augustine, and Mar-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The text on Benedict in Ob 7 is an interesting one. It makes direct reference to poverty, chastity, and abstinence, the three primary vows of the monastic vocation.

tin of Tours, 2° and British saints of varying degrees of renown, such as Edmund of East Anglia, Edward (King and Confessor), William of York, Augustine of Canterbury, and two minor Anglo-Saxon women, Eadburga and Wenefreda.

As was argued above, if no mechanism can be postulated that would skew the distribution of subject matter, then chance survival ought to have insured a reliable spread of subjects, favoring the preservation of motets on the more common and highly ranked saints of the church (represented in most collections with one or more pieces) over those dedicated to more local figures. This is pretty well born out, as Table 27 demonstrates, especially by the numbers of motets on Thomas, Katherine, and Nicholas.

<sup>2&#</sup>x27;Martin is one of the figureheads of the monastic movement. The texts on him in Omc 266/268 make references that clearly point to his association with monasticism, including a reference to a "chorus monachorum" (see the Critical Report).

discarded were of a medium size (60-100 items) rather than small, selective samplings of the available repertoire in circulation.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Hohler, in "Reflections," p.32, singles out these three saints as not particularly monastic, thus cautioning against the view that the motets are of monastic provenance. But his argument carries no weight, because these are among the very most popular saints in all of Western Christendom, as can be seen, for instance, by a casual perusal of the Register of the Analecta Hymnica. They are as highly ranked in the monastic Benedictine calendars of medieval England (see Wormald, English Benedictine Calendars after 1100, and the calendar of the Worcester antiphonal in Paleographie Musicale, 12, for instance) as in the calendars of the secular rites of Salisbury, Hereford, or York.

A medium-sized motet collection with a distribution of subject matter equivalent to that suggested by the 14th-century remains would be not unlike a sequentiary in size and topical coverage, a comparison that will be useful to pursue. To begin with, a sequence repertoire, like the LoHa Alleluia series, defines a certain body of feasts that might require motets. In terms of liturgical coverage, there is a direct congruence between the saints and holidays for which a sequence is provided, and feasts of highest rank (in both secular and monastic calendars). In both the sequence and motet repertoires, concordances between surviving sources are high in number; most of the repertoire was held in common by many institutions, with only a few pieces of local origin or pertaining to a local saint. In addition, as was discussed above, there are pieces for the Common of Saints and for the Proper of Time (such as for the anniversary of the dedication of a church).

There is also a correspondence in the provision of many additional pieces for the BVM. In terms of numbers, the Hereford Missal contains 79 sequences, of which 14 (18%) are Marian. The Dublin Troper contains 75 sequences in its first series, of which 10 (13%) are Marian; in addition, 42 more Marian sequences appear in a second series.

As in these sequentiaries, some of the motet sources have more than one motet on a saint. In the case of the motets this might be explained in part simply as the preser-

vation of popular pieces from an earlier repertoire when the present source was compiled. But of course, the more highly ranked saints might have more pieces because they have more feasts requiring adornment with a sequence or motet.

Saints can tell us something important about provenance. Provision for local saints and holidays in an otherwise normative liturgical calendar can often pinpoint very securely the specific institution for which that calendar was intended. Since few local saints are honored by the very highest rank of feast, a collection of sequences or motets containing a piece dedicated to a relatively minor figure can therefore reasonably be assigned its provenance. As things stand, the lack of extensive and readily available comparative data limits the effectiveness (though not the potential) of the motet data. 2 Usually it is merely confirmatory, if nonetheless illuminating. For instance, it is certainly appropriate to find a motet on William of York in a manuscript (Lbm 40011B\*) associated with Fountains Abbey. Cfm can be shown with a high degree of probability to have

<sup>&</sup>quot;Hohler (writing in "Reflections,") has an enviable control over medieval English liturgical books, and discusses problems in the determination of provenance with information on subject matter drawn from sequence collections. But though some English sequence repertoires are widely available for study (such as those in the Salisbury, Hereford, and York missals), there is little published analysis of them. See, for instance, Messenger, "Hymns and Sequences of the Sarum Rite." Recently, the leading expert on the hymns and hymnaries of medieval England, Helmut Gneuss, has made a call for sequence work comparable to the work he has done on the cycle of hymns (see Gneuss, "Hymns," pp.416-17).

come from an Augustinian house at Coxford, and it contains a motet on Augustine of Hippo, <u>Jhesu redemptor</u>. But the motet on Augustine in <u>LIC 52</u> has not helped to trace a provenance for this source. Another positive set of circumstances involves <u>Ob 7</u>, whose musical leaves are bound in a book known to have been in the library of Bury St. Edmunds in the 13th and 14th centuries. These leaves have two motets on Edmund and one on Benedict. However, in another instance, no proof has emerged that the distinctive constellation of motets on Edmund, the BVM and Paul, and St.Martin of Tours found in Omc 266/268 must also point to Bury.

In regard to the Anglo-Saxon women, Hohler tackles evidence that at first sight is nearly unassailable, by arguing that we cannot take for granted the identification of Eadburga with the Pershore saint (June 15)) and of Wenefreda with the Shrewsbury saint (Nov. 3), thus challenging their natural association with Worcester. 3 His arguments are a refreshing challenge to received thinking, but do not always survive the test of Occam's razor. A final example, Onc 362, has two motets on Thomas of Canterbury and a third on Augustine of Canterbury (the latter is not primarily a motet on Gregory, as Hohler would have it). Surely, for lack of more concrete external information, a Canterbury provenance, at Christ Church or St.Augustine's, must be held more plausible than Hohler's proposal for a London origin. Clearly,

<sup>33</sup>Hohler, "Reflections," pp.24-30.

more work needs to be done on the origin and transmission of the motets, taking into account the role of the towns and especially the university, but the weight of evidence derived from subject matter points firmly to the large rural Benedictine and Augustinian houses as the consumers, and therefore likely the points of origin of these motets.

# External References in the Motet Texts

In general the English motets do not refer to the current events of their day, and therefore cannot be placed in an historical context that way. A few instances may be cited from the 13th-century repertoire, in none of which do we have an "occasional" piece that contradicts the essentially religious and cloistered nature of the motet genre. The early 14th-century repertoire includes just two relatively overt contemporary references. Thomas gemma celebrates the monk Thomas of Dover, martyred in 1295, and the stylistically archaic Trinitatem veneremur alludes in its duplum to the depredations of "rex et papa." This is probably a reference to the dissatisfaction of the clergy over taxation and the loss of prerogatives to king and pope during the reign of Henry III, a dissatisfaction so profound that it was one of the leading causes of the Baron's

<sup>34</sup>See Lefferts, "Simon de Montfort," p.203.

<sup>35</sup>See Levy, "New Material," p.224.

Revolt. 36 The complaints against the corruption of the church in <u>Petrum cephas</u>, or of the struggle of a good man against his enemies in <u>Apello cesarem</u> seem more stereotyped.

Among the later 14th-century motets are some, mostly of continental origin, or at least with Ars Nova styling, that make fairly specific references to the contemporary scene. Musicorum collegio is one of a number of "musician motets" that we know of. 17 From the contents of the text it would appear that it is a salutation from the author to a musical chapel he has visited; the function is even responsible for the choice of tenor: 'avete' (greetings). The triplum names the seven individuals of the collegium. They are Hugo, Robert of Huy, Johannes, Nichasius, J. Pallart, J. Anglici, and Stephen. The duplum makes reference to the triplum's musicians in the following manner: 'vidi septem ....quorum nomina sunt scripta tripli pagina'. No chapel records yet searched preserve this group of names. It can be said, however, that the "curia gallicorum" to which they belong is not the royal French court, 3 but may possibly be another

<sup>&</sup>quot;See Lefferts, "Simon de Montfort," pp.206-209. I do not see Trinitatem as a product of the 1260s, but perhaps of the 1280s or 1290s, however.

<sup>37</sup>For the others, see Harrison's editions and tabulation of the names of the musicians cited, in PMFC V. See also Bent, "Two Fourteenth-Century Motets In Praise of Music." Besseler, "Ars Antiqua," col.687 mentions six motets of the late 13th-century that name musicians, and texts of Italian Trecento polyphony also occasionally name musicians.

Professor Craig Wright of Yale University graciously checked this for me in his archival data; see also Wright,

aristocratic chapel. Perhaps an English connection can be construed from the presence of 'Joe the Englishman' in the choir. Several historical details in the text are of interest. First, the choir is said to perform the Lady Mass four times a month; this is probably a reference to the Saturday Lady Mass, which was part of the commemorative office for the Virgin on that day. '' Further, the music of this chapel is described as in three parts that avoid the vice of disso-This is an apt description of English cantilena and nance. discant styles, and in fact much of the repertoire in these styles was intended for Marian services. Certainly, though, the description fits conservative conductus-style (simultaneous-style) continental mass music as well, " so there is not necessarily a reference to purely English practices here.

Another "musician motet" has a much more explicit tie to England. This is <u>Sub arturo plebs</u>, whose triplum names and praises fourteen English musicians; the duplum gives a potted history of music, mentions the motet's composer J.Alanus by name, and explains the proper mensural interpretation of the tenor. The similarities between the texts of

Music at the Court of Burgundy. Incidentally, the royal court would probably have been identified as the "curia francorum" rather than "gallicorum."

<sup>&</sup>quot;'Harrison, MMB, pp. 77-81.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Stablein-Harder, <u>Mass Music in France</u> (MSD 7), pp.17-18.

<u>Sub Arturo plebs</u> and <u>Musicorum collegio</u>, which are striking, indicate a common tradition for this <u>topos</u>: the triplum gives a catalogue of musicians, while the author speaks in the duplum in more learned and recondite language.

The subject matter of Alme pater is difficult to pin down in detail due to ambiguities in its language. Apparently the text has to do with the problems of the Papacy and the control of Naples in the years immediately following the Great Schism (late 1370s-1380s). The pope referred to in the text could either be Urban VI, the Roman pope to whom England was allied, or Clement VII, the Avignon pope allied with the French. The poem seems to make the most sense if the pope is assumed to be Urban. In that case, the events referred to are likely those of 1384, when Charles of Durazzo (who had taken Naples from its Queen Joanna for Urban in 1381-2) turned against his pope. Urban's campaign to establish control over Naples failed and he was besieged for many months by Charles in a castle at Nocerno (Luceria Christianorum). The English cardinal Adam Easton was a member of Urban's party during this ordeal, and English attention to the siege would naturally have been as intense as medieval lines of communication allowed. 1 It is difficult to imagine a composer in the Avignon or French royal circles setting the text; it is equally difficult to believe that it

<sup>11</sup>For two standard narratives of these events, see Ludwig Pastor, The History of the Popes, I, pp.134-38, and Mandell Creighton, A History of the Papacy, I, pp.85-97.

could have been written in Italy in a style so foreign to that distinctive musical culture. The possibility must be considered, then, that the work is English—that such musical knowledge and skill, in imitation of French models, was possessed by some English composers, probably in the employ of aristocratic chapels, in the 1380s.<sup>42</sup>

Two final texts from the later 14th-century motets make unconventional references that may prove to be of significance for the purpose of establishing provenance. First, Inter usitata refers not just to the BVM, but also to St Paul and a "novelle structure." This slim piece of evidence may point to a specific institution with important new construction in the general time period we are concerned with, but no identification can be proposed here. Finally, the Marian text Maria diceris (US-SM 19914, 3) refers to Mary as "carmeli flosculus." This appelation is not unusual, but a further line, "iam carmelitis porrigetis manum," reemphasizes the association with Carmel and prompts the suggestion that the poem is a specifically Carmelite song of praise to Mary. The Carmelite friars were an order "de Beata Virgine" and they are well known (on the continent) for their cultivation of music from the mid-14th century on. One of the central events in this order's early history occurred in

<sup>\*2</sup>Contrafacture cannot be wholly ruled out, especially since the text may be defective, or may not have been set in full (one stanza appears to be incomplete and the fit of text to isorhythmic structure is clumsy).

13th-century England where, according to tradition, Simon Stock had the vision in which Mary gave the scapular to the order. The bestowal of this distinctive cloak of office may be referred to in lines 19-20 of Maria diceris: "sub tuo quando clamide te{ don}ans hiis solamina." The identification of the tenor of this motet some day may provide more information about the music's provenance.

## Other Repertoires

For some perspective on the significance of the distribution of subject matter in 14th-century English motets, comparison with other repertoires of Latin motets and sacred literature is illuminating. Earlier and later motets in England are a natural starting point for such an examination. It has already been argued that the 13th-century English motet is similar in its range of topics, although oriented more towards the BVM. Motets from the later part of the next century are not as homogeneous a body as those from earlier in the 1300s but do in fact retain a religious orientation. This is evident, for example, in the three motets of Omc 266/268, which reflect insular notations and styles

<sup>\*3</sup>See Smet, "Carmelites," and Staring, "Simon Stock" in the New Catholic Encyclopedia. Wibberley, "English Polyphonic Music," pp.151-57, suggests an association of Simon Stock and the Carmelites with the texts of the motet Virgo Maria.

<sup>1&#</sup>x27;The manuscript in which this motet appears as a fly-leaf, <u>US-SM</u> 19914, has associations with the Augustinian house of St. Osyth, but no evident Carmelite connections.

in addition to subject matter.

Three early 15th-century English motet collections are still devoted to a variety of sacred subjects. The motets preserved in Old Hall (Lbm 57950) have topics including St. Thomas of Canterbury, St. Katherine, St. George (two motets), the BVM, and Pentecost. There are also two Deo gratias substitutes. Margaret Bent has assembled scraps of a codex that, if reconstructed, would be comparable to Old Hall in size and contents. 45 Some eight motets can be counted among the fragments. Loss of text makes identification of the subject matter tentative in almost every case, but evidently they include motets on the Holy Innocents (or other young martyrs), St.Nicholas, a confessor, a musician or musical subject (possibly sacred, and the topic of two items), and Edward (either the recent king or traditional English saint), ' as well as the same two Deo gratias substitutes that appear in Old Hall. A third repertoire consists of the twelve surviving isorhythmic motets of John Dunstaple, which include six on saints: St. Alban, St. Michael, St. Germanus, St. Anne, St. John the Baptist, and St.Katherine. Three further motets are on the BVM, two are on Pentecost, and one survives untexted. 47

<sup>\*\*</sup>Bent, "A Lost English Choirbook;" see also Chapter One, p.26.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;For the text fragments see Bent, "A Lost English Choirbook," p.262.

<sup>4&#</sup>x27;See Bukofzer, John Dunstable Complete Works, and Bent,

Not much need be said here about the texts of the English cantilenas. These are almost exclusively devoted to the BVM. Exceptions include a setting of a sequence for St. Margaret in Cgc 230, pieces on Jesus in LEC1 6120 and GLcro 678, and two settings that mention Edward III in US-NYpm 978.

## Continental Motets

In Parisian music circles ca. 1200 Latin was the language of the motet as it first developed out of the the discant clausula. The earliest motet texts bore strong assonant and tropic relationships to the text of their tenors, but they soon began to "depart altogether from the tenor's words and their connotations;" a vogue for the use of French texts instead of Latin, a radical innovation of around 1215, led to the dominance of the genre by secular lyrics "by the third decade of the century." "" However, "the intrusion of the vernacular was a French specialty, [and] elsewhere -- including, surely, large areas of France -- Latin as well as some degree of tropic textual relationship between the Tenor and the upper part(s) were generally retained." ""

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>Dunstaple</u>. Dunstaple's works also include two non-iso-rhythmic motets, on St.Katherine and the Holy Cross. The surviving motets of Leonel Power are by contrast all non-isorhythmic and Marian, setting the texts of votive antiphons. This emphasis on Mary is in fact the direction taken by the English motet in the 15th century, culminating in such collections as the Eton choirbook.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;\*Sanders, "Motet," p.532.

In her discussion of the texts of F-MO, Rokseth identified four categories that together encompass the themes of nearly all the 13th-century Latin motets, distinguishing those that comment on the major feasts of the Christian year, those devoted to the Virgin Mary, those that concern the corruption of morals of the clergy, and those that give moral advice for the conduct of life. \*O\* In F-MO\* about three-fourths of the Latin texts (86/117) are devoted to Mary, with the remainder divided fairly evenly between those about feasts (texts of nos. 60, 70, 306, 310, 331, 340-341), the clergy (texts of nos. 37, 52, 286, 287) and moral conduct (texts of nos. 47, 65, 264, 328). Significantly, the latter three categories contain motets believed by scholars to be of non-Parisian origin. \*I\*

Hans Tischler has published various statistical surveys of the subject matter of the continental Latin-texted motets of the 13th century. He identifies four similar categories as primary: Mary, Jesus, other Holy Persons, and various religious subjects and criticism<sup>52</sup> -- and summarizes the

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Sanders, "Peripheral Polyphony," p.277.

<sup>5 °</sup>Rokseth, Polyphonies IV, pp.227-31.

<sup>&</sup>quot;All of those identified with feasts of the Christian calendar have been identified by Sanders as English (70, 340-41) or peripheral (60), or have been identified by Tischler as belonging outside of the central stylistic group. See Sanders, "Peripheral Polyphony," and Tischler, preface to his new edition of F-MO. See also Sanders, "Motet," p.533 on the "peripheral" Latin double motets.

<sup>52</sup> See Hans Tischler, "Classicism and Romanticism in

trends in text-content from the very earliest days of the motet as follows: 5,3

The main balance shifts from an emphasis on Jesus to one on Mary as early as about 1210; and Mary's predominance becomes nearly exclusive at the end of the century. Other holy persons are addressed less and less often as time goes on. Religious subjects, on the other hand, particularly moral sermons and criticisms, regain ground in the last decades of the century after a total eclipse during the mid-century.

This summary encompasses a diverse range of sources, and in its generality tends to obscure regional differences. However, a perception of geographical variation in motet-text preference sharpens the outlines of these trends in Tischler's most recent essay. 54 Significantly, for several non-Parisian manuscripts he observes that the proportion of Marian texts drops in relation to those concerning moral sermons, scriptural verses and stories, various feasts, and Jesus.

In the early 14th century the trend in Parisian circles was back to the use of Latin in motet texts. Trouvere-related secular love poetry was abandoned for political or polemical texts with strong overtones of the <u>admonitio</u>, especially in the motets of the <u>Roman de Fauvel</u> and in the

<sup>13</sup>th-century Music," "Intellectual Trends in 13th-century Paris as Reflected in the Texts of Motets," and "Latin Texts in the Early Motet Collections: Relationships and Perspectives."

<sup>53 &</sup>quot;Intellectual Trends, " p.6.

<sup>54&</sup>quot;Latin Texts in the Early Motet Collections."

output of de Vitry. 5 Texts of a purely religious nature are few. With regard to the themes treated in its texts, then, the English motet may be sharply distinguished from the Latin motets written within the Parisian orbit in the 13th and 14th centuries. It has, instead, affinities with "peripheral" sources. However, an important distinction remains there as well, in the relative preponderance of texts on saints and feasts in England over those on homiletic topics, and the relative inhospitality of English sources to Parisian music.

# The Carol and the Devotional Lyric

The question of subject matter cannot be left without some comparison of the motet with contemporaneous repertoires of short religious lyric verse such as the carol and the devotional poem. The carol thrived in England in both Latin and the vernacular. Though its history as a polyphonic musical genre belongs primarily to the 15th century, texts in carol form<sup>5,6</sup> are traceable back at least as far as the early 14th century. From their inception they were meant for singing, and some monophonic tunes for carols survive. Greene has published approximately 500 carol poems in

<sup>55</sup>Sanders, "Motet," pp.556-57 and "The Early Motets of Philippe de Vitry," with references in the latter to the extensive earlier literature.

<sup>5.</sup> The carol usually consists of a burden alternating with uniform stanzas (commonly rhymed aaab).

English, 57 while Stevens has published over 130 musical settings, mostly polyphonic, of carols in English and Latin. 5 \* Since carols were written over a span of 200 years any classification by subject matter, such as the order of presentation in Greene, must be approached with some caution as a basis for generalization; nonetheless the broad outlines are clear and transcend any relative fluctuations in the popularity of topics. Carols treating events of the Christmas season from Advent through Epiphany, and carols on the Virgin and Child or on the Annunciation (which are of course both appropriate to Christmas) far outweigh any other top-Though the carol is by no means associated exclusively with the Christmas season, it appears to have been conceived most frequently as such. There is a distinct lack of emphasis on the next important liturgical season, Easter: "until the early Tudor period, English carols on themes of the Passion and Resurrection are very rare. "5' Harrison's tabulation of the subjects treated in three 15th-century polyphonic carol manuscripts makes this point clearly. "

What[ever] kind of institution they may have been used in, at least three of these [carol] sources have a presumably complete carol repertoire for

<sup>57</sup>R.L.Greene, The Early English Carols, 2nd ed.

S:J.Stevens, <u>Medieval</u> <u>Carols</u> and <u>Early Tudor Songs</u> and <u>Carols</u>.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Stevens, "Roundtable on the Carol," p.298.

<sup>&</sup>quot;See Harrison's contribution to Stevens, "Roundtable on the Carol," pp.302-303.

their particular place. In the Ritson manuscript there is written beside all but one of its 44 carols the day or content for which it was intended. Applying this information by analogy to the carols in the Selden and Egerton manuscripts — with Ritson a total of about 105 carols including concordances — the following occasions and subjects appear to be represented:

Christmas Day (in die nativitas)	22
St.Stephen's Day (December 26th)	2
St.John's Day (December 27th)	4
Holy Innocents' Day (December 28th)	4
St. Thomas of Canterbury's (December 29th)	3
The Circumcision (January 1st)	2
Epiphany (January 6th)	8
de nativitate, (which [Harrison takes] to mean	
suitable over the whole season of 12 days)	32
The Virgin Mary	4
St.George (April 23rd)	1

Those shown as ad libitum in Ritson, which divide into four categories:

a) Moral	14
b) Convivial	1
c) Nationalistic	5
d) Agricultural-Ritual	1

total 103

A 14th-century repertoire closely related to the carol is the group of sixty Latin hymns preserved in the <u>Red Book of Ossory</u>. These were written sometime during the period 1320-60 by the English Franciscan Richard Ledrede, Bishop of

<sup>&</sup>quot;These hymns have been edited three times recently by different scholars: R.L.Greene, The Lyrics of the Red Book of Ossory (Oxford, 1974); E.Colledge, The Latin Poems of Richard Ledrede, O.F.M. (Toronto, 1974); and Th.Stemmler, The Latin Hymns of Richard Ledrede (Mannheim, 1975). Stemmler could, to a certain extent, take into account the editions of Greene and Colledge. An important critical review of all three editions, by A.G.Rigg, appears in Medium Aevum 46(1977), pp.269-78. None of the editions is wholly satisfactory, though each has particular strengths.

Ossory, for his clerics to sing in place of secular lyrics with more worldly sentiments. All but one of the poems is stanzaic and over half exhibit the burden and verse structure of the carol. The assignment of the first four poems to a specific feast is given by rubrics:

Cantilena de nativitate Domini
Alia cantilena de eodem festo
De eodem festo

De eodem festo

Though the rubrics then cease, it is clear that there is at least a rough ordering of all the contents in accordance with the liturgical calendar, beginning with Christmas, proceeding to Easter, and then going on to more miscellaneous subjects, in particular the BVM. Greene enumerates 25 songs on the Nativity and Christmas season, 11 on Easter and the Resurrection, 1 on the Annunciation, and 23 more diverse pieces. Colledge's count includes 13 on Christmas and 10 on Epiphany, 10 on Easter, 8 on the BVM, 5 on Christ, and 2 on the Holy Spirit. The varying totals reflect the ambiguity inevitably encountered in such subject matter; most of the poetry on the Virgin is suitable for Christmas, for instance. In my opinion 29 texts can be counted for the Christmas season and perhaps 15 more for Easter. However, the rest of the poems — on God, Jesus, Mary, or some more

<sup>&#</sup>x27;2Greene, The Lyrics, p.v.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Colledge, Latin Poems, p.xli.

general moral topic -- are less specifically tied to single occasions.

Greene has remarked on the unusually high emphasis on Easter in the poems of the <u>Red Book</u>, by comparison with the English carol. '' Otherwise the two types of verse are remarkably similar and equally distinct from the motet in the coverage of subject matter, in verse form, and presumably, in performance context. '5 A well known marginal entry that appears in the <u>Red Book</u> after the first four hymns sheds some light on their origin: ''

Nota: Attende, lector, quod Episcopus Ossoriensis fecit istas cantilenas pro vicariis Ecclesie Cathedralis, sacerdotibus, et clericis suis, ad cantandum in magnis festis et solaciis, ne guttera eorum et ora Deo sanctificata polluantur cantilenis teatralibus, turpibus et secularibus; et cum sint cantatores, provideant sibi de notis convenientibus secundum quod dictamina requirunt.

This is a remarkable testament not only to the kinds of songs a cleric might sing (or be asked not to sing), but also to the times of year when such clerics might be most inclined to raise their voices in song. Ledrede specifies that his verses are "for singing on the great feast days and

<sup>&</sup>quot;Greene, The Lyrics, p.6.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Roundtable," esp. pp.285-86.

<sup>&</sup>quot;It has often been printed, most recently in Colledge and Greene, ops.cits. Greene (p.xxvii) remarks on the similarity to a note given with the musical settings of the Libre Vermell, (E-MO  $\underline{1}$ ). On this source, see RISM B/IV/2, pp.99-102.

at times of recreation." For twelve of the sixty hymns the scribe has noted an incipit of vernacular verse that presumably identifies the secular tune to which the Latin text was to be sung (and on whose versification the Latin lines were presumably modelled). One must wonder whether these were precisely the tunes with objectionable lyrics to which Ledrede refers. In any event, impromptu singing on occasions of communal conviviality, especially on the most joyous and music-filled holidays of the Christian year, was apparently seen by Ledrede as an opportunity to check ribaldry and instill a little devotion in his clerics.

Devotional poetry flourished concurrently in Latin,
Anglo-Norman, and English during the 13th and 14th centuries. New developments in the vernacular lyric, particularly in English poetry during the latter half of the 13th
century, may be understood as deriving from and parallel to
the Latin tradition. 'Penglish lyrics, now thought to be
almost exclusively the product of clerics, at least before
1350 or so, came mainly from the pens of Franciscans. 'The
intended audience for their devotional verse was primarily
an uneducated laity; the poet sought to capture the listener's attention through a simple, even humble style and pow-

<sup>&</sup>quot;D.L.Jeffrey, The Early English Lyric and Franciscan Spirituality, p.17.

<sup>&</sup>quot;See R.H.Robbins, "The Authors of the Middle English Religious Lyrics," and Jeffrey, <u>The Early English Lyric</u>. For a very recent contribution on this question, see Christopher Page, "Angelus ad virginem."

erful visual imagery, and strove to evoke an immediate, personal response. The tone is intense and subjective, infused with affective piety and direct emotion that is aimed at stimulating or renewing a simple, unquestioning faith and evoking contrition and repentance. Jeffrey emphasizes that "the performance context of certain varieties of Middle English lyric" was in preaching evangelical sermons to the populace; the typical poem might even be said to be "a gospel song."'

The Latin motet, by contrast, is less intimate, more objective and more formal. Except for those few texts of contrition or admonition, the motet seldom exhibits a sermon-like stance with man rather than God as the intended recipient of its message. There is, however, a little common ground between the devotional Latin lyric and motet texts. '° For instance, excerpts of the <u>Dulcis Jhesu Memoria</u> were set polyphonically at least half a dozen times in the

<sup>&</sup>quot;'Jeffrey, The Early English Lyric, pp.184 and 214, respectively.

On the important relation of the two vernacular motet texts, Worldes blisce and Regne de pite, to Franciscans and the devotional literature, see below in the section "Vernacular Texts." However, as I have already pointed out in Lefferts, "Simon de Montfort," p.213, the scarcity of insular motets setting Middle English in the late 13th and early 14th centuries can be given a direct explanation: Middle English lyrics and motet composition do not overlap because they represent the creative activity of two distinct spheres, the cloister and the parish church, and were destined by their authors, friars and monks, for very different audiences and occasions.

13th century on the continent and in England.' St.Bernard, the beloved central figure of Cistercian and Franciscan devotion, is memorialized in polyphonic settings of hymn texts from a widely known rhymed office in his honor.' The Franciscan St.Bonaventure is associated with the English motet repertoire as well, through the use of the refrain stanza Laus honor Christo from his famous office on the Holy Cross,' In passione Domini, as the tenor of Laus honor vendito. The language of the surviving text of this motet, and the very similar language in another, Barrabas dimittitur, are closer than that of any other insular Latin motet to the kind of intense concentration on the passion of Christ that characterizes the most familiar devotional poetry.'

<sup>71</sup>One setting survives in the Worcester fragments (WF, 75). On the popularity and significance of <u>Dulcis Jhesu Memoria</u>, see Raby, <u>Christian Latin Poetry</u>, pp.329-31.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;2See the texts of the motets of <u>CAc 128/2</u>. The office is printed in <u>AH</u> 52, p.132.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'See AH 50, pp.568-71, and Raby, Christian Latin Poetry, p.424.

of common ground. (The Franciscans showed a keen interest in translating favorite hymns into English.) However, motet texts are in general not as heavily dependent on hymns as are, for example, the carols, many of which incorporate Latin lines or phrases drawn from hymns. On the carol and the hymn, see especially Greene, The Early English Carol, 2nd ed., pp.lxxxi, lxxxv-xciv. Concerning the hymn and the motet, see Tables 28 and 30 below.

## Text Contents: Sources and Models

Content and language of these texts is not an issue wholly separable from subject matter, as the foregoing has repeatedly demonstrated. Here I would like to make a genaral characterization of text contents and draw together some more specific observations about the sources and models for their language. In broadest terms, the motet lyrics are texts of praise and prayer. Some are simple prayers directed heavenward to God the Father, the Son, or the Holy Spirit, or sent through Mary or one of the saints as intercessor, for the wellbeing of the church or for individual salvation. The motet may speak of a saint or the significance of an occasion in the church year. These two approaches may be combined in a bipartite text that begins in expository fashion and then closes with a prayer, or a call for rejoicing or giving praise (for instance, put concisely-- "Christ is risen; let us rejoice"). Most often encountered is an ages-old tripartite form beginning with an invocation, following with a longer central section (the enumeration of complaints, the recounting of a saint's miracles, etc.), and closing with a petition for mercy or redress of grievances. The texts of the 13th-century English motet O sancte Bartholomee, given in Figure 43, provide two classic examples of such a three-part form.

The admonitory homily directed to an earthly audience is infrequently encountered. Nor is it usual to see a text

Typical tripartite text divisions indicated by i, ii, iii

o sancte Bartholomee
plebs fidelis hodie
gratulatur et letatur
per te dux ecclesie

11

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Per te niger demon piger templi querens[nimium] est probatus et ligatus Domini per angelum

quem salvator vite dator misit per providentiam ad monstrandum sublimandum divinam potentiam

tu pro lege coram rege predicans in Indiam fidem rectam et perfectam passus es supplicium

hic te iussit qui combussit [carcerem iniur] e . verberari decollari extra muros curie.

Dei cultor et instructor nostre vere fidei te rogamus ne pereamus Eve matris filii. O sancte Bartholomee plebs devota dignas tue laudes dat memorie

ydola que destruxisti sinagogam confudisti plenam ydolatrie

rex Astriges condolebat Deum suum quem colebat viliter corruere

factum suum baptizatum sequentem Dei mandatum et cum eo vivere

hic te iussit verberari per tortorem decollari diro cum supplicio

set invictus permansisti regem victumque vicisti insigni martirio.

Dei cultor et instructor nostre vere fidei te rogamus ne pereamus Eve matris filii.

[Pes]: Bartholomee miseris nobis succurre te petentibus.

FIG. 43: Texts of O Sancte Bartholomee (Cjc 138, 3)

that is cast as an individual's personalized statement of faith or contrition. The narrative voice is usually a communal one; the collective first person nos is much more common than the first person singular ego.'5 A few texts are enlivened by the dramatic gesture of direct discourse, most often used during the narration of some story taken from the New Testament. (See Table 29.)

While direct internal references to who is singing a motet are hard to find, references to musical performance are fairly frequent in the opening or closing verses. The participants are, however, usually specified only in the most general and commonplace terms:

psallat ergo plebs ovando

Ade finit

consonent omnia alleluia

Frondentibus

iubilando promat ecclesia sacra

gaudia de virgine melliflua Maria Orto sole

ergo pontifici solvant preconia

clerus et layci cum diligencia Salve cleri

<sup>&#</sup>x27;s Ego is heard, for instance, in the two texts of Zorobabel abigo and the duplum text of Zelo tui, beginning "Reor nescia quit sit sapiencia." The latter text seems to make the speaker a woman. See the editions of this text in PMFC XV and the remarks by Harrison in the Introduction to EECM 26, p.xiv-xv, along with my comments in the Critical Report.

modulamina per totum celica canunt hodie colegia quide dicencia

Tu civium

Laudes extollens martiris
chorus hic letabundus
salvatur nexu sceleris
ut Deo fiat mundus.

De flore

Praise and rejoicing are the main themes of the foregoing quotations, to which a few more examples mentioning music but not participants can be added, including:

Ideo Christum colimus laudamus modulis musicis pro tot beneficiis.

Laus honor

adorant cum notulis modulis dulcissimis et canticis organicis plurimis. Alma mater

preconia laudum

cum melodia canora

celebrant hodie.

Tu civium

Ipsum vocemus iugiter suspiriis suaviter

per vocis laudem carminis. Jhesu redemptor

Some of these sorts of references invoke all Christian folk
as participants in song; others refer just to the church, or
to clerics and laymen, or more specifically to a choir:

"nostri chorus ordinis" (Ob 7, 4) or "musicorum collegium" (DRc 20, 17). A most tantalizing reference of this type is to the "chorus monachorum" mentioned in the badly preserved lower part of Baptizas parentes. One further petition for aid makes a subtle reference to monks:

Hinc rogamus precibus ut serves a malis circumseptos menibus curie claustralis.

Parce piscatoribus

(Therefore we beseech in our prayers that you may save from evils those encircled by the walls of the cloister-garth.)

An overt acknowledgement of narrative function is often expressed in the texts, underlining an account of a saint's life and death, miracles, or familiar emblems. Such statements include the following:

De flore martirum .... canamus hodie De flore

tabitam vivam legimus ex eius titulis Petrum cephas

multiplex miraculum te canit hodie Salve cleri

mult as des noms en prophetie Regne de pite

and the impetus behind them all is expressed clearly in

facta fidem firmant relatui Ave miles.

That is, these facts are intended, in their retelling, to strengthen faith. '' The lyrics make a lively tapestry akin to the stained glass, carvings, wall hangings, paintings, and inscriptions with which the interiors and exteriors of churches were ornamented. The reference to "titulis" in the line from <a href="Petrum cephas">Petrum cephas</a> is instructive in this regard. A "titulus" was in medieval usage a religious or moral verse, sometimes used in public inscriptions as a caption, i.e. a written accompaniment to illustrations on altars, walls, or windows, and the like. English motets similarly keep alive and renew the Christian stories.

The motet texts are indebted for their language to many different sources; they are rarely original in thought or expression. At the same time, few texts are borrowed in their entirety from other sources. Rather, they are mostly written specifically for the motet with which they are now found. The medieval author accepted and utilized traditional genres, topics, and idioms in the fashioning of a sacred text. He sought to say again what had already been said before. It was not originality that was prized but rather a demonstrable grasp of conventional means to a common end, emphasizing familiarity and continuity in text and expression. As a consequence for the motet, its texts are

<sup>7.</sup> The level of detail in a typical motet text is comparable to that of a sequence, in other words, more explicit and extended than any other liturgical item except for the vastly larger-scaled lessons at Matins.

rich in "allusions to and manipulations of" familiar liturgical and Biblical passages.' Manipulation takes place by two basic processes: (1) expansion through tropic elaboration, paraphrase, and variation, or (2) contraction through what one might call a "lyrical abridgement" of material.'

The few directly borrowed texts are listed in Table 28. Most are from hymns, taking over several stanzas intact. In the cases of <u>Ut recreentur</u> and <u>A solis-Salvator</u>, hymn text is used as a framework for additional verses, alternating either pairs of lines or individual lines with newly written material. (In at least three other motets, <u>Caligo terre</u>, <u>A solis/Ovet</u>, and <u>Hostis Herodes</u>, a single stanza of a hymn, not an entire text, is used similarly.)

Another point worthy of comment is that two pairs of motet texts that are set elsewhere turn up in <u>Onc 362</u> in motets that are among the most archaic preserved in that source. The <u>Onc 362</u> setting of <u>O homo-O homo</u> is probably not much later than the 13th-century English setting in <u>Lbm</u>

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'The quotation is from Colledge's description (Latin poems, p.1) of the Latin lyrics of the Red Book of Ossory, which are richly annotated for such references in his edition. (See his discussion of them on pp.xliv-lix.) Incidentally, as is discussed by both R.L.Greene and Colledge, eight of the Red Book poems (nos.48-55) are derived from a single longer Latin poem, "De Maria Virgine," known from l4th-century English sources. See, for instance, Greene, The Lyrics, pp.vi-viii.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;\*This term was suggested to me by Prof.Peter Dembowski, University of Chicago, in a discussion of his work on saints' lives.

TABLE 28

#### DIRECTLY BORROWED TEXTS

## Motet:

## Text:

## Devotional poetry

Radix Iesse Regne de pite Candens crescit Ortum floris
Regne de pite
Candens lilium columbina(?)

# Motet texts

O homo considera Iam nubes O homo-O homo Iam-Iam

## Antiphon

Doleo super te

Doleo super te Rex autem David

## Hymn

Veni creator spiritus Ut recreentur spiritus Augustine par angelis Detentos a demonibus Regina iam discubuit Venit sponsa de Libano A solis-Salvator Veni creator spiritus
Ut recreentur spiritus
Augustine par angelis
Bernardus doctor inclitus
Iam regina discubuit
Iam regina discubuit
A solis ortus & Salvator mundi

For less extensive quotations, especially of hymn texts, see Table 30.

5958, and the settings of <u>Iam nubes-Iam nubes</u> are comparable in age and technique. (They handle the "Iam" exclamation in very similar fashion.)

Motets with exact Biblical quotations or very near paraphrases embedded in their texts are listed in Table 29. claim for completeness in this regard is made. Testament passages are mainly drawn from the Gospels, and the Old Testament passages mainly come from the Psalms. Systematic quotation is taken farthest in Quare fremuerunt, where the incipits of Psalms 2-12 are embedded in a poetic matrix so constructed that they not only make sense but contribute to a rhyme scheme as well. The allusions in the triplum of Civitas nusquam and the duplum of Fusa cum silentio to parables from Matthew are examples of the use of familiar Biblical passages in a slightly less "sophisticated" fashion. Of course the proximate source for Biblical language may be the liturgy, as is the case with the motet Doleo super te. In a different approach, the language of Excelsus in numine is infused with phraseology and imagery taken from Luke via the Benedictus at Lauds.

The condensation or abridgement of material is most apparent in texts on saints, which tend to cover similar ground in similar language in every text on the same individual. This is due to the fact that the same sources are drawn upon every time such texts are written, using the

#### TABLE 29

#### USE OF BIBLICAL QUOTATION OR PARAPHRASE

### Motet:

# Biblical ref .:

# N.T. Texts on saints

Civitas nusquam Matthew 5:14-15; 14-30
Dei preco Matthew 11:11; 14:1-12
Excelsus Luke 1:68-79; Psalms 4:4, 7
Maria mole pressa Matthew 28:1-10, etc.
Petrum cephas Matthew 4:19-20; 16:18-19
Vas exstas Acts 9:15-16; 26:14

## Christmas and Eastertide

A solis-Ovet mundus
Hostis Herodes
Herodis in pretorio
Barrabas dimittitur
Laus honor vendito
Viri Galilei

Luke 2
Matthew 2:1-12
Matthew 2:13-18;
Matthew 27:46; John 19:28
Matthew 27:46
Acts 1:11

# Admonitory/ Secular

Fusa cum (Labem lavat) Matthew 25:1-12
Omnis terra(Habenti) -Matthew 13:12; Isaiah 61:11
Musicorum collegio(In templo) Revelation 1:12-2:1
Inter amenitatis Matthew 12:25

O.T. Doleo super te
Herodis in atrio
Quare fremuerunt
Omnis terra
Domine quis habitabit
Beatus vir
O vos omnes

2nd Samuel 1:22, 26; 18:33
Isaiah 1:6; Proverbs 1:17
Psalms 2-12 (incipits)
Psalm 103(104)
Psalm 14(15)
Psalm 1, etc. (a familiar incipit)
Lamentations 1:12

Where there is a more proximate source in the liturgy, this has been noted in the critical report.

familiar language of saints' lives and of the liturgy:
sequences and proses, antiphons and responsories, and Matins
lessons.'' Texts for Katherine are often taken from the
antiphons and responsories of her rhymed office (in particular the chants <u>Virgo sancta Katerina</u> and <u>Virgo flagellatur</u>),
or as in the motet <u>Mulier magni meriti</u>, from her <u>legenda</u>.
The pair of Marian stories abbreviated in <u>Suffragiose virgini</u> provide a similar example; as was mentioned above, they
are probably drawn from the vast stock of such tales, condensed and versified in order to be accommodated to the
medium of the motet.

A number of examples will show some of the kinds of textual manipulation of sources and models discoverable in the motet corpus; some of these have been noted above in this chapter or in Chapter Two. The two large-scale voice-exchange motets A solis-Ovet and Hostis Herodes quote and then paraphrase both text and melody of hymns for Christmas and Epiphany. Princeps apostolice has been modelled directly on the sequence Alleluya nunc decantet. Stanzas of Salve cleri paraphrase successive verses of the St. Nicholas prose Sospitati dedit egros. Viri Galilei is constructed

<sup>7&#</sup>x27;The Sarum Breviary is a convenient source for <u>legenda</u>, in the Matins lessons, but I am not sure how stable these were, and hence to what degree they reflect a l4th-century reading. One has recourse to other versions of these lives in the <u>Acta sanctorum</u>, the <u>Legenda Aurea</u> of Jacob de Voragine, or the <u>Nova legenda angliae</u> edited by Horstmann, for instance, for basic comparative work.

textually as a series of variations on the familiar Ascension Day text that is quoted as its last stanza. <u>Domine quis habitabit</u> expands on the language and imagery of a psalm. In the case of <u>Barrabas dimittitur</u> the language of the upper parts is indebted to a Matins responsory for Good Friday. The incipit of <u>Zelo tui</u> ("Zelo tui langueo virgo regia") is identical to the explicit of a famous poem by Richard Rolle of Hampole. The relationship (if any) of the motet text(s) to the Yorkshire mystic is unknown. Table 30 gives these textual relationships along with a few that have been discovered but not listed or discussed above.

#### Assonance

The motets setting whole chants usually show a strong tropic relationship to their tenors throughout the texts of the upper voices; in the weaker cases this may be expressed just through quotation at the beginning and end of the motet. A relationship weaker still, yet distinctive, links incipits of the several texts of a motet by the same word or word-root, consonant-vowel cluster, or merely the same con-

<sup>\*°</sup>Richard Rolle (d.1349) was a hermit and holy man associated at the end of his life with the Cistercian nunnery of St Mary at Hampole near Doncastre in Yorkshire. His main literary contribution was to the mystical tradition of devotional prose in the vernacular. The Canticum amoris, a 38-stanza poem to the BVM in Latin, is probably a very early work; its incipit ("Zelo tui langueo virgo speciosa") is nearly identical to its explicit ("Zelo tui langueo virgo regia"), which is shared with the motet. See Hope Emily Allen, Writings Ascribed to Richard Rolle, pp.89-93 and Raby, The Oxford Book of Medieval Latin Verse, no.290, pp.442-48.

TABLE 30
OTHER DISCOVERED TEXTUAL RELATIONSHIPS

Motet:	Text:
	Sequence
Princeps apostolice Templum eya O crux vale	Alleluya clare decet Rex Salomon fecit Salve crux sancta
	Antiphon
Orto sole (O virga Iesse) Virgo sancta Katerina	O radix Iesse qui stas Virgo sancta Katerina
	Responsory
Barrabas dimittitur	Barrabas latro
	Metrical litany
Rex sanctorum angelorum	Rex sanctorum
	Hymn
Humane lingue Caligo terre A solis-Ovet mundus Hostis Herodes Ave miles Jhesu redemptor	O gloriosa domina Nox et tenebre et nubila A solis ortus Hostis Herodes imple Deus tuorum militum Jhesu redemptor omnium

sonant. This relationship I will call by the name assonance, using this word in its most general sense (i.e. likeness/similarity/correspondence or resemblance of sounds in words or syllables).\*1 Assonance at the beginning and end of

<sup>\*&#</sup>x27;Assonance has a more technical meaning (i.e. the partial rhyme of stressed vowels only, or the simple repetition of vowel sounds) which is narrower than the sense in which I will be using the term.

a motet text is a device common to the very earliest

European motets on account of their tropic relationship to
the tenor, but is seen less and less in the course of the
13th century outside of England. Its numerous occurrences
in later 13th- and 14th-century English motets testifies to
a particularly English preoccupation with the motet as a
complex of interrelated texts.\*2

A typical example of an English motet with texts linked by assonance and subject matter to the tenor is <u>Petrum</u> <u>cephas-Petrus pastor-T.Petre(amas me)</u>. In some instances the tenor seems to have inspired assonance, or was chosen out of the desire for assonance, without any particular regard for relationship in content. This is likely the case in such combinations as <u>Barrabas-Barrabas-T.Babilonis flumina</u> or <u>Frondentibus florentibus- T.Floret.\*\*</u> Three examples

<sup>\*2</sup>One could make the argument that an English origin for (or influence on) the <u>DRc 20</u> motet <u>Virgo sancta-Virginalis concio</u> is possible on account of the deliberate assonance apparent in the texts.

The later 13th-century motets of Lwa 33327 demonstrate the last vestiges of a text relationship not seen in the later repertoire, the incorporation of the tenor text into the last line of duplum and triplum. For instance, the tenor of Lwa 33327, 5 (Dona celi) is Docebit, and the duplum ends "qui nos prudencie et iusticie vias docebit." The tenor of Lwa 33327, 7 (Ave miles) is Ablue, and the duplum ends "dona nobis prospera et scelera ablue."

<sup>\*&#</sup>x27;The expression of lamentation in the psalm paraphrase implied by the incipit <u>Babilonis flumina</u> might be considered appropriate to Good Friday, however. Similarly, <u>Floret</u> sounds as if it might be the incipit of some spring song (such as those in the <u>Carmina Burana</u>) so if there was no immediate connection to <u>Easter</u>, at least the imagery of flowering and renewal would be appropriate.

using French secular ditties as tenors give clearer evidence for the severing of sound and sense: Ade finit-Ade

finit-T.A definement d'este, Triumphat hodie-T.Trop est fol,
and Herodis-Herodis-T.Hey hure lure.

In one motet, <u>Trinitatem-Trinitas-Trinitatis</u>, there is emphatic reiteration of the word Trinity over an appropriate, but non-assonant, chant for Trinity Sunday. In general, though, it is rare to find no assonance relating the texts to the tenor. This may merely indicate that the tenor is freely composed, as in <u>Candens-Candens</u>, <u>Te domina-Te domina</u>, or <u>Thomas-Thomas</u>. Where a tenor is unidentified, as in <u>Mulier-Multum</u>, <u>Orto sole-Origo viri-O virga</u>, or <u>Suffragiose-Summopere</u>, or where it is missing, as in <u>Inter choros-Invictis</u> or <u>Hac a valle-Hostem vicit</u>, because the probability of intended assonance is high, '' it can occasionally be of help in finding a missing tenor to underlay or in discovering a tenor's identity (these are the situations for <u>Iam-Iam</u> and <u>Surgere-T.Surge et illuminare</u>, for instance)."

<sup>\*\*</sup>In <u>Mulier</u> or <u>Orto sole</u> the pes-like tenors, if taken from some popular stock of melodies instead of being newly composed, might (like <u>Floret</u> or <u>Babilonis flumina</u>) actually have some appropriate textual incipit that was intended to be recognized, but which simply was not recorded in any surviving source.

<sup>\*5</sup>Reliance on assonance can help to correct text readings, as in the case of the duplum of <u>Civitas-Cives-T.Cibus</u>, which reads <u>Tu es</u> in <u>Onc</u> <u>362</u>, or in the duplum of <u>Orto sole-Origo viri-O virga</u>, which simply reads <u>virga</u> in both sources (see the Critical Report).

Some mention ought to be made of the phenomenon of alliteration in individual motet texts. It is most noticeable in long-line verse, which lacks fairly regular metrical accents, and in the heightened prose of the more irregularly versified lyrics. Alliteration is most common in the first line of a text, or is at least sustained for a longer stretch there (for example: "Parata paradisi porta protoplausto patuit/ Que nutu creatoris omnia creantis claruit," or "Multum viget virtus marcet vicium"). Within the body of a text it is likely to be seen only for a word or two; like echo rhymes, it enhances the sonic qualities of the text while allowing the author greater flexibility than regular verse in adapting words to rhythms of breves and semibreves (for example, from Rosa mundi purissima: cuncta pellens pericula/ per secula salutis/ unda virtutis viola/ febrem fugans fervorie).

#### Vernacular Texts

Medieval Latin was the preeminent language of the English motet; its near-exclusive use in the repertoire (instead of either Middle English or Anglo-Norman) is a significant feature of the genre, as has already been mentioned. In general, avoidance of the vernacular was a feature of the motet outside a narrow but prolific Parisian orbit. There are few pieces with Germanic texts, for

instance, or Provencal. "Nonetheless, each music culture may have had its own reasons for the stance it took with regard to the use of its native language(s). The strong English preference for Latin-texted motets is stated directly in the testimony of a late-14th-century witness: "

Practicus insignis gallicus sub gallicis hemus hunc discantavit cantum sed post reformavit latini lingua anglis sepius fit amena reddendo deo gratias.

The active, distinguished Frenchman composed this song on French melodies but after he revised it with the Latin language it is more often made sweet to the English, reciting Deo gratias.

One can suggest two reasons for this predilection: (1) Latin was the preferred medium for the presentation of the sacred subject matter dealt with by English motets, and (2) it was the appropriate language for the context in which they were usually performed. The surviving examples of the motet using the vernacular help shed some light on these suggestions.

The appearance of vernacular lyrics in motet tenors is a phenomenon associated with the increasing proportion of non-Gregorian tenors in continental motets of the generation

<sup>&</sup>quot;'See Zaslaw, "Music in Provence."

<sup>&</sup>quot;These lines occur at the end of the text of the duplum of a motet in Old Hall (Lbm 57950, 146) that was intended as a Deo gratias substitute. The French composer referred to may be Mayshuet. See Hughes and Bent, The Old Hall Manuscript, I, 2, pp.419-423; Bent, "Transmission," pp.66-67; and Hughes, "Reappraisal," pp.104-5. A new source of this text (see Chapter One, p.26) reads "angelis" instead of "anglis," thus significantly altering the impact of the statement.

represented by the seventh and eighth fascicles of the Montpellier codex.\*\* Propriety was apparently not offended by the juxtaposition of the sacred with the secular (sometimes perhaps even obscene) sentiments of these lyrics.\* A single Middle English tenor has come down to us, in a motet from the third quarter of the 13th century, Veni mater gracie-T.Dou way Robin.\* This tenor is a short but closed tune, perhaps a refrain, that is repeated thirteen times as a kind of pes, and seems to have no referential meaning with regard to the text of the surviving upper part. Its use is in fact quite similar to that of the Latin-texted pes in an English motet of similar age, O sancte Bartholomee-O sancte Bartholomee-T.O Bartholomee miseris whose origin is likewise clearly not Gregorian.\*

French-texted tenors are a richer source of vernacular lyrics and melodies that are neither liturgical nor courtly. The five that occur in the l4th-century repertoire were

<sup>\*\*</sup>See Rokseth, <u>Polyphonies</u> IV, p.158 and Gennrich, <u>Bibliographie</u>, p.112.

<sup>\*&#</sup>x27;See the critical report and text edition in PMFC XV for  $\frac{\text{Herodis}}{\text{in atrio}}$  whose tenor,  $\frac{\text{Hey}}{\text{hure lure}}$ , is an interesting, if controversial example.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;See Levy, "New Material," p.225; Bukofzer, NOHM III, pp.111-12; Dobson and Harrison, Medieval English Songs, no. 18; and the forthcoming edition by this author in PMFC XVII.

<sup>&</sup>quot;As was mentioned in Chapter One, it may be that at least some of the pes tenors of the 13th-century motet repertoire and some of the pes-like tuneful, untexted tenors of the 14th-century repertoire are unidentified melodies drawn from popular sources.

listed above in Chapter One, Table 1. The majority of these, four motets utilizing three different French tenors, are from Onc 362, and they are roughly contemporary with the later Montpellier motets.' The tenors of these five motets are all intact tunes (though there may have been some tampering with the end of Hey hure lure), but only two -- Hey hure lure and Trop est fol -- preserve more than just a textual incipit.' None of the four melodies is known elsewhere. Mariounette douche is clearly a virelai (form ABBAA). Hey hure lure is ballad-likee (form AAB), Trop est fol is a rondeau-like AABBAABBAA, and A definement has the form A Bl B2 Cl B2 C2 (perhaps to be read overall as a kind of A Bl B2 bar structure).'

Use of the vernacular is even more infrequent in upper parts than in tenors. Middle English is found in just one extant motet, <u>Worldes blisce</u>. The work is transmitted solely in an unusual source, <u>Ccc</u> 8, 3 whose leaves and bind-

<sup>&#</sup>x27;2Herodis in atrio, though from a later source ( $\underline{DRc}$  20) and written with minim stems, is similar to Caligo terre in many features of style (as noted in Chapter Two) and probably was composed at about the same time.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'A full text is found elsewhere for <u>A definementd'este</u> <u>lerray</u>. The poem is a strophic pastourelle. (See the Critical Report.)

<sup>&#</sup>x27;The use of the <u>fatras</u>, <u>Doucement</u>, as the tenor of the <u>Ob</u> 7 motet <u>Deus creator</u>, was discussed above in Chapter Two. In this context it would be negligent not to mention the tenor of <u>Alma mater</u> (<u>BERC 55</u>, <u>1</u>), which is textless but in the form of a rondeau, i.e. ABAAABAB.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;See RISM B/IV/1, pp.451-53. On <u>Worldes blisce</u>, see Bukofzer, "The First Motet With English Words," and NOHM

ing stubs of music are the scraps from a manuscript that once ran to several hundred folios. Its surviving contents show a remarkably wide range of musical genres, including a number of French motets in parts (some known from the Montpellier codex), settings in score of both English and French texts, and textless three-voice <u>clausulae</u>. This was a remarkably diverse anthology rather than a homogeneous collection of motets.

Worldes blisce survives in two parts and may possibly be complete a2, an assumption not contradicted by its counterpoint. If this is so, then the unusually thin texture may represent the deliberate avoidance of polytextuality in the interest of the clear presentation of a single poem. The text, which is in the mainstream of the devotional lyric (judging from its graphic description of the suffering of "sweet Jesus" on the cross), exists in part in a much later source, Franciscan friar John Grimestone's commonplace book of sermon materials, dated 1372."

III, p.111; the motet has been edited recently by Dobson and Harrison for <u>Medieval English Songs</u>, no.17, and by the present author for PMFC XVII.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'This book is <u>National Library of Scotland</u>, <u>Advocates' Library</u>, <u>MS 18.7.21</u>. The exerpt is found on fol.124. See Wilson, <u>A Descriptive Index</u>, no. 200, and the notes to the forthcoming edition of <u>Worldes blisce</u> in PMFC XVII. Grimestone's book is also an early source for vernacular carol texts. See Greene, <u>Early English Carols</u>, 2nd ed., p.cliv.

French texts on both sacred and secular subjects are not unknown in the 13th-century English motet repertoire,' but are distinctly more uncommon in the 14th-century reper-Surviving examples, all from later in the century, are almost all from imported isorhythmic motets; most are found in the rear leaves of DRc 20. An isolated part in another source, Deus compaignons de cleremunde (US-Wc 14, 3), bears text that is bilingual, alternating French and Latin. Reaney judges it to be of North-East French origin. " A further text, Parfundement plure, is from Pura placens, a motet for which there are traces of continental sources, so the text is most likely of continental origin. Since the references to it cite only the duplum incipit, it is impossible to say whether the triplum's Latin text is original or a contrafact. It is just possible, therefore, that the triplum is in fact an English replacement for secular French verses. Speaking for this is the sacred subject matter, the high degree of alliteration in the first line, and the assonance of the two text incipits (the tenor has not been identified). It should be noted that the duplum can be read either in reference to the BVM or as a courtly reproach to some contemporary lady of virtue. Its references

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'See the thirteenth-century motets listed in Appendix II, including Ave gloriosa mater (Duce creature), Au queer, En averil, etc. as well as the juxtaposition of English and Anglo-Norman in monophonic collections such as Lbm Arundel 248.

<sup>&</sup>quot;See RISM B/IV/2, pp.371-72.

are not so explicitly secular that it would have been necessary to make a substitution for it.

With a final example of French lyrics in the motet circumstances are different and we are on firmer ground. The motet in question is <u>Regne de pite</u>, which occupies a position in the repertoire curiously similar to that of <u>Worldes blisce</u>, though it was written perhaps seventy-five years later. <u>Regne</u> is no contrafact. The motet was designed as a setting of the single text it bears, and this text has an independent tradition of transmission that is associated with Franciscans and devotional poetry.

The text of Regne de pite comprises four stanzas of a 26-stanza poem known as Les neuf joies Nostre Dame or Li diz proprietez Nostre Dame that is customarily attributed to the 13th-century poet Rutebeuf.'' The stanzas used in the motet are I-II and XIX-XX of the widespread version in Old French. However, they also occur as stanzas I-IV in the version of the poem transmitted in a small group of Anglo-Norman sources with which Ob 143 must be included. At least one of the Anglo-Norman sources has important Franciscan connection— Lbm Add 46919 (olim Phillipps MS 8336), which belonged to the friar William Herebert (d.1333). In this collection the poem is falsely attributed to the Anglo-Norman friar Nicholas Bozon (or Bohun). Perhaps the unusual

<sup>&</sup>quot;'See the literature cited in the Critial Report.

<sup>100</sup>On Bohun, see Colledge, Latin Poems, p.xxxv.

collection of items in <u>Ob 143</u> will prove to have Franciscan associations.<sup>101</sup> It is worth noting, in any event, that the stanzas of this text that were used for the motet suit the world of the motet more closely than the world of private devotion. Mary is not cuddling the Christ child and singing him a lullaby, taking him to the temple or greeting the Magi. Nor is she lamenting at the cross or tomb. Rather, her epithets are Biblical and theological.

### Versification

The relationship of text and music in the medieval motet is in its nature fundamentally quantitative, not qualitative. Whether a text is taken and set to music, or a piece is composed and then given a newly fashioned text, the affective character that the text may possess will not be reflected in the setting, nor will musical word-painting illustrate individual words or images in special fashion. 102 Rather, the musical lines of a motet are an abstract, neutral vehicle for the delivery of the words, and the relationship of one to the other will be concerned with questions of declamation, syntax, and structure. And here the potential interplay of word accents and naturalistic speech

<sup>1° 1</sup>Most distinctive in Ob 143, besides Regne de pité, are two settings in English discant of unusual chants, O benigne redemptor and the Alleluia. Hic est vere martir. See the edition of these pieces in PMFC XVI.

<sup>1°2</sup>Some 14th-century pieces, in particular the later French "realistic" virelais, explore illustrative, especially onomotapoetic effects.

rhythms with melodic accent, metrical accent, or rhythmic accent is not normally a consideration either. A motet "presents" a text or texts, but does not "project" them, or read the way an actor would in naturalistic way; rather, a verse form is set out.

In describing the word-music relationship one needs to deal with three aspects that are interdependent variables: text structure, the style of declamation, and musical form. Texts may be regular or irregular in structure, lying somewhere on the continuum between regular verse and flat prose. Regular verse is constructed by means of versification schemes normal for the rhymed, accentual, strophic Latin poetry of the Later Middle Ages. 103 Irregular texts show a variable degree of heightening of the prose by the use of assonance, alliteration, echo rhyme, and end rhyme, the placement of stress accent and caesura, and the recurrence of uniform line lengths, defining stanzaic structures. composer may begin with the decision to set a certain text (a poem or an irregular text such as that of an antiphon or Mass Ordinary movement), or be constrained by the musical fabric of a piece just composed to add a text of a certain structure.

<sup>1°</sup> For a list of such schemes, see Dag Norberg, <u>Introduction</u>, pp.216-17. One can speak of a motet of varied versification, as in the refrain motets or <u>Rota versatilis</u>, where successive stanzas or pairs of stanzas differ in verse design.

The predominance of regularly versified texts in the early 14th-century English motet confirms in a general way a process from irregular to regular texts that was for continental motets in Latin "the historical trend in motet verse structure for over a century." 104 However, the nearly exclusive appearance of regularly versified texts in the most modern Latin motets of the Roman de Fauvel, or in the Latin motets of de Vitry and Machaut, is not paralleled in England, where it is often in the most "progressive" motets that one finds irregular verse.

Characterizing the style of declamation in any given piece involves a number of considerations. To start with, declamation may be syllabic or melismatic from pitch to pitch. More significant is whether declamation is syllabic in consistent rhythmic units. In the latter case, declamation might be isochronic on the long or the breve, or proceed in alternating units (typically, longs and breves, or breves and semibreves), with or without ornamental, melismatic subdivision of these values. Instead of regular patterning of declamation in one or two units of declamation, there may be lengthier patterns that incorporate more syllables before replicating (especially common when declamation is on breve and semibreve), where the pattern may repeat every bar or two bars, or from one musical phrase to the

<sup>1°&#</sup>x27;Anderson, "The Motets of La Clayette," p.6; see pp. 6-7 of his article for a statistical survey. See also Sanders, "Motet," p. 514.

next. One may find regular declamation of an irregular text, or the opposite -- irregular declamation of a regular text.

Lastly one must examine the musical fabric itself, in particular its sectional divisions and phrase structure, but also on a more local level its variety of rhythmic surface features, for the degree to which they can accommodate a regular text. In the English motet of the early 14th century two trends are apparent. On the one hand motet structures present a regular text in a regular setting (for instance, the isoperiodic motets with long -breve declamation), and on the other some are texted syllabically "after the fact," resulting in an irregular text that may nonetheless be isomorphic with the musical structure, as a function of the fit of syllables to note values at the lowest level, and have a coordination of textual syntax on a higher level with the musical morphology of phrase or section.

The degree of correspondence or equivalence of text and musical structures -- whether these are entirely autonomous or there is an isomorphism (i.e., direct parallel in structure) between the two -- is an interesting parameter to examine. In rare cases one may find no equivalence at all. More commonly there is at least the association of a unit of text (line, couplet, stanza) with a musical phrase or section. When the syntactical or verse units correspond directly in length to the musical sections or phrases, a

relationship usually effected through syllabic and/or regularly patterned declamation, then one can speak of isomorphism with a fixed and predictable correlation (the degree of precision depends on declamation).

The most obvious relationship, as has been said already, is that between regular musical structures and regular poetry, as for example in Lux refulget (see Figure 44). A number of instances where regular poems are set with lesser, varying degrees of equivalency will show the kind of variation likely to be encountered. Radix Iesse has an equivalence of stanza to musical phrase, but phrases are irregular in length and declamation is also irregular; the situation is similar though not taken to such an extreme, in Virgo sancta Katerina. In A solis ortus and Princeps apostolice phrase lengths are regular but details of declamatory rhythm vary. In Mulier magni meriti, Hac a valle, (triplum) and Beatus vir syllabic declamation sets up an isomorphism between text and music. Varied phrasing and variable rhythmic detail lead to small-scale irregularities. The prose texts are articulated by end-rhyme, alliteration, and the like, and syntactical units so demarcated are coincident with musical boundaries. Here parallel formations in musical construction lead to parallel formations in text that are noticeable even without precise regularity. (See Mulier in Figure 44).

FIG. 44: Poetry and Structure in Lux Refulget and Mulier magni meriti

Figure 44

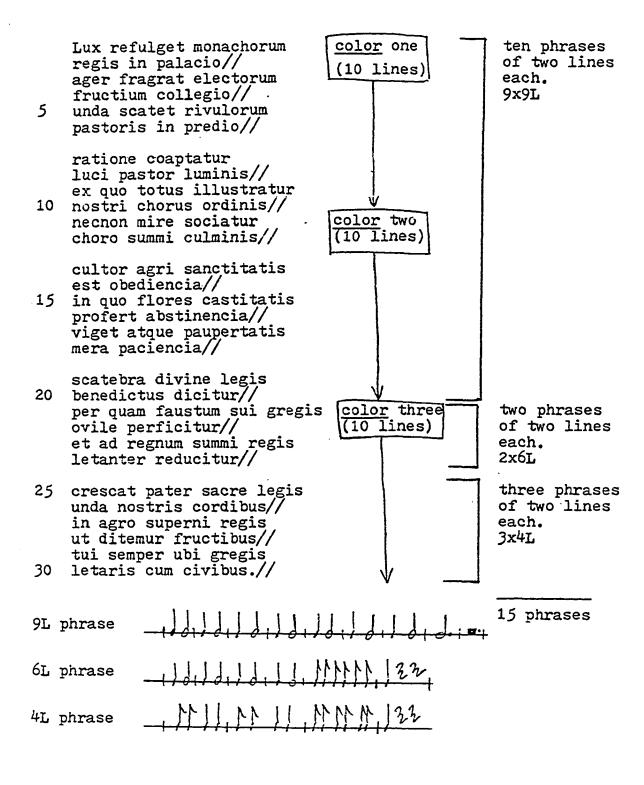


Figure 44, cont.

		syll.	Musical Phrase and Sub-phrase	
	Mulier magni meriti//	8	3L(6 syll.)	7 A 3L+6L
5	iubar Alexandrie arguit Maxencium sine misericordia persequentem Christianum populum//	7) 8 4 7)	9L(33 syll.) 14+19	32 syll.
10	dum fidem ecclesie cdit sacre falsum coli iussit ydolum sed virgo gracilis Caterina ydolis contraria//	? ? 6 4 ?	10L(37 syll.) 20+17	B 4L+5L 36 syll.
15	Christi legem tenuit docuit et habuit in memoria unde Maxencius furibundus evitat talia//	? ? 564 6	9L(35 syll.) 19+16	B' 36 syll.
20	0 virgo candida fulgida graciosa linque hunc errorem et Deo nostro prebe favorem//	6) 5) 5)	7L(29 syll.) 19+10	C 2+3+4L
25	aut retores ab omni mundi climate parabo tuum ad honorem//	9 6	4L(21 syll.)	33 syll.
	quos convertebat Christo dantes honorem//	5 7)	5L(12 syll.)	Lc.
30	post machinatam totam rotam in incredulorum vertendo dolorem//	n 9 6 6	4L(21 syll.)	28 syll.
	Lmartiris fert florem.//	6	3L(6 syll.)	

The way the text has been laid out in lines, syllable count looks quite irregular. Counting larger groups of words by following the subphrases and phrases reveals more consistency. So does counting the syllables in each musical strophe; there are slight variations in declamation in the first and third pairs (A and C) but in B there is strict regularity.

The relationship of word to music can be described by the same principles in the 14th-century continental-style isorhythmic motet. The phrase structures of these motets are periodic, usually in fairly elaborate schemes with mixed periodicity. Essentially, though, they may be regarded in the large as fairly simple strophic structures with a high potential for correspondingly simply isomorphic textual structures. As a rule this happens in practice. 105 Both triplum and duplum are normally regular in versification but differ in length and verse structure. The triplum text is longer and organized into a number of stanzas. The duplum is considerably shorter, and often consists of a single stanza with uniform line length and rhyme. (The two texts of Pura placens are a typical pair in these regards.) is a direct result of the typical phrase patterns, in which the triplum is normally constructed with more (shorter) phrases and the duplum has fewer (longer) phrases. amount of text is directly proportional to the number of phrases. Hence the customary difference in length (and corresponding difference in declamation, which must be consid-

<sup>105</sup> The versification of the 14th-century isorhythmic motet has been explored in detail by Clarkson in "On the Nature of Medieval Song," and the relationship of word to music has been examined by a number of writers, most notably by Günther in "Das Wort-Ton-Problem" and by Reichardt in "Das Verhältnis zwischen musikalischer und textlicher Struktur."

erably more rapid in the triplum). 106

The degree of equivalence between text and music can vary from distant to close in a voice of an isorhythmic motet. Two examples taken from Ob 7 show some of the variation found in practice. (See Figure 45.) The triplum text of Parce piscatoribus is written in six eight-line stanzas that are linked in a complex rhyme scheme (stanzas I and VI by one rhyme, stanzas II and III by both rhymes used, stanzas III to VI by one rhyme (la/ra), and stanzas II to V by the final vowel sound 'a'). As the figure shows, the coordination of this text to the numerical phrase scheme and 2:1 proportional diminution are only approximate. Phrase endings fall regularly within the first four stanzas but do not coincide with stanza breaks, and constantly shift position in regard to stanza structure in the diminution section.

In <u>Domine quis</u>, on the other hand, there is an elaborate versification scheme (not quite entirely regular in details of syllable count) that stands in very close equivalence to the musical phrase scheme. Here phrases end con-

<sup>10</sup> This differentiation of duplum and triplum by amount of text and rapidity of declamation was characteristic of the motet from its earliest days and reaffirmed in the stratified motet of the early 14th century, though not always expressed with such rigidly worked out logic as in the isorhythmic motet. It is interesting to note, by contrast, that the English isoperiodic motets tend to have equivalent texts. In cases where only a single texted voice of an isorhythmic motet survives, the distinction between text structures makes the identification of a voice as a triplum or duplum staightforward (so, for instance, one can say immediately that Nec Herodis ferocitas, or O vos omnes are duplum parts, and Parce piscatoribus is a triplum).

FIG. 45: Relation of Isorhythm to Text in Two Ob 7 Motets

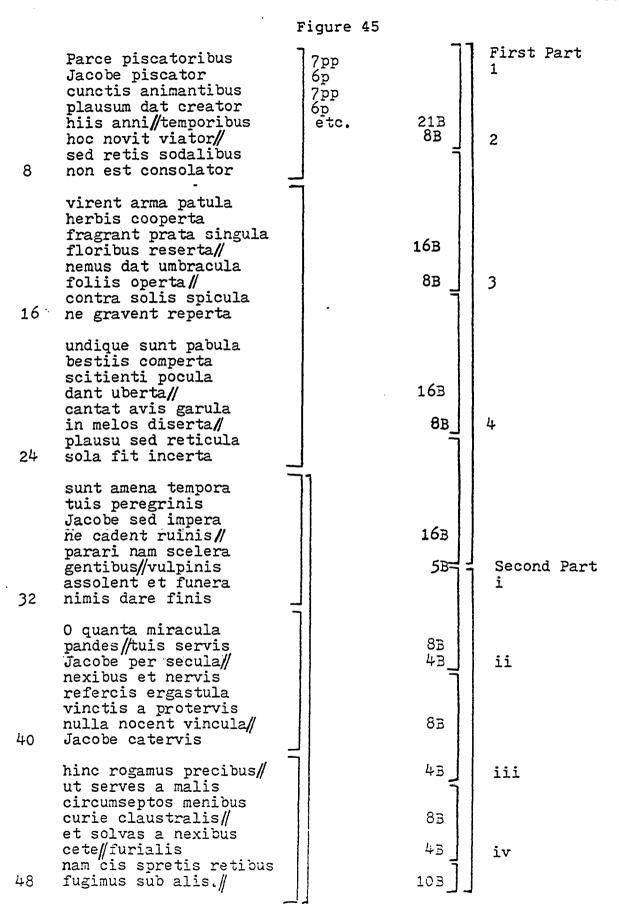


Figure 45, cont.

			Musical	l Phrases
	Domine quis habitabit aut quis te digne laudabit	8p   8p		First 1 Part
	in tuo sanctissimo tabernaculo	12pp		
6	quod operatus est sine quovis auxilio//	14pp	16B	
	aut quis est qui requiescet/ et nunquam senescet/	8p 6p	4B 3B	2
	in arduo tui cacumine montis excelsi in quo habitare	15p		
12	ipse te crevisti//	12p	118	
	Domine hic habitabit// et digne laudabit//	8p 6p	4B 3B	3
18	qui iuste ingreditur ullis sine maculis minime qui leditur pravitatis iaculis/	7pp 7pp 7pp 7pp	11B	
	et qui semper operatur// atque delectatur//	8p 6p	4B 7 3B	4
24	facere iusticiam modernis temporibus dignus est leticiam capere cum civibus //	7pp 7pp 7pp 7pp	11B	
27	qui verum in corde fatur et non adulatur habebit tabernaculum/	8p 6p 8pp	· 8B	Second i Part
30	qui malum non operatur montem hic lucratur sanctum et habitaculum/	8p 6p 8pp	98]	ii
33	Domine glorie rex eterne lucisque superne nos mundes a piaculo/	8p 6p 8pp	9B	iii
36	et da sic graciam operari ut tecum letari possimus in tuo sancto tabernaculo	10p 6p 13pp	128	iv

sistently at line and stanza endings, and there is a distinct shift in versification at the diminution section. The short phrases of 4B and 3B in the first section are articulated by rhyming couplets, and the last stanza (lines 34-36) is extended in syllable count to fit the final musical phrase, which is extended from 9B to 12B.

The tenor of Domine quis ("Concupisco," i.e. "I desire") is manifestly more appropriate to the French texts that survive with the music of this motet in continental sources than to its Latin texts in Ob 7, which are surely contrafacted. Whoever wrote the Latin, most probably an Englishman, was intimately familiar with the structure of the motet and took it into careful account in his shaping of the poetry. (This was not, as comparison reveals, simply a matter of mimicking the versification of the French, which though carefully tailored to the motet itself sacrifices the last detail of correspondence to a more regular verse structure.) It has been remarked already'' that there is good testimony for the English propensity to retext continental compositions. Other motets from Ob 7 (especially Domine quis, but also Parce piscatoribus and Omnis terra) may be contrafacts of motets that originally had secular French texts. Until the texts of these motets have been fully understood and their tenors all identified (or until conti-

<sup>1°7</sup>See above, p.383.

nental concordances emerge), it will be difficult to say whether the motets are compositions by Englishmen (writing in continental style), contrafacts made palatable for English tastes, or directly imported continental Latin motets.

Table 31 summarizes some features of versification in the texts of the English motets. Its broadest subdivision of texts is into those that are regular and those that are irregular in versification. Where a regular text is mixed in versification, the various stanzas are entered separately. The next subdivision is according to the standard units of declamation, and here separate entries are also made when a uniformly versified text undergoes acceleration to a faster pace of declamation. Finally, texts are grouped by verse form, and an observation is made of the prevailing rhythmic mode of the setting. 108

In the rhymed, accentual, stanzaic Latin poetry of the later Middle Ages the primary formal features of the individual line are the number of syllables and the stress accent at the end of each verse. The stress accent in Table 31 has been designated by p (standing for paroxytonic, the penultimate falling or feminine accent) or by pp (proparoxytonic, the antipenultimate accent). 10, As the texts are ana-

<sup>&</sup>quot;"The multiple citation of certain motets means the list cannot be used uncritically to tally, for example, the simple number of regular or irregular texts or settings.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;'''With a pp stress there may be a secondary stress on the final syllable, but the masculine accent is not a critical feature of this sort of Latin verse.

#### TABLE 31

#### VERSIFICATION IN MOTET TEXTS

### I. Regular Poems

- Set regularly on ong and breve
  - a. even pp/ odd p (iambic)b. odd pp/ even p (trochaic)

  - c. long-line verse
- Set regularly on breve and semibreve В.
  - a. iambic

  - b. trochaicc. long-line
- Set irregularly on long and breve
- Set irregularly on breve and semibreve D.

an asterisk \* indicates that rather than having a KEY: pick-up, the extra syllable is handled in some other fashion, usually by being absorbed into an accelerated declamation pattern or stretched to a whole Texts linked by a vertical line come from the same motet.

Set regularly on long and breve a. even pp/ odd p (iambic)

# qq8x4

Absorbet oris faucibus	1st mode wit	h pick-up
Detentos a demonibus		_ e, _
Regina iam discubuit	**	19
Venit sponsa de Libano	17	11
Solaris ardor romuli	11	**
Gregorius sol seculi	11	11
Petre tua navicula	11	**
Virgo materque filia	1st mode*	

A solis ortus (0b 81) Veni creator spiritus eximie 2nd mode with pick-up

Hostis Herodes impie Ut recreentur spiritus 1st and 2nd mode with pick-up and \*

### I. A. a., cont.

2x8pp7p (=15p)

Deus tuorum militum 1st mode\*

8686pp

Petrus pastor "

Virgo materque filia 1st mode\*

6666pp (rhythmical asclepiads)

Rota versatilis 1st mode . (\*?)
Regi regum 1st mode with pick-up

Salve cleri

Maria mole pressa 1st mode with pick-up and\*

10pp (= 4p+6pp)

Ave miles 1st mode with irreg.accel.

9p (or 3x9=27p)

Dei preco 1st mode with pick-up

I. A. b. even p/ odd pp (trochaic)

13, 11, 9pp

O pater excellentissime 1st mode

<u>9997pp</u>

Ave miles 1st mode with irreg.accel.

4x8p (+10p, 8p)

Dei preco 1st mode

2x8p7pp (=15pp)

Absorbet oris faucibus 1st mode

Regi regum enarrare •
Vas exstas eleccionis •

Alta canunt assistentes 2nd mode

Lux refulget monachorum "Ovet mundus letabundus "

Virgo sancta katerina 1st and 2nd modes

De spineto rosa " " Katerina spe (Rota versatilis) " "

### I. A. b., cont.

# 8p8p7pp (Victorine sequence)

|Virgo sancta katerina 1st and 2nd modes \*\*

De spineto rosa

Maria mole pressa 1st mode

Rex sanctorum angelorum

### 8686p

1st mode Thomas gemma

Thomas cesus

2x8p5pp (=13pp)

2nd mode 0 crux vale

### 2x7pp6p

Excelsus in numine Benedictus Dominus 1st mode

Herodis in atrio

2nd mode

Orbis dominacio(Rota versat.) "

# 2x76pp (=13pp)

Salve cleri speculum |Ianuam quam clauserat 1st mode Salve cleri speculum

Tacintus in saltibus

# 776pp

Deus tuorum militum 1st mode\* Salve sancta virgula

#### 777pp

Quid rimari cogitas 1st mode

Fusa cum silentio 2nd mode

Labem lavat

### 2x75pp

|Zelo tui langueo 2nd mode Reor nescia

### 77557pp

Patria gaudencium 1st mode

# I. B. b. even p/ odd pp (trochaic)

## 2x8p7pp

Jesu fili 1st mode Jesu lumen "

Lux refulget 2nd mode

8p8p7pp

A solis-Ovet mundus binary 1 and b

Balaam de quo 1st mode

8p8p6p

Templum eya Salomonis 2nd mode

2x7pp8pp (=15pp)

Rosa delectabilis 1st mode

Regalis exoritur

2x7p8pp

Vas exstas eleccionis 1st mode

(one stanza)

7776pp, 2x8p7pp

Surgere iam est 2nd mode

I. B. c. long-line verse

31, 26, 25, 16pp

Parata paradisi porta 2nd mode

<u> 24pp</u>

Viri Galilei 1st mode

11p11p11p10pp, 988pp

Orto sole serene 2nd mode

8p8p14pp

Surgere iam est 2nd mode

I. A. b., cont.

7557557pp

Rex omnipotencie 1st mode

<u>7pp7pp6p</u>

Maria mole pressa 1st mode

8p6pp8p5pp, 7pp7pp6pp/5pp

Candens lilium columbina 1st mode

I. A. c. long-line verse

26p, 21p, 17p

10pp+8p

Inter choros 1st mode Invictis pueris "

I. B. Regular poems set regularly on breve and semibreve

a. even pp/ odd p (iambic)

4x8pp

Patrie pacis lucide 1st mode | Suffragiose virgini " | Summopere sanctam "

Hostis Herodes impie binary 1 and b

2x68pp

Virgo perduxerat(Rota versat.) binary 1 and b

брр

Rex visibilium 2nd mode
Rex invictissime "
Huic ut placuit(Balaam) 1st mode
10 dira nacio binary 1 and b
Mens in negucia " "

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Table 31, cont.

I. C. Regular poems set irregularly on long and breve
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0 crux arbor(0 crux vale) 1st mode

10pp

76pp

Ave miles 1st mode (some declam. on s)

4x8pp

Augustine par angelis binary long

I. D. Regular poems set irregularly on 1, b, and s.

a. even pp/ odd p (iambic)

3x or 4x8pp

4x or 5x6pp

De flore martirum 1st mode Maria mole pressa "

<del>4</del>р4р4р6рр

O beata decorata (O crux) binary 1 and b

I. D. b. even p/ oddpp (trochaic)

<u> 7pp6p</u>

Princeps apostolice 2nd mode

2x6p5pp

Rota Katerine (Rota versatilis) binary 1 and b

I. D. c. long-line verse

18, 17, 14, 13p

Suspiria merentis 2nd mode

17pp, 12pp, 10pp

Meroris stimulo 2nd mode

lyzed here (and given in Appendix I), line breaks are usually defined not just by rhyme but by the caesura. This reveals the poetic structure of the text at a glance, with the disadvantage that it de-emphasizes the longer unit of verse, regarded as the proper line by many analysts, that corresponds to the musical phrase (for instance, 15pp=8p7pp). The term "long-line verse" is introduced here to cover those few texts whose line length, corresponding to the musical phrase, is not regularly articulated into smaller units (e.g., the 35-syllable lines of Parata paradisi porta).

A line of verse that has an even number of syllables and pp stress (even pp) or an odd number of syllables and p stress (odd p) may in fact possess a regular iambic stress pattern (weak-strong). Similarly, a line of odd pp or even p may possess a regular trochaic stress pattern (strong-weak). It will be useful to use iambic and trochaic as a shorthand for these combinations of accent and syllable count, but in the use of this metrical terminology some caution must be exercised for two reasons. First, the strictly regular recurrence of metrical feet is seldom rigorously

<sup>11°</sup>This tendency to break up long verses has not been taken to its limit; for instance, 8 p is frequently made up of 2x4 p, but these smallest constituents have not been noted.

<sup>111</sup> To cite just two, Crocker, "Sequence, (i), 9," and Stablein, "Hymnus B, II."

adhered to in a line of medieval Latin poetry, and the modern reader must beware the imposition of a "bounce" on the text where it is not present. Second, the possibility exists of confusion with the long-breve and breve-long divisions of the perfect long (sometimes referred to as trochaic and iambic rhythms -- long-short and short-long), which (as we shall see below) do not correlate with trochaic and iambic verse in the relation of musical declamation to poetic rhythm.

From Table 31 a number of observations and generalizations can be made. To begin with, pp lines are more common than p lines and trochaic verse (even p or odd pp) is more common than iambic (even pp or odd p). Though second mode is less common overall than first mode, it appears with about the same frequency in settings of trochaic and iambic verse. The most significant means of musical differentiation between these verse types is the association of iambic verse with upbeat phrase beginnings and of trochaic verse with downbeat patterns. The differentiation of p from pp stress accent is effected by different formulas for cadential rhythms at the end of the line. (See Figure 46).

Modifications to the alternation of long and breve as units of declamation most often occur in the stereotyped extension of the penultimate (stressed) syllable in a p line and the extension of the pick-up in iambic verse to a full bar anacrusis. Alternatively, the pick-up may be absorbed

NORM	lst Mode	2nd Mode
"iambic"	1.1.1.	.111.
even pp	1/1/1/1/1/2	9-191917-
odd p	1/1/1/1/1/1/1/2	0.11011010.11-
"trochaic"		1 1 . 1
odd. pp	81818182	19/19/19/1-
even p	11/1/1/1/12	18/18/18/19
Variants:	0.01/01/03	
even pp	111191193	
even p odd p	pholophoph	

FIG. 46: Formulas for the Handling of P and PP Lines

into the first full bar, now containing three breves rather than an imperfect long and a breve. This is perhaps the simplest example of the type of accommodation that must be made when the musical phrase is shorter than the length required for regular declamation of the verse on long and Such a situation demands acceleration of declamation to breves or to breves and semibreves, which may be patterned or fitted in ad hoc. For instance, this quickening is handled as an opportunity for patterning in Templum eya and Parata paradisi porta, but is dealt with more inconsistently in Jhesu redemptor. In another sort of case, the varying lengths of the sections of exchange in Ave miles provide an opportunity for setting in different ways the 4p6pp=10pp line, with occasional recourse to semibreve declamation. Candens crescit shows a similarly unrigorous regard for exact patterning. In its duplum the verse is often in excess of the declamatory norm by one syllable. The musical phrase provides an ideal pattern for verse of 8p5pp=13pp per line with a refrain of 7pp7pp5pp, but often the lines are 9696 886, requiring the subdivision of the imperfect long into two breves somewhere in the phrase.

One of the most interesting questions for the student of later medieval music is the relation between musical declamation and poetic rhythm for regularly versified texts.

The most common verse forms include the hymn stanza (4x8pp)

and lines of 6pp<sup>112</sup> among the iambic types, and the Victorine-sequence form 2x8p7pp among the trochaic types.<sup>113</sup>
Table 31 shows that verse forms in this repertoire were handled in various ways. The 4x8pp strophe, for example, is regularly set in long and breve or breve and semibreve values, and also occurs irregularly set in breve and semibreve. The mensurations of these settings include first mode, second mode, and binary meter. Lines of 6pp receive similarly diverse treatment. However, if one looks solely at the regular poems regularly set in long and breve units, familiar conventions for the metrical patterning of common verse types emerge, which are summarized, for lines of 6 or 7 syllables, in Figure 46.

### Conclusion

The conclusion of this chapter is an appropriate point to bring this survey of the motet in England to a close, because I believe it is through further work on the texts and the issues they raise that substantial progress can be made in relating these pieces to the musical life and social history of 14th-century England. This is not to deny that

<sup>112</sup>Knapp, "Musical Declamation," is mainly concerned with this verse form.

tenzeile" is not particularly common, and that the refrain texts are not in carol form. To the best of my understanding I see no classical meters. Virtuoso exercises in versification (such as in the 13th-century English motet <a href="Lwa33327">Lwa33327</a>, <a href="Lwa">1</a>) don't make an appearance.

more research is needed into issues of chronology and style, or that the sources need re-examination, or that notational developments in England and on the continent need more careful study. The most underdeveloped areas of research, however, involve the institutions that performed the motet, and the ritual which it adorned. The role of the Franciscans and Dominicans, and of the universities, deliberately underplayed in this study, will be critical to a future understanding of the origins and paths of circulation of this music. Finally, we will need to look more closely into the patterns of survival for evidence as to whether there was a shift in the use of the motet over the course of the 14th century, and if so, whether the rise of new choral institutions and their liturgies played any role in this trend.

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## APPENDICES

## Introduction

It is an unfortunate but unavoidable state of affairs that the musical materials necessary for the study of the motets found in the 14th-century English repertoire are spread between such a wide range of modern sources including, in addition to this thesis, PMFC I, V, XIV, XV, XVI, and XVII. Provision here of all relevant pieces would have led to the unchecked growth of already substantial Appendices. As a result, while critical reports have been provided for each motet or fragment, transcriptions have been added (with few exceptions) only for those pieces not now or soon to be available in modern editions. Texts are, however, added here for all the motets save for those few (mainly from the rear leaves of DRC 20) that seem to be of definite continental origin and that have been edited by A.G. Rigg for Frank Harrison's edition of Motets of French Provenance in PMFC V.

The critical reports vary in their level of detail, depending on the one hand on how substantial a piece of music survives (hence how much one can say about it), and on the other hand whether there exist other modern editions with substantial commentary. The fullest reports include not only source information, but also a bibliography of the literature on a piece (editions, facsimiles, commentary,

recordings); observations on the cantus firmus, formal design, text, and notation; and general remarks on features of interest not otherwise covered.

A few motet sources are briefly discussed before presenting the critical reports on their content. In general, however, the reader can rely on the appropriate volumes of RISM, the Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources" article, and other literature cited in individual critical reports for a description of the sources themselves. A number of corrections to RISM inventories are made in Appendix I, mostly without any particular attention being drawn to them. Corrections to motets already edited for PMFC XV are occasionally offered; these changes are cited in the form adopted for the critical reports in that volume.

The texts have been laid out to reveal the verse scheme, or in the case of freer prose-like texts, the lines corresponding to musical phrases and half phrases. Manuscript punctuation has not been recorded, and the punctuation used here has been kept to a minimum. In general, there has been an effort to retain the original orthography, though some standardization has been introduced (and noted), especially in texts that were edited for PMFC XV. Abbreviations and contractions have been expanded without notice, and a distinction has been made in most cases between C and T, and between U and V. Most remarks concerning the text are presented with it, but sometimes additional remarks can be found with the critical report, which usually only notes the subject matter.

The transcriptions mainly adopt the convention that the long is written as a half note, the breve as a quarter note, and the semibreve as an eighth note. In a small number of motets with extensive division of the breve and semibreve, a different level of reduction is adopted where the breve is written as a half note, the semibreve as a quarter note, and the minim as an eighth note. Varied solutions have been adopted for the rhythmic interpretation of groups of semibreves, mostly as suggested by context in each individual case.

Two "finding lists" provide the necessary means of access to Appendix I. The first arranges the motets alphabetically by the incipits of their short titles, with a reference to the primary source under which the critical report has been entered. The second presents the motets by source, in an alphabetical arrangement by RISM-style sigla. This is the order of presentation followed in Appendix I, and so the second list serves as its detailed table of contents. Both lists have been annotated for quick reference with an indication whether a transcription of the motet is available in a volume of PMFC or is provided in the Appendix.

MOTET (short title)	SOURCE	TRANSC.
A solis ortus A solis ortus Absorbet oris Ad lacrimas Ade finit Alma mater Alme pater Alta canunt Amer amours Ancilla Domini Apello cesarem Apta caro Assunt Augustini Astra transcendit Augustine par angelis Ave miles celestis Ave prolem parienti	Ob 81, 1 Lwa 12185, 5 Lbm 40011B*, 1*  DRc 20, 12 Onc 362, 7 BERc 55, 1 Lbm 40011B, 18 Onc 362, 8  DRc 20, 18 Lli 146, 6 Onc 362, 1 DRc 20, 18 Lli 52, 3 Llc 52, 2 Ob D.6, 2 Ob 7, 7 Llc 52, 1	XVI, 94 A A XV, 34 XV, 4 A A V, 19 A V, 4 A A XV, 20
Balaam de quo Baptizas parentes Barrabas dimittitur Beatus vir	Onc 362, 4 Omc 266/268, 1 BERC 55, 1 Lwa 12185, 3	XV, 2 A XV, 32 A
Caligo terre Candens crescit Civitas nusquam Cuius de manibus	Onc 362, 9 Cpc 228, 4 Onc 362, 5 Ob 7, 11	XV, 5 XIV, 60 XV, 3 XVI,103
De flore martirum Dei preco Detentos a demonibus Deus compaignons Deus creator Diex coment Doleo super te Domine quis Duodeno sydere	Ob 7, 8 DRc 20, 5 CAc 128/2, 1 US-Wc 14, 3 Ob 7, 14 Lpro 2/261, 2 Cgc 512, 7 Ob 7, 16 Ob 7, 5	XV, 21 A A XV, 23 XV, 27 V, 16a A
Excelsus in numine	<u>Onc 362</u> , 6	XVI, 99
Firmissime fidem Flos anglorum Flos regalis Frondentibus Fusa cum silentio	Lbm 28550, 4 Omc 266/268, 3 Lbm 40011B*, 2* Ob 7, 6 DRc 20, 2	I, 30 A A - XV, 30
Genitricem personantes Geret et regem	Lbm 40011B*, 3* TACTO 3182, 1	A A

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Hac a valle Herodis in pretorio Hostis Herodes impie Hostium ob amorem Humane lingue	Lwa 12185, 2 DRc 20, 1 0b 81, 3 Lbm 40011B*, 5* Lbm 40011B, 17	A XV, 29+A XVI, 96 A
Iam nubes Ianuam quam clauserat Jesu fili Dei patris Jhesu redemptor omnium Ille suy In ore te laudancium Inter amenitatis Inter choros Inter usitata	Onc 362, 15 Onc 362, 2 DRc 20, 3 Cfm, 2 US-Wc 14, 1 US-SM 19914, 1 Yc, 2 WF, 79 Omc 266/268, 2	XV, 8 XV, 1 XV, 31 XVII - A I, 22+A XIV,App.26 XVII
L'amoreuse flour Laus honor Lingua peregrina Lux refulget	DRc 20, 16 Cpc 228, 3 WF, 44 Ob 7, 4	V, 21 A A A
Maria diceris Maria mole pressa Mon chant Mulier magni meriti Musicorum collegio	US-SM 19914, 3a Ob 7, la DRc 20, 19 Cgc 512, 1 DRc 20, 17	A V, 15 XV, 25 XV, 35
Nec Herodis ferocitas Nos orphanos erige	<u>0b 143</u> , 1 <u>Lwa 12185</u> , 4	A A
O canenda vulgo O crux vale O dira nacio O homo de pulvere O pater excellentissime O vos omnes Omnis terra Orto sole Ovet mundus	DRc 20, 15 Onc 57, 2 F-Pn 23190, 4 Onc 362, 17 Onc 57, 1 DRc 20, 14 Ob 7, 12 Cgc 512, 9 Ob 81, 2	I, 14 A XVII+A XV, 9 A A XV, 22 XV, 33 XVI, 95
Parata paradisi porta Parce piscatoribus Patrie pacis Peregrina moror Petrum cephas Princeps apostolice Pura placens	Lpro 2/261, 1 0b 7, 17 Cgc 512, 12 WF, 47 0b 7, 2 Cgc 512, 2 0b 7, 15	A A XV, 28 A XV, 18 A XV, 24
Quare fremuerunt Quid rimari cogitas	Lbm 1210, 9 CAc 128/2, 2	XV, 13 A

Radix Iesse Recita formosa Regi regum enarrare Regina celestium Regina iam discubuit Regne ep ité Regnum sine termino Rex Karole Rex omnipotencie Rex piaculum Rex visibilium Regativam potuit Rosa delectabilis Rosa mundi Rota versatilis  Salve cleri Salve sancta virgula Si lingua lota Solaris ardor Soli fines Sub arturo plebs Sub fragiose virgini Surgere iam est Suspiria merentis  Te domina Templum eya Thomas gemma Thomas gemma Tribum quem Tribum quem Trinimphus patet Tu civium  Vir gealiei  Viri Galilei  Long 262, 1  A  A  A  A  A  A  A  A  A  A  A  A  A			439
Salve sancta virgula  Si lingua lota Si lingua lota Solaris ardor Soli fines Sub arturo plebs Sub arturo plebs Suffragiose virgini Surgere iam est Suspiria merentis  Te domina Templum eya Thomas gemma Tribum quem Tribum quem Triintatem veneremur Triintatem veneremur Triimphat hodie Triumphat hodie Triumphus patet Tu civium  Ut recreentur  Vas exstas Veni creator Venit sponsa Virgo mater salvatoris Virgo mater salvatoris Virgo sancta Katerina  One 362, 11  A  US-FRU 119A, 5 A  A  VY, 6  IS-SM 19914, 3b A  VAV, 31  SVV, 31  VAV, 36   Edm, 3  XVII  VAV, 46  XV, 16  Cgc, 512, 6  XIV, 61  Triumphat, 5  XV, 16  Lbm 24198, 5  XV, 15  Triumphus patet Lbm 24198, 7  XV, 17  Lbm 1210, 2  XV, 12+A  XVI, 98+A  VAVI, 98+A  VAVI, 97+A  VIII  Virgo sancta Katerina  Onc 362, 11  XV, 7	Recita formosa Regi regum enarrare Regina celestium Regina iam discubuit Regne de pité Regnum sine termino Rex Karole Rex omnipotencie Rex piaculum Rex sanctorum Rex visibilium Rogativam potuit Rosa delectabilis Rosa mundi	Lbm 40011B*, 6* Onc 362, 12 Ob 652, 3 CAc 128/2, 3 Ob 143, 3 WF, 80 US-Wc 14, 4 WF, 48 TAcro 3182, 2 Ob 652, 2 Ob 7, 3 Ob 652, 5 Onc 362, 18 Lbm 24198, 2 Lbm 24198, 1	A A A XVII A V, 26 A A XV, 19 A XV, 10 A
Templum eya Thomas gemma Tribum quem Tribum quem Trinitatem veneremur Triumphat hodie Triumphus patet Tu civium  Vas exstas Veni creator Venit sponsa Virgo Maria Virgo mater salvatoris Virgo sancta Katerina  Ob 7, 9 A XIV, 61 In 24198, 5 In 27 In 24198, 7 In	Salve sancta virgula Si lingua lota Solaris ardor Soli fines Sub arturo plebs Suffragiose virgini Surgere iam est	Ob 652, 4 US-PRU 119A, 5 Onc 362, 10 US-SM 19914, 3b F-CH 564, 111 Cfm, 3 Lbm 24198, 4	A A XV, 6 A V, 31 XVII A
Vas exstas         Cpc 228, 1         A           Veni creator         Ccc 65, 2         A           Venit sponsa         CAC 128/2, 4         A           Virginalis concio         DRC 20, 10         A           Virgo Maria         Cgc 512, 3         XVI,97+A           Virgo mater salvatoris         Cfm, 1         XVII           Virgo sancta Katerina         Onc 362, 11         XV, 7	Templum eya Thomas gemma Tribum quem Trinitatem veneremur Triumphat hodie Triumphus patet Tu civium	Ob 7, 9 Cgc 512, 6 Lbm 28550, 5 Lbm 24198, 5 Lbm 24198, 7 Lbm 1210, 2 Cgc 512, 4	A XIV, 61 I, 27 XV, 15 XV, 17 XV, 12+A XVI, 98+A
Veni creatorCcc 65, 2AVenit sponsaCAC 128/2, 4AVirginalis concioDRC 20, 10AVirgo MariaCgc 512, 3XVI,97+AVirgo mater salvatorisCfm, 1XVIIVirgo sancta KaterinaOnc 362, 11XV, 7	Ut recreentur		A
Vos quid admiramini <u>DRC 20</u> , 13 I, 7	Veni creator Venit sponsa Virginalis concio Virgo Maria Virgo mater salvatoris Virgo sancta Katerina Viri Galilei	Ccc 65, 2 CAC 128/2, 4 DRC 20, 10 Cgc 512, 3 Cfm, 1 Onc 362, 11 Lwa 21285, 1	A A A XVI,97+A XVII XV,7

Lbm 1210, 13 Ob 7, 1b XV, 14

The following may belong together (see Critical Reports for details):

1) A solis ortus - Ovet mundus Ob 81, 1/2

2) Absorbet oris - Recita formosa Lbm 40011B\*, 1\*/6\*

3) Genitricem personantes - Hostium Lbm 40011B\*, 3\*/5\* ab amorem

4) Maria diceris - Soli fines <u>US-SM 19914</u>, 3a/3b

5) Regina iam discubuit - Venit sponsa CAC 128/2, 3/4

Source	Transcription in PMFC or Appendix (A)
GB- <u>BERC 55</u> 1 Alma mater 4 Barrabas dimittitur	A XV, 32
<pre>Ccc 65 2   Veni creator 3   Radix Iesse</pre>	A A
<pre>Cfm 1 Virgo mater salvatoris 2 Jhesu redemptor 3 Suffragiose virgini</pre>	XVII XVII XVII
Cgc 512  1 Mulier magni meriti 2 Princeps apostolice 3 Virgo Maria 4 Tu civium 5 Suspiria merentis 6 Thomas gemma 7 Doleo super te 9 Orto sole 12 Patrie pacis	XV, 25 A XVI, 97 (and A) XVI, 98 (and A) XV, 26 XIV, 61 XV, 27 XV, 33 XV, 28
Cpc 228  1  Vas exstas 2  Virgo Maria (see Cgc 512, 3) 3  Laus honor 4  Candens crescit	A XIV, 60
CAC 128/2  1 Detentos a demonibus 2 Quid rimari cogitas 3 Regina iam discubuit 4 Venit sponsa	A A A A
DRc 20  1 Herodis in pretorio 2 Fusa cum silentio 3 Jesu fili Dei 4 Princeps apostolice (see Cgc 512,2) 5 Dei preco 6 Barrabas dimittitur (see BERc 55, 4) 7 Orto sole (see Cgc 512, 9)	XV, 29 (and A) XV, 30 XV, 31

DRc 20 (cont.)	<b>1</b> 41	
10 Virginalis concio 11 Amer amours 12 Ad lacrimas 13 Vos quid admiramini 14 O vos omnes 15 O canenda vulgo 16 L'amoreuse flour 17 Musicorum collegio 18 Apta caro 19 Mon chant	A V, 19 XV, 34 I, 7 A I, 14 V, 21 XV, 35 V, 4 V, 15	
LIc 52  l Ave prolem parienti 2 Astra transcendit 3 Assunt Augustini	 A A	
Lbm 1210 2 Triumphus patet 9 Quare fremuerunt 13 Zelo tui	XV, 12(and A) XV, 13 XV, 14	
Lbm 24198		
<pre>Rota versatilis Rosa mundi Surgere iam est Trinitatem veneremur Te domina Triumphat hodie</pre>	A A XV, 15 XV, 16 XV, 17	
Lbm 28550		
4 Firmissime fidem 5 Tribum quem	I, 30 I, 27	
Lbm 40011B		
17 Humane lingue 18 Alme pater	XV, 36 A	
Lbm 40011B*		
<pre>1* Absorbet oris 2* Flos regalis 3* Genitricem personantes 4* Rota versatilis (see Lbm 24198, 1) 5* Hostium ob amorem 6* Recita formosa</pre>	A A A A	
<u>Lli 146</u>		
6 Ancilla Domini	A	

Inro	2/261	
1	Parata paradisi porta Diex coment	A 
	12185	
1 2 3 4 5 0b I	Viri Galilei Hac a valle Beatus vir Nos orphanos A solis ortus	A A A A
2	Augustine par angelis	A
оъ 7		
1ab 12345678911124567	Maria mole pressa Zorobabel abigo Petrum cephas Rex visibilium Lux refulget Duodeno sydere Frondentibus Ave miles De flore martirum Templum eya Salomonis Barrabas dimittitur (see BERC 55, 4) Cuius de manibus Omnis terra Deus creator Pura placens Domine quis Parce piscatoribus	A XV, 18 XV, 19 A A XV, 20 XV, 21 A XVI, 103 XV, 22 XV, 23 XV, 24 V, 16a A
0ъ 8	<del></del>	
3 4	A solis ortus Ovet mundus Hostis Herodes Salve cleri Fusa cum silentio (see <u>DRc 20</u> , 2)	XVI, 94 XVI, 95 XVI, 96 XV, 11
<u>0b 1</u>	<u>43</u>	
1 3	Nec Herodis ferocitas Regne de pité	A XVII
<u>0b 594</u>		
1 0b 6	Frondentibus (see <u>Ob 7</u> , 6)	
1 2 3 4 5 6	Rota versatilis (see Lbm 24198, 1) Rex sanctorum Regina celestium Salve sancta virgula Rogativam potuit Benedicamus Domino	A A A A

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Omc 1 2 3	266/268  Baptizas parentes Inter usitata Flos anglorum inclitus	A XVII A
Onc	<u>57</u> .	
1 2	O pater excellentissime O crux vale	A A
0nc	<u>362</u>	
12 15 17 18 19	Apello cesarem Ianuam quam clauserat Triumphat hodie (see Lbm 24198, 7) Balaam de quo Civitas nusquam Excelsus in numine Ade finit Alta canunt Caligo terre Solaris ardor Virgo sancta Katerina Regi regum enarrare Iam nubes O homo de pulvere Rosa delectabilis Jube domine Jube domine	XV, 1 XV, 2 XV, 3 XVI, 99 XV, 4 A XV, 5 XV, 6 XV, 7 A XV, 8 XV, 9 XV, 10 XVI XVI XVI
TACT	o 3182	
1 2	Geret et regem Rex piaculum	A A
₩ <u>F</u> 447 447 447 447 447 447 447 478 7780	Lingua peregrina Peregrina moror Rex omnipotencie Candens crescit (see Cpc 228, 4) Thomas gemma (see Cgc 512, 6) Ut recreentur Inter choros Regnum sine termino	A A XIV, app. 26
<u>Yc</u> 2	Inter amenitatis	I, 22 (and A)
US-NYpm 978		
	Candens crescit (see Cpc 228, 4)	
ווכ_ס	Ru 119A	
4 5	Thomas gemma (see <u>Cgc 512</u> , 6) Si lingua lota	A

US-SM 19914	445
<pre>l In ore te laudancium 2 textless</pre>	A A
<ul> <li>In ore te laudancium</li> <li>textless</li> <li>Maria diceris</li> <li>Soli fines</li> </ul>	A A
<u>US-Wc 14</u>	
l Ille suy	
<ul><li>1 Ille suy</li><li>3 Deus compaignons</li><li>4 Rex Karole</li></ul>	v, 26
F-CH 564	
lll Sub arturo plebs	v, 31
F-Pn 23190	
4 0 dira nacio	XVII (and A)

AH Analecta Hymnica. AS Frere, Antiphonale Saribsuriense. CEKM I Apel, Corpus of Early Keyboard Music, I. Gunther, The Motets of the Manuscripts Chantilly. CMM 39 Coussemaker, Corpus Scriptorum. CS CSM American Institute of Musicology: Corpus Scriptorum Musicae. (see under individual authors) EBM Stainer, Early Bodleian Music. EECM 26 Harrison and Wibberley, Manuscripts. Wooldridge, Early English Harmony. EEH GS Frere, Graduale Sarisburiense, MSD 2 Dittmer, The Worcester Fragments. New Oxford History of Music (see under individual NOHM authors) PMFC I Schrade, The Works of Philippe de Vitry. PMFC V Harrison, Motets of French Provenance. PMFC XIV Sanders, English Music of the Thirteenth and Early Fourteenth Centuries. PMFC XV Harrison, Motets of English Provenance. PMFC XVI Harrison, Sanders, and Lefferts. English Music for -XVII Mass and Offices. Stevens, Treasury of English Church Music, I. TECM I Hughes, Worcester Medieval Harmony. WEIH

- I, II, III, IV in context usually refer to the voice-parts of a motet, counting from the top down.
- s,m syllabic or melismatic semibreves.
- <u>l</u>, <u>b</u>, <u>s</u> refer to long, breve, and semibreve in the critical commentary; L and B are used in number schemes.

## APPENDIX I

Critical Reports, Texts,
Transcriptions

Berkeley Castle, Muniments, Select Roll 55 (BERC 55) was identified as a source of 14th-century English polyphony by Andrew Wathey in 1981. It is a rotulus with weekly household accounts for an aristocratic Yorkshire family in the years 1302/03. Four musical items have been added on the reverse, including two motets. Andrew Wathey and William Summers have kindly shared information about this source with me. I understand Wathey is preparing a report about it for publication.

Alma mater digna virgula Ante thorum virginis Tenor de Alma mater et Ante thorum

Source: BERC 55, first musical item.

Literature: I.H. Jeayes, <u>Descriptive Catalogue of the Charters and Muniments in the Possession of Lord Fitz-hardinge at Berkeley Castle</u> (Bristol, 1892).

C.f.: identified just by the rubric given above, and by a rubric under an erased statement of the tenor that was begun below voice I: "Pes de Alma mater et de Ante thorum."

The designation "Tenor" or "pes" in any case apparently hides a short rondeau with the traditional alternation of musical elements AB A'A' AB AB.

Form: very high degree of strophic repetition following the tenor, with some variation; high degree of assonance throughout between texts, along with parallelism of melodic phrasing and declamatory rhythms. Semibreve duplets read 2+1.

Text: on the Assumption of the BVM.

## BERC 55, 1 Alma mater digna I and II

Alma mater digna virgula ex styrpe regia nobili de iesse viri sancti veteri prosapia plaude virgo deo angelus carissima humilitas docilis

te matrem Dominum fecit fieri.
Hec est que venit de Libano
flos campi et nemorum arborum pulcherrima
castissima domina suavis

- 10 nunc mater miseris miserearis
  surge ad filium Dominum nostrum
  impetra bravium propicium
  pro culpe veteri in die memoranda
  respice clara virgo filia David
- 15 genitrix Domini regis eterni
  que sedes in solio splendido
  gemmis floribus coronata
  ad hanc vallem flebilem
  ubi debent? vestri famuli subditi mediantes
- 20 de gracia vestra solita supplicantes corde simplici cum ordo divini? puris meditationibus memores nostri effici dignemini et post hanc finem?
- 25 collocare nos in patriam glorie.

Ante thorum virginis omnis milicia celica supernorum beatorum civium f--te? assistunt atque venerabili splendida

- facie vestibus decoris
  indicta venustissimus
  assumpta sedentem cum filio
  adorant cum notulis modulis dulcissimis
  et canticis organis plurimis.
- 10 que eya vale genitrix Domini
  virgo ac gravida puerpera
  altissimum unicum parvulum tuum
  lacte proprio fovisti virgineo
  gaude quod te dicit ysaie vaticinium
- parere a lede? natum omnia regentem sydera super celica lidere? et aula pudicicie manentem et clausa fertilis singulis languentibus petentibus
- 20 veram medelam atque tutelam prebens prospicius? sexumque femineum protegens supplicans unigenito filio ut redemptos servulos celesti reconciliet patrie.



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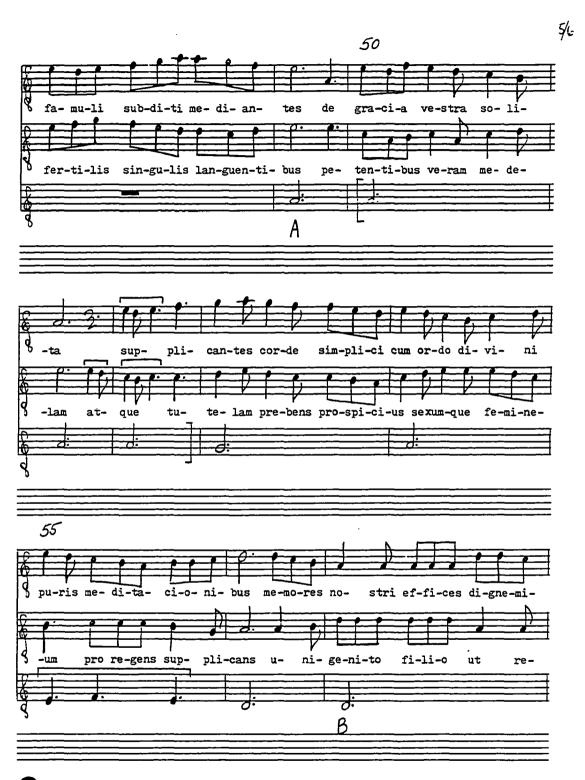
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Barrabas dimittitur dignus Barrabas dimittitur inmerito T. Babilonis flumina

Source: BERC 55, no. 4; DRC 20, fol. 3 (RISM no. 6); Ob 7, fol. VIV (RISM no. 10), voices II and III only.

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XV, 32 and in Wibberley,
"English Polyphonic Music," pp. 364-368. Facs. in EECM 26,
pl. 153 (<u>DRc</u>) and pl. 53 (<u>Ob</u>). Harrison, "Ars Nova," pp. 8283; forthcoming report on <u>BERc</u> by Andrew Wathey.

C.f.: Non-Gregorian. Called 'Pes de Barrabas dimittitur' in <u>BERC</u>; identified in <u>DRC</u> as 'Babilonis flumina;' unlabelled in <u>Ob 7</u>. The Latin incipit probably derives from a setting of a rhymed version of Psalm 137. Sung three-and-a-third times.

Form: motet a3 with varied voice exchange and strophic repeat with variation; irregular mixed periodicity.

I = 60L = 7+3+4+4+4+8+4+8+4+6 L

II = 2+6+8+8+4+4+8+4+8+4+4 L

III = 20(3L) = 3(3(6L)) + 6L

The varied exchange between sections one and two is straightforward. In the third tenor statement the restatement of the
first period is very free; striking are the rising and falling
fifths in b. 37 and 39, which may be an attempt at affectively
setting Christ's last words on the cross, and the direct
canonic imitation between voices I and II at b. 47-51 and
49-53, and b. 52-55, 53-57, and 55-58. The leap of a seventh
to 'clamans' in II, b. 32-33 may also be deliberately affective.

<u>Text</u>: on Christ's Passion, similar to the text of <u>Laus</u> honor (Cpc 228,3).

Remarks: For a voice-exchange motet the range (a 15th)

is wide and the counterpoint, with its intervals of 12ths and 10ths, is also wide. Though notation and declamation are conservative, the final cadence moves to a progressive 12-8 harmony.

BERC 55, 4 DRC 20, 6 0b 7, 10 (II only) Barrabas dimittitur

I

Barrabas dimittitur dignus patibulo et Iudaico Christus cum obprobrio

5 ceditur illuditur facie conspuitur sub Pilato Poncio

traditur affligitur diro crucis suspendio 10 latronum im medio

> cernitur contempnitur cuncta creans ex nichilo hinc clamavit sicio

sic gravi moritur 15 monte Calvarie suspirio.

13 John 19:28

II

Barrabas dimittitur inmerito

reus cum efficitur quod nam probat sedicio 5 et Christus occiditur nevo carens omnimodo

ceditur conspuitur clavisque confoditur

clamans inquid heloy 10 hely lama zabathani

> mox in cruce moritur morte cuius ilico genus Ade redimitur

ipsi laus igitur 15 et iubilacio.

> 8 BERc: configitur 9-10 Matthew 27:46 15 BERc: Christo laus ergo

These texts expand on the language of a Matins responsory for Good Friday, <u>Barabas latro dimittitur et innocens</u>

<u>Christus occiditur (Brev.Sar. I, p.dccxci; AS, pl.226)</u>.

The motet text <u>Laus honor vendito (Cpc 228, 3)</u> is in part quite similar.

Veni creator
T. Veni creator

Source: Ccc 65, fol. 135v (RISM no. 2).

<u>Literature</u>: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 106. Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 223-24. Fenlon, <u>Manuscripts</u>, p.76-7.

<u>C.f.</u>: whole chant setting of the Pentecost hymn <u>Veni creator spiritus</u>; melody is more melismatic than version in <u>LU</u>, p.885 and has been extended by three notes to provide tonal closure for the motet on F rather than on the chant final, G.

Form: triplum and tenor of an isoperiodic motet a4 (2+2) with broadly patterned tenor:

$$I = 115L = 8(12L) + 19L$$

$$II = 1L + 19(6L)$$

<u>Text</u>: sets five stanzas of the Pentecost hymn, with an additional four syllables added to each odd-numbered line to provide successive couplets (except for the last) with 20 syllables, set regularly in 12L phrases; the final stanza is set to the last, 19L, phrase.

Notation: mensuration sign in front of both voices; if interpreted (as seems reasonable) as specifying tempus imperfectum major, its only practical effect is to clarify that the breve is binary, so paired semibreves are equal.

Perfect-long rests are written in the manner described by Robertus de Brunham, i.e. rather than . See Chapter 3, pp. 306ff.

Remarks: overall range at least E-dd, perhaps D-dd.

Veni creator spiritus eximie mentes tuorum visita imple superna gracia mirifice que tu creasti pectora

- qui paraclitus diceris egregius donum Dei altissimi fons vivus ignis caritas flameolus et spiritalis unctio
- tu septiformis munere karismatum 10 dextre Dei tu digitus tu rite promisso patris credencium sermone ditans guttera

accende lumen sensibus ut luceant infunde amorem cordibus:

15 infirma nostri corporis ut pareant virtute firmans perpetim

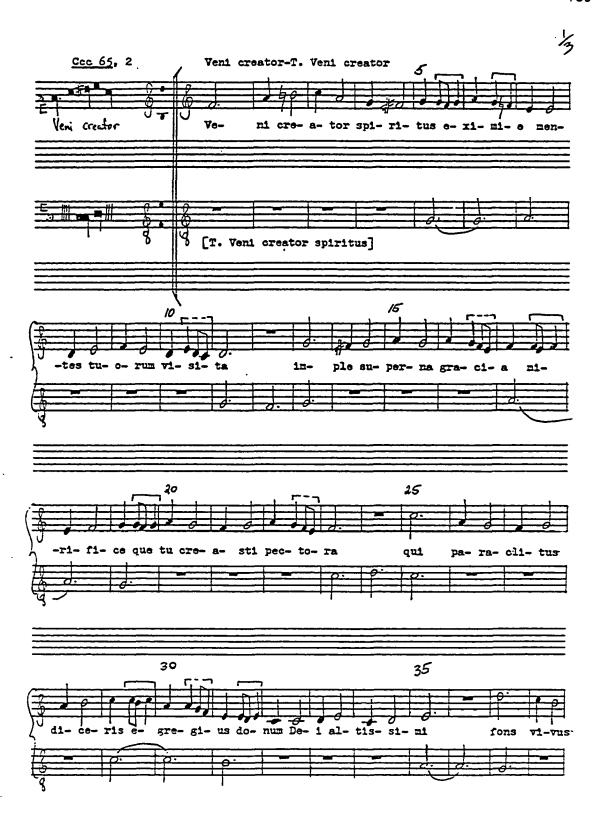
hostem repellas longius a subditis pacemque dones protinus ductore sic te previo 20 vitemus omne noxium.

The Pentecost hymn, amplified by four syllables at the end of each odd-numbered line except the last.

5 paclitus

9-10 kar smat (inserted above munere dextre)

19 sit









Radix Iesse

Source: Ccc 65, fol. 136 (RISM no. 3).

<u>Literature</u>: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 107 and Fenlon, Cambridge Music Manuscripts, p.76. Fenlon, op.cit., p.77.

<u>C.f.</u>: none survives; perhaps it was related to the melody with which the text is found in <u>Cu Hh.vi.11</u> (see below in remarks on Text).

Form: an isolated voice-part whose range and style of melodic cadencing suggest it is the lowest voice of a motet, possibly a duet motet with medius cantus. The motet is not tonally closed, and the frequent sounding of low Bb is remarkable. There is considerable small-scale melodic and rhythmic repetition, especially of those figures noted on the third page of the transcription. These, along with the phrase lengths, indicate a regular grouping of three breves into a perfect long, and help to justify the insertion of a rest at bar 105. Phrase lengths are mainly in multiples of 3B, but are not entirely regular, especially in the second half.

$$120B = 18 + 12 + 9 + 15 + 13 + 20 + 18 + 8 + 7$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \stackrel{N}{=} 18 + 12 + 9 + 15 + 12 + 21 + 18 + 15 \end{bmatrix}$$
The text divides the part after bar 67 (120  $\stackrel{N}{=}$  66 + 54).

Text: to the BVM, topically appropriate for the Annunciation and Christmas season. The verses set here are the third and final stanza of Ortum floris, a poem found in Cambridge University Library, MS Hh.vi. 11, fol.69v-70, where it is set to a monophonic tune. Very probably the motet set stanzas 1 and 2 of this poem in a missing upper voice. The

text is listed in Chevalier as both 31387 and 39809, and is edited from the unique source in both AH 20, pp.51-52 and AH 45b, pp.23-24. Ortum floris is also listed in Gordon Anderson, "Notre Dame and Related Conductus -- A Catalogue Raisonné," as no. L81. It is discussed in Gennrich, Die Kontrafaktur im Liedschaffen, pp.21 and 76-78, where reference is given to a musical concordance with Provençal text, Quant voi née (Milan, Bibl. Ambrosiana, MS R71 sup., fol. 143; Rayn. 534). Gennrich gives a comparative transcription of the settings on pp.229-30. The following pages of this report provide a full transcription of Ortum floris.

Notation: tempus perfectum maior with few minims. The note heads are carefully spaced for declamation. As noted above, the long is probably perfect. Most minim activity falls on the third breve of a perfection, though this is not invariably the case. The rhythms and . and . are both written, so it seems that paired semibreves probably ought to be read unequally in the order 1+2.

Remarks: overall range may have been as great as Bb-bb<sup>b</sup>.

## Ccc 65, 3

### Radix Iesse

Radix Iesse
pullulat in messe
messem esse
novimus expresse

5 non deleri
set impleri
quod erat nescesse
venter gerit
quod mox erit
10 manifestans res se

caro Deum operit nec pudorem deserit

set asserit
nil interit
15 virginis ob esse
mortem terit
mortem serit
legem sic implesse
iam non erit
20 timor perit
Eve mors transgresse.

Plebs fidelis careat querelis mors crudelis fugit plenis velis

non invitus

est unitus
vestris parentelis
per quem fructus
30 mortis ictus
est cum suis delis

patris unigenitus sumpsit carnis habitus

divinitus
35 O inclitus
sermo Gabrielis
est auditus
redimitus
salutis medelis
40 sit sopitus
redimitus

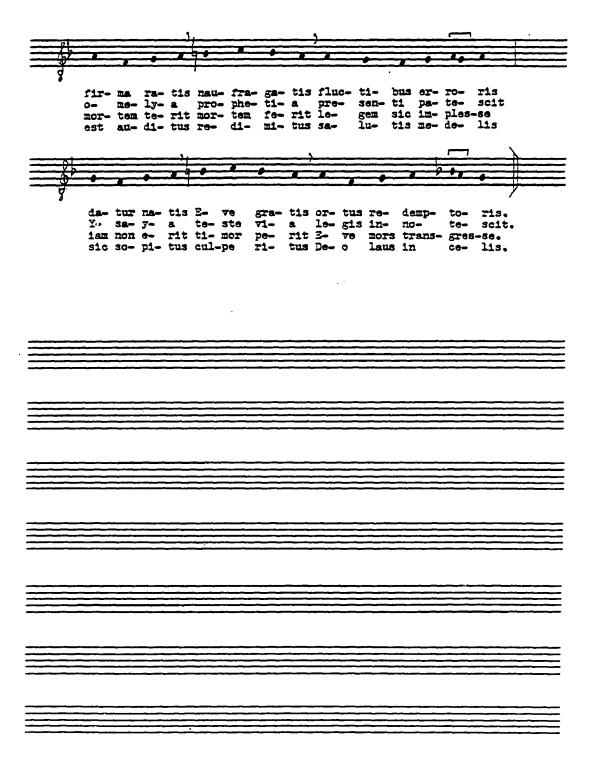
Deo laus in celis.

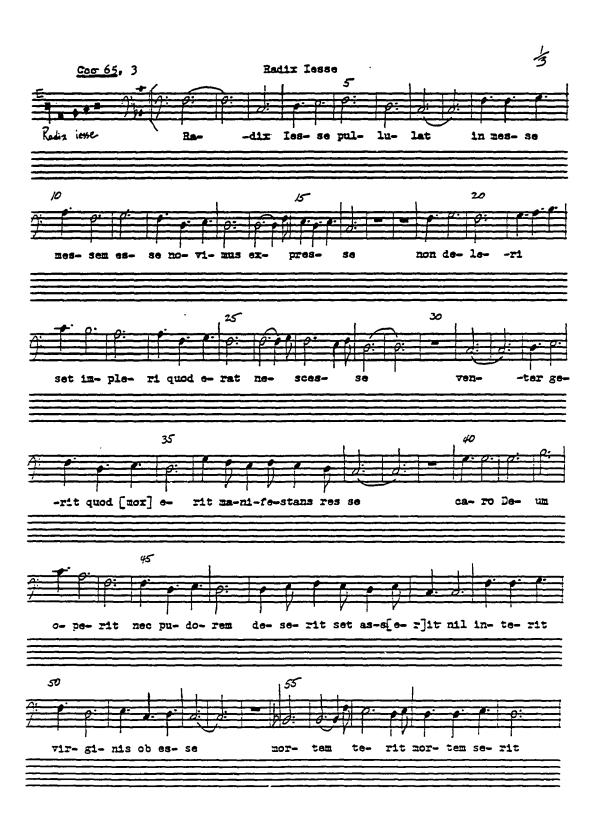
The third and concluding stanzas of a poem, Ortum floris, found in Cambridge University Library, Hh.VI.ll, fol.69v-70 set to a monophonic tune. Text ed.: AH 20, p.51-2. Ed. of the musical setting given on the following two pages.

2	Ccc 65:	in mense
9		qua erit
13		assit
26		plenus
34		divinutus

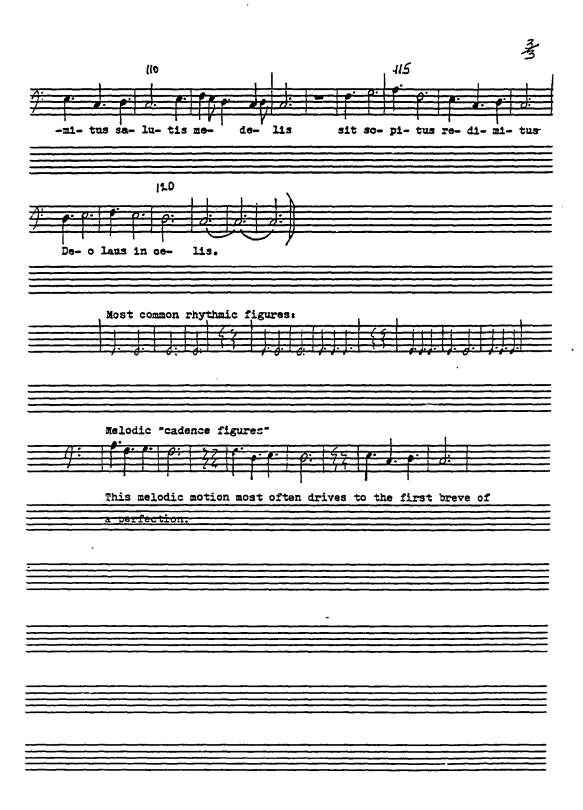
#### ORTUM FLORIS











Virgo mater salvatoris Virgo pia vite via T. (Kyrie)

Source: Cfm, fol. 1-1v (no. 1).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XVII. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 143-144. Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," pp.286-89.

C.f.: unlabelled in the MS; whole chant setting of a Kyrie melody (related to Vat XII ("Pater cuncta") and also to Sarum 22) whose present version is found only in insular sources (see, for instance, <u>Paris</u>, <u>Bibliotheque de L'Arsenal</u>, MS 135, fol. 233v).

Form: motetlike troped chant setting, in 9 sections with considerable contrapuntal repetition following the repetitions in the chant melody; similar in approach to, though perhaps slightly later in date of composition than, troped Kyrie settings found in the Worcester fragments and concordant sources (see PMFC XIV, App. 21 and Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," pp.277-281).

<u>Text</u>: Kyrie trope addressing Father, Son, Holy Ghost, and the Virgin Mary; unlike the other known troped Kyrie settings, this one does not expand upon a Latin text already associated with the plainchant, so far as we know at present.

Virgo mater salvatoris flos salutis et decoris nimie eleyson.

Jhesu fili creatoris

curie superioris

matris precibus eleyson.

Virginalis pater prolis redemptis cruore nobis pie eleyson.

10 Rex ingenite
matris virginee
effectus prescius eleyson.

Fons misericordie iudex venturi seculi piissime 15 eleyson.

Sanctorum summe gracie pia prece virginis Marie eleyson.

0 paraclite 20 largitor venie facture proprie eleyson.

Virginis alme puerpere proles atque deice 25 prece matris Marie eleyson.

Lator nove iusticie
princeps celestis patrie
dux et rector superne leticie.
30 Pater glorie
0 fili Marie
Jhesu nobis pie
eleyson.

5

Virgo pia vite via a malis tuos tuere servos eleyson.

Celi dominatrix
orbis imperatrix
delictorumque cunctorum
expurgatrix
eleyson.

10 Verbo credens Gabrielis angeli missi de celis pie eleyson.

Virgo plena gracie remedium dans indulgencie 15 eleyson.

> Cuius puerperium nostre delet obprobrium tristicie eleyson.

Vere vena venie
20 fons misericordie
datrix indulgencie
eleyson.

Maria letare
pulcra tam preclare
25 nostri memorare
eleyson.

Tu refecta gaudio assidue in celi palacio nobis plausus provide eleyson.

30 Nos erepta de gena draconis herebi nos tua virtute protegas et foveas pie. Tua pietate et virginitate fac ne privemur a te 35 Maria eleyson. Jhesu redemptor omnium
T. Jhesu redemptor omnium
Jhesu labentes respice

Source: Cfm, fol. 2 (no. 2).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XVII. Facs. in EECM 26, pl.145; Fenlon, <u>Cambridge Music Manuscripts</u>, p.71. Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," pp.289-91; Fenlon, op.cit., p.72.

<u>C.f.</u>: hymn for the Common of a Confessor; written once, to be sung four times in full.

<u>Form</u>: isoperiodic duet motet a3 with <u>medius cantus</u>; declamation mostly on longs and breves.

$$I = 80L = 1L + 7(10L) + 9L$$

II = 
$$4(20L) = 4(4(5L))$$

III = 
$$12L + 7(10L) + 8L$$

Text: to Jesus and St. Augustine of Hippo.

Remarks: unusually wide range of voice parts; I and II span a 10th and an 11th, respectively, and the motet spans a 17th overall.

Acceleration of declamation in the middle of a musical phrase is relatively unpatterned in <u>Jhesu redemptor</u>, where 24 syllables (3x8pp) must be compressed into the space that would accommodate only 19 syllables if regularly declaimed on long and breve.

Jhesu redemptor omnium labencium fidelium dire necis discrimine

qui merito fastigium per primi patris vicium 5 amiserint leticie.

> Cotidie dilabitur quamplurimum illuditur Augustini laudabilis periculis inficie

10 diversis et affligitur amurca mens inficitur in hac valle miserie.

Mundus caro demonia immensa movent prelia 15 cubilibus fragilium

> ergo prece persedula suspirat omnis anima pium querens remedium:

Adire decet Dominum 20 vota videns labilium natum de matre virgine

> reducat quicquid devium ut det celi palacium et sanctos patres querere.

8 MS hole insicie

Jhesu labentes respice videndo reos corrige sue fave mesticle in hac die leticie

clementius libamine cuius natale colere munus volentis suscipe.

doctoris extat abilis virtus claret sciencie

per avium viantibus effundens et errantibus causam quam hausit avide.

Ipsum vocemus iugiter suspiriis suaviter per vocis laudem carminis

ut ipse Deum invocet iniquam causam revocet de noxiis acerrimis.

Nos servulosque leviget merentes penam indiget erga regem victorie

salutis simus memores et ut celi participes sanctorum patrum glorie.

- 2 peravium viantibus written
  and cancelled
- colere written before suscipe(but no notes)
- 19 acriminis?
- 9 dortoris

Suffragiose virgini Summopere sanctam Mariam T.

Source: Cfm, fol. 2v (no. 3).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XVII. Facs. in EECM 26, pl.146. Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," pp.291-94.

<u>C.f.</u>: unidentified, probably a chant melisma; stated seven times with, with a constantly shifting relationship to the isorhythmic <u>talea</u>.

Form: isoperiodic, with strict isorhythmic repetition of a module of 2L (= 6B). See Chapter 2, pp. 140-41.

<u>Text</u>: miracles of the BVM, in large part illegible to to heavy wear. See Chapter 4, pp. 335-36.

Suffragiose virgini quidam Marie clericus devotus erat 2[ ]pum set [ ] ianus lubricus

- provisum acsi iudicem
  hic quidam vite rapitur
  nit proprio
  dampnose pone traditur
- si ut hac nne corrigat ut illa dicat clerico 15 ne tibi penis a[ ]pat te corrigere relinquo

hic alapere vigilans
religionem peciit
quamdiu vixit predicans
sancte Marie memorans
prese[ ]iit.

Text whole but badly worn.

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quem coegere nubere
ut se et [ ] geret
[ ] sui iagere
quod cum et ipse faceret

- 10 oranti sibi [ ]
  virgo Maria paruit
  qui infundi [ ]ido
  seri erras et arguit

sed gra ex rade impera a agr ens et habitum 20 religionis induit

Text whole but badly worn.

Mulier magni meriti Multum viget virtus T.

Source: Cgc 512, fol. 246v-247 (RISM no. 1).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 25 and in Wibberley,
"English Polyphonic Music," pp. 263-267. Facs. in EECM 26,
pl. 120-121; dipl. facs. in Apfel, Studien II, pp. 66-67.
Apfel, Studien I, p. 29; Harrison, "Ars Nova," p. 75;
Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp.201-203; idem, "Tonal
Aspects," pp. 24-26; idem, "England: From the Beginning,"
p. 288.

C.f.: free; a tuneful double versicle pes with ouvert and clos cadences, in two 9L phrases; stated three times.

<u>Form</u>: paired strophic variation with quasi-refrain over the final five notes of the tenor's <u>clos</u> cadence:

AA'x BB'x CC'x.

Loose periodicity on a module of 9L as a result of periodic phrase scheme with adjustment for exact repetition within each paired strophe:

I 
$$54L = 3 + (6+3) + (6+4) + (5+4) + (5+2) + 4 + (3+2) + 4 + 3L$$
  

$$= (3+9+10+9+7+4+5+4+3)L$$
II 
$$= 7+(2+7)+(2+7)+(2+7)+(2+3)+6+3+6L$$

$$= (7+9+9+9+5+9+6)L$$

III = 3(18L) = 3(9+9)L

<u>Text</u>: to St. Katherine, in language similar to that of her legend as printed in, for example, <u>Brev. Sar.</u>

Notation: down-stemmed major semibreve and dots of division; see Chapter 3, pp. 242-44. PMFC XV edition does

not resolve the occasional rhythmic conflicts in <u>s</u> groups, and treats occasional group of 3 <u>s</u> without down-stem differently from those with such stems.

Remarks: acceleration to faster rhythmic values and rise in tessitura as motet progresses; very little homorhythmic patter on s, though. Harrison has observed ("Ars Nova," pp.75-76) that Mulier magni meriti and another Cgc 512 motet, Suspiria merentis (no. 5), share in common a distinctive melodic device -- falling fifths in semibreves, generating melodic-rhythmic activity within a single harmony. Similar rocking fifths can be seen in Barrabas dimittitur (BERC 55, 4) in breves.

Mulier magni meriti

iubar Alexandrie arguit Maxencium sine misericordia persequentem Christianum populum

dum fidem ecclesie odit sacre falsum coli iussit ydolum 10 sed virgo gracilis Caterina ydolis contraria

Christi legem tenuit docuit et habuit 15 in memoria unde Maxencius furibundus evitat talia

O virgo candida fulgida graciosa linque hunc errorem et Deo nostro prebe favorem

aut retores ab omni mundi 25 climate parabo tuum ad honorem

> quos convertebat Christo dantes honorem

post machinatam totam rotam 30 in incredulorum vertendo dolorem

martiris fert florem.

This layout, following the musical phrases, attempts to show the verse structure as well. The end rhymes -um, -ia, and -rem provide some definition, although the switch from the first to the second occurs in the middle of a phrase.

# Cgc 512, 1 Mulier magni meriti - II

Multum viget virtus marcet vicium

dum Caterina parvipendit Maxencium

dum convertebat eius coniugem atque ducem Porphirium a furia

ac disputando vicit rethorum tam validum consorcium scientia

dum rotas fregit 10 quasque peregit

5

gens malivola Dei amica pudica quam regis inimica Maxencia celica faciens terrestria non sapit

- 15 hinc benivola nimphala gravida gaudia in poli patria iam capit.
  - 2 four syllables missing in this line

Princeps apostolice

Source: Cgc 512, fol. 247v (RISM no. 2); DRc 20, fol. 2v (RISM no. 4).

<u>Literature</u>: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 142 (<u>Cgc</u>); pl. 152 (<u>DRc</u>).

<u>Form</u>: isolated triplum of a motet a3 with stratification of rhythmic activity; although tenor is lost, repetition of phrase scheme and melodic material after 26L indicates it was stated twice. Periodic phrase scheme with adjustment for repetition exactly over each tenor statement: 52L = 2(26L) = 6L + 3(5L) + 6L + 5(5L), in other words 2(6L + 4(5L)) with an adjustment of the 5th and 6th phrases in order to overlap across the point of repetition in the tenor, presumably to bridge rests there in that voice.

<u>Text</u>: for the Common of Apostles, related to the sequence <u>Alleluya nunc decantet</u> for that feast. See . Chapter 4, pp. 343-44.

Notation: both sources use down-stemmed semibreve on the first of groups of three  $\underline{s}$ . See Chapter 3, pp. 242-44.

Remarks: This edition basically follows the readings of DRc 20 in notes and text.

### Princeps apostolice

Cgc 512, 2 DRc 20, 4

Princeps apostolice turme per Neronem poli stat in apice crucis per agonem

- 5 Paulus doctor gentium in urbe Romana decollatus meruit: celorum archana
- cultor crucis sedulus 10 triumphat Andreas quem misit incredulus ad celos Egeas

Iacobum Iudayca gens vexit in altum 15 Iacobo malicia dat Herodis saltum

Philippus incredulos in fide firmavit Iohannem convivio 20 Christus invitavit

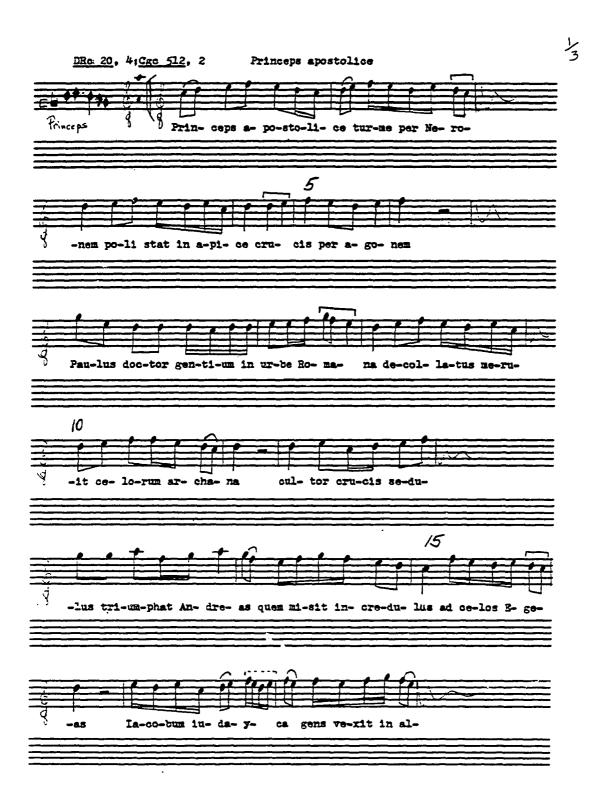
> mundum liquit flebilem ministrans Matheus et illius sanguinis Hirtacus est reus

- 25 Thomam fossum lancea Indi contestantur Symon Iudas laurea pariter ornantur
- Indis vite dogmata
  30 dat Bartholomeus
  set Mathiam sublimat
  sorte sua Deus

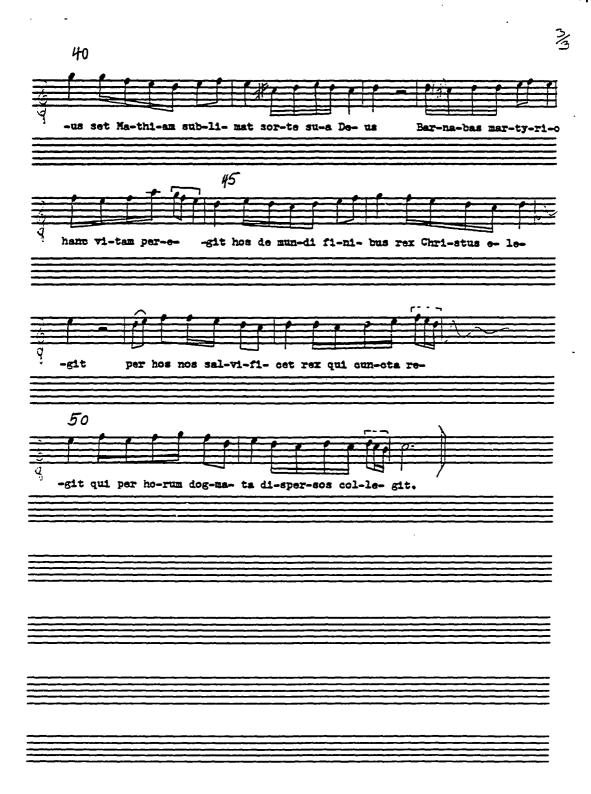
Barnabas martyrio
hanc vitam peregit
hos de mundi finibus:
rex Christus: elegit

per hos nos salvificet rex qui cuncta regit qui per horum dogmata dispersos collegit. This ed. follows <u>DRc</u>; variants in <u>Cgc 512</u>:

apostolorum decolatus Iudai ca Iacobum 16 Herodes 17 incredulas 22 minister 24 Irtacus 27 Simon 28 periter 29 urbe (for vite) 31 sublevat 32 decus 33 martirio 37-40 rubbed away.







Virgo Maria O stella marina Virgo Maria Flos genuit

Source: Cgc 512, fol.  $248^{\checkmark}$ 249 (RISM no. 3); Cpc 228, fol.  $i^{\lor}$  (RISM no. 2) preserves I and II only.

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XVI, 97 and in Wibberley,

"English Polyphonic Music," pp. 268-274. Facs. in EECM 26,

pl. 122-23 (Cgc) and pl. 203 (Cpc); dipl. facs. in Apfel,

Studien II, pp. 68-69. Apfel, Studien I, p. 29; Harrison,

"Ars Nova," pp. 76-77; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 92,

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<u>Form</u>: free setting; repeat of whole with voice exchange within upper and lower pairs of voices; more complex internal structure. See Chapter 2, pp. 79-84.

Text: to the BVM.

Notation: binary long and breve; probable binary semibreve.

Cgc 512, 3; Virgo Maria - I and II Cpc 228, 2

Virgo Maria patrem parit filia
O privilegia omnipotentis nova gracia
benigna regina
O sola mater superavit alma lilia
protulit eya mira paritura puerperia
lacte proprio Dei filium dulcis lactavit
vale Maria mater pia nova medicina
flos sine spina sola piscina
nos a O stella

t vite via melodia porrige divina
post exilia.

O stella marina
nos a ruina et fecis storia
stella matutina carina supina
15 reis nova medicina
vina spina exules
repentina protege ruina regina
peregrina nos sentina
flos spina divina presidia
20 regina piscina flos matutina
vite sentina
de Maria matre pia sola peregrina
a ruina marina
carina resina
25 de vite rosa primaria.

There is hocketing between the texts of lines 9 and 23. Together they read:

[protege] nos a ruina O stella marina.

4 Cgc 512: suspiravit
10 for via, an abbreviation ma (=mea?)
12 stella written twice

Virgo Maria flos divina
filia Domini eximia
O mater pura paritura filiis
date nova sine fine
supplices a repentina
protege ruina flos divina
Maria mater pia regina filia
vite via melodia
mater paritura
summum regem et per legem
Domini natum per beatum
qui carina supina

ventrem Christum.

- Flos genuit regina qui tenuit

  omnium incarnatum Dominum rerum
  et solidum et verbum celum splendidum
  sola mater superavit alma lilium
  protulisti eya mira paritura puerperium
  dudum iacet in profundum
- 20 ergo laudemus ovando cum letabundo gaudio iubilo concio fervet in preconio virgo mater loca nato celi solio.
  - 8 for via, an abbreviation ma (=mea?)



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Tu civium
O cuius vita
Tu celestium
Congaudens

Source: Cgc 512, fol. 252v-253 (RISM no. 4).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XVI, 98 and in Wibberley,
"English Polyphonic Music," pp. 275-281. Facs. in EECM 26,
pl. 124-125; dipl. facs. in Apfel, <u>Studien</u> II, pp. 70-71.
Apfel, <u>Studien</u> I, pp. 20ff, 29, 52; Sanders, "English
Polyphony,"p. 92.

Form: as in Virgo Maria, above; see Chapter 2, pp.79ff.

Text: to St. Peter.

Notation: as in Virgo Maria, above.

Tu civium primas per imperium summi celestium patris tu apostolorum princeps es sancte Simon

- fundamentum per te crescit documentum donanti fidei sancte Simon Bariona Christo cognominaris in gracia tua memoria
- 10 iocundetur agmina super te corroborata fide catholica neque quod qui de nichilo pro me que que creavit non revelavit mundum qui reconciliavit.
- 15 O cuius vita fulsit ita mira gracia per unigenitum exora filium supera regentem regem glorificatum domina sed ipse tibi ne celat sua pater
- 20 sacra nova misteria se revelat sed de futura super ecclesiam nostram et idem glorificatur pater fulgida fons milicie
- 25 cum leticia
  de crimina
  modulamina per totum celica
  canunt hodie colegia
  gaude dicencia.

## Cgc 512, 4 Tu civium - III and IV

Tu celestium primas civium
Simon
tu apostolorum omnium es princeps
Petre sancte
te crescit solidum
per petre fundamentum
et documentum Christi
tu Bariona cognominaris
gracia in tua memoria hinc.

- 10 Congaudens
  super te fundata agmina celestia
  confinia per te fruata
  in fide catholica
  ubi preconia laudum
  15 cum melodia canora
  celebrant solempnia
  Simon sancte pro nobis implora
  regentem sublimia prebe solacia
  lumina sublimina
  20 quo angelica conregnant.
  - 6-7 needs another syllable for good text underlay 8-9 five syllables missing between these lines
  - 9 gracia problematic 12 fruata problematic









Suspiria merentis Meroris stimulo T.

Source: Cgc 512, fol. 253v-254 (RISM no. 5).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 26; Sanders, "Tonal Aspects," pp. 28-30; and in Wibberley," English Polyphonic Music," pp. 282-288. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 126-127; dipl. facs. in Apfel, Studien II, pp. 72-73. Apfel, Studien I, p. 29; Harrison, "Ars Nova,"p. 76; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 209-13, 215; idem, "Tonal Aspects," pp. 26-27; idem, "England: From the Beginning," pp. 287-88.

<u>C.f.</u>: six-pitch series (DGFCDC) stated 19 times; this ostinato recurs each time in one of four rhythmic configurations (abcd) repeated thus:

aa bb aa bb cc bb dd bb d bb.

Form: 5-refrain form with simple periodicity; melodic repeat with <u>ouvert</u> and <u>clos</u> cadences over double tenor statements. Sanders calls it a variation motet.

Text: to the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Remarks: refrain only written out once in each voice; see Chapter 2, pp. 109-111. See also the remarks on Mulier magni meriti (Cgc 512, 1) above.

Suspiria merentis anime nociva moderare ne res amare mentisintime cor faciat errare.

5 Spiritus alme tuose regere dignare premat onus famulos ne nos seculare.

De fonte vanitatis10 amare solent
opes emanare
que bone delicatis
in vita patent
mortuis amare.

15 Spiritus alme .... ne nos seculare.

Honor in hora preterit 20 scis qui degerare raroque cui deperit scitur remeare.

Spiritus alme .... ne nos seculare.

Cur id a quo deluditur tantum adamatur a quo nemo reficitur 30 cum possideatur nec minus ecce moritur hic qui dominatur quam in rosa qui nascitur atque famulatur.

35 Spiritus alme .... ne nos seculare.

Nemini unquam accidit 40 ortus salutare effluit atque refluit quasi magnum mare.

Spiritus alme .... ne nos seculare.

20 scit

Meroris stimulo fessus eiulo dire lanceor fides in exilio 5 cum obprobrio lugiet amor.

Sancte spiritus fer remedia ne spem penitus 10 tollant tedia.

Capit adulacio sine dubio meri premia laudat simulacio 15 cum mendacio bleso vicia.

Sancte spiritus .... tollant tedia.

- 21 Pater enim moritur ignominia heres nunc conqueritur nova talia.
- 25 Sancte spiritus .... tollant tedia.
- Sunt fallacia 30 queque secularia cuique labilia vaga [et] varia transitoria sunt eo debilia
- 35 nulli fidelia immo flebilia.

Sancte spiritus .... tollant tedia.

- 41 Quem seculare decus sequitur tandem amare plus eo labitur.
- 45 Sancte spiritus .... tollant tedia.
  - 15 dum

Thomas gemma cantuarie Thomas cesus in doveria Primus tenor Secundus tenor

Source: Cgc 512, fol. 254v-255 (RISM no. 6); US-PRu 119, frag. A, fols. 4, 3v, 2, 5v (RISM no. A4); Ob 20, fol. 35, 34v (RISM no. 67 = WF,67), I and IV only.

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XIV, 61; Dittmer, MSD 2, 67;
Levy, "New Material," pp. 234-39; Stevens, Music in Honour
of St. Thomas, 6; Wibberley, "English Polyphonic Music," pp.
289-301. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 128-129 (Cgc), pl. 210-211
(US-PRu), pl. 212 (Ob 20); Dittmer, Oxford Liturgical D 20,
pp. 43-44. Apfel, Studien I, p. 52; Dalglish, "Variation,"
pp. 46-47; Dittmer, MSD 2, pp. 46-47; Harrison, MMB, pp. 144145; idem, "Ars Nova," p. 77; Hughes, WMH, p. 105; Levy, "New
Material," pp. 224,228,230; Sanders, "English Polyphony,"
pp. 207-209; Stevens, "St. Thomas," pp. 341-342. Recorded
on discs Experiences Anonymes EA-0024 and Nonesuch H-71292.

<u>Form</u>: motet a4 (2+2) in periods of varied voice-exchange punctuated by a refrain, an "ostinato variation" as Dalglish puts it. See Chapter 2, pp. 85-86.

Text: on St. Thomas of Dover (martyred 1295) and St. Thomas of Canterbury; on its versification see Chapter 2, pp.87-88. For a full list of variants see the PMFC XIV text ed. (printed in the rear of PMFC XV).

Notation: long-breve notation in Cgc 512 and US-PRU 119; breve-semibreve notation (with paired semibreves) in Ob 20. See Chapter 3, pp. 276-78.

Remarks: the designations P rimus tenor and [S] ecundus tenor are found only in 00 20.

## Thomas gemma - I and II

<u>WF</u>, 67; <u>US-PRu 119A</u>, 4

fervida rogatus.

Thomas cesus in Doveria Thomas gemma Cantuarie emulo primula fide pro tuenda lesus cesus in ecclesia a divina repentina mira caritate 5 a divina repentina mira caritate fulgens matutina vespertina fulgens lucis increate matutina vespertina lucis increate gratia gratia rivulo 10 late patulo tibi nova reparate sublimaris curia manens sublimaris curia regisa in eternitate pro fidelitate patris 15 tua a ruina repentina a ruina leti bina per te liberate per te liberate sunt sane sunt a fece tu doctrina medicina serva sanitate et ab amaro 20 malo tremulo frivolo sub dolo a sentina serpentina purga gentes expiate a sentina serpentina gentes explate et a viciis 25 singularis nuncuparis dirige gratia ditatus singularis nuncuparis super gratia ditatus hinc perfectos et electos super Remo atque Romulo tu es sublimatus 30 rivulo tremulo madido tu per sanctos et electos pie sublimatus pie sanans egros preciosis generosis merito peris in ecclesia gemmis tumulatus 35 decora tumulatus aureis modulo stimulo tumulo primulo cum decore vel honore de sancto pie laureatus in honore et decore 40 in celis pie laureatus gaudiis inter cives celicos digne veneratus inter cives celicos Thoma summe veneratus querulo nunc pro 45 populo celo sine fine manens stimulo tempestatis caritate tam beatus.

Doleo super te Absalon fili mi T.

Source: Cgc 512, fol. 255v (RISM no. 7).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV,27; Handschin, "Sumer Canon II," pp. 89-90; Wibberley, "English Polyphonic Music," pp. 302-305. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 130. Apfel, Studien I, p. 29; Handschin, op.cit., pp.88-91; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 204-207; idem, "Motet," pp. 547-549.

<u>C.f.</u>: lowest voice, patterned 2(4(4L)) with two <u>colores</u>, is actually free. The duplum consists of a transposed and rhythmicized version of the second half of the antiphon

<u>Rex autem David (AS</u>, pl. 297), which has the musical shape ABC A'B.

Form: motet with strophic repeat and variation, exploiting the varied repeat in the <u>cantus prius factus</u> in the duplum. At the end of the second half (where the chant breaks off) there is a texted coda with homorhythmic declamation (mostly in unison) of similar texts in the upper parts.

Text: setting of the words from two Magnificat antiphons; the liturgical function of this motet (if any) is unknown; Sanders, "English Polyphony," p. 204 regards it as unliturgical. Note that both texts are direct speech.

Remarks: the duplum is often the highest voice by range, and is only slightly less active rhythmically than the triplum; further, it cadences to the octave over the final at the end, while the triplum takes the fifth. There is often an unusually wide distance between the upper parts and the pseudo-tenor (for instance, a 15-12 harmony in bar 12).

I

Doleo super te frater mi Ionatha amabilis valde super amorem mulierum. Sicut mater unicum amat filium ita te diligebam.

Sagitta Ionathe nunquam abiit retrorsum nec declinavit eius clipeus a bello, et hasta sua non est aversa.

Plangit Davit Ionathan carissimum.

II

Absolon filii mi
filii mi Absolon
quis mihi det ut ego moriar pro te,
filii mi Absolon.
Plangit Davit Absolon pulcherrimum.

The final lines as written here have been exchanged between texts. The MS is apparently in error, and not just in a substitution of one name for the other, because Absolon's most famous attribute was his beauty. (See 2nd Samuel 14:25.) Hence there was a transposition of entire lines.

The origin of these texts is the Old Testament. Lines 1-7 are from 2nd Samuel 1:26 and 22, and lines 9-12 are from 2nd Samuel 18:33. Their proximate source however, is the antiphonal (AS, pl. 296-7), where Doleo super te and Rex autem (of which lines 9-12 are the second half) are antiphons at first Vespers of the eighth and tenth Sundays after Trinity if Hist.Reg. lasts that long. (That is, these are Saturday Magnificat antiphons when the historia at Matins is the Hist.Reg., during the summer months. Rex autem is always sung at the end of the Hist.Reg. period.) See Brev.Sar. I, p. mclxxii.

Orto sole serene Origo viri O Virga Iesse Tenor

Source: Cgc 512, fol. 256-257 (RISM no. 9), voices I, III, IV; DRc 20, fol. 3v-4 (RISM no. 7), all four parts.

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 33 (DRc); Wibberley,

"English Polyphonic Music," pp. 309-315 (Cgc) and pp. 369-376

(DRc); transc. in Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 244-248

(Cgc). Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 132-133 (Cgc); pl. 154-155 (DRc);

dipl. facs. in Apfel, Studien II, pp. 74-75 (Cgc). Apfel,

Studien I, p. 30; Harrison, "Ars Nova," pp. 83-84; Sanders,

"English Polyphony," pp. 242-243.

C.f.: free; tuneful pes with four phrases, stated four times.

Form: essentially a motet a3 with stratified activity, to which <u>DRc 20</u> adds a fourth voice (Origo viri). Original three parts basically periodic, with adjustment for exact repetition over each tenor statement:

The added voice in <u>DRc</u> does not participate in this phrase scheme. A structural division into two halves is articulated by a shift to faster units of declamation in third tenor statement. See Chapter 2, pp.142-43 and Figure 16.

Text: to the BVM at Christmas time. The incipit of voice III in <u>DRc</u> is "Virga Iesse" and "virga" is the first word visible in Cgc; Wibberley makes the plausible suggestion

that the incipit was originally "O virga Iesse" in Cgc. This is an attractive suggestion not merely because it restores assonance but also because it would bring the incipit closer to its likely model. the Advent antiphon beginning "O Radix Jesse, qui stas in signum populorum".

Notation: downstemmed major semibreve is used on first of groups of three s in DRc; not used in Cgc.

Remarks: original motet a3 had "progressive" 10-5 sonorities and nearly no homorhythmic patter. Added voice
written homorhythmically now with I, now with III, often
rather crude in counterpoint, with parallel octaves and
fifths. Its text is also rather crudely written.

Cgc 512, 9 DRc 20, 7 Orto sole - I

Orto sole serene novitatis fugit foras formator falsitatis virgo parit virtute maiestatis ave Maria mater gracie

que genuisti fontem bonitatis custodi nos a fece feditatis a vinculo mundane vanitatis ne polluat auctor nequicie.

Iam caritas in exilio veritas in consilio cum silencio queritur

> nam equitas in iudicio puritas in eloquio cum tristicia primitur

15 nunc fides procul a patria falsitasque iniuria residet in dominio

cupiditas et invidia permanet in perfidia 20 caret eger auxilio

> copula maligna manet undique noverca nocet iugiter in periculo

sed sacra disciplina docet 25 resecare corda iubet a malicie iaculo

> viriliter relinque viam colubri vanam gloriam fraus heretica deperit

30 per vere virginis graciam celi gloria patuit.

3 Cgc 512: magestatis
16 falsitas et iniuria
24 [se]t
27-29 badly rubbed

5

Origo viri iam propalatus quando verbum incarnatus quod a prophetis iam prefatus palam patet non celatus quando virginem sit affatus Gabriel qui destinatus

ave virgo plena gracie ad quem humiliter sic refert illa parvula Ihesu Christi sum ancilla.

- 10 Iam vena venie
  in hoc federe premitur
  a vinculo iam tristicie
  genus Ade redimitur
  per Christum qui iam nascitur
- 15 frons Golie iam frangitur petra David dum cutitur limpida diffunditur

Pharao iam fallitur
Egyptusque submergitur
20 livor ledens iam leditur
mersis in profundo

iam Israel ab Egypciis liber ludet in gaudiis qui diu dudum coluit

25 Abraham iam promissio optinetur in gaudio lacte melle gusta fluit

manna de celo pluit quod diu non latuit 30 figurarum velamine

> ut celi regi placuiti cunctis oculis patuit ex matre pura virgine.

17 diffundere 29 quid

This voice, not in <u>Cgc 5l2</u>, is a later addition to the motet. Hence its roughness in versification.

Cgc 512, 9 DRc 20, 7 Orto sole - III

(0) virga Iesse
que stas insignum clemencie
tu rosa rubicunda
matrona mundicie
5 virgo fecunda
salutis nuncius
secreti conscius salutat virginem
dicendo paries Deum et hominem.

O res miranda

10 quod virgo pura permanet et peperit
iam corona de synagoga ruit
laudari fides catholica meruit
sic antiqui serpentis capud
conteritur cum miseria

15 iubilando promat ecclesia sacra
gaudia de virgine melliflua Maria.

- 1 Related to the incipit for the Great O antiphon of 19 December: O radix Iesse, qui stas insignum populorum.
- 7 Cgc 512: conclus
  11 sinagoga
  13-14 The image of the snake being crushed is from Genesis 3:15.
  16 Cgc 512: meliflua

Patrie pacis Patria gaudencium . T.

Source: Cgc 512, fol. 259v (RISM no. 12).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XV, 28 and in Wibberley, "English Polyphonic Music," pp. 328-330. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 138 and dipl. facs. in Apfel, <u>Studien</u> II, p. 76. Apfel, <u>Studien</u> I, p.30 and Sanders, "English Polyphony," p. 217.

<u>C.f.</u>: unidentified, apparently a whole chant; perhaps freely composed, with <u>cantus prius factus</u> in voice II.

Form: stratification of activity, perhaps with double structure (see Chapter 2, pp.151-53):

I = 3+3+3+3+6L

II = 4+4+3+3+4L

III = 18L

Text: to the BVM.

Remarks: The possible "tune" in voice II is given below.



Patrie pacis lucide gubernatrix et dominapio iuva precamine nos et deleas crimina

- 5 mater misericordie sume vota fragilium ad te clamantes erige quibus dona consilium
- ut te iuvante scandere 10 summum valeamus palacium ubi beata manes genitrix tuum proprium ante filium.

Patria gaudencium cum regina gaudeat que fidelium corda sublevat ad supernum filium.

5

Vas exstas eleccionis

Source: Cpc 228, fol. i (RISM no. 1).

Form: a lowest voice by range and form of melodic cadence; isoperiodic, perhaps from a duet motet a3 with medius cantus in long-breve declamation: 70L= 8L+8(7L)+ 6L. Phrases tend to be paired either by musical rhyme at the incipit or at the cadence, producing the design:

AA'BB'CC'DEFG,

with A'B and B'C sharing identical cadences.

Text: the conversion of St. Paul; final two stanzas (phrases DEFG, the ones not linked) have direct speech, and last stanza changes versification, with acceleration to breve-semibreve declamation on final couplet.

Remarks: there is a problem at the beginning of this voice: either it begins in second mode (obscuring the melodic similarity with the second phrase and conflicting with the predominant mode, which is the first) or it begins in first mode with a pick-up (preserving the melodic correspondence at the expense of awkward declamation and the assumption of an error in the copy at "O Paule").

The language of Acts 9 used in this motet is also drawn on extensively for the services on January 25; it is likely that the missing cantus firmus of this motet was taken from a setting for that day, perhaps even of the words "vas eleccionis" or "tu es vas eleccionis".

## Cpc 228, 1 Vas exstas eleccionis

Vas exstas eleccionis O Paule sacerime carne licet lesionis ictus sentis intime

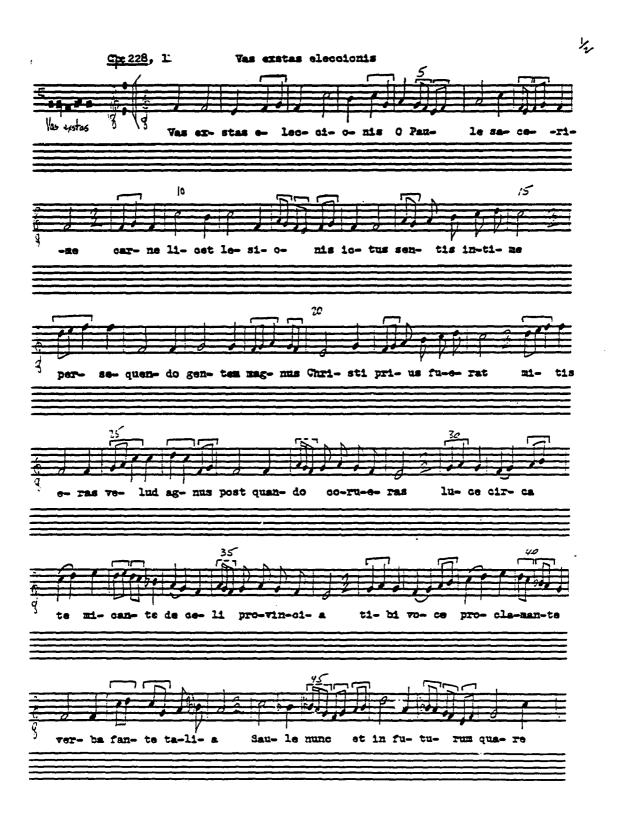
5 persequendo gentem magnus Christi prius fueras mitis eras velud agnus post quando corrueras

luce circa te micante 10 de celi provincia tibi voce proclamante verba fante talia:

Saule nunc et in futurum quare me persequeris 15 ad calcar est tibi durum si recalcitraveris

civitatem ingredi festina tu velociter mee genti te dedi 20 convertere perhenniter.

The story of Paul's conversion, told in Acts 9:1-22, 22:4-16, and 26:9-18. More specifically, text lines 1-4 correspond to 9:15-16 and lines 13-16 correspond to 26:14.





Laus honor vendito
T. Laus honor Christo

Source: Cpc 228, fol. ii (RISM no. 3).

<u>Literature</u>: Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 240-242, with transc.

<u>C.f.</u>: hymn stanza that serves as refrain in St.

Bonaventura's office on the Holy Cross, <u>In passione Domini</u>, sung twice. (See <u>AH</u> 50, p. 568.)

Form: surviving parts are probably triplum and tenor of a motet a4 (2+2) with strophic repeat and variation: 42L = 2(21L).

Text: for Easter.

Notation: up to 5 syllabic semibreves per breve, with the use of the downstemmed semibreve.

Remarks: Sanders observed the correspondences between counterpoint over the first and second tenor statements.

Superposition of the second over the first (Chapter 2, Fig. 9 ) shows the high degree of repetition, and also occasionally the way in which the missing part must have interwoven with the present voice. Further there is repetition of counterpoint within each tenor statement over similar tenor phrases. A fourth voice is necessary for contrapuntal reasons (unsupported fourths).

## Cpc 228, 3 Laus honor vendito

Laus honor vendito sit Christo regi summa Domino iubilacio qui nascitur ex virgine sacra purissima castissima puellula modo mistico et non usitato similis per singula fit nostre fragilitati vicio set non maculatur traditur ceditur 10 et facie conspuitur a Pilato flagellatur Barabas latro dimittitur et Christus rex glorie crucifigitur innocens agnus morte condempnatur 15 heloy clamat lama zabathani et post clamavit Christus sicio voce languida clamans expiravit sanguine nos redimens vitam veram largiens 20 morte triumphavit ideo Christum colimus laudamus modulis musicis pro tot beneficiis.

5 meo (Here interpreted as an incorrect expansion of the abbreviated form for modo, i.e. mo.)

The text begins as a variation and expansion on the text of the motet tenor:

Laus honor Christo vendito et sine causa prodito passem mortem pro populo in aspero patibulo.

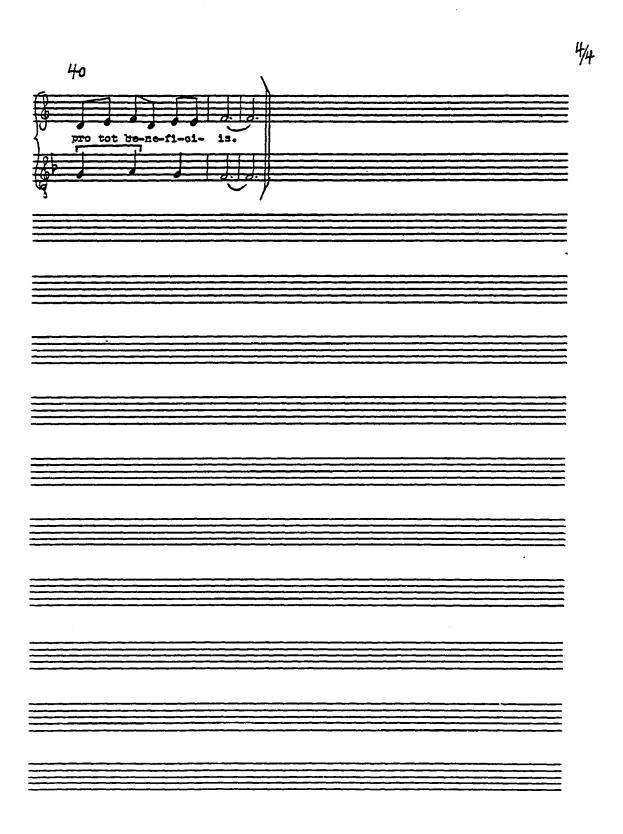
This is the last stanza of the Matins hymn from Bonaventura's office on the Holy Cross. It becomes the refrain for verses at the succeeding offices. See <u>In passione Domini</u> in <u>AH</u> 50, pp.568-571.

Lines 9-17 recall the language of <u>Barrabas dimittitur</u> (<u>DRc 20</u>, 6), and lines 21-23 recall a similar formula in <u>Zelo tui</u> (<u>Lbm 1210</u>, 13).









Candens crescit lilium Candens lilium columbina Tenor primus Quartus cantus

Source: Cpc 228, fol. iiv (RISM no. 4); Ob 20 (WF), fol. 28v (RISM no. 53); US-NYpm 978, fol. 7v-8 (no. 12).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XIV, 60; MSD 2 (WF), 53; and TECM I, 8. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 192-193 (US-NYpm), pl. 204 (Cpc), pl. 205 (Ob 20). Apfel, Studien I, p. 53; Dittmer, MSD 2 (WF), p. 43; Hughes, WMH, p. 94; and Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 214-216.

<u>C.f.</u>: motet apparently free, but voice II likely a cantus prius factus.

Form: motet a4 (2+2) in rondo or refrain form; in voice II sections have paired strains with <u>ouvert</u> and <u>clos</u> cadences and this is reflected in the other voices.

AA' BCC' BCC' AA' DCC' DCC' AA'

96L = 16 + 12 + 12 + 16 + 12 + 12 + 16L

Voice I acts as a filler part that sustains melodic activity; its text is fairly irregular. Voices III and IV function in effect as a single supporting harmonic part. See Chapter One, Figure 1 and Chapter Two, Figure 10.

Text: to the BVM.

Cpc 228, 4; <u>US-NYpm 978</u>, 12; WF. 53

Candens crescit - I

Candens crescit lilium virginale gremium mundo profert filium creatorem omnium 5 regem regnancium

ut Ade debitum quod per pomum vetitum erat olim subditum per serpentis monitum

10 redimeretur precioso regis sanguine et ut Adam abstraheret de tetra voragine patriarchas et prophetas natos ex semine

ut vita celica redderetur pristinis pace magnifica

15 ideo psallamus hodie canticum leticie de rege glorie

ut in celorum acie fruamur requie 20 sine carie.

Full critical report in ed. for PMFC XIV, 60.

<u>US-NYpm 978</u>, 12 <u>WF</u>, 53

Candens crescit - II

Candens lilium columbina fons nostri generis rosa crescens sine spina mater diceris

5 ave regina virginum pariens Christum Dominum dulcis est initus

tu lumen es luminum et salvatrix hominum 10 dulcis est exitus.

> Ad te clamant cunti rei cum indulgentia ut vitalis requiei fruantur venia.

15 Tuum natum precibus rogites simplicibus ut vite gloria

concedantur omnibus tibi servitutibus 20 sua gratia.

Ad te clamant .... venia.

Full critical report in ed. for PMFC XIV, 60.

### CAc 128/2

This source was first brought to light by Nick Sandon in "Fragments of Medieval Polyphony at Canterbury Cathedral," pp. 39-44; he designated it <u>Cant 2</u>. Two important additions can be made to his remarks there. First, items 1,3, and 4 have well-known and often anthologized texts on St. Bernard that also concern the Assumption of the BVM, within whose octave (Aug. 15-22) his feast falls (Aug. 20). Second, the one item not about Bernard is a four-section voice exchange motet a4 with coda, apparently for the BVM (item 2).

Items 3 and 4 are linked by consecutive text, setting at least six consecutive verses of a hymn for St. Bernard. The untexted voice surviving for each of these motets has a rubric, reading "...s de primo puncto" and "...de secundo puncto" respectively. Sandon suggests, plausibly, that the missing words in each case are "Quartus cantus;" another alternative might be "Tenor primus" or "Tenor secundus". However, "de primo puncto" and "de secundo puncto" also suggest the possibility that what is found here is a motet in two parts (the "primus" and "secundus punctus") setting one text.

In all probability the Bernard motets are all a4 (2+2).

The counterpoint made by the surviving voices and the rubric [sec] undo tenore" in the lower voice of the first piece point to an accompaniment by two untexted lower parts. Some counterpoint in the last piece might call for another upper part.

A missing upper voice and lower part may, as Sandon notes, have been either on facing pages or in an adjacent column on

the same page, now very much cut down. (It is not entirely ruled out, however, that these are pieces with a single texted voice and two supporting parts.)

The reconstructible counterpoint of the pieces on St.

Bernard seems similar to that of the <u>cantilenae</u> in long-breve notation, with generally conjunct melodic lines and frequent parallel motion in 6-3 harmonies. Since, in addition, these motets show uniform declamation and regular periodicity of phrase structure, they seem at least a stylistic generation later than the motets of <u>Lwa 33327</u> with which Sandon compared them. (I would like to thank Dr. Sandon for the opportunity to go over my transcriptions of this source with him.)

Detentos a demonibus Secundo tenore

Source: CAc 128/2, recto (no. 1).

<u>form</u>: probably a free composition; the surviving parts show mixed periodicity:

$$I = 51L = 2(17L) + 16L$$

II = 
$$3L + 6L + 6(7L)$$

Remarks: the text on St. Bernard is the final third of a longer poem; perhaps this motet is the final third of a larger setting of this hymn, Bernardus doctor inclitus. (See the relationship suggested below between nos. 3 and 4.)

If there was a second upper part, now missing, it may have set more of the text from this hymn.

## CAc 128/2, 1 Detentos a demonibus

[Det]entos a demonibus sanat morbes languencium curat confert dolen[tibus magnum salu]tis gaudium

- 5 vita vivit feliciter
  Maria cum chris[tifera
  cum qua degust]at dulciter
  eterna Christi munera
- summe Deus potencie
  10 ti[bi sit laus et gloria da p]ost cursum miserie beata nobis gaudia.

This text to St Bernard of Clairvaux and the BVM is the last three stanzas of a nine-stanza hymn, in which every fourth line is itself the incipit of a well known hymn. Listed in Chev. 2473; ed. in AE 52, pp.131-133 and Mone III, p.233: Bernardus doctor inclitus.





Quid rimari cogitas Tenor primus

Source: CAc 128/2, recto (no. 2).

Form: Triplum and first tenor of a four-section voice-exchange motet a4 (2+2) with melismatic coda; counterpoint is mostly restorable from these two parts.

$$72L = (11+12)L + 2(5L) + 2(8L) + 2(8L) + 7L.$$

Text: to the BVM.

Regina iam discubuit ....de primo puncto

Source: CAc 128/2, verso (no. 3).

Form: probably a free composition; the surviving parts show mixed periodicity:

I 
$$68L(?) = 4(17L)$$

$$II = 13(5L) + 3L$$

Remarks: possibly the first part of a larger composition with the piece that follows, setting the hymn to Bernard and the BVM that begins (in most sources) <u>Iam regina discubuit</u>.

Venit sponsa de Libano ....de secundo puncto

Source: CAc 128/2, verso (no. 4).

Form: apparent mixed periodicity of phrase structure.

I 
$$33L(?) = 17L + 16L$$

$$II = 3(11L)$$

Remarks: may be a continuation (secundus punctus) of the motet above, as its text is a direct continuation of the same hymn.

# CAc 128/2, 2 Quid rimari cogitas

[Q]uid rimari cogitas modum quo virginitas gaudet puerperio

ascit...edat....

a....a frustra conatur humana racio

cre...solm....at suspicio.







### CAc 128/2, 3

Regina iam discubuit

[Regi]na iam discubuit sedens post unigenitum nardus odorem trib[uit Bernardus t]radens spiritum

- 5 dulcis regine gustui fructus sui suavitas d ulcis eius olfactui nardi Bernardi sanctitas
- cum esset [in accubitu fru ctus saporem tribuit cum esset in occubitu nardus odorem optu[1t

ille dulcis accubi tus propter saporem glorie 15 iste dulcis occubitus propter odo[rem gracie].

CAc 128/2, 4 Venit sponsa

[Venit sponsa de Li]bano coronanda divinitus ut Bernardus de clibano veniret sancti sp[iritus

5 que est ista progrediens velud aurora rutilans quis est iste transiliens montes sanctis coniu[bilens].

> These texts to St Bernard of Clairvaux and the BVM together set six consecutive stanzas of a longer hymn; since Venit is a fragment, perhaps eight stanzas may have been set. Also, these two motets may possibly be one, divided into a primus punctus and a secundus punctus. Listed in hev. 9365; ed. in AH 52, pp.131-133 and Mone III, pp.233-34: Iam regina discubuit.







Herodis in pretorio Herodis in atrio T. Hey hure lure

Source: DRc 20, fol. 1 (RISM no. 1).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XV, 29 and in Wibberley, "English Polyphonic Music," pp. 353-57. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 149. Harrison, "Ars Nova," p.78.

<u>C.f.</u>: a little French ditty whose rather obscure lyrics are most likely either onomatopoetic nonsense (Harrison, op. cit.) or perhaps obscene (a suggestion of the present author in his edition of the text for PMFC XV, where "hung" is a misprint for "hug"). For onomatopoetic refrains, see van den Boogaard, Rondeaux et refrains, pp. 260-62.

Form: motet a3 with stratified levels of activity; apparently constructed by adding the duplum, likely a modified cantus prius factus with melodic shape

AA'xBB"CC"DD"EE"y.

over three statements of the tenor, and then writing a triplum.

$$I 51L = 2(8L) + 4L + 5L + 4L + 10L + 5L + 7L$$

II = 
$$2(6L) + 4L + 4(2(4L)) + 3L$$

III = 
$$3(6+6+5)L = 3(17L)$$

Text: for Holy Innocents Day, Dec. 28th.

Notation: duplum and triplum have signature F# throughout; stemming on semibreves is in the hand of the original scribe and follows de Vitry. The G-tonality with signature F# is also seen in <u>Suffragiose virgini</u> (Cfm, 4).

See the remarks by Bowers in Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," p. 293.

Remarks: the transcription that follows is meant as a complement to the edition in PMFC XV; by the use of a familiar level of reduction (perfect long equals dotted half note), this version shows more clearly the organization of the motet and its clumsy counterpoint. (The rhythms specified by the semibreve stems in the MS are here simplified.) What emerges is a rather awkward, early Petronian-style piece not unlike Caligo terre (Onc 362, 9). Note the repetition of motivic material in the triplum (e.g. bars 3,6,11, 24, and etc.) and the high degree of dissonance (e.g. 30, 47, and etc.).

The final word of the tenor text, "moy," is not underlaid to the music in <u>DRc 20</u>; rather, it has been added at the foot of the page. Harrison attributes this to a scribal oversight, and restores it to the tenor melody in his PMFC edition. The possibility must be raised, however, that the omission was deliberate, in which case it probably indicates that the original tune was modified slightly in order to be accommodated to the polyphonic context (perhaps to a preexisting tune in the duplum).

#### DRc 20, 1 Herodis in pretorio - I and II

Herodis in pretorio fit emulacio cecaque frustra fit comminacio zelus et contencio dum autentico trium magorum iudicio sed et angelico mire monstratur quod in solio Betheleemitico nasceretur rex athanatos arto presepio hinc Herodes implisimus ecce furibundus fremit furore nimio

10 timens imperio se privari iam perinde regio 0 dira tiranni subsanacio 0 rabies horrenda qui sevis mox satellitibus omnes pueros in Bethleem

a bymatu et infra

15 ausu revera temerario
imperat iratus interimere
truculenter ore nephario
hinc in excelsis lugubri lamentat voce Rachel
O magnipotentis mira miseracio.

6 <u>Bethleemitico</u> would be expected (see line B, for ex.)
13 setellitibus

This text is closely modelled on Matthew 2:1-18, especially in lines 13-18.

Herodis in atrio
rabidi conatus
fit tumor et temere
quia puer natus

5 Christum interficere
quid Herodes niteris
sed ut quid hunc persequeris
immensi magistratus
cuius super humerum

10 factus est principatus
palam ecce falleris
frustra rete iacitur
quod previdet prenatus.

8-10 Isaiah 9:6 4 lacks a syllable (est?)
12 Proverbs 1:17

The tenor of this motet reads: Hey hure lure hey horpendoy hey hure lure hey horpendoy mettez moy luse accolez moy.





Fusa cum silentio T. Medius cantus. Manere. Laben lavat criminis

Source: DRc 20, fol. 1v (RISM no.2); Ob 81, fol. 2v (RISM no. 5).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 30 and in Wibberley,

"English Polyphonic Music," pp. 258-262. Facs. in EECM 26,

pl. 150 (DRc) and pl. 68 (Ob81); dipl. facs. in Apfel,

Studien II, pp. 64-65 (Ob 81). Apfel, Studien I, p.29;

Harrison, NOHM III, p.91; idem, "Ars Nova," p.79 and

Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 222-223.

<u>C.f.</u>: labelled 'medius cantus' in <u>DRc</u>. It is the melisma on 'manere' from the verse of the gradual for the feast of St. John the Apostle/Evangelist, December 27th; sung almost  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times. (Untitled in <u>Ob 81</u>.)

Form: duet motet a3 with medius cantus; periodic in modules of 8,4,2.

I = 58L = 7L + 5(8L) + 11L

II = 29(2L) = 2(24L) + 10L

III = 1L + 13(4L) + 5L

Text: homiletic; decries the 'oratio clamorosa.'

Remarks: the texts are not of the same length and are sung at unequal rates, with regular long-breve declamation in the lower texted part and irregular declamation on long, breve, semibreve in the upper. Perhaps an early example of a duet motet. If so, that may explain why it was transmitted with the remark about the tenor.

Variants to PWFC XV ed.: declamation in III: 6-8 ought to have rhythm b l - b l - b l - b.

DRc 20, 2; Ob 81, 5 Fusa cum silencio - I

Fusa cum silencio grata fit devocio qui flet ante Dominum

clamosa vota despicit
cum affectus deficit
labia non elicit
vota videns hominum

imprimens aculeum quod si cor et lapideum 10 pungat penitencia

> largis current ymbribus spero cum gemitibus fletus stillicidia

O felices lacrime 15 quibus sentit anime dolor refrigeria

fiat ut ergo sapida rigetur omnis arida lacrimis oracio 20 oret et contricio

> homo nunc considera quod hic quevis opera leta sub principio

dolor tandem terminat 25 et quod luctus seminat metet exultacio.

3 DRc 20: que
11 Ob 81: currunt imbribus
16 effrigeria
18 rigure
21 nam

22 carnis (for quevis)

The homiletic strain in this text is reminiscent of <a href="O homo">O homo</a> (Onc 362, 17), esp. at line 21. Line 18 recalls a verse from <a href="Veni sancti spiritus">Veni sancti spiritus</a>: riga quod est aridum.

DRc 20, 2; Ob 81, 5 Fusa cum silencio - II

Labem lavat criminis in conspectu numinis lacrimarum copia

quam pura contricio 5 profert seu devocio cordis secretaria

> surge miser anima qui offendis numina protrahendo terminum

10 cave ne stes fatua lampade cum vacua prestolando Dominum

clauso pulsans ostio audias hoc triste nescio.

1 Ob 81: lavat repeated and cancelled
2 muneris
7-9 surge miser anima
offendas ne numina
protrahendo crimina

hostio ut tristis

Lines 10-14 are drawn from Matthew 25:1-12.

Jesu fili T. Jhesu fili virginis. rex celestis agminis. Jesu lumen

Source: DRc 20, fol. 2 (RISM no. 3).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XV, 31 and in Wibberley, "English Polyphonic Music," pp.358-363. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 151. Harrison, "Ars Nova," pp.79, 82.

<u>C.f.</u>: unidentified; the text underlaid to the tenor is identical to the initial two lines of a Latin devotional sequence found uniquely in <u>Cu 710</u>, fol.123 (p.178), and Harrison has shown that there is some melodic similarity between the sequence melody and the motet tenor. It is highly implausible that the c.f. was derived directly from the sequence tune by some drastic reshaping; the relationship is certainly more indirect. The tenor is written out once and must be sung twice, except for the omission of the last two 4L phrases the second time.

Form: Duet motet with medius cantus, very similar in phrase structure to Rosa delectabilis (Onc 362, 18). See Chapter 2, pp. 133-35.

Text: prayer to Jesus.

Jesu fili Dei patris iudicum equissime nate virginis et matris virginum mundissime

5 tu [et] iudex equitatis sol atque iusticie conqueror ob feritatis vim atque malicie

ensi dona mundiali
10 iudici non prebeo
aut si modo casuali
quandoque non placeo

nichil licet ergo mali fecerim aut facio 15 tantum ipse me penali feriet iudicio

versa vice speciali munera si dedero prevalebo causa tali 20 in hoc quod desidero

ne thesauro temporali
quo cum hic caruero
pena premat immortali
quamdiu vivus ero
25 ab hac vita set letali
liber abire spero

coniunctor 0 boni mali da mihi quod sicio innocentique finali 30 parces in iudicio

reum munda nunc vicio.

Jesu lumen veritatis candor eterne lucis vitam prebens sanitatis tuis virtute crucis

forma vere pietatis conqueror ecce tibi tenet hic vim potestatis licitum esse sibi

sicut viri probitatis perdere quos vult eos mundi iudex in peccatis solvere plane reos

heu cum paxque reproborum prevalet aspicio ad te ubi spes iustorum figura quo nescio

crevit Deus tu deorum omnium nulla latent te que facta perversorum lucide tibi patent

tantum finis hos florere mundi gaudere bonis atque cetere torquere president cum thronis sic hoc malum vix cavere valet quis ubi donis

Ihesu cordium scrutator da mihi quod sicio cum sis iustus pacis dator in tuo iudicio

reum munda nunc vicio.

#### 21 flore

The two texts are linked not only by shared lines 28 and 31 but also by rhymes, including the <a href="cio">-cio</a> rhyme that marks the middle and end of the poem (dividing it into 16+15 lines).

Dei preco

Source: DRc 20, fol. 3 (RISM no. 5).

Literature: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 153.

Form: a lowest voice by range and form of melodic cadence; perhaps from a duet motet with medius cantus a3 in long-breve declamation. Isoperiodic with a module of 148 56L = 17L + 14L + 14L + 11L.

The transcription has been laid out not only to make evident the phrase structure, but also to reveal the melodic module of 7L that subdivides the phrases (56L=3L+7(7L)+4L). Each 7L unit is a variation upon the same melodic scheme, with which the tenor repetitions were perhaps coordinated. Notable features of this voice part include rather inconsistent declamation, which tends to end a p line with the rhythm  $d_{1}$  rather than  $d_{2}$ , recurrence of a melodic figure  $\underline{ssbb}$  (EFGF), and the fact that running semibreves always fall on the fourth bar of each 7L unit.

Text: on John the Baptist and his beheading.

Notation: use of the downstemmed semibreve, and one occurrence of the upstemmed semibreve on the fourth note (E) of b. 28. This  $(\lozenge\lozenge\lozenge)$  may be an alternative for  $\lozenge\lozenge\lozenge\lozenge$ . indicating that the semibreves ought to be transcribed with the rhythms of de Vitry.

Dei preco fit baptista mundus quo non fert maiorem qui conceptus est in ista valle propter mundi morem

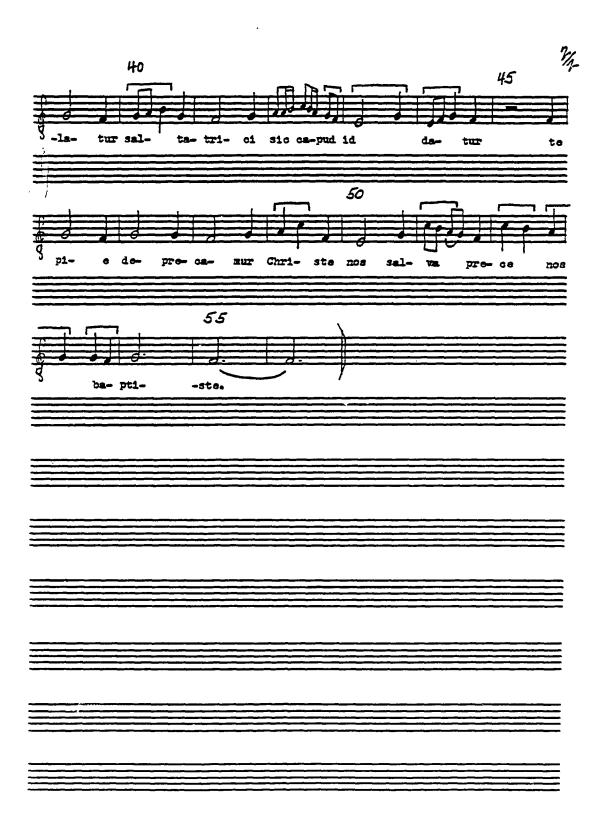
hic carnem docet detestari 5 sed ad penitenciam ortari curat quos cupit salvari

Messias tandem qui putatur ab Herode decollatur 10 saltatrici sic capud id datur

> te pie deprecamur Christe nos salve prece nos baptiste.

1-4 Matthew 11:11 8-10 Matthew 14:1-12





[Virgo sancta Katerina]
Virginalis concio
[T. Virgo sancta Katerina]
Contratenor. de Virgo sancta Katerina.

Source: DRc 20, fol. 336\* (RISM no. 10), voices II and IV only.

<u>Literature</u>: Facs. in EECM 26, pl.157. Harrison, "Ars Nova," p. 77.

<u>C.f.</u>: none survives, but the St. Katherine antiphon

<u>Virgo sancta Katerina</u> (<u>AS</u>, pl. W) is suggested as a likely

candidate by the wording of the contratenor, and in fact it

can be made to fit well (see transcription).

Form: surviving parts are the duplum and contratenor of a bipartite panisorhythmic motet a4 with <u>introitus</u>, coda, and diminution by one half; two <u>colores</u> and 8 <u>taleae</u>.

126B = 7(18B)

I = ?

= 3B + 16B + 7(9B) + 6B + 3(9B) + 11B

III = 13B + 4(12+6)B + 4(6+3)B + 5B (reconstr.)

IV = 13B + 9B + 3(18B) + 14B + 4(9B)

Text: to St. Katherine, Nov. 25. The text in voice I presumed to begin with the words 'Virgo sancta Katerina' on the basis of the wording of the contratenor. 'Virginalis concio' survives elsewhere as the text of the duplum of a motet by Byttering in the Old Hall manuscript, En Katherine solemnia-Virginalis concio- T. Sponsus Amat sponsum (Lbm 57950, 145), which may have been written for the wedding of Henry V and Catherine of France in 1420. See Hughes "Old Hall, A Reappraisal," pp. 105-106, for a discussion of dating problems.

Notation: contratenor is in modus perfectum (tempus perfectum in diminution) with second mode rhythms; the tenor, as reconstructed, is in maximodus perfectum, modus imperfectum (modus perfectum, tempus imperfectum upon diminution).

DRc-20, 10
[Lbm 57950, 145]

Virginalis concio

Virginalis concio Virgini canonice

martirum constancia martirem concinite

5 que martirum et virginum constancia in bravium

floruit prevaluit et viguit astancia

versucia deleta 10 en athleta sine meta

> regni solio gaudet cum Dei filio

O Katerina stabilis fide laudabilis progenie 15 amabilis in specie nos amari collaudari iuva Dei facie.

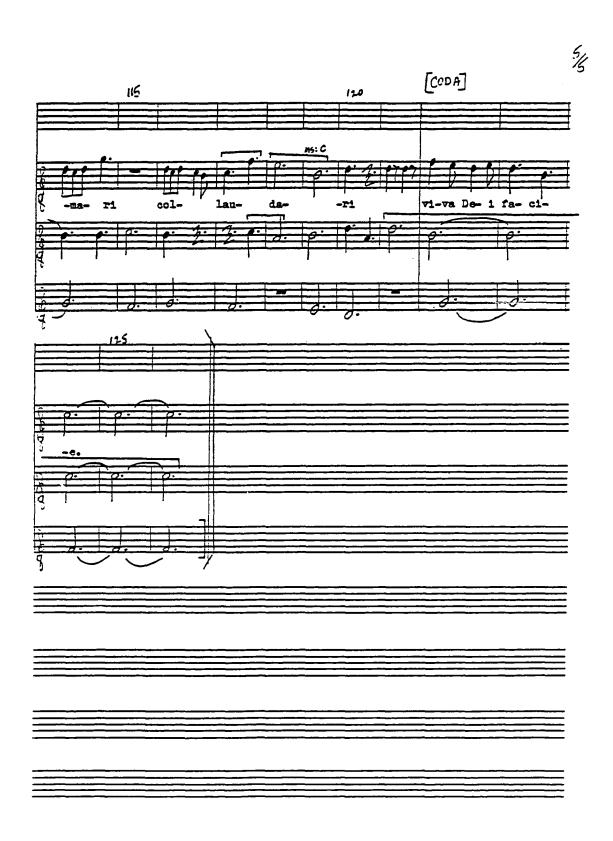
Ed. in <u>CMM</u> 46<sup>1</sup>, pp.415-418 and 46<sup>III</sup>, p.43 from <u>Lbm</u>(the Old Hall manuscript). See this edition for a full report on variants.











Amer amours est la choison Durement au cueor T. Dolor meus.

Source: DRc 20, fol. 336\* (RISM no. 11), part of I and all of II and III.

<u>I-IV</u>, fol. 56v-57 (RISM no. 72).

F-Pn 67, fol. 67 (RISM no.1).

F-Pn 23190 (Trem), index vii.

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC V, 19. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 157.

Form: unipartite isorhythmic motet a3 with <u>introitus</u>, two colores and six <u>taleae</u>.

120B = 12B + 6(18B)

I = 32B + 2B + 4(16+2)B + 14B

II = 12B + 21B + 4(18B) + 15B

III = 12B + 6(6+12)B

Text: Courtly French love poetry.

Ad lacrimas flentis O speculum spericum T. Dulcis virgo tenor.

Source: DRc 20, fol. 336\*v-337 (RISM no. 12), and CH-Fc 260, fol. 86 (RISM no.2).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XV, 34. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 158 (<u>DRc</u>). Harrison, "Ars Nova," p 84; Sanders, "Motet," pp. 549-50; and Zwick, "Deux motets inédits."

<u>C.f.</u>: the verse of an Alleluia to the BVM found in <u>F-Pa 135</u>, fol. 209. This is an English source, but c.f. is not listed in <u>GS</u> indices.

Form: unipartite isorhythmic motet; 3 colores and 6 taleae. Just prior to the restatement of each talea voice I splits into two parts for one musical phrase, then reunites. In the following number scheme the split phrase is indicated by an apostrophe:

I 
$$1083 = 16B + 2(9'+9)B + (10'+8)B + (10'+10)B$$
  
II  $= 20B + 4(18B) + 16B$   
III  $= 6(18B) = 6(6+12)B$ 

The form is further articulated by the use of hocketing and change of phrase length in voice I for taleae five and six, and also by the rhyme scheme and stanzaic structure of the texts, which tend to articulate three larger sections of two taleae each.

Text: to the BVM.

Remarks: There is patterning of declamation ) , , and voice-exchange or imitation when the part splits: "the periodic twinning of the Triplum is marked by initial <u>Stimmtausch</u> or some other imitative device"(Sanders, "Motet," p. 549).

### DRc 20, 12; CH-Fc 260, 2

# Ad lacrimas flentis - I and II

Ad lacrimas flentis dolorem ferentis virgo solita propere

casumque cadentis

flere dolore currere
mestumque querentis
sensus tuos convertere

virgo salvatorem et compositorem 10 mater nos amicabilem

> atque creatorem nostrum parens perutilem mundique factorem dans nobis ineffabilem

15 O virgo beata summi collocata patris mater et filia

nati Deo grata
cuius diffusa gratia
20 proprie vocata
ipsa misericordia

O virgo superna perfecta eterna sic quod Lucifero prior

25 occasum lucerna nesciens luce clarior

> virgo cuius iura non novit natura nec racio fragilior

30 virgo pure pura puritateque purior

solum nos dignare tuas decantare laudes 0 cunctis dignior. O speculum spericum speculum perfeccionis speculum veridicum O speculum racionis

5 speculum obnubilans excessu transnaturali 0 speculum rutilans virtute semper equali

0 speculum solitum
10 quod inquinat demonstrare
tanquam carnem spiritum
Maria nos speculare.

Vos quid admiramini Philippe de Vitry Gratissima virginis species Tenor. de Vos Quid admiramini (Gaude gloriosa)
Contratenor. de Vos quid admiramini

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC I, de Vitry no. 7 and in Oxford Anthology, 58. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 59.

Form: bipartite isorhythmic motet a4 with 2 colores:

162B = 6(15B) + 8(9B) (idealized)

I 157B = 18B + 11B + 19B + 11B + 19B + 14B + 3(18B) + 11B

II = 21B + 30B + 30B + 13B + 3(18B) + 9B

III = 5(5+10)B + (5+11)B + 7(9B) + 3B

IV = 2B + 5(15B) + 13B + 7(4+5)B + 4B

Text: to the BVM; critical edition in Dronke, Medieval Latin, ii, pp. 406-410.

Remarks: written in the 1330s.

O vos omnes Introitus tenoris. Locus iste. tenor.

Source: DRc 20, fol. 337v (RISM no. 14).

Literature: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 160.

C.f.: beginning of the Gradual for the Dedication of a Church; see for example GS pl. 175 or LU 1251.

Form: duplum and tenor of a bipartite isorhythmic motet a4 with melismatic <u>introitus</u> (labelled 'Introitus tenoris.') and diminution by one half (melismatic). The <u>introitus</u> has four <u>colores</u> and four <u>taleae</u>, while the main body of the motet has a tenor of two <u>colores</u> and eight <u>taleae</u>.

$$180B = 4(18B) + 4(18B) + 4(9B)$$

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 10B + 36B + 18B + 8B + 20B + 2(18B) + 16B + 8B + 2(9B) + 10B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$II = 4(8+6+4)B + 4(5+13)B + \frac{1}{2}(4(5+13)B)$$

Text: complaint on the present state of the church.

### DRc 20, 14 0 vos omnes

O vos omnes quibus est aditus huius loci profecto cognitus"

et calicis ipsius pocula iam libastis hic tabernacula

5 ne figatis sacius agite vela nostra ventis exponite

> vale dato loco qui loculos sic emungit omnes et singulos

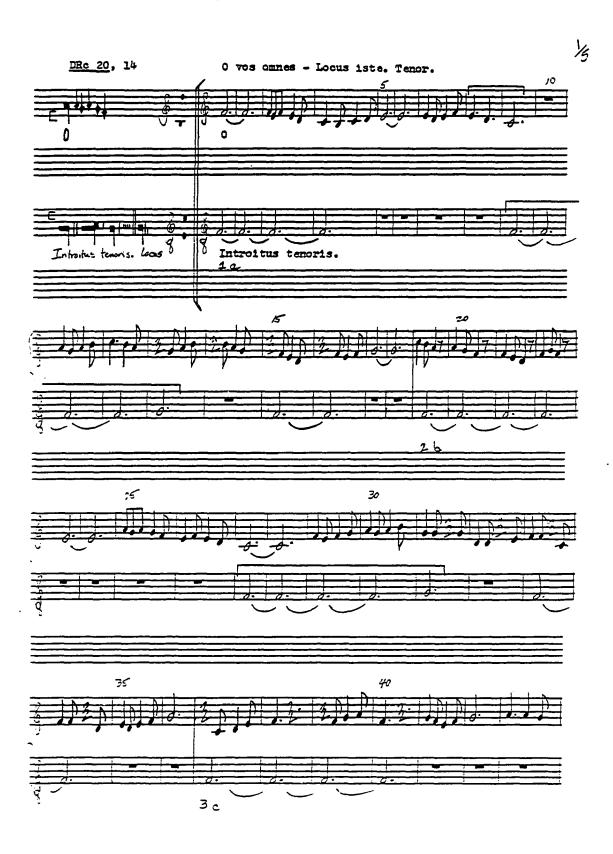
iam emunctis petatis propria 10 non querentes more dispendia

que non vacat multis periculis et prorsus est exosa loculis

locus iste labores adicit innumeros et curas allicit

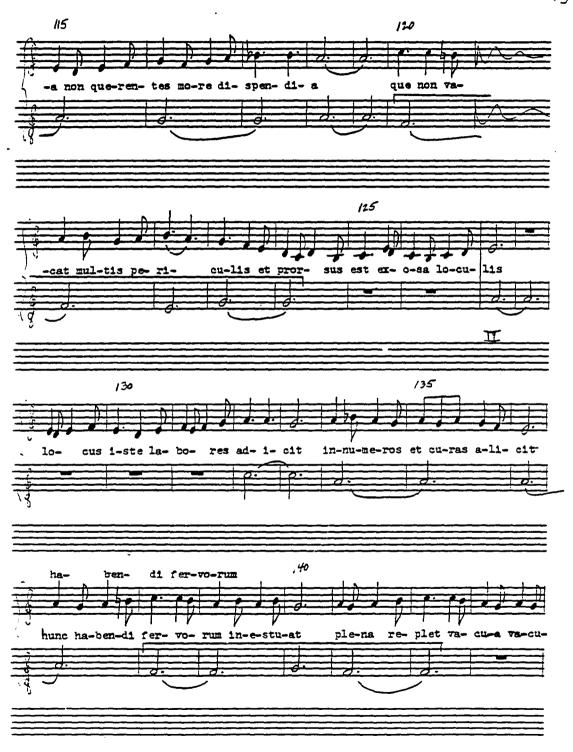
15 habendi fervorum inestuat plena replet vacua vacuat.

- 9 emuncti
- 15 hunc habendi fervorum inestuat
- 1 0 vos omnes = Lamentations of Jeremiah 1:12
- 13 locus iste = incipit of the motet tenor, from the Gradual for the Dedication of a Church











O canenda vulgo Rex quem metrorum Rex regum. Tenor. Contratenor

Source: DRc 20, fol. 337v (RISM no. 15), voices II and III only.

I-IV, fol. 55 (RISM no. 69).

CH-Fc 260, fol. 86v (RISM no.3).

F-Pn 2444, fol. 48v (RISM no. 2).

F-Pn 23190 ( $\underline{\text{Trem}}$ ), index no. xx.

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC I, 14 with variant report in PMFC V, p. 207. Facs. in EECM 26; pl. 160 (DRc 20).

Form: Bipartite isoperiodic motet with diminution by one half. Three colores and 12 taleae. Diminution section melismatic with hocket.

120B = 8(12B) + 4(6B)

I = 14B + 6(12B) + 9B + 3(6B) + 7B

II = 15B + 6(123) + 9B + 4(6B)

III = 8(6+6)B + 4(3+3)B

IV = 1B + 7(3+9)B + 3B + 8B + 4(6B)

Text: In praise of Robert of Anjou (1278-1343), King of Naples and Sicily.

Remarks: written in the 1330s.

L'amoreuse flour En l'estat d'amere T. Sicut fenum arui

Source: DRc 20, fol. 338 (RISM no. 16), I only.

I-IV, fol. 59v-60 (RISM no. 75).

F-Pn 23190 (Trem), index xvi.

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC V, 21. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 161.

Form: unipartite isorhythmic motet a3 with two colores and six taleae.

144B = 6(24B)

I = (11+15)B + 4(9+15)B + 9B + 13B

II = 4B + 5(10+14)B + (10+10)B

III = 6(7+10+7)B

<u>Text:</u> Courtly French love poetry.

Musicorum collegio In templo Dei posita Avete. Tenor.

Source: DRc 20, fol. 338v-339 (RISM no. 17).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 35. Facs. in EECM 26,

pl. 162-163. Harrison, "Ars Nova," p. 85.

Form: bipartite isorhythmic motet with diminution by one half; two colores and eight taleae.

144B = 4(24B) + 4(12B)

$$I = 7B + 3(4+7+13)B + (4+7+12)B + 3(12B) + 6B$$

II = 
$$8B + 3(4+8+12)B + (4+8+8)B + 3(12B) + 8B$$

III = 
$$4(10+5+9)B + \frac{1}{2}(4(10+5+9)B)$$

Text: musicians motet, naming seven members of a French chapel; the names are not otherwise traceable at present. (See Chapter 4, pp. 350-51.) The duplum plays on the number seven with images drawn from Revelation 1:12-2:1. One of the men is Robert of Huy, which is a Belgian town ca. 25km southwest of Liege.

Musicorum collegio in curia degencium Gallicorum zelo pio Dei tantum zelancium in sancto desiderio 5 Christi matris officium quater in mense previo Hugone quem propicium largum quoque cunctis scio 10 Robertum fidum socium huic adiungens de Hoyo Johannem et Nichasium .J. speciali socio cordetenus inspicio .J. Anglici largum pium circumscribere nescio Stephanoque sit gaudium hiis salus et devocio 20 cum crescant ac obsequium actoris qui servicio se totum subdit omnium O quanta delectacio horum simul canencium 25 0 mira modulacio sonorum musicalium O dulcis altercacio acutorum et gravium mediorumque vicio 30 discordie carencium Christus pro cuius proprio zelo canunt salarium det eis ut consorcio

iugantur celi civium.

In templo Dei posita miro modo composita

vidi septem candelabra quorum nemo cum dolabra

5 nec quisque ferri genere unum posset incidere

cum silice horum quia inpressit in materia

.J. speciali socio formam celestis opifex dicto Pallart quem previum 10 summus sculptor et artifex

ambulans horum medio cum bis acuto gladio

septem gerens in dextera stellas ut inter cetera

15 testatur Apocalipsis sic ego spero de ipsis

que vidi quorum nomina: sunt scripta tripli pagina. Apta caro plumis Flos virginum T. Alma redemptoris mater

Source: DRc 20, fol. 338v-339 (RISM no. 18). Complete a3, without contratenor found in some sources.

I-IV, fol. 5v-6 (RISM no. 7).

F-CA 1328, fols. 1v, 17 (RISM nos. 2a and 37).

F-CH 564, fol. 60v-61 (RISM no. 101).

F-Pn 23190 (Trem), index xxii.

I-MOe 5.24 (olim 568), fol. 18v-19 (RISM no. 29).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC V, 4 and in CMM 39, 3. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 162-163 (<u>DRc 20</u>).

Form: unipartite isorhythmic motet a3 with <u>introitus</u>; two colores and three <u>taleae</u>.

90B = 9B + 3(27B)

I = (3+12)B + 2(13+14)B + (13+8)B

II = (17+15+3)B + (9+15+3)B + (9+15+4)B

= 9B + 3(27B)

Text: to the BVM.

Mon chant en plaint Qui dolereus

T. Tristis est anima mea

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC V, 15. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 164.

Form: unipartite isorhythmic motet a3; three colores and five taleae.

120B = 5(24B) (idealized)

I 115B = 25+3(24)+18B = (8+3+10+4) +3(7+3+10+4) + (7+3+8)B

II = 20+3(24)+23B = (9+3+8) + 3(13+3+8) + (13+3+7)B

III = 4(24) + 19B = 4(10+2+2+9) + (10+3+2+4)B

Text: Courtly French love poetry.

LIC 52 consists of binding strips and flyleaves taken from Lincoln, Library of the Dean and Chapter, MS 52 when this volume was rebound in 1977. One leaf and ten strips together constitute most of one bifolium (the center of a gathering) from a volume of 14th-century English polyphony. A report on this source by Dr. Susan Rankin, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, will appear in Early Music History 3 (forthcoming in early 1984). Dr. Rankin generously made photocopies of the musical fragments, and eventually a copy of her report, available to me. The fact that all pieces begin with A is noteworthy, suggesting an alphabetically ordered music manuscript.

Ave prolem parienti

Source: LIc 52, fol. 1r (item no. 1).

Remarks: fragment of one or two voices of a composition a3 or a4 dedicated to the BVM and notated in tempus imperfectum maior.

## LIc 52, 1 Ave prolem parienti

(A)ve prolem parienti et post partum permanenti virgini clausa porta

Psalle matre comprimenti hoste ( )dum redimenti prole gracie orta.

Lux refulsit micans genti umbra mortis considenti an.....

The fragments IN FR1 and IN FR2, which may belong with LIC 52, 1 or 2, read as follows:

fecundata celi sacrati....
salva pudicicia filiumque paris
Maria novo more creatorem.....
Gaude.....

tua gracia. O reina confer nunc se... a ne seducat fallacia pe... orum medicina ad celi.... Astra transcendit T. Alleluya assumpta est Astrorum celsitudinem

Source: LIC 52, fol. 1v-2 (item no. 2).

<u>C.f.</u>: the soloist's portions of the <u>Alleluya Assumpta</u> <u>est Maria</u>, not as found in the <u>Liber Usualis</u> (p.1603) but closely following the reading in <u>GS</u>, pl.195.

Form: troped whole-chant setting a3 with bipartite division following the Alleluya/verse form of the chant. The layout is as a duet motet with medius cantus, including a regularly patterned tenor and some periodicity in phrase structure:

I 
$$58L = 6L + 8L + \dots$$
  
II  $= 20L + 38L = (5L + 3(4L) + 3L) + (7(5L) + 3L)$ 

III = 
$$(10L + 10L) + (7L + 5L + 6L + 4(5L))$$

Notation: circle-stem notation, with minim stems and at least one appearance of the <u>cauda hirundinis</u> (I:11); see Chapter 3, pp. 246ff.

<u>Text</u>: tropic to the chant and designed mainly as a series of salutations to Mary. As Susan Rankin has observed, the duplum begins in language very similar to that of a fragmentary cantilena found in <u>Lbm 38651</u>, fol. 2 (RISM no. 3):

#### Cantilena

Astrorum altitudinem totamque poli aciem transcedit virgo regia.

Iuxta sedem propaginem immensam plenitudinem

#### Motet

Astrorum celsitudinem omnemque celi aciem David concendit filia.

Sedet iuxta trinitatem ob inmensam castitatem in regis gloria. Remarks: the final two tenor taleae are not written out in the MS; a custos on the pitch C has been taken in the present transcription to indicate a return to the beginning of the verse of the c.f., an apparently successful solution.

The signature Bb in III appears in the first two staves of the MS only; its use as a signature throughout is editorial.

Note that almost all breves are plicated, the significance of which is not clear.

T

(A)stra transcendit hodie Maria tota puchra puella inclita sacrata utero quamvis? sine macula.

Ave tutrix optima
5 Maria mundi domina
deserta transcendens esse .....

#### III

(A)strorum celsitudinem omnemque celi aciem David concendit filia.

Sedet iuxta trinitatem ob inmensam castitatem in regis gloria.

Ave leta pue(lla)
.....
voce consona canamus Alleluya.

10 Assumpta hac a valle misera coronatur hec deco(rata m)ater nostra sine mora Maria corpore et anima regina celica.

Ave Maria deliciis plen(a)
(vi)te via virgo speciosa cella vivaria
15 reis fer remedia.

Ave salutifera ad portum ductrix stel(la m)aris fulgida Maria spes lapsorum semper inclita.

Ave casta domina
20 celi ianua cuntis patula
nob(is e)rrantibus esto propicia.

deviantibus?

Ave lege figurata per prophetas predicata clara Iesse virgula.

25 Ave stirps ()tica mater beata virgas inter alias florens velut rosula.

Ave Maria assumpta hodie
( ) corp(ore?) sive tempore
30 turba cum angelica
hoc vere plebs catholica.

crede?



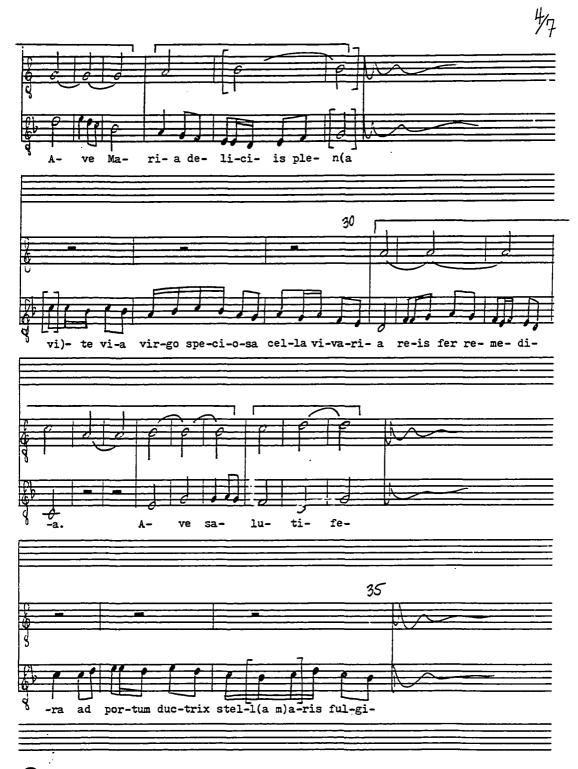
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NO. 1(2) MEDIUM 12 STAVES TWO SIDED







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COCONTINO STUDENT PAD NO. 1(2) MEDIUM 12 STAVES TWO SIDES







Assunt Augustini T.

Source: LIc 52, fol. 2v (item no. 3).

Remarks: voices I and III of a motet or motet-like setting a4 (2+2), written in English ternary breve-semibreve notation. Its subject is St. Augustine. The form is bipartite, suggesting that the piece might be a setting of a chant like the Alleluia and verse of LIC 52, 2.

60L = 12L + 48L (= 5(12L)), with a final long in addition. There is some musical rhyme that suggests a care was taken with form that is not now revealed by the phrase structure. For instance, the first 12L section has the same melodic figure in bars 1-2 and 7-8; bars 37-38 and 54-55 also have very similar melodic figures in both parts. No regular interval(s) of systematically repeating counterpoint have been discovered, however. Note the hocketing in semibreves that must have been a remarkable feature of the lower two parts.

## LIC 52, 3 Assunt Augustini

- (A) ssunt augustini leta solempnia instantque celici viri festalia laude multiplici plaudat ecclesia plaudunt angelici chori in gloria.
- 5 Pius salvator seculi preconem mundo celicum p.....
- mente profecit sedula plenus virtutum graciis tandem virum canonicum
- pe( a)mpliori munere

  15 auget in apostolicum

  set non hoc sumpto tendere

paupertatis ascen(den)s culmina dempto prius mundano pulvere clamat mundi detestans crimina

- 20 mindus? ir( ) peccatis sceleris frangit hostes fugat agmina omne malum premens periculi nulla sa( ) frangunt discrimina hostis vitam linguentem seculi
- 25 rege pater hinc diligentius quos n() hostis hic tempta forcius.





COCCATION STUDENT PAD NO. 1(2) MEDIUM 12 STAVES TWO SIDED



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COSCONTINO STUDENT PAD NO. 1(2) MEDIUM 12 STAVES TWO SIDED Triumphus patet hodie ....genuflectere T.

Source: Lbm 1210, fol. 1v-1\* (RISM no. 2).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XV, 12. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 24-25. This thesis provides a transcription which differs from PMFC in its rhythmic interpretation of some difficult bars in the triplum.

<u>C.f.</u>: unidentified 19L melody, sung three times; carefully shaped rhythmically into two 6L and one 7L phrase. Harrison views it as an 18L melody which is modified in the third talea.

Form: stratified motet a3 with rapidly sung upper voice and two voices of nearly equal, slower rhythmic activity. No regular patterns of phrasing or declamation. The duplum appears to be a well shaped melody with melodic sequences, some repetition, and a carefully controlled use of its range.

<u>Text</u>: to the Holy Cross. Duplum text in PMFC is editorial.

<u>Notation</u>: see Chapter 3, pp.259-63.

Remarks: seems most similar in approach to <u>DRc 20</u>, 1 (<u>Herodis in atrio</u>). Though transcription has  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{J}$ , phrases in both upper parts follow second mode pattern at cadences, i.e.  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{J}$ 

Triumphus patet hodie leticie vexillo victoriosi principis//
tela nequicie sunt dirupta diri (cru)cus truculenti ferocis haberetur irradiante festo venerabili cuius exaltacionis.//

Ergo gaude et in (la)ude eximie plaude

5 tu qui mirifico misterio redemptus es crucis
in vigore potentis Dei devota canti(ca p)ange mire
dulcedinis.//

Crux es via iam regalis ad gaudia
crux patrona semita secura glorie

10 ( )stis terra in effluxis imperialis sanguinis.//
Crux mundi navis in diluculo nos fiduciales
custodiens (es ad) partum ductrix salutare.//
Crux fidelis es unica fiducie
spes omnibus in tribulacionibus

15 scutum clipeus et (arm)a viriliter valide contra
seva iacula

muniens nos terribilia.//

Arbor 0 decorata prole regia abilis (et) venerabilis decens florigeraque prebens poma salutifera ha// quis digna preconia ne laudabili(a in) caligine tibi canere valet sed ut in res suppetum hinc tripudiando iubilo leticie celice (et) mellifluo cantico dulcia voce varia canimus cum anima.//

There are problems in reading and making sense of this text. In the layout above, // indicates the end of a musical phrase.

10 before terra a three-syllable word
23 latters visible but difficult to make into words

## Lbm 1210, 2 Triumphus patet - II

et summo opere
devotas sibi laudes deprimere
in hoc munere stude pro littere

et a p[
miles sit resurgere et spernere
minas satanicas scandere
sedens in ethere et illuc quiescere.

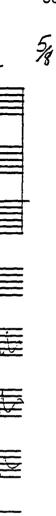
About one-third of this text has been lost from the beginning. The hole at line 5 is of five syllables.









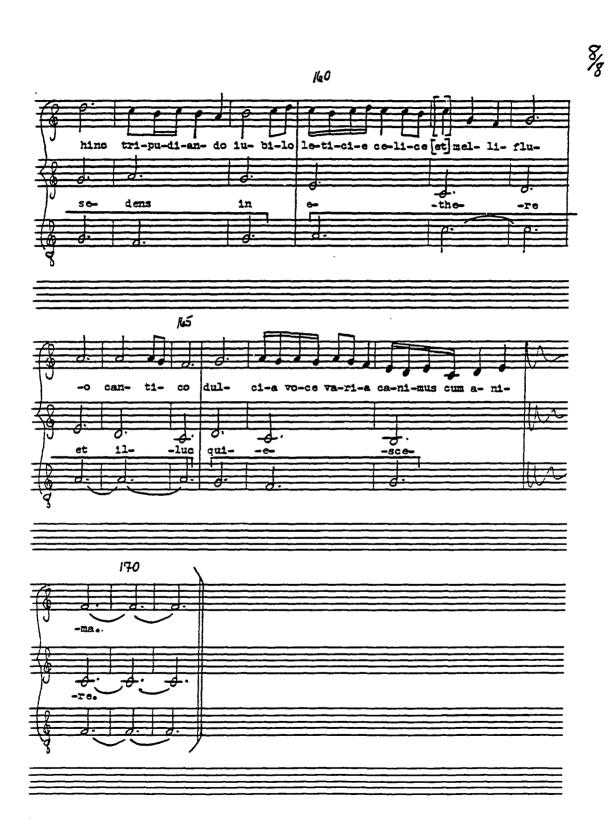












Quare fremuerunt gentes T. Quare fremuerunt gentes

Source: Lbm 1210, fol. 140v-141 (RISM no. 9).

<u>Literature:</u> Ed. in PMFC XV, 13. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 32-33; dipl. facs. in Apfel <u>Studien</u> II, pp. 76-78. Apfel, <u>Studien</u> I, p. 30 and Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 234-38 with partial transcription.

C.f.: tone for the psalm Quare fremuerunt as sung with the antiphon Dominum dixit ad me on Christmas Day at First Mass, according to Harrison in PMFC XV, citing a Cistercian Gradual, Paris, BN lat.n.a. 2605, fol. 27. Another interpretation must be considered. The c.f. is a palindrome, and up to the point of reversal it is identical to the beginning of the 8th Magnificat tone in the Use of Sarum. (See Walter H. Frere, The Use of Sarum II, p. lxxi.) Explanation as a palindrome accounts for why the c.f. is not written out in full and why it begins with seemingly unnecessary rests (necessary for the retrograde statement), a technique seen also in the tenor of Inter usitata (Omc 266/268, 3). See Chapter 2, Fig. 15 and pp.178-79.

Form: duet motet with medius cantus, isoperiodic in a module of 8L; either 2 or 4 tenor statements (see above).

I 
$$96L = 10L + 10(8L) + 6L$$
  
II  $= 12(8L)$ 

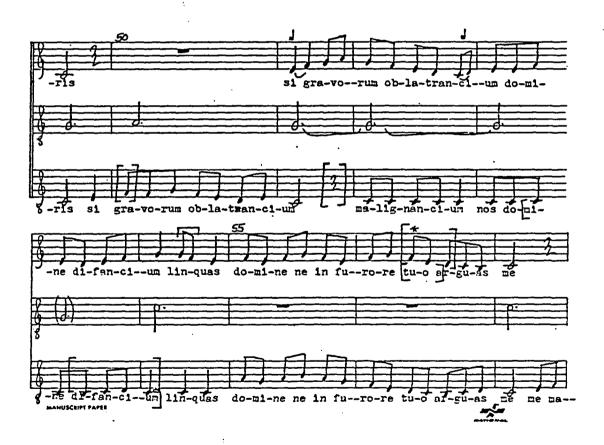
III = 
$$5L + 6L + 10(8L) + 5L$$

<u>Text</u>: incipits of psalms 2-12 embedded in a poetic matrix; single text shared by both voices and declaimed simultaneously, except when one or the other rests.

At these points text varies slightly between voices.

Notation: a small 3 written over each <u>longa triplex</u> in tenor. See Chapter 2, Figure 15.

<u>Variants to PMFC XV ed.</u>: Bar 51-55 rhythm awry. Should read:



	1	[Q]uare fremuerunt gentes
		[Q]uare fremuerunt gentes
	2	insane quorum fiunt mentes
		insane quorum fiunt mentes
	3	et populi meditati sunt inania plucima?
		et populi meditati sunt [inani]a plutima?
ĺ	4	Quibus persequentes
		Quibus maliciose persequentes
	5	opprimunt innocentes.
		opprimunt innocentes.
	6	Heu! ad id parati feruntur insania pes[sima.]
	•	Heu! ad id parati fer[untur in]sania pessima.
I	7	O Deus sanctissime,
•	•	O Deus amantissime, sanctissime,
	8	cunctis piissime,
	·	cunctis pilssime,
	9	Domine, quid multiplicati sunt qui tribulant me !
	,	Domine, quid multiplicati sunt qui tribu[lant] me!
v	10	Christe potentissime
•		Christe, precor humillime, potentissime
	11	[rex] et mitissime,
		rex et mitissime,
	12	succurre suplici, veni et libera me,
	12	
,		succurre suplici, veni et libera me,
	13	ut id verum senciam, ut per tluam cleimenciam, verum senciam,
	14	ac psallere valeam,
		et [p]sallere valeam,
	15	[Cum inv]ocarem exaudivi me Deus iusticie,
		Gum invocarem exaudivi me Deus iusticie,
1	. 16	ne sperneris deprecacionem pauperis,
		ne ipso lesu sperneris depre[cacionem] pauperis,
	17	sed verba mea auribus [percipe], Domine,
		sed verba mea auribus percipe, Domine,
	18	tu parcens miseris,
		tu parcens miseris,

VII	19	si gravorum oblatrancium
		si gravorum oblatrancium : malignancium nos
	20	
		Do[mine difancium] linquas:
	21	Domine, ne in surore [suo a]rguas me.
•		Domine, ne in furore tuo arguas me.
VIII	22	Me nituntur emuli
V 111		Me mali nituntur emuli fere catuli
	23	
	23	
•	- 4	devorare malivol[i.
	24	
		Domine] Deus meus, in te speravi, salva me.
IX	25	[Tuere] supplicem me misericorditer,
		Tuere, rogo lugiter, supplicem me misericorditer,
	26	Domine Dominus noster,
		Domine Dominus noster,
	27	et confitebor tibi rex.
		et confitebor tibi [rex.]
x	28	De remedio non diffido,
		De remedio pro tanto iam tedio non diffido,
	29	
	47	
		sed in Domino confido,
	30	_ ·
		quia meditacio mea est eius lex,
XI	31	Salvum me fac, Domine, Eruens ab homine [salvum me fac, Domine,
•		Eruens ab homine [salvum me fac, Domine,
	32	
		nequicies gravamine
	. 33	
	•••	nimio spiritus tibi Deo supplicat, et te orat:
XII	34	Usquequo, Domine,
	J.8	
	2 €	Usquequo, Domine,
	<b>J</b>	oblivisceris me in finem?
		nniiiicetii me in tinem / L

Zelo tui langueo T. Reor nescia

Source: Lbm 1210, fol. 142v-143 (RISM no. 13) and Yc, fol. 10v (no. 1), I and II only.

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 14. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 36-37 (Lbm) and pl. 213 (Yc); dipl. facs. in Apfel, Studien II, pp. 78-81 (Lbm). Apfel, Studien I, p. 30; Harrison, EECM 26, pp.xiv-xv; Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," pp. 359-60; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 231-34; idem, "Motet," pp.544-46.

C.f.: unidentified; sung four times.

Form: duet motet with medius cantus; isoperiodic in a module of 8L, with a rhythmic cassura in the third or fourth bar of each 8L phrase, thus articulating it as 3+4+1 or 4+3+1. The unaccompanied beginning is unusual -- the tenor has 2L of rest, and voice III has 4L of rest. For another instance, see Doleo super te (Cgc 512, 7).

I 130L = 15(8L) + 10L

II = 2L + 32(4L)

 $III = 4L \pm 15(8L) + 6L$ 

Text: to the BVM; the incipit of the triplum is identical to the final line of a poem by Richard Rolle, the <u>Canticum</u>

<u>Amoris</u>. (See Chapter Four, p. 378 and note 80).

On the basis of a translation provided by this author for PMFC XV, it would seem that the motet expresses the thoughts of a woman. In EECM 26, Harrison argues from this that the motet provides further evidence for the nunnish provenance

of <u>Yc</u>, and further, that it establishes that nuns sang motets. One could add, in addition, that on account of Rolle's association with the Cistercian nunnery of Hampole the possibility must be entertained that the motet was originally composed for or by the Yorkshire nuns.

However, this author now reads the texts slightly differently, with the result that they no longer seem to support the above speculations. What I now believe to be a more sensible punctuation and reading of syntax for the last lines of the triplum is as follows:

non meroris a miseria sentiret remedium. (but for Mary, we sinners) would not feel relief from the misery of sorrow.

Ergo, David
cara filia,
que laudum preconia
tibi condecent
apte dici
ob tot beneficia.

Therefore, dear daughter of David, may it be that the praises of praises are rightly fitting to be said to you for all those kindnesses.

And as for the duplum text, it seems to begin with direct speech on the part of Eve, then move into a narrative of the result of her crime, which is the main topic of the triplum also. Direct discourse is not unknown in the motet texts, nor is this the unique instance where a woman speaks (see lines 22-29 of Maria mole pressa (Ob 7, 1a) where the words are from Mary Magdalene). Hence I do not see the absolute necessity of associating the texts of Zelo tui with nuns.

Remarks: unusually wide range (a 16th), with wide ambitus of the outer voices (an 11th and a 13th).

Lbm 1210, 13; Yc, 1 Zelo tui langueo - I

[Z]elo tui langueo virgo regia sed non valeo promere preconia

5 sicut decet laudabilia quia non sufficio O miseria patris Ade 10 gravisque transgressio

qui cibaria tot amena possedit pro libito et non licuit

15 vosci nisi verito

pomo Deo
per quod intulit
grave preiudicium
inde gaudium
20 perdidit et
fugit in exilium
a quo licitum
redire non fuit
ad locum perditum

25 sed miserie
iugum hic sustinuit
et suos dampnoso
crimine
condempnari meruit

30 heu angaria
nisi puerperium
tuum ferret
virgo regia
dampnatis subsidium
35 non meroris

a miseria sentiret remedium

ergo David
cara filia
40 que laudum preconia
tibi condecent
apte dici
ob tot beneficia.

Yc: quia

Lbm: sed neco

Lbm: ign ]
Lbm: a (for et)

Lom: condempnare

Lbm: feret .

Lbm: dampnantis

<u>Lbm</u>: sentirent

Lbm: condocent

Lbm: ad

[R]eor nescia
quid sit sapiencia
laus et gloria
mundialis
omnisque leticia
[mag]na solvere
gratis bene[f]icia

virgin[is] que tot[a] ubera 10 ingnara solacio abstulit per sua merita homini de medio nam pro vicio 15 electus de parad[isi] gaudio primus genitor mansit in exilio privatus grandi 20 dominio pauper et iam subito cum hac que pree st inmerito mesto flevit animo

perhaps in merito

25 he[c] miserie
committatur
quam a [ ]ro lacrime
et angustie
tristi nocent undique
30 nisi mater gracie
protulisset
fas misericordie
reos utique
sors ligaret
35 perhennis tristicie

perhaps he u

a...ro is either 3-syll. word, or a plus 2-syll.

sors ligaret
perhennis tristicie
sed sol gracie
oritur ex
sidere leticie

perhaps <u>vas</u> is meant

sic de carcere
40 fecit vinctos surgere
carta data
vite glorie.

MS: si

Both texts mix five and seven-syllable lines, mostly rhyming, with four-syllable lines, mostly unrhymed. The latter have been slightly indented.

Rota versatilis Rota versatilis T. Q.C.

Source: Lbm Royal 12.C.vi, entry in a 15th-century index:
"Modus componendi rotam versatilem".

Lbm 4909, fol. 4v (p.8), incipit of I only.
Lbm 24198, fol. 132 (RISM no. 1), II and IV.only.
Lbm 40011B\*, 4\*, I and III only, fragmentary.
Ob 652, fol. i, ii<sup>v</sup>, 69, 70v (RISM no. 1), II
and IV, fragmentary.

<u>Literature</u>: Transcribed, with facsimiles and extensive discussion of all the sources, in Bent, "Rota versatilis;" see also Bent, <u>Fountains Fragments</u>. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 1 (<u>Lbm</u> 24198); pl.208-209 (<u>Ob 652</u>). Sanders, "England: From the Beginning," p.289, and "Motet," pp.546-47.

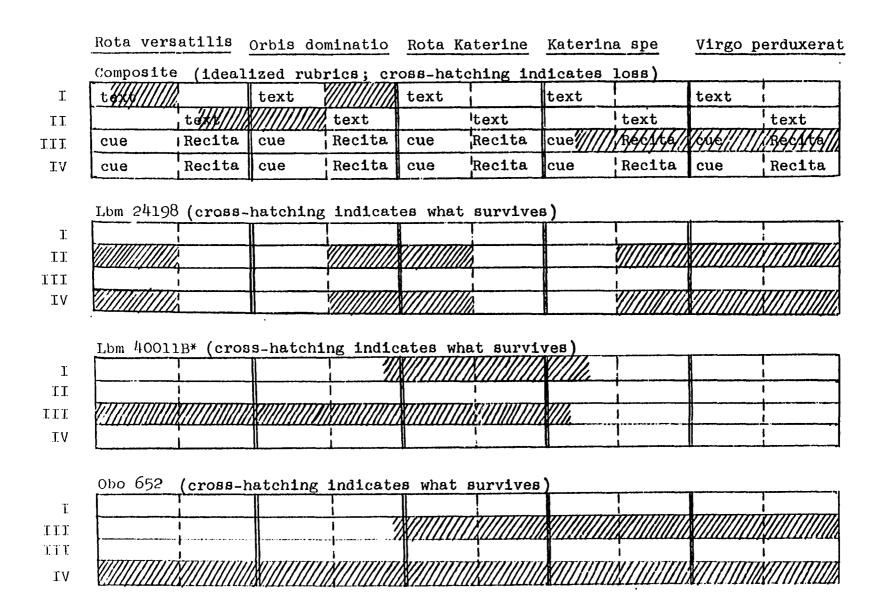
Form: large-scale voice exchange motet a4 (2+2) in five sections of varying length and mensuration. See Chapter 2, pp. 70ff., and Chapter 3, pp. 300ff. Due to the fragmentary nature of the surviving materials, only sections III and V can be fully reconstructed. See the "map" of surviving parts on the next page. Sanders observes that if one takes the long in section III as ternary and in section V as binary, then the numerical proportions between the sections as measured in longs (108:76:36:80:54) stand very nearly in the simpler numerical proportions 12:8:4:9:6 (or in other words, 108:72:36:81:54).

<u>Text</u>: on St. Katherine. Trans. by R. Bowers in Bent, "Rota."

<u>Remarks</u>: the citation of the incipit of this motet in

the treatise of Robertus de Handlo (Lbm 4909) provides a terminus of 1326 for composition, which accords well with Sanders's judgement that the motet could have been composed no later than the first two decades of the 14th century.

The present transcription provides alternate versions of section III, one barred as if the long were ternary, the other as if it were binary. The immediately following page indicates graphically how much of <u>Rota</u> is preserved in each major source.



## Lbm 24198, 1; Rota versatilis etc.

Rota versatilis rubens versucia

• • • •

• • • •

5 ••••

. . . .

• • • •

....

Orbis dominacio
vertitur in rota
eius et elacio
quasi gleba vota
virginis oratio
potenti devota
rotam vertit odio
que se perit tota.

Rota Katerine
fit sevissima
rota mundi bine
20 fraudis pessima
clause patent fine
sub nequissima
verse sunt ruine
in potissima.

25 Katerina spe divina tormentum devicerat ut certantes disputantes sola iam concluserat in ardore flatus rore 30 clericos consulerat et amore suo more Christo laudes solverat.

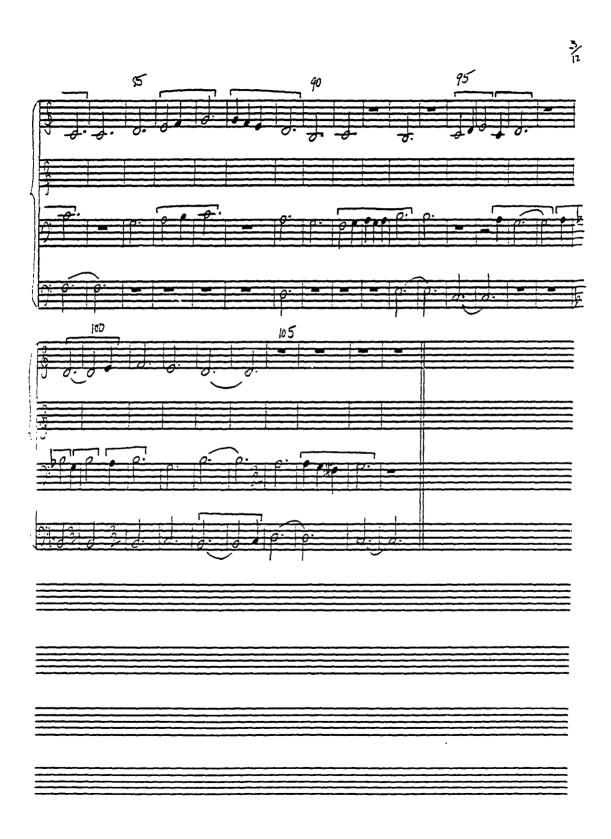
Virgo perduxerat
reginam et Porphyrium
35 quibus promiserat
perhennis vite gaudium
postquam oraverat
seve subit martyrium
lac emanaverat
virgo poscit palacium.

Lbm 24198 contains 9-16; 25-40 Lbm 400113 contains 17-24 Ob 652 contains 16-40 Lbm 4909 contains 1-2

A full critical report is available in Bent, "Rota versatilis."



1/2













Katerina spe









12/2



Rosa mundi purissima

Source: Lbm 24198, fol. 132v (RISM no. 2).

Literature: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 2.

<u>Form</u>: isolated triplum of a motet a3 with stratification of rhythmic activity; has irregular phrase structure and no readily apparent repetition of melodic material to indicate tenor structure:

71L (72L?) = 5+6+4+3+4+5+3+3+4+6+5+8+3+6+2+4(5?) L

Text: to the BVM.

Notation: groups of up to six syllabic semibreves per breve, with no stems; the rhythmic solution in the transcription is purely editorial.

Remarks: 13 of 16 phrases cadence to F.

### Lbm 24198, 2 Rosa mundi

Rosa mundi purissima Maria
flos odoris leticia cordis
fugans nebulas sereno nube
decoris in tristicia
gui sedent hii tibi currunt
ob viam salvatoris cellula:
sancti boni hinc acerini pastoris
meroris ob remedia:

rosa vernula purpurea

10 vestis sublimis regia
celestis et imperatoria
per quam redemptio
salvat a framea
clade funerea

15 timoris et doloris cessant gravia regis stola coloris rubea gemmea

rosa florum salutifera
vinea fructifera
20 de qua manet hec viscera
que culpe sanat ulcera
saporis dulcedine
felici moderamine
medela langori

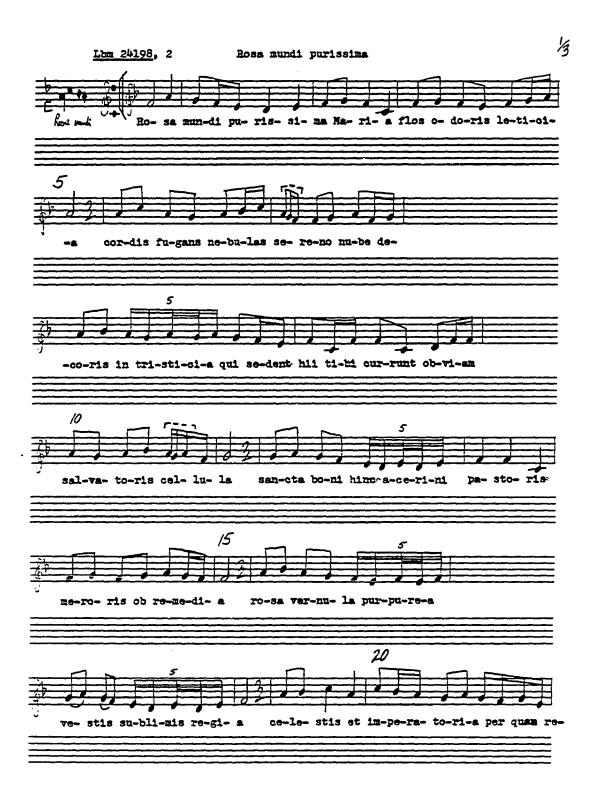
25 cuncta pellens pericula per secula salutis unda virtutis viola febrem fugans fervorie atque spiritum nequicie

30 furoris extinguens caloris noxias mira temperantia pietate et gracia

paradisi virgula regis eterni glorie mater et filia tu supremo ludici

35 tu supremo iudici reos reconsilia preces funde pro tua familia que specie superas rosam flore violam et odore lilia.

> 7 hfracılı (5 syllables) 20 <del>f</del>ucera







Surgere iam est hora T. Surge et illuminare

Source: Lbm 24198, fol 133 (RISM no. 4).

Literature: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 3.

<u>C.f.</u>: incomplete and unidentified in the MS; three rhythmically varied statements (only the latter two of which are preserved) of the beginning of the verse, <u>Surge et illuminare</u>, of the Epiphany Gradual, <u>Omnes de saba</u>. The first statement has been reconstructed by analogy with the following two in the present edition.

Form: refrain motet with double-versicle melodic facture. See Chapter 2, pp. 104-114.

<u>Text</u>: likely for Epiphany; mixed in versification; increasing length of stanzas leads to accelerating pace of declamation.

Remarks: Item 4a is an isolated fragment which does not seem to belong with <u>Surgere</u> and may possibly be part of an untexted voice of a motet now lost with the facing page to fol. 133.

## Lbm-24198, 4 Surgere iam est hora

Surgere
iam est hora libere
peccati de funere
ubi iacuimur

4 lacuimus

j idiote temere noxatur detegitur lumen nobis edere iam dies sequitur.

15

6 de tegitur

Novus oritur sol de sidere 10 dum lucet apprehendere curre propere pro vite munere.

> Reserata celi porta wite luce reis orta ne protrahas excutere deinde onere inte reverti orto

> > cui reminissere

15 te inde?

nobilem hereditatem
gratis et utilitate[m]
20 cur homo vis anitere
cito regredere
securo gressu veritatis

20 an ittere

Novus oritur .... vite munere.

26 curie

Venit ecce Deus homo virginis ab utero pro salute miserorum 30 abiat de cetero

in itinere.

tam erroris quam meroris omnis hositacio invitavit peccatores. Dei miseracio

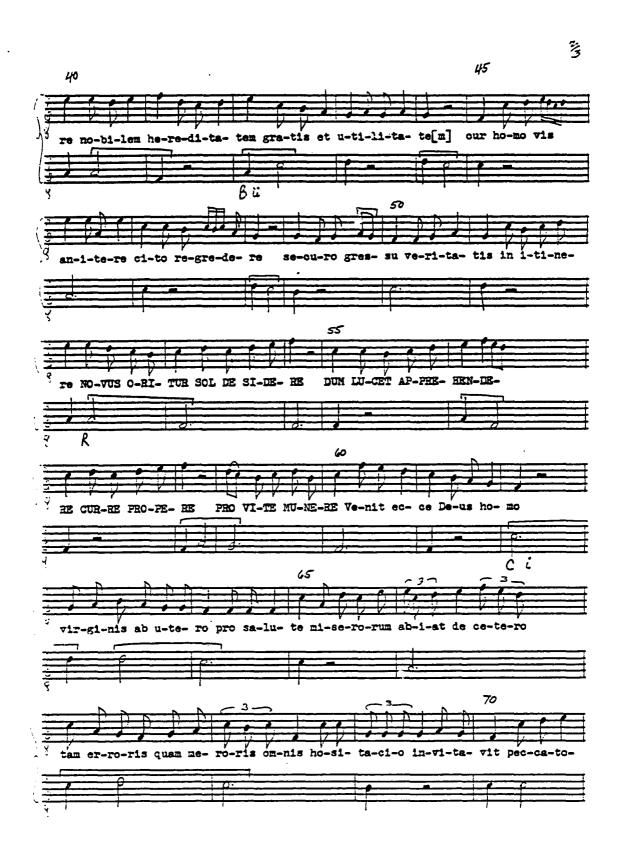
omnia piacula
que commissa sunt ubique
per omnia secula

et si rite peniteret 40 ore corde et opere preparatus Deus esset debita dimittere.

Novus oritur .... vite munere.

44 licet

1/3 Lbm 24198, 4 Surgere iam est hora - T. Surge et illuminare





Trinitatem veneremur Trinitas et deitas Trinitatis vox T. Benedicite Deum celi

Source: Lbm 24198, fol. 133v, 1 (RISM no. 5).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XV, 15. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 4-5. Apfel, <u>Studien I, p. 30</u>.

<u>C.f.</u>: unidentified in the MS; whole chant setting of the verse, <u>Benedicite Deum celi</u>, of the Gradual for Trinity Sunday, <u>Benedictus es Domine</u>. Due to its ambitus, the c.f. is not always the lowest sounding voice.

Form: fairly irregular phrase structure:

$$I 48L = 18L + 8L + 8L + 4L + 10L$$

$$II = 10L + 18L + 10L + 10L$$

III = 
$$2L + 4L + 4L + 6L + 14L + 12L + 6L$$

$$IV = 12(4L)$$

Noteworthy is the fact that all phrases are in multiples of 2L. Voices I and II generally paired in parallel declamation on breve and semibreve values. As in such stratified motets, voice III has a well-crafted melodic profile.

<u>Text</u>: for the Holy Trinity ("de sancta trinitate"); reference is made to depredations of "rex et papa."

Notation: rhythms  $\blacklozenge$  and counterpoint at several places of 2  $\underline{s}$  in one part against 3  $\underline{s}$  in another suggest:

• •••• =  $\bigcirc$  or  $\bigcirc$  .

<u>Variants to PMFC XV ed.</u>: III: 21 Lsss (E EDC); 22 <u>SS b SSS</u> (DCBCBA). II: 39 <u>SS b</u> (EE E).

# Lbm 24198, 5 Trinitatem veneremur - I and II

Trinitatem veneremur unitateque letemur in honore summi patris virginis et sue matris in omnipotentis Dei nomine catholice ecclesie [can]one tibi dico magistro Domine preciosi sanguinis quem proprii in flumine 10 ablueras previus acmine cuius amplo filio mirabili cotidie colligis et eligis homine[s] genui[t] te latitudine 15 in amoris robore consolidans et federe legali tua pia dulcedine.

#### ll ampla

Trinitas et deitas: atque divinitas altissima Domine curam sedulam adibe tue ecclesie rex et papa novo more versa vice student alte servituti per tributi exessuram et usuram 10 hanc subicere quam impie et nullus sit qui audeat resistere quam undique concurrunt bestie sed in il[la pro]tege 15 hanc pietate tua late respice sparsam per orbem qualiter die sive nocte pi[um aux ilium consiliumque conterendi pretaxatam putatam 20 superbie nos avaricie.

17 nine-syll. line, hard to read; may end sine noxie.

### Lbm 24198, 5 Trinitatem veneremur - III

Trinitatis vox fons ecclesie hic solempnia sit hodie iustus humilis (cultu vite eximie) et laudibus optineat egregie ut fidelium ut lilium devocio congerminet fiducie vivat ut in trono glorie.

3 MS hard to read; emendation offered by E.H.Sanders. What can be read looks like <u>nolea ameo</u>. Perhaps these are two four-syllable words rhyming with <u>et laudibus optineat</u>, reading something like:

\_\_\_\_\_e-a a-mer-e-at.

Te domina regina Te domina Maria T.

Source: Lbm 24198, fol. 133v,1 (RISM no. 6).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 16. Facs. in EECM 26,
pl. 4-5.

C.f.: varied version of a pes-like tenor found in the 13th-century English repertoire. See Chapter 2, Figure 8.

Form: motet a3 built on loose periods of varied voice exchange, double-texted throughout. See Chapter 2, pp.88-95.

Text: to the BVM ("de Sancta Maria.")

Notation: binary long and breve.

Remarks: wide range (16th) and ambitus of individual voices (12th and 10th). Harrison in PMFC XV calls it a dialogue motet.

Te domina regina pariendo protulit virgo sola paritura sine semine laus patrie celestis 5 nitens sidus in ethere in caligine mundi sine crimine nos serva domina celi rosario privilegium O flos odor 10 lucens nitore vario mater honoris flos g[en]us virgineum pia sublimia consilia per imperia 15 visita ignaros reos per secula criminalia

peregregia rosa demere

predilecta candidata piacula

4 pare 14 inperia

poli luminis

20 loca nos in gloria.

Te domina Maria Iesse virgula tu germina protinus odorifera profers redolencia O florigera delens et obprobria a malicia avaricia sola deputata subdolis de cor e superasti lilia purpurea modulancium et carmina et primula per tibi data nato nata privilegia coronata O viola convivia da solacia via previa nostra post exterminia funeris fata O tripudiorum dulcis materia laudis immemoria preconizata miseris nobis succurre Mar(ia).

7 deleis

Triumphat hodie .... Trop est fol Si que la nuit

Source: Lbm 24198, fol. 1v (RISM no. 7) voices I and III only and Onc 362, fol. 85v (RISM no. 3) voices I and IV only.

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 17; partial ed. in Sanders, "England. From the Beginning," pp. 284-86; partial ed. in History of Music in Sound, II, pp. 58-60. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 6 (Lbm) and Pl. 83 (Onc); dipl facs. in Apfel, Studien II, p. 42. Apfel, Studien I, p. 28; Harrison, "Ars Nova," p. 71; Dom A. Hughes, NOHM II, pp. 398-99, 403; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 195-197. Recorded on disc RCA LM-6015; the History of Music in Sound, II.

<u>C.f.</u>: French chanson, divided between two lower voices. Its musical form AA BB AA BB AA was readily adaptable to this division, phrase by phrase. Harrison suggests a <u>virelai</u> as the original poetic type (see his critical notes in PMFC XV).

Form: motet a4 in five sections of voice exchange followed by a hocketing coda over the c.f. The motet is incomplete in both its sources but between them the entire two-voice supporting substructure and one of the two upper voices can be re-assembled. The missing upper part can mostly be reconstructed through varied voice exchange with the surviving one; it is demanded by MS layout, the hocketing counterpoint and a textual hocket, and the implausibility of a 1 + 2 texture in such a piece -- with so many other surviving examples a4.

Text: to St. Lawrence ("de sancto Laurencio").

Original probably continuously double-texted throughout.

Sanders suggests missing voice begins with some form of
"tropaeum."

Lom 24198, 7; Triumphat hodie One 362, 3

Triumphat hodie Christi miles mire Laurencius sublime residens in astriscum sanctis iam splendide letatur laureatus Olimpo ho[no]rifi[ce] miri[fi]ce 5 se mundum devicit Decium martir eximius hinc illuditur Valerianus prefectus fremens nequam furibundus ac sevissimus O miranda grandisque constancia huius martiris pro Christi nomine certantis dum affligitur et diversis suppliciis torquetur quanto gravius atteritur . tanto firmius in fide stat et constancius Nos ergo subleva nos vivifica nos-15 iustifica nos salvifica nos martir almiflue

hic qui deprimitur peccati sarcina vivat tuis almis precibus.

Lbm: mere

Onc: sanctis omitted

Onc: ho\*ri\*fi\*mi\*ri\*ce

Lbm: syllables omitted without asterisks. Words would be completed through hocketing with lost part.

Onc: Valerius

7 12 quando 14

sulleva 16-17 peccati sarcina in vacuis almis precibus

17 Lbm: viva

Lbm 24198, 7; Onc 362, 3 Triumphat hodie - Tenor

Trop est fol ky me bayle sa femme en garde atant si qe la nuit nus preigne un poi loinz de la gent

5 Diex encombrie de mari he ke n'este amy

Trop avet fet qui fole que vus demurez tant et tu le fras ke sage 10 de fer le maintenant

Par un dymayne une matyn la plus bele q'unkes vi

a ly prys companie son mary se repent 15 mes il ne quidoit mye ke ieo l'amasse tant.

#### 7 fol

On account of voice exchange, this text is distributed between the two sources as follows:

Lbm: 1-2, 5,7-8, 11, 13-14

Onc: 3-4, 6,9-10,12, 15-16.

The tag Trop est fou is written in Onc at the repeat of tune in the final hocket section.

Firmissime fidem teneamus Adesto sancta trinitas T. Alleluva Benedictus Philippe de Vitry

Source: Lbm 28550, fol. 43v-44 (RISM no. 4), tablature.

F-Pn 146, fol. 43-43v (RISM no. 29).

B-Br 19606, rotulus (RISM no. 4).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC I, 30 (<u>F-Pn</u>); Apel, CEKM I, 4; Wooldridge, EEH II, pp. 96-100. Facs. in EEH I, pl. 43-44.

Form: two colores and sixteen taleae with mensural diminution (not exact) to one third and corresponding shortening of phrase lengths.

I = 96L = 6+9+9+12+9+8+14+7+7+7+5+3 L

II = 12+9+9+12+18+19+7+5+5 L

= 8(9L) + 8(3L)

Text: for the Holy Trinity.

Notation: originally modus and tempus imperfectum, with minor prolation (Apel) or major prolation (Schrade in PMFC). Version of Lbm 28550 is apparent intabulation, probably for keyboard, using notational symbols for mensural upper line that reflect English practice. See Chapter 3, pp.246ff.

Remarks: Sanders, "Vitry, Philippe de," sets date of composition no later than mid-1314.

Tribum quem non abhorruit Quoniam secta latronum T. Merito hec patimur Philippe de Vitry

Source: Lbm 28550, fol. 44-44v (RISM no. 5), in tablature.

F-Pn 146, fol. 41v-42 (RISM no. 26).

F-Sm 222, fol. 71 (RISM no. 115).

B-Br 19606, rotulus (RISM no. 3).

D-Mbs Kastner D IV, ad 31.

D-Mbs Clm 5362.

D-ROu 100, fol. 43 (RISM no. 2).

Literature: Ed. in EEH II, pp.101-105; Apel, CEKM I, 5 (both after Lbm 28550); ed. in PMFC I, 27 (after F-Pn 146).

Facs. in EEH I, pl. 44-45; Besseler and Gülke, Schriftbild, pl. 18a-b (both after Lbm 28550). Sanders, "Early Motets," p.27.

<u>Form</u>: isoperiedic motet (in effect, an unipartite isorhythmic motet) with <u>introitus</u> of 6L; two <u>colores</u> and twelve taleae.

$$I = 9L + 2(12+12)L + 12L + 9L$$

II = 
$$3L + 12L + 2(11+13)L + 15L$$

III = 
$$6L + 12(6L) = 6L + 3(24L)$$

<u>Text</u>: comment on the French political situation, suggesting date of composition shortly after April, 1315.

Notation: See comments on motet above.

Humane lingue organis Supplicem voces percipe Tenor Contratenerem Solus tenor et cantetur pro Deo gratias

Source: Lbm 40011B, fol. 14 (RISM no. 17).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XV, 36. Facs. in Bent, <u>Foun-tains Fragments</u>; dipl. facs. in Apfel, <u>Studien II</u>, pp.121-22. Bukofzer, SMRM, p. 91, 110-11; Harrison, NOHM III, pp.105-106; Hughes, "Reappraisal," pp.104-105 and 125-26; Sanders, "Motet," pp.565-66; Bent, "Transmission," p. 78.

<u>C.f.</u>: whole chant sung twice; the remark given with the <u>Solus tenor</u> indicates that it is a <u>Deo gratias</u>, and in fact it is identical to the third melody for <u>Benedicamus Domino</u> in <u>GS</u>, pl. 19\*.

Form: bipartite isorhythmic motet a4 (2+2) with diminution in the ratio 8:3 (result of 3:1 under 0 and 2:1 under C); 2 colores and 4 taleae. No periodic phrase structure.

44B = 2(16B) + 2(6B)

Text: prayer to God; a Deo gratias substitute.

Notation: tempus perfectum, prolatio minor (0) in the upper voices; alternation of tempus perfectum and imperfectum in tenor and contratenor, with the use of mensuration signs and coloration; there is the use of the <u>cauda hirundinis</u> in voice I to alter a semibreve. Bukofzer notes several features of this motet that may show the scribe's unfamiliarity with certain conventions of isorhythmic treatment. (See also Bent, "Transmission.")

Remarks: Hughes thinks <u>Humane lingue</u> is French, in the French tradition of <u>Deo gratias</u> substitutes, such as are represented by the last two motets in Old Hall (nos.146 and 147). Sanders thinks it is English, on account of its interesting proportional relatioships.

### Lbm 40011B, 17 Humane lingue I and II

Humane lingue organise preces fundamus virgini quem sanctus parens numine Jhesum donavit miseris

- quod Eva tristis abstulit reddidit alvo germine sacro agente flamine mortuis vitam optulit
- laudes atonoma sine 10 ei demus et gracias.
  - 3 ought to be quam
    5-6 quotes a Marian hymn beginning O gloriosa domina or
    O gloriosa virginum. The hymn lines are: quod Eva
    tristis abstulit, tu reddis alvo germine.
    9 claudes

Supplicum voces percipe Deus solio glorie transacte quia memoriale nos semper

5 protege hanc ab hostibus tuam sanctam ecclesiam ut truculentam rabiem compescat sacris manibus

expecta ut faciat gracias.

#### 9 facias?

There seems an attempt in both texts to fashion 8-syll., four-line hymn stanzas rhyming abba. If so, lines 1-4 of the second text may be faulty.

Alme pater pastor vere Tenor de Alme pater

Source: Lbm 40011B, fol. 14v (RISM no. 18).

<u>Literature</u>: Facs. in Bent, <u>Fountains Abbey</u>. Bent, "Transmission," p.82, n.54; Bukofzer, SMRM, pp.91, 111; Andrew Hughes, "English Sacred Music," II, 2, p.29.

<u>C.f.</u>: apparently free; no evident <u>color</u>; it is just within the realm of possibility that the surviving lower part is in actuality a free contratenor.

Form: probably triplum and tenor of an unipartite isorhythmic motet a4 (2+2) with introitus; three taleae.

181B = 11B + 2(57B) + 56B.

In each tenor talea

57B = 5(3B) + 15(2B) + 12B.

Over the first part of each <u>talea</u> coloration makes the long perfect; then it reverts to imperfect, and there is hocketing (melismatic) over the last 12B each time.

<u>Text</u>: refers to events surrounding the Papacy during the early 1380s; see Chapter 4, pp. 352-53.

For the present version of the text this writer would like to acknowledge the help of Prof. W.T.H.Jackson of Columbia University, Prof. Margaret Bent, who shared a version she worked on with Peter Dronke, and Andrew Hughes (op.cit. above) who acknowledges the help of D.H.Turner in preparing the version found in his Oxford thesis.

Notation: void, with the use of black coloration.

Remarks: Bukofzer suggests the possibility of canon in the introitus, with a second entrance after 6B. This motet

shows a high degree of compositional control over local detail, not just by the hocketing and the nervous rhythms of the upper voice (introduced through coloration) that recur in each talea, but also by the rhythm between the extant voices, the stepwise movement shared between the extant voices (as in bars 109-112), the frequent melodic recurrences in the lower voice, and by the interesting use of thirds between these two parts.

Alme pater pastor vere Christicolarum omnium porte diu doluere mentes nostrorum omnium

- lisera turcibus 5 sustulisti tam perversa heu captivarum manibus Neepolitani nobiles
- quos diligebas tantum 10 heu non fuerunt nobiles

ulcissi tuum munere egena illorum atria repleveras innumere ingrata tua patria

- dudum Christi[ ]lacrimis 15 nostre sunt uncte facies quod te dum malos comprimis atrox obcedit acies
- intra suos vidit muros 20 omni cantanda feria casus diu pati duros te flebiles Luceria.
  - 5 trucibus?



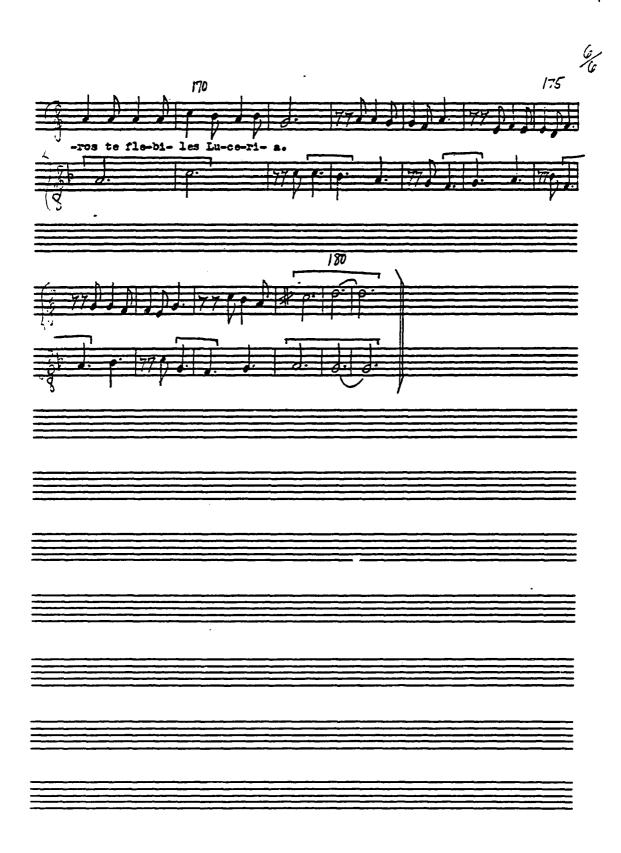












Lbm 40011B\*

Lbm 40011B, the so-called Fountains fragments, consists of six pages of music from a paper manuscript of the late 14th or early 15th century and eight small parchment strips from a manuscript of early 14th-century English motets. I propose to distinguish parchment from paper by using an asterisk to designate the parchment as Lbm 40011B\*. The eight strips are not unrelated, but rather fit together to form larger fragments in the manner in which they have been bound on individual pages by the British Library, as follows:

ITEM	FRAGMENT	STRIPS
1*absorbet cris faucibus	A	1,2,3/a,b,c
2*flos regalis triumphalis	$\mathtt{A}^{\mathbf{V}}$	1,2,3/d,e,f
3*genitricem personantes	В	4,5/g,h
4* Rota versatilis	$\mathtt{B}^{\mathbf{v}},\mathtt{C}^{\mathbf{v}}$	4,5,6,7/i,k,n,o
5*hostium ob amorem	C	6,7/l,m
6*recita formosa	D	8/p
blank staves	$\mathtt{D}^{\mathbf{v}}$	8

The original dimensions of a page (for twelve five-line staves of music) may be roughly estimated as:

page: 30 x 24 cm music block: 24 x 18 cm staff gauge: 1.2-1.3 cm

Further associations can be made between the fragments.

B and C are linked immediately by item 4\*. It is possible they are from a single leaf with C cut from near the top and B cut from approximately the middle. If that is so, then

items 3\* and 5\* could be two voices of another motet, a possibility strengthened by the fact they are similar in notation, declaration, and irregularity of versification.

Fragments A and D are linked by music hand and ink, the use of red rubrics, and the occurrence of erasures that emend the notation. Possibly they were cut from the same page, with A above D. Since item  $2^*$  is the end of a piece it is perfectly within reason to find  $D^V$  blank beneath it. This juxtaposition naturally suggests that items  $1^*$  and  $6^*$  form a single composition.

<u>Literature</u>: Margaret Bent, <u>The Fountains Fragments</u> (in press) will have facsimiles and descriptions of this source; see also idem, "Rota versatilis," pp. 71-74, which has facsimiles of B<sup>V</sup> and C<sup>V</sup>. The entry in RISM B/IV/4 on the parchment strips of <u>Lbm 40011B</u> is unsatisfactory.

....absorbet oris ....recita formosa

Source: Lbm 40011B\*, 1\*/6\*.

Form: most probably triplum and tenor of a motet a4 (2+2) with large-scale sectional voice exchange along the lines of Rota versatilis or Hostis Herodes. The extant poetry indicates that each section had two four-verse strophes, with differing versification schemes for each section. The text clearly comes to its conclusion before the last sine littera section of the upper part, so we can judge that (i) the text would have been repeated and (ii) the extant voice is the triplum rather than the duplum.

Text: to St. Margaret. The extant rubrics in the lower part, "recita formosa" and "recita christiana," probably preserve the first word of two missing stanzas of text for her. Margaret not named, but text based on her legends.

...flos regalis Conditor Kyrie. Tenor primus Kyrie seconde

Source: Lbm 40011B\*, 2\*.

<u>C.f.</u>: four statements of the first acclamation of <u>Conditor Kyrie</u>. The beginning of the rubric for the "tenor primus" is illegible, but may have read "Conditor." However, the cantus firmus is in fact located in the "Kyrie seconde."

Form: fragments of the duplum and the two lower supporting voices of a motet a4 (2+2) with rhythmic patterning of the tenor in repeated and varied 4L units.

Text: to St. Katherine?

...hostium ob amorem ...genitricem personantes

Source: Lbm 40011B\*, 5\*/3\*.

Form: If from the same page, then judging from the layout of item 4\*,5\* ought to appear above 3\*. This puts a voice of lower range above a voice of higher range, suggesting that perhaps these voices aren't from the same piece. Item 3\* begins with text and moves into a melismatic section. The alternation of cum and sine littera may indicate voice exchange, or perhaps merely the start of another voice. In the left margins of both 3\* and 5\* there are tails of initials now cut off. In the case of 3\* this was apparently an A.

Text: in 5\*, to St. William, likely William of York.

## Lbm 40011B\*, 1\* absorbet oris faucibuse

....
absorbet oris faucibus

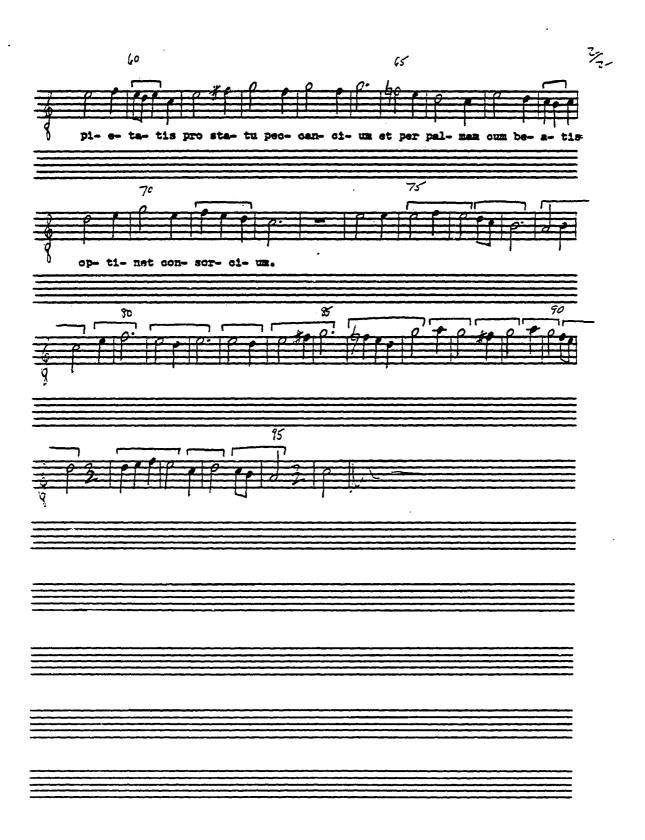
sed crux tam invincibilise crevit miris intentibuse qua draco divisibilis tacet sub nymphe pedibuse

virgo sancte venustatis servas crucis precium extra portas civitatis patitur martirium

10 preces egit pietatis pro statu peccancium et per palmam dum beatis optinet consorcium.

3 crevit nuris trentibus? (lacks a syll.)
5 nrphe





Lbm 40011B\*, 2\* flos regalis

flos regalis triumphalis honorum catholicorum

dum mortis in hora magistra doctorum pro nobis implora puella decora rege anglorum.

5

About one quarter of the text survives.







# Lbm 40011B\*, 3\* genitricem personantes

genitricem personantes
melodias canticum
ob gaudium
quo glorificavit seculum

Christe
dum sacrificavit sponsum
et paravit sibi
ecclesiam fidelium
ob vite premium.

5 Christum ?



## Lbm 40011B\*, 5\*

.....hostium ob amorem regis altissimi divinitus iam devicisti seculum.

O sydus aureum
tu Willelme
vas eburneum
almifluum oleum
infirmis stillas
cuius preconium
longe diffunditur
per orbis spatium.

Clangat ergo turba gen....

gencium ?





#### Ancilla Domini

Source: Lli 146, fol. Bv (no. 6).

<u>Literature</u>: Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," pp.329-32 with facsimile.

Form: isolated single voice, presumably of a motet.

Text: to the BVM

Notation: English ternary breve-semibreve notation; the present transcription bars every three breves after an initial breve pick-up but there is no telling whether this could be plausibly maintained for the whole piece.

Remarks: in versification, declamation, and notation this fragment is most similar in appearance to Geret et regem (TAcro 3182, 2).

<u>Lli</u> <u>146</u>, 6

5

Ancilla Domini

Ancilla Domini
formam notabilem
prestabat homini
set cunctis utilem
divino nomini
separans humilem

complete surviving portion of longer text.





Parata paradisi porta T. Paradisi porta

Source: Lpro 2/261, fol. i (recto of music leaf; no. 1).

Literature: Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," pp. 332-37,
with facsimile.

<u>C.f.</u>: whole chant setting of an antiphon for memorials of the EVM at Easter (see <u>AS</u>, pl. 252); stated one- and four-fifths times.

Form: duplum and tenor of a motet with mixed periodicity, showing some small amount of clear repetition and variation of counterpoint on restatement of the tenor. Probably there was homorhythmic patter on semibreves between the surviving texted voice and the lost triplum. The wide range suggests a motet a4, but the counterpoint of the surviving voices never implies a missing lower part.

I 
$$126L = 4(6L) + 2(12 + 8)L + 2(13 + 9 + 8)L + 2L$$
 (final long)  
II = 9(14L)

<u>Text</u>: tropic expansion on the antiphon text, in long-line verse with elaborately patterned declamation. See Lefferts and Bent, op. cit. and Chapter 2, p.142. There is noteworthy alliteration in the opening lines.

## Lpro 2/261, 1 Farata paradisi porta

Parata paradisi porta prothoplausto patuit que nutu creatoris omnia creantis claruit [ fra]grancie suavitatem prebuit cum cunta Deus in primordio creata statuit

- 5 Sed istius prothoparentis ob debitum [ ]mansit omnibus tandem viventibus humanitus quos vipera mordax pomi fructu vetiti detraxhit arte [ in]hibito en illius feroci contagio terrestris paradisi latens liber hinc sopitaris introitus: sic exulis Eve [ ] vitant in exilium de tanto voluptatis libito

This text is tropic to a Marian antiphon for the Paschal season (AS, pl.252):

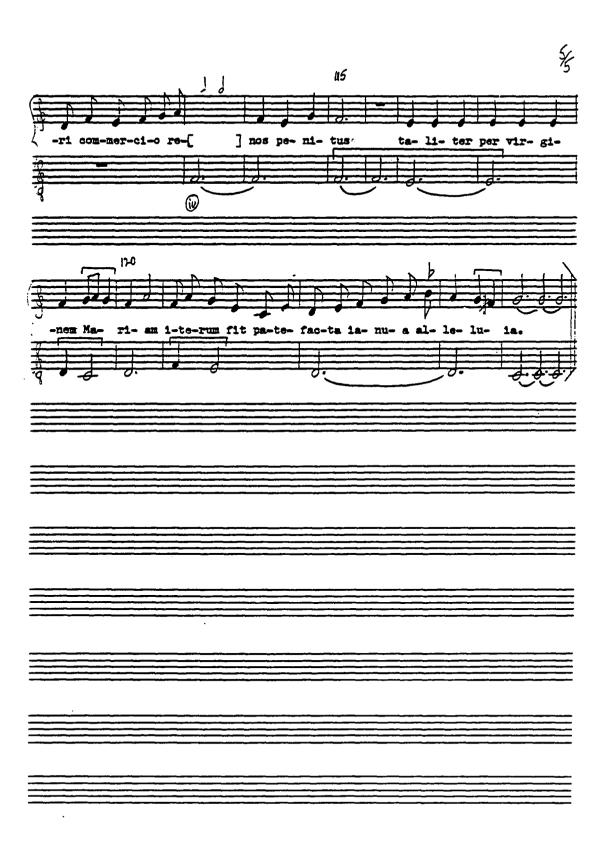
Paradisi porta per Evam cunctis clausa est et per Mariam virginem iterum patefacta est. Alleluia.











#### T. Diex coment

Source: <u>Lpro 2/261</u>, fol. i (verso of music leaf, no. 2). Literature: as for no. 1.

C.f.: only text incipit legible; unidentified.

Remarks: page carefully erased of music; ultraviolet illumination reveals only stray staff lines, note heads and stems. Only the tenor rubric is visible to the naked eye.

Viri galilei T.

Source: Lwa 12185, fol. 1 (RISM no. 1).

Literature: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 169.

Form: motet probably free, a4 (2+2), in sections of voice exchange that repeat strophically with variation followed by a coda: AA BB CC CC AA BB D.

$$100L = 6(2(8L)) + 4L$$

Transcription reconstructs voice I through exchange and adds a hypothetical voice IV. Last two bars of each eight-bar section identical, acting as a refrain.

<u>Text</u>: on Ascention; six strophes, the first five all variations on the sixth, which is from the liturgy.

## Lwa 12185, 1 Viri Galilei

Viri Galilei quid nos admiramini ascendenti sone geminacio tubarum resonancium cum tripudio.

Viri Galilei quid nos admiramini en hic ascendens Dominus cum gaudio mundi scadit cum patris privilegio.

Viri Galilei quid nos admiramini en ascendens passionis vinculo nos ianit a [ ]tem piaculo.

10 Viri Galilei quid nos admiramini en hic ascendens humane cum signaculo nos [ ] in crucis patibulo.

Viri Galilei quid nos admiramini en ascendens ad patris dexteram 15 sedens ad implevit iam propheticam literam.

Viri Galilei quid nos admiramini quemadmodum hunc vidistis ascendentem ita veniet Alleluya. Alleluya. Alleluya.

- 6 mundi scadit?
- 9, 12 badly rubbed
- 8 pascionis

Lines 16-18 are the basis for this text. They come from the liturgy for Ascension, where they are used in the Introit and elsewhere. Their ultimate source is Acts 1:11.













Hac a valle lacrimosa Hostem vicit crucis signaculo

Source: Lwa 12185, fol. 1v (RISM no. 2).

<u>Literature</u>: Facs. in EECM 26, pl.170-171; Bent, "Preliminary Assessment," p.81.

Form: The present transcription bars the breve, but as staff divisions drawn after every third breve reveal, the underlying mensuration is second mode. The upper voice has periodicity of phrase structure; not counting the final long, and normalizing a slight irregularity in the fourth and fifth phrases (13 and 14 breves, rather than 12 and 15, respectively), that structure is:

40L = 24L + 16L = (6+4+5+4+5)L + (4+4+4+4)LThe lower voice is not so regular.

<u>Text</u>: on St. Nicholas. Text stanzas have some internal alliteration and rhyme, and are mostly linked by "ibus" end rhyme. Stanzas are prosish, but there is some tendency toward 15-syllable line lengths.

Notation: only known example of the notation of Johannes de Garlandia as described by Robertus de Handlo. See Chapter 3, p.249.

Remarks: Hard to say whether motet was c.f. or free; two voices span a very wide range (a 16th) with wide individual ranges (a 10th and an 11th, respectively), suggesting the motet was probably a4. Parallel motion on smallest semibreves in 5ths, 6ths (most frequent), 8ves, and 10ths. At least one more rhythmically active voice seems called for, which could be an upper part, if there were a slower moving tenor to underlie the occasional fourths that appear now.

## Lwa 12185, 2 Hac a valle - I

[H]ac a valle lacrimosa confessor inclitus urbis mirensis eripitur et per angelos laudibus variis honoratur pius pudicus et humilis Nicholaus pastor clemens antistes nobilise

Filie Ierusalem unanimiter hodie tripudiant mire ex celum capud mirifice quo caret carie felix leniens famulis

qui nos almis precibus coram distructo iudice 10 poscentes presidia omnes muabit per secula beatus [ ] similis ortus rex illustri prosapia mille viret virtutibus

Honor ave sacerdotum dilectis amabilis velud puer Ionathas gentibus cunctis affabilis 15 modo locatur celestibus

Omnibus spiritis delectis [ ] bus stantique Christi [ ]o te subiciens hic conamine spernens laciniam semper servans pudiciciam corde et corpore votis omnibus

20 Ex tua sacrum oleum manat sanans languidos O angelis compar prophetis sanctis et apostolis presulum gemma iunctus celi civibus

Letare iugiter hodie mater ecclesia de tanto presule 25 sibi occurrens variis laudibus

Ave et gaude beate Nicholae pacis sedens in culmine inclite hic vivens mitissime nos erue a luctibus

Precibus devotis nec non altisonis petimus 30 salva quos nosci famulos a fluctibus maris et periculis iacentibus nos tuis precibus iungens celestibus.

11 two syll. hole 16 " " ; sptis 17 " " (s...o?) Hostem vicit crucis signaculo qui nos redemit cruoris precio

- 5 et lavit a crimine Jhesus salvator seculi regnans in ethere natus ex mire virgine
- hic sanctis elegit et preelegit 10 hodie Ade dicavit in celi culmine

Nicholae presule pium modestum nobilem sanctum castum asta.....

12 possibly: [..]victorie presule[m]

About one half of this text is lost.













T. (Benedicamus Domino)
Beatus vir

Source: Lwa 12185, fol. 2 (RISM no. 3).

<u>Literature</u>: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 172-173; Dittmer, <u>Robert de Handlo</u>, p.21 (there is also an edition on pp.22-24 but it is unreliable). Sanders, "English Polyphony," p.251.

<u>C.f.</u>: unlabelled in the MS; it is a <u>Benedicamus Domino</u> melody (see, for instance, <u>Manchester</u>, <u>John Rylands Library</u>, <u>Lat. 24</u>, fcl.14, col. 2, staff 17). The whole chant is sung twice.

Form: tenor and lowest voice of a duet motet a3 with medius cantus: periodic phrase structure in breves, with complex mixed periodicity, repeating exactly over each talea.

I 92B = 2(46B) = 2(20 + 20 + 6)B = 2(2[2(6B) + 8B] + 6B)II = 3B + 2(13B) + 7B + (10+3)B + 2(13B) + 7B + 10B

Notation: only known example of the notation of W. de Doncastre as described by Hanboys. See Chapter 3, pp.253-54. Long and breve are normally both perfect, with the underlying scheme of second mode; red coloration is used in both parts to imperfect the long and breve.

Text: for Trinity Sunday.

Remarks: range may originally have been a 15th or even a 16th (Bb-cc) overall. In the transcription, plain tailless s are presumed to need tails in the following instances: III 55,5/66,5/78,6.

## Lwa 12185, 3 Beatus vir

Beatus vir

qui regum et hominum adorant sapienter Dominum et regem regnancium quem decet honor laus et iubilacio caste

cum ingenti solacio laus fit tibi et exultacio cui superna phallanx angelica

cum voce consona 10 canit cum tripudio

> ovando mirifice recolunt virtutes omnes celice et iubilant agmina supra celestia

sanctorum omnium

15 martirum confessorum atque virginum
patrem natumque cum sancto spiritu
Deum unum in trinitate

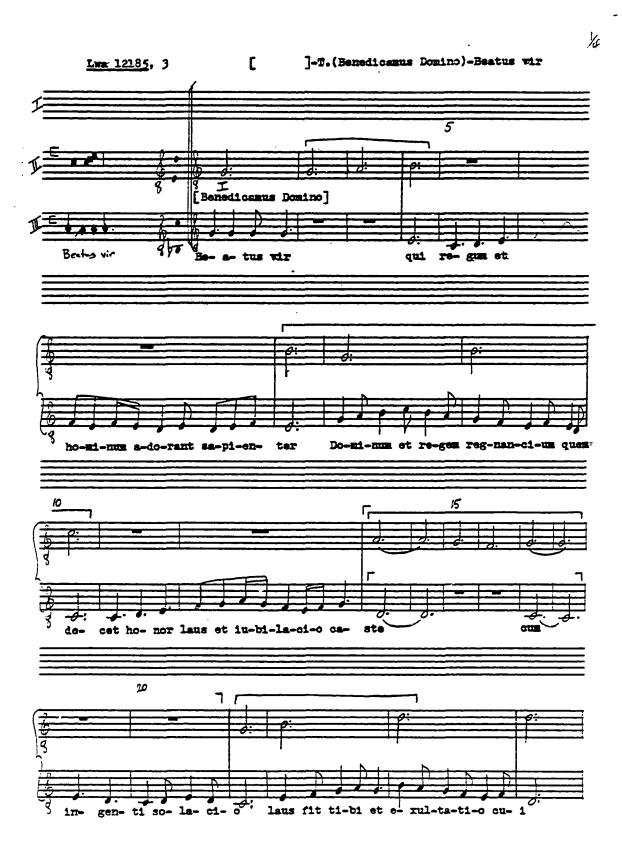
honorant merito mirifice trinum sed predicant in unitate cotidie 20 preterea varia mundi machina

aves volantes pisses atque pecora

et vos omnes iubilo Benedicamus Domino.

This layout is designed to show the text according to the musical phrase structure; the lines 2-13 correspond to lines 14-24.

1 'Beatus vir' is the incipit of many psalms.





74 *5*5 ti-rum con-fes-so- rum at-que vir-gi-num pa-trem na--tum-que cum sen-cto spi-ri-tu De-um u-num in tri-ni-ta-te 65 tri-num sed pre-di-cant in -no- rant me-ri-to mi-ri-fi- ce 75 70 u-ni-ta-te co-ti-di-e prete- re- a va-ri-a mun-di ma-chi- na



Nos orphanos erige T. (Veni creator spiritus)

Source: Lwa 12185, fol. 2 (RISM no. 4).

<u>Literature</u>: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 172-173; Dittmer, Robert de Handlo, p. 21.

<u>C.f.</u>: unlabelled in the MS; RISM correctly identifies as the familiar melody for the hymn <u>Veni creator spiritus</u>, though the RISM incipit incorrectly reads F3 clef as C3.

Form: lower two voices of a motet a3 (or possibly a4) exhibiting strophic repeat with variation; ten taleae and three- and one-third colores. 98B = 3(30B) + 8B, with Bars 1-30 = 31-60 = 61-90; 1-8 = .... = 91-98. See Fig. 9.

Text: to St. Michael.

Notation: English ternary breve-semibreve notation; no perfect-breve rests, but the forms for imperfect-breve rest and perfect-semibreve rest correspond to those of Brunham. See Chapter 3, pp. 306-7. Tenor uses red coloration to imperfect the long; see also the use of coloration in Beatus vir.

### Lwa 12185, 4

Nos orphanos

Nos orphanos erige Michael archangele dele lepram lese peccatricis anime 5 medela mistica gracie sanantis sanctissime die dextere terre vires invidiosi falsarii sathara apostate 10 tuo scuto inpugnabili pie principes angelice poli milicie porro pro flagiciis que commissimus temerarie 15 nos minime sinas succumbere que venerit iskyros arguere in sua sero celsitudine quam ob quilibet peremtorie par 20 ne filios Ade deseras in illo quos discrimine.

- 14 commisimus
- 19 hole of about 9 syll.







A solis ortus cardine T. Salvator mundi Domine

Source: Lwa 12185, fol. 2v (RISM no. 5).

Literature: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 174.

C.f.: not extant. See remarks.

Form: isoperiodic duet motet with medius cantus, on module of 4L.

I = 50L = 2L + 12(4L)

II = ?

III = 3L + 11(4L) + 3L

Text: for Christmas; troping of two Christmas hymns.

Remarks: Additional voice at bottom of the page, labelled 'Tenor secundus' does not belong to this motet. True c.f., not extant, probably a hymn tune or some other appropriate seasonal melody, laid out in a simple second-mode rhythm of longs and breves.

## Lwa 12185, 5 A solis ortus - I and II

A solis ortus cardine insigne lumen splendidit et usque terre limitem lucem calorem prebuit

5 Christum canamus principem ecclesie catholice natum Maria virgine turbe collaudant celice

beatus auctor seculi
10 mestus misertus populi
servile corpus induit
mortalis et aperuit

nec carne carnem liberans
a serpentinis faucibus
15 ne perderet quos condidit
mortis obedit nexibus

caste parentis viscera replevit sanctus alituss celestis intrat gracia 20 mundum musa divinitus

> venter puelle baiulat quod dictum est oraculo secreta que non noverat homo patent in stabulo.

Salvator mundi Domine nacens de pura virgine qui nos salvasti hodie ab hostibus perfidie

in hac nocte nos protege tu deviantes corrige et salva omni tempore tuo redemtos funere

adesto nunc propicius Christe redemtor Israel et parce suplicantibus qui diceris Emanuel

tu dele nostra crimina virtute tui numinis tu tenebras illumina splendore tui luminis

ne mentem sompnus oprimat fac nos in bono vigiles nec hostis nos suripiat tui qui sumus pugiles

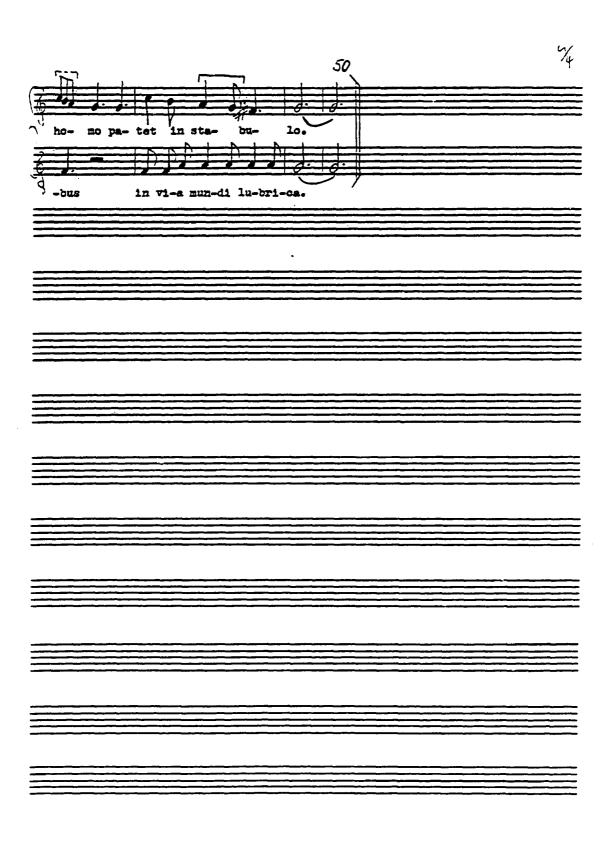
nec ullis caro petimus hosti causante perdita cum maculetur sordibus in via mundi lubrica.

Odd-numbered lines quote three stanzas of a well-known Christmas hymn in each text.









Augustine par angelis T. Summe presul Augustine certus cantus. triplex.

Source: Ob D.6, fol. 11 (RISM no. 2).

<u>Literature</u>: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 45. Hughes, "New Italian and English Sources," pp.174-75.

C.f.: an unidentified tune laid out in 59 even longs followed by a long-rest; these 60L are to be sung three times ("triplex," as the rubric indicates); "certus cantus" most likely simply indicates that this is the given voice on which the motet was constructed. Possibly this tenor is taken from a monophonic setting of the text beginning "Summe presul Augustine," but it is more likely that this verse is simply the incipit of the missing triplum. Another possibility is that the melody is a fairly neumatic hymn tune associated with some other hymn for Augustine. (See the remarks under <u>Text</u> below.)

Form: duplum and tenor of a motet a4 (2+2); the two missing voices may be inferred by the range (a 14th overall, often sounding a 10th or 12th) and counterpoint (with many imperfect intervals and occasional unsupported fourths) of the two surviving parts. The harmony of the original must have been very rich -- very English. Alternation of cum and sine littera sections in the texted voice also points to the loss of an upper part, though there is no apparent use of voice-exchange or periodic phrase structure.

<u>Text</u>: to St. Augustine of Canterbury; it also survives in a 14th-century hymnal from St. Augustine's, Canter-

bury (<u>Cambridge</u>, <u>St. John's College MS 262</u>, fol. 74v and ff.), where it is the second of three hymns to the local saint. I owe this reference to P.M. Korhammer, "The Origin of the Bosworth Psalter," p.178. Though the hymns are all listed in M.R. James's <u>Descriptive Catalogue</u> (Cambridge, 1913), p.304, they cannot be found by me in any standard reference (Chevalier, Walther, or the <u>Analecta Hymnica</u>). Korhammer quotes only the first stanza, and the discovery of the textual concordance came to late in the preparation of this thesis to be able to say anything significant about the relationship of its version of the text to the motet's.

This motet was copied into empty pages of a 14th-century cartulary preserving late 13th-century charters of the chapel of St. Mary at the Cluniac priory of St. Augustine's, Daventry (which was apparently functioning by the 13th century as a free Benedictine house with a close relationship to the Benedictine priory at Coventry not far away). One can only wonder at the relationship of the motet to Canterbury, and at its presence at a house dedicated to the "other" Augustine. It is not excluded at present that the point of origin of the hymn is as a motet text.

Notation: binary mensuration of the long and breve; though the counterpoint moves mainly in longs, there seems to be no higher-level organization of these values.

# Ob D.6, 2

## Augustine par angelis

Augustine par angelis consors datus apostolis coequalis martiribus non inpar confessoribus

- 5 audi preces rogancium clemenciam poscencium ut inpetres auxilium et conferas presidium
- fessor reatus sarcina
  10 dextra salutis alleva
  posscens reis remedium
  salutisque subsidium

sit unitati gloria sit trinitati gracia 15 laus claritatis potencia per infinita secula.

Concordance of text only (not examined) in <u>Cambridge</u>, <u>St John's College</u>, <u>MS 262</u>, fol. 74v. Is the motet text half of a longer poem? alternate stanzas?







Maria mole pressa T.

Source: Ob 7, fol. III (RISM no. 1a).

Literature: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 46.

C.f.: unidentified; sung three times.

Form: duplum and part of tenor survive from isoperiodic motet a4 (2+2) with broadly patterned tenor; module is 15L, only loosely expressed in the phrase structure of the upper part; final long is not part of the scheme.

$$I 90L = 15L + 17L + 30L + 13L + 15L$$

$$II = 3(30L) = 6(15L)$$

Text: on Mary Magdalene and Easter.

Remarks: some small amount of strophic repeat of counterpoint; irregular declamation of a fairly regularly versified text, not coordinated with phrase structures. (Two three-line stanzas frame six four-line stanzas; the sixth of these differs in versification from the preceding five.) RISM incorrectly identified the two voices at the base of the leaf (see item 0b 7, 1b) as part of this motet.

Maria
mole pressa criminum
penitendo Dominum
quesivit arden[ter]

5 peccatrix properit ut querat medicum in domo Simonis invenit Dominum

prostrata corruit
10 tristis
ad pedes regios
deflendo fortiter
errores pristinos

rigavit lacrimis
15 Christi vestigia
eiecit Dominus
septem demonia

amor iusticie
tulit presidia
20 firma spes venie
non cessit vacua

ista fit Domini surgentis nuncia prima discipulis 25 dicens alleluia

> princeps potens de mortis vinculis iam surrexit vidi quem oculis

30 hinc surgentes properate Galileam visitate nos procedit Dominus.

#### 16 doanis

This text makes the traditional association with Mary Magdalene of Luke 7:37-8 and 8:2, and then brings in the Gospel narrative of her participation in the Resurrection, as in Matthew 28:1-10 or Mark 16:1-8.







Zorobabel abigo Zorobabel actibus

Source: Ob 7, fol. III (RISM no. 1b).

Literature: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 46.

Form: Width of counterpoint, hocketing, and occasional unsupported fourths suggest a motet a4 with another voice in each range. Possibly c.f. was medius cantus, probably a Benedicamus Domino melody, judging from the incorporation of a variant on this formula at the end of the text.

Fair amount of repetition of melodic material. Compare:

1-4 = 39-42

5-7 = 10-12 = 29-31 = 49-51

(7-10) = 33-36 = 51-54

16-20 = 24-28

Text: prayer.

Notation: breve-semibreve; unusual in its 1 + 2 subdivision of the breve.

Remarks: RISM incorrectly identifies these two voices as part of item 1a.

<u>06 7, 16</u>

Zorobabel abigo clam palam et abicio illecebras amodo et iam per omnia non illi soli licet

5 lacum stricto me concito mere vere hic etiam subicio qui sacro tamque santo nato non peperit proprio

10 sane [ ]ne pro populo peperam perdito morsu pro pestifero.

10 six-syllable line: paradisio? patrimonio?





Petrum cephas ecclesie Petrus pastor potissimus T. Petre Quartus cantus

Source: 0b 7, fol. IIIv-IV (RISM no. 2).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 18 and in EBM II, pp. 24-31. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 47-48 and in EBM I, pl. X-XI.

Apfel, Studien I, p. 30; Harrison, NOHM III, pp. 93-94;

Lefferts, "Motet," p. 74, n.7; Levy, "New Material," p. 231;

Reese, MMA, p. 404; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 219
220; idem, "Motet," p. 544; idem, "England: From the Beginning," p. 286.

<u>C.f.</u>: the opening melisma, on "Petre," from the responsory <u>Petre amas me</u>; stated four times (PMFC incorrectly states that there are only two <u>colores</u>).

Form: isoperiodic motet with broadly patterned tenor and rhythmic module of 9L; see Chapter 2, pp. 119-22.

I 108L = 12(9L)

II = 7L + 10(9L) + 11L

III = 10L + 10(9L) + 8L

IV = irregular

Text: to St. Peter.

Remarks: important early use of "precadential protofaburden" while tenor rests.

## Petrum cephas - I and II

Ob 7, 2

Petrum cephas ecclesie lanxantem rethia lanxantem rethia elegit rex clementie linquentem omnia

yeni Petre me sequere nam captor hominum fies qui soles capere tot modos piscium

Petrus a petra diceris destruxit artes magicas viri malefici eo quod sis pre ceteris dicentis se in celicas bono durabilis

regni celestis clavium custos efficeris 15 celo terraque solvitur quicquid tu solveris

tibi Petre conquerimur ora pro grege iugiter pastor ecclesie quem soles pascere quod hostis arte fallimur ne queat hunc crudeliter 20 plena fallacie

pastorum sedes occupant heu mercenarii plures ut gregi noceant sunt lupo socii.

Petrus pastor potissimus fulsit miraculis tabitam vivam legimus ex eius titulis

umbra sanavit languidos felicis corporis multos traxhit incredulos a via sceleris-

sedes iam conspici

petre pastor eximie propter hec munera que tibi dator gracie dedit et cetera

dens lupi ledere

pastores pigri latitant lupo nolunt resistere.

10 a reference to Simon Magus

5-16 Matthew 4:19-20; 16:18-19

Rex visibilium
Rex invictissime
T. Regnum tuum solidum

Source: Ob 7, fol. IIIv-IV (RISM no. 3).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XV, 19. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 47-48 and EBM I, pl. X-XI. Apfel, <u>Studien</u> I, p. 30 and Lefferts, "Motet," pp. 59-60.

<u>C.f.</u>: whole chant setting of the <u>Regnum</u> prosula for the Gloria. MS has the full text underlaid, though highly abbreviated.

Form: essentially isoperiodic on a module of 4L over the first 28L, then more irregular to the end. Tenor's melodic design is ABBCCD, and regularity falls over ABB; with CCD the tenor melody is compressed into fewer bars on faster note values.

I 
$$36L = 1L + 7(4L) + 3L + 4L$$

II  $= 3L + 7(4L) + 2L + 1L + 2L$ 

III  $= 14(2L) + 8L = 8L + 2(10L) + 8L$ 

A BB CCD

<u>Text</u>: prayer to God, along the same lines as the Gloria prosula.

Remarks: range of a 16th; tenor talea not consistent on 4L throughout because patterning is coordinated with melodic repetition in the tenor. In general, this motet has attributes of a duet motet with medius cantus except for range of tenor.

<u>Variants to PMFC XV ed</u>.: III: 17 ought to be identical to 7, b ss b (CDCD).

## Rex visibilium - I and II

Ob 7, 3

Rex visibilium invisibilium

creator luminum plasmator hominum

5 vota peccancium ad te clamancium

devota suscipe de cordis adipe

psallentes aspice 10 de celi culmine

rex invictissime tu mentes renova superna gracia sanctoque flamine

15 qui regis omnia sanctorum agmina iudex iusticie

corda fragilium tu sursum subleva 20 mentes errancium inspira gracia

statum considera te collaudancium potens in prelio 25 rex regum omnium. Rex invictissime regnorum omnium princeps milicie celorum civium de celo suscipe vota mortalium

creator hominis
vita vivencium
clementer aspice
10 de sede glorie
nostram miseriam

O rex clemencie tu mores corrige vitamque dirige 15 pacis per semitam

qui finis omnium
es et principium
Deus Emmanuel
da pacis premium
20 in eternum.

14 mentesque?

These two texts have a slight tropic relationship with the Gloria prosula used as tenor:

Regnum tuum solidum O rex glorie qui es splendor ac sponsus ecclesie quam decorasti tuo quoque precioso sanguine hanc rege semper piissime qui es fons misericordie permanebit in eternum. Lux refulget monachorum T.

Source: Ob 7, fol. IVv (RISM no. 4).

<u>Literature</u>: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 49. Lefferts, "Motet," p.60.

C.f.: unidentified; disposed in three and one-fifth
colores.

Form: triplum and tenor of isoperiodic motet a4 with three different modules:

114L = 90L + 2(12L)

$$I = 10L + 8(9L) + 8L + 2(6L) + 3(4L)$$

II = 
$$8L + 9(9L) + 6(2L) + 3(3L) + 4L = 90 + 12 + 12$$

The first 90L set two colores and two-thirds of the text (20 lines). The remaining one-third of the text (10 lines) is declaimed more rapidly, on breves and semibreves, in the final 24 bars. A shift from second to first mode, along with a marked acceleration of declamation (in two stages) and a rise in tessitura of the texted voice create an effect similar to diminution in an isorhythmic motet, with a strong sense of climax.

Text: on St. Benedict and his rule.

Remarks: range of a 16th. Use of C1 with above.

5

Lux refulget monachorum regis in palacio ager fragrat electorum fructium collegio unda scatet rivulorum pastoris in predio

ratione coaptatur
luci pastor luminis
ex quo totus illustratur
10 nostri chorus ordinis
necnon mire sociatur
choro summi culminis

cultor agri sanctitatis
est obediencia
15 in quo flores castitatis
profert abstinencia
viget atque paupertatis
mera paciencia

- scatebra divine legis
  20 benedictus dicitur
  per quam faustum sui gregis
  ovile perficitur
  et ad regnum summi regis
  letanter reducitur
- 25 crescat pater sacre legis unda nostris cordibus in agro superni regis ut ditemur fructibus tui semper ubi gregis 30 letaris cum civibus.









Duodeno sydere

Source: Ob 7, fol. V (RISM no. 5).

Literature: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 50.

Form: isolated triplum, probably of a motet a3 with stratification of rhythmic activity; some periodicity on the phrase level but no patterning of declamation (or replication of phrases over the tenor).

$$63L = 4(6L) + 7L + 5L + 5L + 9L + 5L + 8L$$

By examination of the melody and its permissible counterpoint, it is fairly certain that the tenor was 21L and stated three times.

Text: on St. Andrew and the Apostles.

Notation: downstemmed semibreve on the first of groups of 3 s.

Remarks: second mode underlies, as evidenced by the subdivisions of the breve and the rest writing at phrase ends. Wide range of an 11th with use of C1 with 4 above.

Duodeno sydere micat miro munere dyadema glorie

cuius victorie

primus Andreas est in acie
nunc grandum gracie
fert apostolice vere

Christi copule
datur navicule
renuncians reticule
simul et marine

notificat de nomine docens Deum in homine hominibus Achaye

15 dum auribus Egee propere valide voce suasit credere crucifixum colere furit infeste

O quam modeste movente 20 equali teste tradente qualiter ex ordine

> O primi parentis opere fit mors sed honorifice

Christo mirifice

25 mundo salus fit magnifice
dum salutifere
crucis sic et agni cruore
fatur lucide
qualis est mistice que munere

30 O reprobanda rabie tam temere tyrannice crucis pensus est in stipite

in equali ordine
divino docens populo
curat biduo proponere
pendendo patule
intime regere
velit nos et exime.







.... alleluya
Frondentibus florentibus
T. Floret

Source: 0b 7, fol. V (RISM no. 6), voices II and III only; 0b 594, front board (no. 1), a badly worn mirror image of all three voices.

<u>Literature</u>: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 50 (<u>Ob 7</u>); facs. and transcription in Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," pp. 342-47.

<u>C.f.</u>: identified only by the textual incipit "Floret" that is found in <u>Ob 7</u>. The melody, so far untraced, is certainly non-Gregorian, with tuneful balanced phrases (4 phrases of <u>5L</u> each) and a degree of rhythmic ornamentation that suggest its possible derivation from a polyphonic setting, perhaps of a cantilena beginning with "Floret." Sung three times.

Form: motet with stratified levels of activity, lacking regular phrase structure; a small degree of varied strophic repeat is evident in the duplum alone.

Text: on Easter. The duplum text has had fairly wide distribution following its appearance in the <u>Bod-leian Quarterly Record</u> 5 (1926), pp.22-23. See S. Gaselee, <u>The Oxford Book of Medieval Latin Verse</u> (Oxford, 1928), no. 73; F.J.E. Raby, <u>The Oxford Book of Medieval Latin Verse</u> (Oxford, 1959), no. 275; H. Spitzmüller, <u>Poésie latine chrétienne du moyen age</u> (Bruge, 1971), p.1404. Presumably for better scansion, the Oxford publications axend line 5 to begin "surgens die tercia."

Frondentibus florentibus silvis sentibus congaudet philomena voce plena precinentibus populis pasche presentibus signa sunt amena mortis perit pena die tercia surgens confregit fortis infera eya surge lauda nam alauda merula monedula cuncta volucria secula futura canunt aurea fulgida fructifera consonent omnia alleluia.

Ave miles celestis Ave rex patrone T. Ave rex gentis Tenor ii

Source: Cb 7, fol. Vv-VI (RISM no. 7).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 20; Bukofzer, SMRM, pp. 30-33; Stevens, TECM, 15; partial ed. in Besseler, Musik des

Mittelalters, p. 172; Reese, MMA, pp. 401-403. Facs. in

EECM 26, pl. 51-52. Apfel, Studien I, p. 30; Bukofzer, SMRM,

pp. 23-29; Harrison, MMB, p. 146; Sanders, "English Polyphony."

pp. 199-201; idem, "Motet," p. 543. Recorded on disc EMI

and Odeon CSD 3504 (HMV CSD 3504).

<u>C.f.</u>: whole chant setting of the Magnificat antiphon at first Vespers on the feast of St. Edmund; first psalm tone with second term.

Form: five-section voice exchange motet a4 with coda.

Text: to St. Edmund.

Remarks: paired stanzas sung successively in all sections but the second, which is the shortest and therefore divides a single stanza between the parts.

Ave miles celestis curie quem decorat honor victorie vivis Deo fruens requie more celicolarum

5 ave rex patrone patrie matutina lux Saxonie lucens nobis in meridie sidus Angligenarum

iam letaris
10 cum civibus superis
martir Edmunde
floris pre ceteris

plebem tuam nec tamen deseris 15 quam devotam tibi cognoveris

claudis gressum prece restituis lepras sanas 20 captivos eruis

> facta fidem firmant relatui ceci vident resurgunt mortui

25 hostes arces iusto iudicio servis parcis corde propicio

tanti regis
30 fulti suffragio
benedicamus
devote Domino

fac nobis martir in vite termino 35 dignas laudes referre Domino.

17-24 Edmund fulfills the works of the predicted Messiah, just as Jesus did. See Matthew 11:2-5 or Luke 4:18-19, with reference to Isaiah 29:18-19, 35:5-6, 61:1.

De flore martirum Deus tuorum militum T. Ave rex gentis

Source: Ob 7, fol. Vv-VI (RISM no. 8).

Literature: Ed.in PMFC XV, 21 and in Bukofzer, SMRM, pp. 29-30. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 51-52. Apfel, Studien I, p. 31; Bukofzer, SMRM, pp. 20-23; Dalglish, "Variation," pp. 40-41; Harrison, MMB, p. 146; Dom A. Hughes, NOHM II, p. 396; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 214-215, 216.

<u>C.f.</u>: same antiphon as in motet above, in two <u>colores</u>, each of three taleae; first 30 pitches of antiphon, not w.c.

Form: strophic repeat with variation, and some periodicity on a module of 8L:

I 42L = (9+6+2+6+2+9+2+6)L

II = (4+4+8+8+8+10)L

III = 2(21L) = 2(3(7L))

(Compare b. 1-3 with 22-24/ v. II in each half/vx

Text: to St. Edmund.

De flore martirum modum milicie quam pleno vulnerum canamus hodie voce dulcedinis

corone triplicis
qui privilegium
fert palmam martiris
fert munus regium
10 decusque virginis

vestis virginea cruore tingitur potestas regia lupo committitur 15 miro regimine

Edmundus virginem simul amplectitur regem et martirem sic trinus dicitur 20 in trino nomine

hic suis famulis succurrat gracia et nos a maculis mundet mundicia. Deus tuorum militum prefulget flos Edmundus quacumque pandit ambitum mundi sinus rotundus

- 5 laudes extollens martiris chorus hic letabundus salvatur nexu sceleris ut Deo fiat mundus
- care Christe veniam
  10 conservulis precaminum
  confer et gloriam.
  - 4 rotundum 9 Christi

The Duplum text begins as a paraphrase of the hymn Deus tuorum militum, which is sometimes sung in a version beginning melodically like the antiphon used as this motet's tenor, Ave rex gentis. See Bukofzer, SMRM, p.21 and Sanders Diss., p.214, n.54.

Templum eya Salomonis

Source: Ob 7, fol. VIv (RISM no. 9).

<u>Literature</u>: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 53. Lefferts, "Motet," p. 60.

Form: isolated triplum with isoperiodic phrase structure; phrases paired as double versicles with <u>ouvert</u> and <u>clos</u> cadences, the latter cadence pattern recurring identically as a refrain. See Chapter 2, Figure 13.

Ax'Ay Bx''By Cx'''Cy Dx''''Dy72L = 8(9L)

Text: the New Jerusalem; see Chapter 4, pp. 340-42.

Notation: second mode, with the second of each pair of semibreves receiving a downstem.

Templum eya Salomonis in superne regionis polo renovatur

plenum petris preciosis murum spissis speciosis reedificatur

> intus cedrus et cipressus libanum et lapis pressus opere paratur

10 intus columpneque trabes situatur necque labes illic induatur

foris sancta civitas Ierusalem per semitas 15 fit nova platearum

> foris silve campi praca putei fontes et laca sunt loca limpharum

ibi splendet sol serenusob quem est polus amenuscum spera stellarum

ibi perducantur sursum post huius agonis cursum ad id templum carum.





Cuius de manibus Quadr[ ]ivium

Source: 0b 7, fol. 266 (RISM no. 11).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XVI: 103 and in Lefferts, "Motet," pp. 67-72. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 54. Lefferts, "Motet." pp. 61-65.

Form: five-section voice exchange motet a4 with coda:

95B = 2(12B) + 2(6B) + 2(7B) + 2(8B) + 2(11B) + 7B.

Text: nearly illegible; to the BVM?

Notation: tempus imperfectum, prolatio maior.

Remarks: The page is so badly rubbed that it obviously was once the outer leaf in its parent music book or else once the outer leaf in the binding of some MS, perhaps the present one. The surviving voices are the second and fourth; from them almost all the counterpoint a4 can be reconstructed through voice exchange. The name of the fourth voice reads something like 'Quadri ivium,' apparently longer than the word 'quadrivium' by at least a few minim strokes (a letter or so).

## Cuius de manibus

	[Cuius de manibus   ]tus [ ]m et illa [non] fedantur viscera.	6 7 7
	[ ]eris host[ ]nes Domini.	10
5	Nobis procura civium iura d[ ]si thur[a] melioro virginis.	5 5 5 6
10	Nemo quod abire cupit que audire . id quod [fec]undatur.	6 6
15	Mappa sub qua invelaris rego [ ] et claris aris ad duc [ ] nos quo asperos athanatos dat petentibus.	8 8 5 4 4 5

10 q, or sg

This text is very badly rubbed.

Omnis terra Habenti dabitur Tenor

Source: 0b 7, fol. 266v-267 (RISM no. 12).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XV, 22. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 55-56. Apfel, <u>Studien I, p. 31</u>; Harrison, MMB, pp. 148-149; Hughes, "Reappraisal," p. 125.

C.f.: unidentified: Hughes suggests the tenor is
"In omnem" (presumably "In omnem terram," a phrase from
Psalm 18:5 and Romans 10:18), but no chant with that incipit
has yet been found to match.

Form: bipartite isorhythmic motet with diminution by one half; two colores and nine taleae.

162 B = 108B + 54B

I = 
$$(29 + 48 + 24 + 11)B + 3(12B) + 14B$$
  
II =  $(28 + 3(24) + 13)B + 3(2 + 10)B + (2 + 11)B$   
III =  $4\frac{1}{2}(24B) + \frac{1}{2}(4\frac{1}{2}(24B))$ 

Text: the triplum and duplum stand in strong contrast; the triplum praises God in language that recalls Genesis and may be a paraphrase of Psalm 103(104), which tells a creation story; the duplum apparently launches an attack upon the flourishing of evil men in this world to the detriment of the righteous.

[0]mnis terra colere conetur Deum verum regentem omnia cuius dono taliter repletur quod fert fructum proditque seminam germinat herbas floresque pandit nemus quod late frondes expandit nutritque terra sata semina de quibus crescit perampla seges que suo pascit tempore greges 10 que regi summo dant obsequia varia ferentes ovamina eius implorantes levamina profert terra viventes arbores longas latas novas et veteres 15 plumbum ferrum aurum et argentum nutrit viros et omne iumentum fenum et herbam confert bestiis feris in sili dat alimentum nobis dat excam rerum conscils 20 quodcumque bladum atque frumentum hec fer cunctis quod vis nutrimentum sed Deus trebus incrementum

ergo non invita voce voto debito rex omnium laudetur 25 cuius rex nimio terra iam repletur laudemus et nos iugum [ferentes] sancti pariter Deum vivaciter corde cum devoto vivamus ut feliciter fastu quovis 30 remote sine mora. precemur regentem omnium tempus habemus hic sufficiens nequando moriemur nostra opera ad duos tractemus-lucens nesciens sed ad lumen levemur indeficiens. 35

All lines through 22 are of ten syllables. The indicated break corresponds to the diminution section of the motet.

The text may be read as a paraphrase of Psalm 103(104).

Habenti dabitur
et habundabit
nec habundabitur
nec quicquam dabit
5 set quod adquiritur
mal vallabit
dum mente primitur
cubitis stabit
in aqua labitur
10 semper et abiit
sic idem uritur
nec redundabit

ideo stupeo nam Simonem video 15 quod non pontificabit

> et probus reprobus omnibus non duobus solum pronus stabit

igitur spernitur 20 quod in psalmo scribitur iustus germinabit.

## 1-4 Matthew 13:12

21 This line is from Isaiah 61:11. It is not found in the Psalter, where in fact the closest equivalent is Psalm 91:13: Justus ut palma florebit.

Deus creator omnium Rex genitor ingenite T. Doucement me reconforte

Source: 0b 7, fol. 267v-268 (RISM no. 14).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XV, 23; partial ed. in EBM II, pp. 32-36. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 57-58 and in EBM, pl. XII-XIII. Apfel, <u>Studien</u> I, p. 31; Brewer, "A Fourteenth-Century Polyphonic Manuscript," p. 10 and Lefferts, "Motet," p. 61.

<u>C.f.</u>: Probably taken from a polyphonic setting of a <u>fatras</u> distich. See Chapter 2, pp. 165ff. and Brewer, op.cit. Sung three times in full.

Form: strophic repeat with variation and exchange; there is hocket over the third tenor statement. See Chapter 2, pp. 164-69.

1 102B = 6(9B) + 8B + 12B + 28B

II = 4B + 2(10B) + 2(7B) + 8B + 10B + 9B + 13B + 24B

III = 3(34B) = 3(16 + 18)B

<u>Text</u>: on Jesus and the Holy Trinity.

Notation: tempus perfectum maior.

Remarks: Notable rhythmic integration of tenor and upper voices; marked repetition of counterpoint over first two tenor statements, including exchange between upper parts; passages where the tenor moves in semibreves and minims call forth parallel thirds, sixths, and six-three sonorities.

Deus creator omnium sine fine principium pater connectens filium et spiritum paraclitum

- 5 patris sapiencia bona fiunt omnia filli clemencia remictuntur vicia paracliti gracia 10 dantur vite premia
- quicquid pater operatur ad hoc filius inclinatur spiritus sanctus imitatur
- 15 tres persone sunt vocate nulla pro diversitate nam in sola deitate consistunt equaliter

illud idem pariter

- absit omnis dubitas 20 assit omnis equalitas quod personarum trinitas indivisa fit unitas
- 0 lux inextinguibilis fides inseparabilis 25 pietas ineffabilis amore desiderabilis

prebe lumen carentibus auge fidem fidelibus medelam fer peccantibus 30 infunde zelum cordibus

> colere non sufficimus te digne nec possimus verum dimicte quesumus mala que commisimus

- 35 Deus pater Deus fili Deus alme spiritus in die iudicii sis nobis propicius.
  - l incipit of a Kyrie trope. See <u>GS</u>, pl.1\*.

Rex genitor ingenite proles matris unice votis voce carmine te laudamus Domine

- de supernis descendisti quod non erat assumpsisti nec quod erat amisisti sic tu nasci voluisti
- circumcidi baptizari
  10 tribus magis adorari
  et in templo presentari
  legem complevisti

fame siti frigore corpus afflixisti 15 carnem mundum spernere tuos docuisti

probra spicta verbera tinctus pertulisti tandem necis vulnera 20 que non meruisti

> ad infernum pervexisti motus misericordia et captivos eduxisti de penali curia

- 25 victor mortis surrexisti propria potencia et multis apparuisti testante ecclesia
- post hec celos ascendisti
  30 relinquens terrestria
  semper manens ut fuisti
  rex regum in gloria.
  - l incipit of a Kyrie trope. See GS, pl.2\*.
  - 25 surexisti 30 terestria

Pura placens Parfundement plure Tenor

Source: Ob 7, fol. 268v-269 (RISM no. 15);

F-Pn 23190 (Trem), index, xliv; also known to be the first motet in a manuscript of French motets now lost, for which see Besseler, "Studien I," p.184.

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 24; partial ed. in EBM II, pp. 36-40. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 59-60 and EBM I, pl. XIV\_XV. Apfel, Studien I, p. 31; Besseler, "Studien I," p. 184 and p.222, n.1; idem, "Studien II," p.239.

C.f.: unidentified.

Form: bipartite siorhythmic motet a3 with diminution by one half; four colores and six taleae:

$$135B = 90B + 45B$$

$$I = ((6+6+3+13+3)+(5+6+3+13+3)+(5+6+3+13))+(10+2(15)+7)B$$

II = 
$$(16+16)B + 2(14+16)B + 2(15B) + 13B$$

III = 
$$3(5+9+16)B + \frac{1}{2}(3(5+9+16)B) = 3(30B) + 3(15B)$$

<u>Text</u>: to the BVM; triplum in Latin and duplum in French.

Pura placens pulchra pia quis laudabit te Maria vel qua laude hic in via nullus nostra in natura

- 5 cedit ymaginativa mens omnis est defectiva lingua et inexpressiva cuncta nostra transis iura
- quis scit est quantus vel qualis 10 decor tuus corporalis est erit nec erat talis infra speram passivorum

omnis decor tibi favit Euclides te mensuravit 15 et Pimalion formavit dulcis decens doctrix morum

natura dedit colorem Zephirus confert odorem super omnes fecit florem 20 te creator creature

> sonus dulcis tibi datur Orpheus unde frustratur excellentem quem miratur Pluto raptam reddens iure

- 25 omnis decor muliebris videntem clam vexat crebris motibus pravis et febris excepta te sola pura
- tu delectaris videntes 30 constantes tenere mentes aliud non inquirentes fruuntur tua figura.

<sup>8</sup> nostra repeated

<sup>12</sup> passiorum

<sup>15</sup> apimalion

<sup>22</sup> frustatur

<sup>27</sup> ut

<sup>30</sup> tenera

0b 7, 15

Parfundement plure Absolon le poil de son chief e Iason

plaint de sa toyson la colur e le solail ad grant dolour

- q'il ad perdu de sa clarté Hester regard humilité
  - e la simpleté de regard e Helain de l'autre part
- tenue de honte sa fason 10 en Katerine pert resonn
  - e sens n'estut able maintens quant cele surement que ie veie
  - a parfaite fors sulement qu'ele ne daigne nulement
- 15 ne face de long temps par desir son plus loal ame languir.
  - 1-2 2nd Samuel 18:9
  - 8 parte
  - 9 tenre
  - 10 e

  - 15 me 16 languur

Domine quis habitabit De veri cordis adipe T. Concupisco

Source: 0b.7, fol. 268v-269 (RISM no.16), Latin texts.

I-IV, fol. 25v-26 (RISM no. 40), French texts.

F-CA 1328, fol. 17v-18 (RISM no. 40), ".

F-Pn 23190 (Trem), index, xvi, ".

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC V, 16 and 16a; partial ed. in EBM II, pp.40-43. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 59-60; EBM I, pl. XIV-XV.

Form: bipartite isorhythmic motet a3 with diminution by one half; four colores and eight taleae:

108B = 72B + 36B

I = 16B + 3(4+3+11)B + 8B + 2(9B) + 12B

II = 4B + 3(18B) + 16B + 3(9B) + 7B

III =  $4(1+5+12)B + \frac{1}{2}(4(1+5+12))B = 4(18B) + 4(9B)$ 

Text: Ob 7 version has Latin texts to God and Jesus, paraphrasing Psalms and assonant slightly to one another; continental sources preserve courtly French love poetry with the incipits "Se paour d'umble" and "Diex tan desir." Evidently the French texts are original, for the tenor ("Concupisco," meaning "I lust") was evidently selected with their sentiments in mind. (The source of the tenor is the verse of a Matins respond for St. Agnes, Omnipotens adoranda.)

10

Domine quis habitabit
aut quis te digne laudabit
in tuo sanctissimo
tabernaculo

5 quod operatus est sine quovis auxilio

aut quis est qui requiescet
et nunquam senescet
in arduo tui cacumine
montis excelsi
in quo habitare
ipse te crevisti

Domine hic habitabit et digne laudabit 15 qui iuste ingreditur ullis sine maculis minime qui leditur pravitatis iaculis

et qui semper operatur
20 atque delectatur
facere iusticiam
modernis temporibus
dignus est leticiam
capere cum civibus

25 qui verum in corde fatur et non adulatur habebit tabernaculum

qui malum non operatur montem hic lucratur 30 sanctum et habitaculum

Domine glorie rex eterne lucisque superne nos mundes a piaculo

et da sic graciam operari
35 ut tecum letari
possimus in tuo sancto tabernaculo.

5 es 32 lucis qui

The text basically tropes Psalm 14(15).

De veri cordis adipe preces benigne suscipe O Jhesu benigne

fac laudes quas hic provimus ut melius iam nominis tui sint condigne

in terra sumus fragiles et ad peccata labiles inimico duce

10 nisi iuves celeriter ad tenebras nos acriter rapiet de luce

ergo ne differas tuum consilium 15 rogamus conferas nobis auxilium

et hostis auferas artes nequicie ne nos ad tenebras ducat tristicie.

4 ut
6 tibi fuit
15 confers
19 tenebs

Parce piscatoribus T. Relictis retibus

Source: 0b 7, fol. 269v (RISM no. 17).

Literature: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 61.

<u>C.f.</u>: unidentified; the textual incipit in <u>Ob 7</u>, found in Matthew 4:20 and 4:22, suggests a source in the liturgy for St. James or St. Andrew.

Form: triplum and tenor of a bipartite isorhythmic motet a4 with diminution by one half; eight taleae and two colores.

144B = 96B + 48B

$$I = (21+8)B + 2(16+8)B + (16+5)B + 3(8+4)B + 10B$$

II = 
$$4(12+12)B + \frac{1}{2}(4(12+12))B = 4(24B) + 4(12B)$$

Text: on St. James (see also Ob 143, 1 and see below).

Remarks: The triplum reads sms in bars 61-62; this has been corrected to ssb by comparison with the rhythm of this voice at the same point in the other taleae. There is an interesting discrepancy in rhythm between the first two and second two undiminished taleae: breves in bars 22 and 46 against longs in bars 70-71 and 94-95. These longs contradict the prevailing coordination of breves and longs in the triplum with the longs and double longs in the tenor.

The text defect in line 20 (bars 66-68) may be related to the rhythmic problem found in bars 61-62; if so, this would suggest the problem was present when the music was originally texted. The relation of text to tenor incipit speaks against the possibility of contrafacture. For an implicit reference to monasticism in the text, see Chapter Four, p.371.

# <u>ob 7</u>, 17

## Parce piscatoribus

[P]arce piscatoribus-Jacobe piscator cunctis animantibus plausum dat creator

- hiis anni temporibus hoc novit viator sed recis sodalibus non est consolator
- virent arma patula 10 herbis cooperta fragrant prata singula floribus reserta

nemus dat umbracula foliis operta 15 contra solis spicula ne gravent reperta

undique sunt pabula bestiis comperta scitienti pocula 20 dant uberta

cantat avis garula
in melos diserta
plausu sed reticula
sola fit incerta

- 25 sunt amena tempora tuis peregrinis Jacobe sed impera ne cadent ruinis
  - parari nam scelera 30 gentibus vulpinis assolent et funera nimis dare finis

O quanta miracula pandes tuis servis 35 Jacobe per secula nexibus et nervis

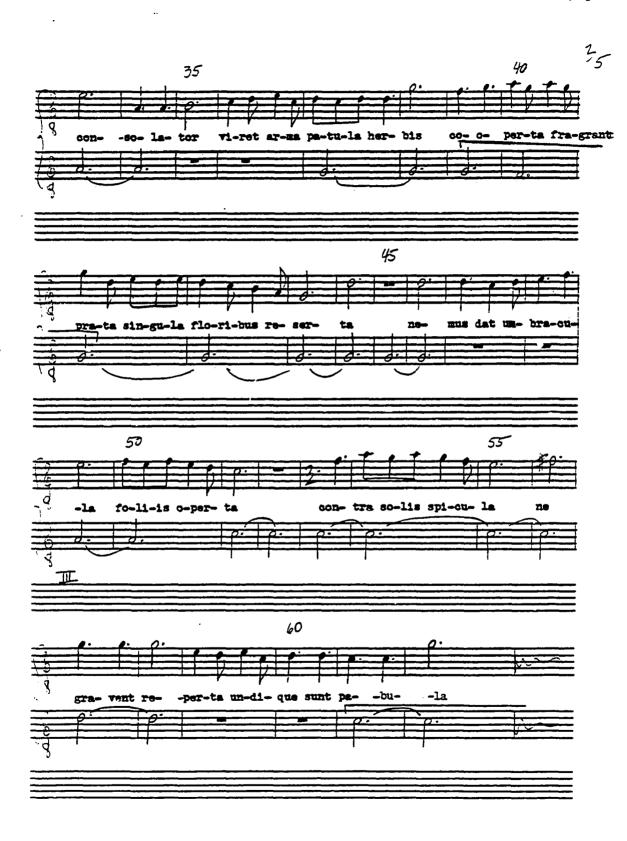
refercis ergastula vinctis a protervis nulla nocent vincula 40 Jacobi catervis:

> hinc rogamus precibusut serves a malis circumseptos menibuscurie claustralis

45 et solvas a nexibus cete furialis nam cis spretis retibus fugimus sub alis.

20 imperfect by two syllables; declamation in the motet is syllabic at this point, so it would seem that the defect is deliberate.













A solis ortus cardine Tenor

Source: Ob 81, fol. 1 (RISM no. 1).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XVI, 94. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 62. Bent, "Rota versatilis," pp. 74-76; Harrison, NOHM III, pp. 89-91.

<u>C.f.</u>: motet is free; hymn paraphrase in the opening bars of the upper voice; see Chapter 2, p.73 and Figure 3.

Form: large scale sectional voice exchange a4 (2+2); a second upper part recoverable through exchange, and possible to recompose a 'Quartus cantus' modelled on those of other motets of this type.

Text: on Christmas; paraphrases hymn following Luke 2.

Remarks: may be first part of a larger composition including Ob 81, 2; see Chapter 2, pp.72-76.

Ovet mundus Ovet mundus Tenor Quadruplex

Source: 0b 81, fol. 1v and 44 (RISM no. 2).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XVI, 95; Wibberley, "English Polyphonic Music," pp. 239-44; Wulstan, Three Medieval Conductus. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 63-64; dipl. facs. in Apfel, Studien II, pp.52-56. Apfel, Studien I, p.29; Bent, "Rota versatilis," pp.74-76; Harrison, MMB, pp.146-147; idem, NOHM III, pp.89-90; idem, "Ars Nova," p. 74; Dom A. Hughes, NOHM II, pp.395-96; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp.102-103.

Form: large-scale sectional voice-exchange motet a4 (2+2). See Chapter 2, pp. 70ff.

<u>Text:</u> on Christmas. See comments under <u>A solis ortus</u> (<u>Ob 81</u>, 1).

Remarks: may form the second half of a longer motet, with 0b 81, 1. See Chapter 2, pp. 72-76.

A solis ortus cardine latentem phebes sperula a cristallino culmine stellata domo patula

- [ad] usque soli limitem fretum ether per secula flat canat natum militem canens canentum copula
- quid pastores perpendistis 10 dicite quidnam vidistis nocte gallicinio angelum mox descendentem vidimus et concinnentem Deo iubilacio
- 15 pacem cecinit in celis et in terris suis melis dixit eya nacio salvatorem dat astutum natum pannis involutum 20 missum in presepto
  - ovet mundus letab undus timpanizans carmine cum fecundus puer mundus nascitur ex virgine
- vis nature carens iure 25 disputare desine ros in rure pluit pure ros rus et fit semine
- ante partum virgo mansit 30 mater cuius natus transit diri leti medium fuerat et huius venter virginalis quam decenter post id puerperium
- inquirendo nemo querat 35 qualiter hec mater erat virgo lactans filium sed tacendo firme credat quod querendo lingua fedat fidei misterium. 40
- 28 This verse occurs once with femine and once with semine.

Hostis Herodes impie Hic princeps Tenor etc. Quartus cantus etc.

Source: 0b 81, fol. 44v-45 (RISM no. 3).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XVI, 96; Wibberley, "English Polyphonic Music," pp. 245-257; Wulstan, Three Medieval Conductus. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 65-66; dipl. facs. in Apfel, Studien II, pp. 57-60. Apfel, Studien I, p. 29; Bent, "Rota versatilis," pp.68-70,76; Harrison, NOHM III, pp. 90-91; idem, "Ars Nova," p.74; Dom A. Hughes, NOHM II, pp.396-397; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 102-103.

<u>C.f.</u>: motet is free but hymn paraphrase in the first bars of top voice; see Chapter 2, p.73 and Figure 3.

Form: large scale sectional voice exchange motet a4 (2+2); written in shortened form. (See version of Rota versatilis in Lbm 24198.)

Text: on Epiphany; expands on hymn following Matthew 2:1-12.

Remarks: See chapter 2, pp.70ff. The irregular pattern of declamation of the very first phrase ("Hostis Herodes impie") by comparison with the third ("quid Christum times hodie") is a result of the use of chant paraphrase in the former.

Hostis Herodes imple tyranne frendens dentibus quid Christum times hodie venire cum natalibus

- 5 non eripit mortalia natus ex matre virgine set regna dat celestia reis cum regimine
- hic princeps ubi nascitur
  10 rex Iudeorum parvulus
  numquid me maior dicitur
  rex novus hic puerulus
- numquid regni dominium a me tollet hic regulus 15 prius mearum finium natos occidam sedulus
- stellam Magi quam viderant secuti sunt silencio hec pergit hii perrexerant 20 gavisi magno gaudio
  - stat sidus et intraverant domum matrem cum filio virgineam invenerant peracto puerperio
- 25 aurum puer ut fieret rex offert primus hodie thus ut mortalem cerneret hunc rex secundus hodie
- mirram ut hunc quis ungeret 30 sepultum trinus hodie ne quis Herodem quereret horum vox sonat hodie.

Salve cleri speculum
Salve iubar presulum
T. Sospitati dedit egros
T.ii.

Source: 0b 81, fol. 45v and 2 (RISM no. 4).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 11 and Wulstan, Three

Medieval Conductus. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 67-68; dipl. facs.

in Apfel, Studien II, pp. 61-64. Apfel, Studien I, p. 29;

Harrison, NOHM III, pp. 91-93; idem, "Ars Nova," p. 74; idem,

"Rota and Rondellus," p. 103; Sanders, "English Polyphony,"

pp. 197-198; idem, "Motet," p. 543; idem, "England: From the

Beginning," pp. 283-284.

<u>C.f.</u>: unidentified in the MS; it is the prose forSt. Nicholas, <u>Sospitati dedit egros</u>, set as a whole chant.

<u>Form</u>: five-section voice exchange motet a4 (2+2) with c.f. (but no coda). The motet exploits the double versicle structure of the original chant for the voice exchange. The first section of the motet, however, is free.

<u>Text</u>: to St. Nicholas, troping the eight stanzas of the prose <u>Sospitati dedit egros</u> (<u>AS</u>, pl. 360).

Remarks: Sanders likens the texture of this motet to 'stile brise'. (See Sanders, "English Polyphony," p. 197 and idem, "England: From the Beginning," p. 284.) Note also that stanzas 7 and 8, as given here and as edited in PMFC XV, have been reversed from their order in the ms.

Salve cleri speculum antistes inclite salve sanans seculum plebs pia pangite

5 salve iubar presulum pastor eximie multiplex miraculum te canit hodie

sospes a tumulo
10 turba languencium
redit cum iubilo
canens preconium

naute miraculo
vitant naufragium
15 poscentes famulo
Christi presidium

revixit mortuus
iacens in bivio
quem presul strenuus
curat subsidio

baptismum cupiunt plures increduli medelam senciunt voventes presuli

25 O quanta sonuit
laus et devocio
cum far non minuit
tanta largicio

vas quod absorbuit
30 mare cum filio
patri comparuit
sine dispendio

ergo pontifici solvant preconia 35 clerus et layci cum diligencia

nam regni celici
Dei clemencia
nos per hunc effici
40 det cives patria.

[Sospitati dedit egros olei perfusio

Nicholaus naufragantum affuit presidio

relevavit a defunctis defunctum in bivio

baptizatur auri viso Iudeus indicio

O quam probat sanctum Dei farris augmentatio

vas in mari mersum patri redditur cum filio

ergo laudes Nicholao concinat hec concio

nam qui corde poscit illum propulsato vicio

sospes regreditur.]

nec Herodis ferocitas Primus tenor

Source: 0b 143, fol. 1 (RISM no. 1).

Literature: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 70 and EBM I, pl.

XVI. Harrison, NOHM III, p. 99.

C.f.: unidentified. Note insular designation as "Primus."

Form: Tenor and duplum of a bipartite panisorhythmic motet a4 with diminution by one half; diminution section is melismatic, with hocketing; two colores and eight taleae.

II 120B = 
$$(6+11)B + 3(9+11)B + 3B + 40B$$
  
III =  $4(20B) + \frac{1}{2}(4(20B) = 80B + 40B$ 

Text: to St. James (see Ob 7, 17).

Remarks: Harrison credits this fragment with being an instance of the English adoption of isorhythm. It is possible that the <u>c.f.</u> voice is missing, and that the "Primus tenor" is in fact a contratenor.

nec Herodis ferocitas

errore plena devie
5 unius prece vel precio
qua omnis vanitas

potuerunt pervertere te sancte Jacobe vere namque maior est caritas

10 Herodis ergo gladio laureatus martirio in altissimis habitas.







Regne de Pité Regne de Pité Tenor de Regne de pité Ct.

Source: 0b 143, fol. 1v-2 (RISM no. 3).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XVII; partial ed. in EBM II, pp. 47-48. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 71-72; EBM I, pl. XVII-XVIII; and Mustanoja, "Les neuf joies," following p. 8.

C.f.: motet apparently free.

Form: bipartite motet with change in mensuration from tempus imperfectum to tempus perfectum. Tenor is sung twice, the second time in retrograde.

Text: to the BVM. The text comprises four stanzas of a 26-stanza poem known as Les neuf joies Nostre Dame or Lidiz des proprietez Nostre Dame attributed to Rutebeuf. These stanzas are I-II and XIX-XX in the widespread version in Old French, but occur as stanzas I-IV in a small group of Anglo-Norman sources (including Ob 143). The present edition attempts to represent its single source with only minimal changes. Minor orthographical variants between I and II (e.g. Ester/Hester, seisi/seysy) have not been recorded; d has been taken as qi or qe depending on context and the reading of other sources.

The first two lines of the second stanza of the original poem are omitted in the motet text. This provides 30 lines to be set, which are divided by the structural midpoint of the motet into two unequal parts of 12 and 18 lines, which stand in the proportion 2:3 just as do the relative lengths of the musical sections on account of the change in mensuration

upon repeat of the tenor.

Listed: Langfors, Les incipits (Paris, 1917), pp. 346-47.

Editions: E. Faral and J. Bastin, Oeuvres completes de

Rutebeuf, 2vols. (Paris, 1959-60), vol. 2, no. XLIX, pp. 247
52. See also T.F. Mustanoja, "Les neuf joies Nostre Dame,
a poem attributed to Rutebeuf," in Suomalainen tiedeakatemia.

Toimituksia. Annales Academie Scientiarum Fennicae, Ser. B,

vol. 73, no. 4 (Helsinki, 1952), a 90-page monograph with
edition.

Notation: use of cauda hirundinis, signum rotundum for change of mensuration, trochaic reading of binary c.o.p. ligature. (Bipartite structure of 15th-century English mass movements tends to be  $O \Rightarrow C$ ; here change of mensuration is  $C \to O$ .)

Regne de pité Marie en qi deité pure et clere a mortalité se marie [tu es virge et] file et mere virge enfantant le frut de vie file tun fi[1]z mere tun pere mult as des noms en prophetie si n'ad nul qi n'eit mestere

- tu es virge secche florie 10 duce remedie de mort amer[e] tu es Hester qi se humilie tu es Iudit qui bel se pere Amal en pert la seignurie et Olofernus le compere
- 15 maldite fu femme et blamé qi ne out frut anxienement metz unques ne fus esponsée en vouas a Deux qi ne ment qe ta virginité gardé li seroit enterement 20 ceo fu ton primer vou vowé mult te vent de grant ardement

tantost te fu grace doné de garder ton vou purement 25 ton corps ton quer et ta pensé seisi Deux ad se proprement en ce qe tu fus salué vout il mostrer apertement qe tu es Eva la besturné 30 de vois et d'entendement.

> 17 fut 20 sevoit

The first four stanzas of the Anglo-Norman version of a widely preserved poem attributed to Rutebeuf. See Critical Report.

## 0b 652

On this source see Bent, "Rota versatilis," pp. 70-71 and 81-82.

Rex sanctorum angelorum

Source: 0b 652, fol. i, iiv (RISM no. 2).

Literature: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 209.

Form: isoperiodic phrase structure; 72L = 6(12L)

<u>Text</u>: begins as the incipit of a metrical litany from the Easter Liturgy; see <u>GS</u>, pl. 114-115.

Regina celestium Tenor de regina

Source: 0b 652, fol.  $i^{V}$ -2 (RISM no. 3).

<u>C.f.</u>: identified in MS as above; actually 21 notes of <u>Regina</u> <u>celi letare</u>, sung three times.

Form: lower two voices of a motet a3 with medius cantus exhibiting no periodic phrase structure and irregular declamation.

Salve sancta virgula
T. Salve sancta parens

Source: 0b 652, fol. iV-2 (RISM no. 4).

C.f.: whole chant setting of the BVM introit.

Form: triplum and tenor of a motet originally a4(?), with isoperiodicity in texted part only.

$$56L = 3(4+8)L + (4+7+9)L$$

Ob 652, 2 Rex sanctorum angelorum

Rex sanctorum angelorum princeps et archangelorum resurexit hodie

claustra frangens infernorum 5 vincens vim demo[nio]rum brachio potencie

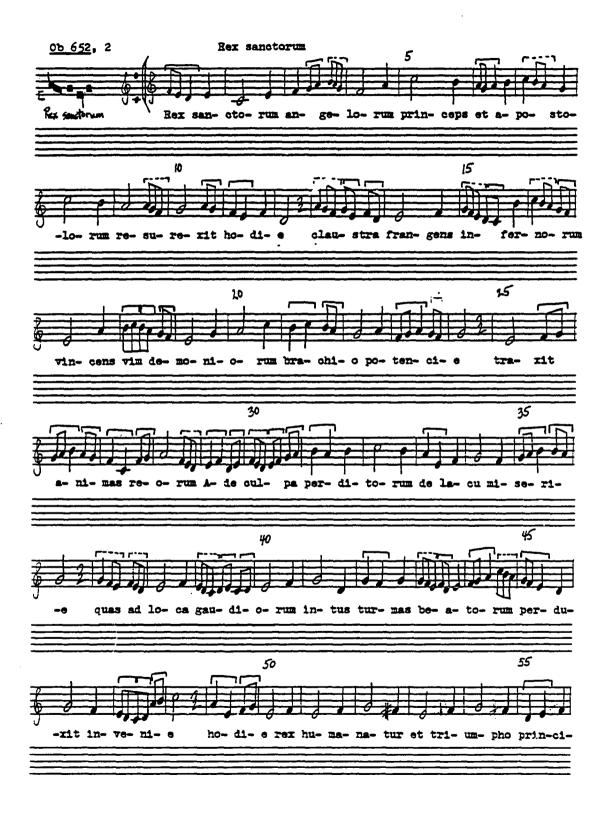
> traxit animas reorum Ade culpa perditorum de lacu miserie

10 quas ad loca gaudiorum . intus turmas beatorum perduxit invenie

hodie rex humanatur et triumpho principatur 15 vite vive veritas

> ut ab omnibus noscatur et per cunctis diligatur ipsa summa deitas.

1 Incipit of a metrical litany from the Easter liturgy; see GS, pl.114-5.





# оъ 652, 3

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Regina celestium

Regina celestium
et domina reginarum omnium
mater egregie
tu divina gracia
plena p[ ]a.

O felix anima
electa Deo femina
O dilecta pre omnibus
O felix mundus meritum
o parentis solvens debitum
prole pia
gemina geminarum
optima.

Decorata virtutibus

15 nam odoris suavitas
claritas et caritas
de moribus
ornat ut verus floribus
odor regis remedia

20 dat et decor leticia
sed caritas rogantibus
dat omnia.

#### 8 dilcam

11-13 prole pia gemina geminarum optima



1/2



## ob 652, 4

## Salve sancta virgula

Salve sancta virgular pura De[i] celica Christum concipiens

salve celi ianua 5 stella maris splendida casta parturiens:

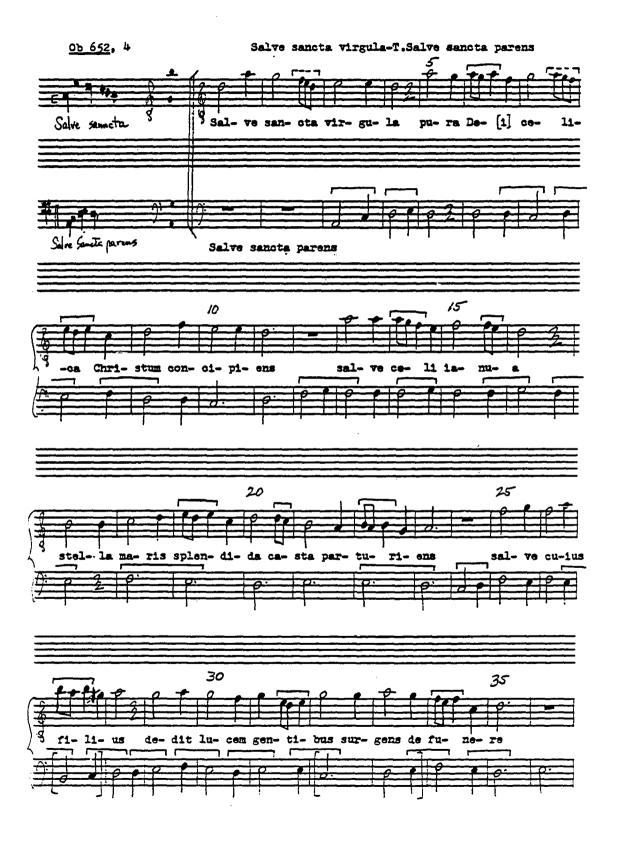
> salve cuius filius dedit lucem gentibus surgens de funere

10 hinc [ ]standis sidera tu supra celestia collocens lumine

quo mater orphanorum cernis regem seculorum.

- 1 sanncta
- 2 cellica

Text is slightly tropic to the motet tenor, the BVM introit Salve sancta parens.





....rogativam potuit

Source: 0b 652, fol. 69v-70 (RISM no. 5).

Form: fragment of a refrain motet with melodic repetition in verse section: ... R AB A'B' R. See Chap. 2, pp.104-114.

Text: apparently on Christmas.

Remarks: Part of a decorative initial is still visible in the margin of the upper left hand corner of the page, which has been trimmed along the top and right hand borders. Based on the visible spacing of surviving music and text, one can estimate that three staves of music and two lines of text are lost, translating into four musical phrases and three stanzas of text. If this is correct, then either the refrain was stated only twice (VVVV R VVVV R) or else the organization of the first verse section was different from that of the second, perhaps even allowing for an initial statement of the refrain (R VVVV R VVVV R, or R VV R VVVV R).

#### Benedicamus Domino

Source: 0b 652, fol. 69v-70 (RISM no. 6).

Remarks: not a motet, but a fragmentary two-voice free setting of the <u>Benedicamus Domino</u>, with a style of counterpoint familiar from free settings -- much parallel motion in six-three harmonies.

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rogativam potuit

....
rogativam potuit

quare nova facere concede prevaluit illique nova carere natum pura par[uit].

Ergo temere homo evitaris discucionibus ut viis illudaris in naturalibus.

10 Deus ecce quadr[ ]ti modo creavit hominem Adam humo de supplici fecit inde viraginem

Ade de costa lateris 15 tercio et ordi[ne] fecit ignara feminis virum de pura virgine

quarto modo communiter ut palam patet hodie 20 non minus mirabiliter [ut] liqueat cotidie

quod nil ei dificile nostra debes summopere cuncta cui possibile 25 de nichilo sic agere.

Ergo temere .... in naturalibus.

Probable that two and three-quarters stanzas are missing. Problem with versification of earlier stanzas: 8787 or 7777?

4 carure







Baptizas parentes Sacer presul

Source: Omc 268, fol. 26v (RISM no. 1).

Form: fragmentary remains of two voices; RISM suggests they are perhaps from different pieces, but the texts and differing clefs indicate they are likely an upper and lower part from the same motet. I have not been able to join them.

Text: to St. Martin of Tours. I'd like to thank Profs.

Peter Dembowski, Nancy Helmbold, Braxton Ross, and Howard

Brown (all of the University of Chicago) for help and encouragement as I wrestled with this identification. The texts mention the most famous incidents in his career (including the struggle between the citizens of Tours and Poitier over his body) and emphasize Martin as a figurehead of monasticism, in particular by mention of Abraham (traditionally the Biblical father of monastic movements), by reference to the "chorus monachorum," and by reference to Martin himself as "neophitus primus."

Notation: first mode, with ternary breve-semibreve notation as the means of subdivision, and no minims.

Remarks: Trowell's remark (in "A Fourteenth-Century Ceremonial Motet," p.74) that Omc 268 preserves fragments of two isorhythmic motets, has been repeated by Sanders (in "Medieval English Polyphony," p.262). There seem, in fact, to be bits of three motets, and it is likely that none is, strictly speaking, isorhythmic.

...den.... ....ine ..o..catholicorum ....dor ruine ...obvans... ....os in fine

baptizas parentes Dei cum virtute obviantem larvam dis cum salute 10 tuis provi votis requiescunt tute

trium\_mortuorum eras [ ]itator neophitus primus celle speculator flentis alternatus trinus colli lator

- certant cives turonum pictorum sacrum petunt corpus tutele suorum sed hoc per fel lram traxit gens priorum.
- 25 0 Martine fulgens in gloria nobis tua assint suosidia.

...sacer presul... ...abrahe.... ....sinus nullus gestibus suppremus

nucus hic brachus ......conten obiureli commer ciam fecit globus ignem 10 ....respuit cesaris miliciam ut fortis defendat [ecc]lesiam nostram p....arunt 15 chorus monachorum superstes ut.....

....etor sis.....

10 respirat?

Both texts trimmed and badly worn.

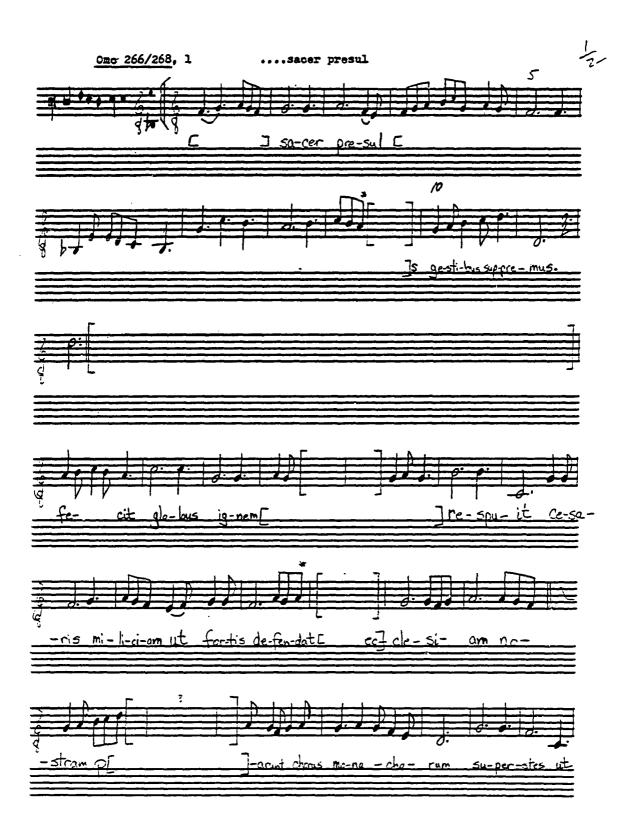
11 proni?

22 suarum

23 ...rum?



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0 Mar-ti- ne ful- gens in glo-ri- a no- bis tu-a as- sint sub- si- di-	
-8:	





Inter usitata
Inter tot et tales
T.

Source: Omc 266/268, fols. 26v, 26 respectively (RISM no. 2).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XVII.

C.f.: unidentified; rubric instructs performance: "Hic ter cantetur medio retro gradietur." See Figure 15.

Form: some periodicity of phrase structure:

I 110B = 2B + 5(16B) + 19B + 7B + 2B

II = 2B + 2(15 + 14)B + 16B + 15B + 17B + 2B

III = 3(36B) + 2B

See Chapter 2, pp.178-79.

<u>Text</u>: to the BVM, perhaps BVM Immaculate Conception. See Chapter 4, p.353.

novum quid cantemus tu virgo benigna quia nova grata inter mundiales frequenter habemus es inventa digna cons[tanter] psallamus Dominum portare Inter usitata

sed ad opus cuius Domine tam pure sancti Pauli huius novelle structu[re] 10 simulque dicamus

salve sancta parens summe graciosa salve labe carens sum[me] virtussa 15 eya sine tali

tu predestinata hinc es exaltata tu mater excepta super omnes celos quamvis Eve nata hinc glorificata [sed] tamen concepta super omne melos in originali ex congruitate 20 in originali

nullaque mortalis
in te culpa ruit
nulla n[ alis] in te cupa fuit 25 tota sancta nata

postque devenisti tam mire formosa quod r[ 1st1] osa 30 ata

35

31-32 both six syll.

Inter tot et tales

hinc annunciata es proles divina tibi obiecta celorum regina in conclavi dare

hinc es ex te nata te clausa manente hinc purificata es in tua gente ex humilitate

ibi coronaris regina celorum ibi gloriaris cetu beatorum sed vis alto iure

quam quivis illor[um] nam hoc meruisti cum Deum deorum [virgo] peperist [virgo] peperisti ultra vis nature

> illum mater bona pro nobis implora [speram] nobis dona iam in mortis hora vite pro future.

20 conguitate 35 hard to read Flos anglorum inclitus ....nobilis festum colentes

Source: Omc 266/268, fols. 26v, 26 respectively (RISM no. 3).

Form: perhaps periodic phrase structures in breves:

I 12B + 30B + ...

II 6B + 9B + 9B + 15B + ...

Text: to St. Edmund.

Notation: tempus perfectum maior, with a perfect long subdivided according to second mode.

## Ome 266/268, 3 Flos anglorum inclitus - I and II

Flos anglorum inclitus
rex Fadmundus nobilis
ex stirpe progenitus
regia puepne [
]
[ ] levit spiritus
sanctus ab infanci[a]
[ ] erat catholicus
et omnibus affabilis
sed mater sanctus capt[ ]

10 ....
patitur
cum civius et ob....

[ ] nobilis
festum colentes tu fove
qui es semper nobilis
cum Eadmundus munere
5 adesto tuis famulis
et manum tuam po[ ]
tuis [ ]pnus
gaudeant perpetue
0 sancte [ ]turum
10 qui posses [ ]ibus
ut rosa sicut lilium
fulges cum .....





O pater excellentissime

Source: Onc 57, fol. 1 (no. 1).

<u>Literature</u>: Partial transc. in Wibberley, "English Polyphonic Music," pp. 185-189. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 78.

Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources"; Wibberley, op.cit., pp. 182-184.

Form: torso of a five section voice exchange motet a4 (2+2), with texted coda that possibly also uses voice exchange. Most of the counterpoint for this motet can be reconstructed from the two surviving parts, which are the duplum and second tenor. Formally this motet occupies an intermediate position between those motets of phrase by phrase exchange and those with larger sectional exchanges. See Chapter 2, pp. 66ff.

<u>Text</u>: only the second half of each stanza survives; the events of the Bartholomew legend are recognizable because of a reference to Polimius, an important figure in the saint's legend.

Remarks: Very similar to Quid rimari in melodic idiom and handling of the lower voices; notice the correspondence of incipits:



Quid ri- ma- ri co- gi- tas (I: 1-4)

••••

O pater excellentissime Christi miles clementissime

5 ....

tu comparebas mane Polimio rogans hunc et clauso dicens hostia

10 ....

cur cum tantis gemmis me quesieras et tot vestes mihi preparaveras

• • • •

15 qui terrena querunt hiis sunt necessaria et deorum redolunt qui ydolatria

• • • •

post rex baptizatus est Polimius:

20 cum tota domo uxor et filius

• • • •

et nos ducas ad celi gaudia.

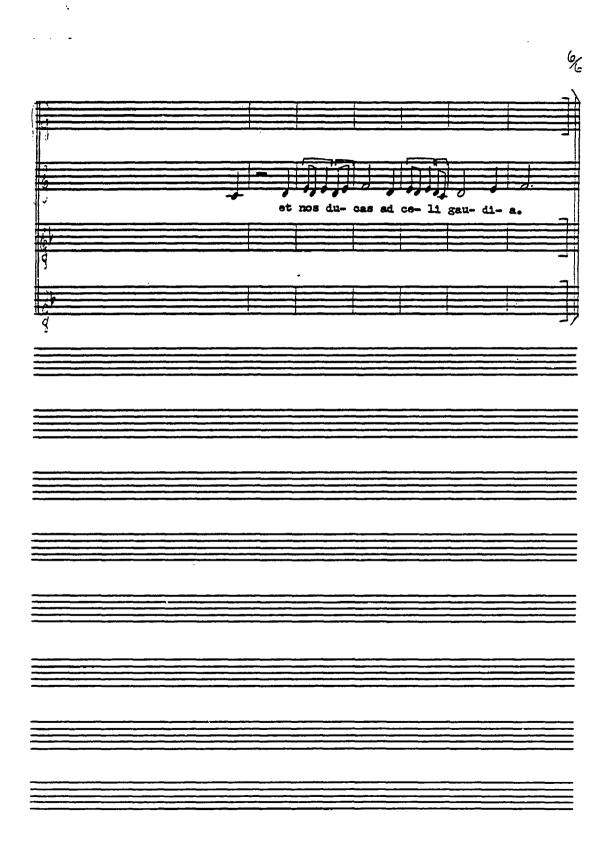












0 crux vale

Source: Onc 57, fol. 1v (no. 2).

<u>Literature</u>: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 79. Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," pp. 352-53; Wibberley, "English Polyphonic Music," pp. 182-84.

Form: motet a4 (2+2) in three large sections of contrasting length, mensuration, and text versification, followed by a brief texted coda: two voices, probably the triplum and "Tenor primus," survive. See Chapter 2, pp.153-54.

<u>Section</u>	Length	<u>Mensuration</u>	<u>Phrases</u>
1	34 <b>L</b>	2nd mode	91 81 81 91
2	34L	1st mode	12L 12L 10L
3	41L(82B)	Binary	15 18 17 12 20B
Coda	<i>5</i> L	1st mode	

Note that the first and second sections are identical in length (34L). The first two phrases of the second section, each 12L, are articulated into three 4L subphrases. There is motion in longs and breves in the odd-numbered bars and motion in semibreves in the even-numbered bars. Further, there are isomelic correspondences between these 12L phrases, especially between the middle 4L. See Chapter 3, pp.296-98 and Figure 37. The necessity of cutting short the final phrase (10L instead of 12L) in order to reach exactly 34L, probably caused this phrase to stand outside of the relation-ship set up between the 12L phrases.

The third section, with its binary long and extensive declamation on chains of paired semibreves, along with

its irregular phrasing, pozes a puzzle. Its numerical structure stands in no apparent relation to the 34L (102B) of the first two sections. There also seems to be no larger grouping of binary longs, or of breves, disguised within the prevailing motion of either surviving voice.

Text: to the Holy Cross, quoting in its final line the last line of a sequence to the Holy Cross, Salve crux sancta.

Remarks: There is the use of the <u>signum rotundum</u> at the end of each section (except between the third and the coda) in both voices. Some extra notes have been omitted in the transcription in the lower part between bars 111 and 112 (<u>lss AAB</u>).

The piece appears to be freely composed, with tonal closure on C, a heavy emphasis on supertonic D, and a final cadence to a 12-8-5 harmony. Identical melismatic tags link sections 1-2 and 2-3, and a variation of this refrain tag links section 3 to the coda. Declamation and phrase structure are not entirely regular (with real consistency only in the first section), but the musical phrases are carefully shaped melodically and suggest a composition composed "from the top down." Judging by the fact that the surviving upper part is texted throughout, it seems likely that the motet was polytextual. There is no sign of sectional voice exchange, though in rhythmic, harmonic, melodic, and formal style O crux is most closely related to large-scale sectional voice-exchange compositions such as Rota versatilis, and to other free compositions a4.

## Onc 57, 2 O crux vale

- [0] crux vale speciale mundi gaudium dans virtutis et salutis privilegium
- yite lignum pacis signum porta glorie mundi florem et datorem ferens gracie.
- O crux arbor nobilis
  10 salus et gloria
  dulcis dilectabilis
  fragrans ut lilia
  flos immarcessibilis
  transcendens omnia.
- 15 O beata decorata dedicata
  cruoris precio
  mors prostratur vita datur spes firmatur
  novo commercio
  sic deletur et terretur dum torquetur
  20 hostis ambicio

O crux bona nobis dona frui gaudio quo letatur coronatur gloriatur mater cum filio.

- 25 Cui laus sit in evum.
  - 25 Quotes the final line of the sequence <u>Salve crux</u> sancta (<u>Missale Herfordensis</u>, p.255).







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Vom.
TITEL III
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Apello cesarem T. Omnes

Source: Onc 362, fol. 84 (RISM no. 1).

<u>Literature</u>: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 80. Harrison, NOHM III, p. 84.

<u>C.f.</u>: the often-used neuma from the Gradual for Christmas, <u>Viderunt omnes</u>. Fourteen statements of the <u>Omnes color</u>, ten in second mode and four in first mode.

Form: Duplum and tenor of a motet a4 with varied rhythmic patterning of the tenor color; no regular periodicity of musical phrases. (See Chapter 2, pp.143-151).

Text: on the persecution of a good man.

## Onc. 362, 1

## Apello cesarem

Apello cesarem qui non habet comparem in iudicio nam sepe sedicio

- 5 viris bone fidei ab his qui ydonei patent in iudicio clam infunditur
- est bilinguis hodie 10 omnis homo patrie pene quibus loquitur

quod si forte fuerit tamen unus innocens qui fidem voluerit 15 et nulli malum inferens et donis non corumpitur

hunc trecim dabunt agmine denso servi sathane dicentes nec sic decet vivere 20 virum qui mundo fruitur

si perseveraverit in voluntate pristina circumventus hic erit dolosa statim machina 25 et ei sic fierit pro fide tribulacio

pro pace persecucio.







Ianuam quam clauserat
Iacintus in saltibus
T. Iacet granum
Quartus cantus
Tenor per se de Iacet granum

Source: Onc 362, fol. 84v-85 (RISM no. 2).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 1 and in Stevens, <u>Music in Honour of St. Thomas</u>, #8. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 81-82; dipl. facs. in Apfel, <u>Studien II</u>, pp. 39-41. Apfel, <u>Studien I</u>,p.28. Harrison, NOHM III, pp. 84-87; idem, "Ars Nova," pp. 70-71; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 218-219; idem, "Motet,"p.543. Stevens, "St. Thomas," pp. 329-331. Recorded on disc Nonesuch H-71292.

<u>C.f.</u>: whole chant setting of respond used at Matins and in procession at First Vespers on Feast of St. Thomas.

Form: isoperiodic phrase construction in two upper voices over unpatterned tenor and quartus cantus.

I 
$$112L = 14(8L)$$
  
II  $= 3L + 9L + 11(8L) + 7L + 5L$ 

<u>Text</u>: to St. Thomas of Canterbury ("de sancte Thoma Cantuarie").

Remarks: earliest known example of a solus tenor combining functions of tenor and quartus cantus, thus reducing texture from a4 to a3.

Ianuam quam clauserat fructus edulium sacro Thome reserat dirum martirium

Thomas carnem domuit crebro ieiunio aspero conpescuit hanc clam cicilio

exulans recinuit 10 cordis in scrinio Christum pro quo corruit tandem martirio

regressus occubuit matris in gremio 15 paradisum meruit cruoris precio

indulgent facinori lictores Domini non parcentes tempori 20 loco vel ordini

> qui devotis mentibus Thome confugiunt de suis erratibus medelam senciunt

25 veneremur laudibus: Thome memoriam nostris pro sceleribus per Thome merita. poscentes veniam.

Iacintus in saltibus puer perimitur de cuius cineribus flos rubens oritur

Thomas diris ictibus in templo moritur de cuius vulneribus sanguis dilabitur

> fragrare flos assolet velud aromata Thome fama redolet orbis per climata

iacinti duricia ferro non sculpitur Thomeque constancia morte non flectitur

milites deseviunt crebro convicio pastorem percuciunt in gregis medio

cerebrum excuciunt hostili gladio quod scelus perficiunt ferali studio

Christus Dei filius sit nobis propicius

- l iacinctus
- cuis
- 13 iacincti

Balaam de quo Balaam de quo T. Balaam

Source: Onc 362, fol. 86 (RISM no. 4), voice II only; F-MO, fol. 392v-393v (written as separate motets, RISM nos.323/324; Rokseth nos. 340/341).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 2; Rokseth, Polyphonies, III, pp.258-62; Stevens TECM I, 5; Tischler, Montpellier, III/6-7, pp. 224-27. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 84 (Onc); Rokseth, ibid., I, fol. 392v-393v (F-MO); dipl. facs. of the second half in Apel, NPM, facs. 63. Apel, NPM, p.315; Bukofzer, SMRM, pp.24-25; Dalglish, "Hocket," pp.353-59 with very full references to other analyses on p.353, notes 24-28; Harrison, MMB, pp.133-34; idem, NOHM III, p.93; idem, "Ars Nova," p.71; Handschin, "Sumer Canon II," pp.73-74; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp.193-95; idem, "Motet," p.542; idem, "England: From the Beginning," p.283. Recorded on disc Nonesuch H-71308.

<u>C.f.</u>: verses four and five of the Epiphany sequence <u>Epiphaniam Domino</u>. Denis Stevens assumes that a performance of this motet would embed the motet within the sequence at Mass. He observes in the liner notes for the Nonesuch record that "a noted missal of the Sarum Use (Paris, Bibliothéque de L'Arsenal (<u>F-Pa 135</u>)) gives a clear clue to the performance of this work by starting the sequence in plainsong notation, changing to measured notation for the verses cited above, and then changing back again when they come to an end. The two troped verses enshrine the customary repeat of the melody on the vowel 'a'." See <u>F-Pa 135</u>, fol.240v, col.1.

Harrison points out, however, that in the Use of Salisbury the melody of the Balaam verses was used for the Benedicamus Domino Alleluia at Offices of Epiphany, citing the Missale Sarum (ed. Dickinson (1861-63)), col. 85, note:
"Et cantus Luius versus Balaam dicatur super Benedicamus cum Alleluia ad utrasque vesperas et ad matutinas secundum usum Sarum Ecclesie." Hence the choice of c.f. makes this piece suitable for use in the Office as a Benedicamus substitute rather than as a motet for use at Mass. (Harrison, "Ars Nova," p.71 and note 8; idem, NOHM III, p.93 and note 1.)

<u>Form</u>: bipartite voice-exchange motet with single text, repeated on exchange; the two sections are written as separate motets in <u>F-MO</u>. See Chapter 2, pp.62-65.

dcf hgf'jif"ijf" x y z w
cde ghe'ije"jif" y x w z
AAB AAB AAB AAB

<u>Text</u>: for Epiphany; tropic expansion on the language of the sequence verses used as the tenor.

Remarks: Dalglish calls the motet a "hocket variation," demonstrating in "Hocket" that the melismatic hocket sections in each half are variations on their respective texted sections. Dalglish wrongly describes voice I as "omitted" from Onc 362 ("Hocket," pp.358-59).

Onc 362, 4; F-MO, 323/324 Balaam de quo

Balaam de quo vaticinans iam de Iacob nova micans orbi lumen inchoans [rutilans]exhibit stella.

- 5 Huic ut placuit tres magi mistica virtute triplici portabant munera ipsum mirifice 10 regem dicencia Deum et hominem mira potencia.
  - 1 <u>F-MO</u> reads: <u>Balaam inquit vaticinans</u>
    4 word not in <u>Onc</u> taken from <u>F-MO</u>

2-4 Numbers 24:17

This text paraphrases strophes four and five of the Epiphany sequence Epiphaniam Domino:

Balaam de quo vaticinans exibit ex Iacob rutilans inquit stella et confriget ducum agmina regionis Moab maxima potentia.

Huic magi munera deferunt preclara aurum simul thus et myrrham thure Deum predicant auro regem magnum hominem mortalem myrrha. Civitas nusquam
T. Cibus esurientum
Cives celestis

Source: Onc 362, fol. 86v-87 (RISM no. 5).

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XV, 3 and in Stevens, TECM, 17. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 85-86; dipl. facs. in Apfel, <u>Studien II</u>, pp. 42-43. Apfel, <u>Studien I</u>, p. 28; Harrison, "Ars Nova," pp. 71-72; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 250-251. Recorded on disc Experiences Anonymes EA-0024.

C.f.: unidentified; reads 'Cibus esurientum, salus
languentum, solamen dolentum.'

Form: bipartite duet motet with medius cantus and some varied repeat of counterpoint over return of tenor; no periodic phrase structure, and two unequal halves defined by cadences in all parts. Tenor is patterned:

50L = 24L + 26L = (4+6+4+6+4)L + (6+4+6+4+6)L, with the first ten bars identical to the last ten.

Text: to St. Edward ("de sancto Edwardo").

Remarks: parallel counterpoint of outer voices mostly in 6ths with some non-cadential parallel 5ths.

Civitas nusquam conditur
que supra montem excelsum ponitur
neque lucerna rutilans
accenditur et absconditur sub modio
5 set in sublimi candelabro figitur
tribuat ut lucem caliginoso populo
quoniam qui caret lumine
nescit quo tendat itinere
an si vadat utiliter
10 aut si deviet nequiter.

Sicque patent et rutilant
Edwardi nec latitant
vite mores et dogmata quamplurima.
plebi carenti lumine vere salutis
15 prebuit lucem sapiencie atque clemencie
et de talentis sibi commissis a Domino
veluti famulus optimus
respondet in centuplo
et ideo sibi conceditur gloria
20 quo nunquam deficiet leticia
per infinita secula.

1-5 Matthew 5:14-15 16-18 Matthew 25:14-30

Cives celestis curie
leti fiunt hodie
expectando Edwardi presenciam
recepturi cum sanctis leticiam
quia consonat et redolet melius
iunctura bonorum merito
hic et in futuro seculo.

Dulcis est adunacio
quam dulce contubernium

10 in sublimi palacio
coram rege celestium
ubi Edwardus hodie
sublimatur ad gaudium
precibus cuius perducamur

15 ad eorum consorcium
quo manebunt in perpetuum.

1 tu es (for cives)
7 est (for et)

Excelsus in numine Benedictus Dominus Tenor de Exclesus

Source: Onc 362, fol. 86v-87 (RISM no. 6).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XVI, 99; Oxford Anthology:

Medieval Music, 48; Stevens, Music in Honour of St. Thomas,

no. 7. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 86; dipl. facs. in Apfel,

Studien II, pp. 44-45. Apfel, Studien I, p. 28; Hohler,

"Reflections," p. 31; Sanders, "English Polyphony," p.102;

Stevens, "St. Thomas," pp.342-43. Recorded on disc

Peters PLE 115.

C.f.: a pes-like free part in melodic double versicles; labelled "Tenor de Excelsus."

Form: bipartite voice-exchange motet a3 with melismatic prelude and texted coda, with double text sung alternately. See Chapter 2, pp.64-65.

<u>Text</u>: on St. Thomas of Canterbury ("de sancto Thoma cantuarie"). Hohler suggested in "Reflections" that the motet was originally conceived not for Becket but for the occasion of the canonization of Thomas of Hereford (1320). However, in private correspondence with this author he has withdrawn that suggestion.

Remarks: unusual tonality for the English motet repertoire in general and for free pieces in particular (a transposed D-tonality on G with B<sup>b</sup>). Fairly "open" counterpoint with extensive use of rests to lighten the texture.

## Onc 362, 6 Excelsus in numine - I and II

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5

10

15

Excelsus in numine sue potestatis vultus sui lumine nobis consignatis oriens eluxit

et per Thomam presulem suum confessorem nostrum quamvis exulem a se per errorem in viam reduxit.

2 tue 10 exule

II

Benedictus Dominus universitatis qui nos nichilominus sue claritatis radio lustravit

et sanctum superius Thomam nominatum

Anglie propicius dans in advocatum sic mirificavit. 20

Mr. Christopher Hohler kindly shared with me the following:

I, 3-5 quote Psalm 4:7 Signatum est super nos lumen vultus tui Domine.

11.6-10 quote Psalm 4:4 mirificavit Dominus sanctum suum.

In addition the texts contain echoes of the language of the Benedictus at Lauds (Luke 1: 68-79), including:

Benedictus Dominus eluxit, radio lustravit - illuminare his qui .... in viam reduxit

- Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel
- ad dirigendos pedes nostros in viam pacis

Ade finit perpete Ade finit misere T. A definement d'esté lerray

Source: Onc 362, fol. 87v (RISM no. 7); F-TO 925, fol. 166r (no. 8).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 4. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 87 (Onc); dipl. facs. in Apfel, Studien, II, pp.45-46 (Onc). Apfel, Studien, I, p. 28; Caldwell, "Letter to the Editor," pp. 384-85; Harrison, "Ars Nova," p. 73; idem, NCHM III, p. 86; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 220-21; idem, "Motet," p. 532. Recorded on disc Experiences
Anonymes EA-0024. See also Anderson, "New Sources," on F-TO.

<u>C.f.</u>: identified in <u>Onc</u> with the incipit given above, and in <u>F-TO</u> by the shorter version "A definement." Caldwell, op.cit., draws attention to the fact that "the vernacular poem associated with the tenor of (this motet) has been located in the Bodleian MS Douce 308 (fol. 209), as the fourteenth item in the fourth section, devoted to <u>pastorelles</u>." He cites some relevant literature, to which one can add Robert Linker White, <u>A Bibliography of Old French Lyrics</u> (1979), which anticipates Caldwell in the association of the poem with the motet (see no. 265-8). The melodic shape of the c.f. is a simple ab b'c b'c' (= abb').

Form: strophic repeat with variation built on three statements of the tenor, and incorporating a phrase structure with mixed periodicity:

72L = (13 + 11)L + 2(11 + 13)L

 $II \approx 8(9L)$ 

III = 3(24L) = 3(6(4L))

The two lower voices share the same range, with the duplum generally beneath the tenor when the tenor is in the upper fourth of its range. There is a remarkably high degree of motivic economy and repetition both within each strophe, matching the melodic repetitions in the tenor, and between strophes. For example, see I: 1-4 = 25-28 = 49-52, or II: 56-60 = 64-68.

Text: on the Resurrection ("de resurrectione").

Remarks: the F-TO version is preferable in a number of small divergences from the readings of Onc: F-TO is not quite complete, however -- voice I begins only with 42,2.

Onc 362, 7 F-TO 925, 8 Ade finit perpete - I and II

Ade finit perpete nephas parentis noxie passo pro nobis pio plasmatore

5 Christo rege Nazareno Iesu crucifixo Iudaico furore

agno miti inmolato innocenti morti dato triumphatore

qui resurgens hodie nobis patefecit regnum poli patrie nobili victore

15 exultemus decantemus in qua pascha nostrum catholico clamore

instat enim iubilei dies eterne requiei 20 resurgente redemptore.

> 14 victorie (<u>Onc</u>) F-To begins with line 12.

Ade finit misere delictum a titubans dolore totum genus temere nostrum iam perierat plangore paradisi diu clausa 5 porta patet grandi dulcore mundi semper pro salute populi passo salvatore qui pro nobis moriendo effuso roseo cruore 10 pendens crucis patibulo rumpens yma mirando more resurrexit hodie a mortuis inmenso vigore 15 psallat ergo plebs ovando pascha nostrum novo clangore.

Alta canunt assistentes Quadruplum

Source: Onc 362, fol. 88 (RISM no. 8).

Literature: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 88.

<u>C.f.</u>: none extant, but possible that motet set whole chant of the Alleluia Pascha Nostrum.

Form: duplum and quadruplum of a motet a4 with strophic repetition and varied voice exchange; motet is bipartite, with change of mensuration (after a central cadence) from second mode to first mode. The design of the motet may be represented in terms of section lengths and melodic/contrapuntal relationships as follows:

<u>Text</u>: text is tropic expansion on the Alleluia; the sectional break falls between the Alleluia and the verse, and this is made manifest by means of assonance: <u>Alta...miseria/Pascha no...immolatus est.</u>

## Onc 362, 8 Alta canunt assistentes

Alta canunt assistentes cuncti carmen nobile felix festum nobis adest hodie

5 lumen vite patribus apparuit quos caligo tenebrosa tenuit

pro delicto
10 prothopatris noxio
dum filius altissimi
mundi pro solacio

moritur et solvitur gelu salvatio 15 debita de miseria.

Pascha nobile
ecclesia fidelium
colat voto cordis toto
20 rerum quo creator omnium

labilibus pro famulis ob culpam dampnabilibus interiit

transacta die tercia
25 sua virtute propria
confracta mortis vinculo
redit de baratro

surgens se monstrat primitus Marie de qua spiritus 30 septem eiecerat inmundos

> duos reddit discipulos presencia iocundos magistri qui defleverat dum immolatus est.

Text tropic to Alleluia Pascha Nostrum.











Caligo terre scinditur Virgo mater et filia Tenor

Source: Onc 362, fol. 88v (RISM no. 9).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV,5; Oxford Anthology: Medieval Music, 49. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 89; dipl. facs. in Apfel, Studien II, pp. 46-47. Apfel, Studien I, p. 28; Harrison, NOHM III, p. 86; idem, "Ars Nova," p.73. Recorded on disc Peters PLE 115. Caldwell, "Review," pp.469-70.

<u>C.f.</u>: voice labelled tenor is actually free; there is, however, a c.f. disguised in voice II. It is a setting of a French virelai, <u>Mariounette douche</u>, which is also used as the tenor of <u>Onc 362</u>, 10, where the French incipit may be found.

Form: stratified motet without regular phrase structure in triplum.

I 
$$49L = 5 + 6 + 8 + 4 + 5 + 4 + 7 + 5 + 5L$$
  
II  $= (7+4)L + 2(4+4)L + 2(7+4)L$   
III  $= 3(4L) + 12(3L) + 1L$ 

Text: to the BVM; duplum follows the shape of the virelai; text is declaimed roughly at 4-5L per couplet. Caldwell, in "Review," observes that lines 1-2, 5-6 of the triplum quote the second stanza of the Prudentius hymn Nox et tenebrae et nubila (AH 50, pp.23-24), transforming "a hymn for daybreak into one for Christmas." The only change is the substitution of "partu" for "vultu" in line 6 of the motet text. Line 9 of the triplum ("in partu pure virginis") suggests the motet is appropriate not just for Christmas and the birth of Christ, but also for the birth of Mary earlier in Advent.

Caligo terre scinditur percussa solis spiculo dum sol ex stella nascitur in fidei diluculo

- 5 rebusque iam color redit partu nitentis sideris quarum decorem polluit peccatum Ade veteris
- in partu pure virginis
  nox nitet instar luminis
  nox affluit deliciis
  palatis celi gaudiis

per viscera virginea fit vallis fletus mellea laudantes canunt vigiles gaudere iubent flebiles

insompnes lustrat claritas luctantes docet veritas sancte Marie gremium 20 vas est horum magnalium.

> Virgo materque filia regis altissimi mestis fit remedia

lacera consciencia 5 facile sic illabitur ad frivola labencia quo laqueata rapitur

anima sic illuditur a famula propria 10 sine providencia

> in te virgo diffunditur omnis potencia hic audi suspiria.

Solaris ardor Romuli Gregorius sol seculi Petre tua navicula T. Mariounette douche

Source: Onc 362, fol. 89 (RISM no. 10).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 6 and in History of Music in Sound II, pp. 61-64. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 90. Apfel, Studien I, p. 28; Harrison, "Ars Nova," p. 73; Dom A. Hughes, NOHM II, p. 403; Sanders, "English Polyphony," p. 221; idem, "Motet," p. 544. Recorded on disc RCA LM-6015 (History of Music in Sound II).

<u>C.f.</u>: <u>Mariounette</u> <u>douche</u>, a French virelai also used as the c.f. of <u>Onc 362</u>, 9; here transposed down a fifth from the previous version. Only text incipit given.

Form: isoperiodic in a module of 9L, with some strophic repeat of counterpoint on repeat of phrases of the tenor, which has the melodic shape ABBAA.

I 
$$54L = 10L + 4(9L) + 8L$$
  
II  $= 14L + 4(9L) + 4L$   
III  $= 8L + 3(9L) + 2(5L) + 9L$   
IV  $= 12L + 2(9L) + 2(12L)$ 

Text: on St. Augustine and Canterbury.

Solaris ardor Romuli solvit gelu Britannie mundana corda populi a scoria resanie

- cometa cum signifera dum lucem moderancie dedere dena sidera quater in ortu Cancie
- que tenebras perfidie 10 demere flamme fidei quocumque fluctus hodie claudent Anglos equorei.
  - mundano
  - The forty monks, companions of St Augustine.
  - flammæ

Gregorius sol seculi Iovem de cancro Romuli misit in libram Anglie de medio qui populi tulit lunam perfidie

zodiaci per singula transit signa tripharie lucescens sine macula decursoque summarie

- 10 cursu se finxit firmiter mensurum eternaliter in gradu Cantuarie.
  - 11 mansurum

One-362, 10 Solaris ardor - III

Petre tua navicula vacillat aliquociens resultat set pericula post plurima multociens

- 5 in insula Britannie fides olim convaluit timore sed vesamie gentilis diu latuit
- sequacem per Gregorium 10 tuum pati consulitur per Augustinum monachum et fidei reducitur.

Listed in Chev. 41983.

Virgo sancta Katerina De spineto T. Agmina

Source: Onc 362, fol. 89v,82 (RISM no. 11).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 7. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 91-92; dipl. facs. in Apfel, Studien II, pp. 48-49. Apfel, Studien I, p. 28; Harrison, "Ars Nova," p. 70; idem, NOHM III, p. 84; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 248-250.

<u>C.f.</u>: neuma from the St. Katherine responsory <u>Virgo</u>

<u>flagellatur</u>. This <u>color</u> sung in five rhythmically varied statements. ( 29L + 20L + 17L + 11L + 13L)

Form: Begins isoperiodically on a module of 9L (90L=10(9L)), shifts to a module of 8L, and then becomes mixed and slightly irregular in periodicity in upper parts; this inconsistency on account of shifting modular numbers and irregular periods in tenor, whose quickening note values in successive periods are mirrored in a shift from long-breve to breve-semibreve declamation in the upper voices.

I 
$$90L = 3(9L) + 2(8L) + 5L + 8L + 5L + 7L + 4L + 7L + 11L$$

II  $= 2L + 3(9L) + 3(8L) + 10L + 9L + 8L + 10L$ 

III  $= 9(3L) + 4L + 9(2L) + 5L + 3(4L) + 5L + 2(4L) + 2(3L) + 5L$ 

Text: to St. Katherine; rubric no longer visible.

The texts are regular and so versified as to have the configuration that would be expected of an isoperiodic motet.

Variants to PMFC XV ed.: III: 50-52 lb bbb 1 (CB AFG F)/ 57-58 lb 1 (FG F).

Virgo sancta Katerina gemma nitens Grecie orta veteri de spina ro[sa fragrans] gracie

- 5 generosa palatina clare flos prosapie qui parentes rex regina gr[andis] excellencie
- pupa vergit ad divina 10 dans se clerimonie

ultra morem[femina]rum fit magistra licterarum fidei catholice

vicit rethores Persarum 15 gerens bases Galliarum artis in rethorice

> victi cedunt quinquageni qui putantu[r esse] pleni luminis sapiencie

igni dantur ut urantur 20 hos non ledit hiis [concedit] ignis set Uranie

> spiritus sacri rore madente gracie.

De spineto rosa crescit inter rampnos Grecie stimulata non palescit tribulo perfidie

- laceratur dum fatore fragrans flos prudencie gens respirat ex odore floris Alexandrie
- de floreto flos regali 10 Katerina nascitur ritu gencium dampnali spreto fidem sequitur

tecta scuto puritatis ense cincta castitatis 15 saluteque Gallie

> iura sexus et etatis vincens nephas dignitatis arguit cesaree

fide rethorum robusta 20 facta choors non adusta moritur incendio

> demum cedit et Augusta fitque martir post angusta cesa cum Porfirio.

16 etates

These texts owe much of their language to the rhymed offices for Katherine (see AS, pl.V-Z; Brev.Sar III,

Regi regum enarrare T. Regnum tuum

Source: Onc 362, fol. 82v (RISM no. 12).

Literature: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 93.

<u>C.f.</u>: whole chant setting of the Gloria prosula; double versicle structure of the c.f. is ignored in the setting.

Form: triplum and tenor of an isoperiodic motet a4 (2+2) with module of 7L; in order to accommodate the whole chant, tenor <u>caleae</u> are isoperiodic but not isorhythmic.

$$I = 84L = 9L + 8(7L) + 13L + 6L$$

$$II = 12(7L)$$

Text: a prayer to God; tropic to the tenor text.

Regi regum enarrare

[R]egi regum enarrare inquid lingua gloriam qui nichil fruitur preter le[ticiam]

5 [sedens ]ilis
in summo solio
cui mirabilis
assistat concio

milia[ ior]
10 [ ur] civium
sole lucidior
quorum est omnium

contexta fimbriis
[ ] purea
15 ornatus capitis
corona aurea

administrancium novem or

[ s] dirigitur
20 qui sacris cantibus
regem glorificant
excellentissimum

[ ]usest in eternum.

Text is trimmed slightly, and badly rubbed. It is tropic to the tenor, the Gloria prosula Regnum tuum solidum.







Iam nubes dissolvitur
Iam novum sidus oritur
T. Iam lucis orto sidere

Source: Onc 362, for. 83 (RISM no. 15), voices I and II only.

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XV, 8. Facs. in EECM 26, pl.94. Handschin, "Sumer Canon II," pp.75-76.

<u>C.f.</u>: The tenor for this motet does not survive in <u>Onc</u>.

It was first identified by Mr. Paul Hawkshaw in a seminar at

Columbia University. He, like Handschin, reconstructed a

contrapuntally acceptable voice under the upper parts, which was

then recognized as the familiar tune of the hymn <u>Iam lucis</u>

orto <u>sidere</u>, stated two-and-a-half times.

Form: Isoperiodic in a module of 4L over the middle three of five tenor periods of 9L, with a textless cauda over the first tenor period and a more irregular scheme over the last:

I 
$$45L = (4L + 3L) + 7(4L) + (3L + 3L + 4L)$$
  
II  $= (2L + 3L + 4L) + 6(4L) + (3L + 4L + 5L)$   
III  $= 5(9L)$ 

<u>Text</u>: To the BVM on her Nativity; see also under <u>Remarks</u>.

Remarks: There is another 13th-century motet that shares the same pair of texts, but has different music: it appears, among other places, as <u>F-MO</u>, 258 (Rokseth no. 275). RISM B/IV/1 incorrectly reports that the <u>Onc</u> piece is merely a variant of the <u>F-MO</u> motet. This curious error is transmitted in recent editions of the <u>F-MO</u> piece. Tischler, The Montpellier Codex,

Recent Researches in the Music of the Middle Ages and Early Renaissance, vol. 2, p.lxv, wrongly indicates the <u>Onc</u> motet as a direct concordance, and further suggests that the <u>Onc</u> piece was not considered by Rokseth. Gordon Anderson, in <u>The Las Huelgas Manuscript</u>, vol. 2, p.xxxv (in the notes to no. 34), also wrongly claims that the <u>Onc</u> piece is a direct concordance to the second piece.

The two motets setting the same pair of texts are, however, remarkably similar in formal design and stylization of declamation around the repeated word "iam"; one may well have been modelled on the other. The continental piece has a tenor consisting of two statements of <a href="Solem iusticie">Solem iusticie</a>. Roughly the middle half of the motet is isoperiodic, with a textless cauda over the first quarter and a more irregular scheme over the last quarter:

I 
$$40L = 2L + 7(4L) + 3L + 2L + 2(3L)$$
  
II  $= 8(4L) + 4(2L)$   
III  $= 20(2L)$ 

In both motets, modules of 4L have been counted with the hocket over the last 2L of each unit.

whatever the direction of influence (and relative ages), it seems probable that the <u>Onc</u> motet is English in origin, on the basis of its appearance in an English source, the assonance of its tenor text with the upper parts, some strophic repeat of counterpoint with varied voice exchange on repeat of the tenor (as for instance, bars 13-14 compared with 31-32), and its tonal closure.

Iam nubes dissolvitur iam patet galaxia iam flos de spina rumpitur iam oritur Maria iam verum lumen cernitur iam demonstratur via iam pro nobis pia exorta Maria perfruamur gloria.

- 2 galaxias
- 3 Rok: ex Rok: exoret; AH: exorat
- 9 Rok and AH: ut fruamur

Iam novum sidus oritur iam vatet galaxia iam ex Iudea nascitur iam orîtur Maria iam nobis celum panditur iam det nobis gaudia in celi curia Christus cuius filia ac mater es Maria.

- 3 nassitur
- 5 AH: enim (for ce 9 Rok and AH: et AH: enim (for celum)

These paired texts have a concordance in a continental motet edited by Rokseth in <u>Polyphonies du XIII siecle</u> (Paris, 1935-48), III, no.275. They are also listed in Chev. 38325 and edited in AH 45b, p.45.

O homo de pulvere O homo considera Quartus cantus de O homo Filie ierusalem, tenor de O homo

Source: Onc 362, fol. 83v,90 (RISM no. 17).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV,9; Oxford Anthology: Medieval Music, 50. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 95-96; dipl. facs. in Apfel, Studien II, pp. 37-38. Apfel, Studien I, p. 27; Harrison, "Ars Nova," p. 70; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 192-193; idem, "England: From the Beginning," p. 283; idem, "Motet," pp. 541-542. Recorded on disc Peters PLE 115.

<u>C.f.</u>: beginning of the solo portion of a respond for the feast of a martyr or confessor.

Form: varied voice exchange over three tenor statements, with no periodic phrase structure (Oxford Anthology incorrectly labels as "isorhythmic"):

b a' b'' a b' a'' x x' x'' y y y

and within each of the three sections there is a near-literal restatement of melody in the tenor to which there is corresponding voice exchange:

b ...c..d... a = ...d...c... y ...v...v'... y ...w...w'...

See bars 8-12/16-20; 35-39/43-47/62-66/70-74.

Text: homiletic; has a concordance in a 13th-century English motet, Lbm 5958, 2 (Ed. in PMFC XIV, 79; text ed. in PMFC XV).

Remarks: Narrow range (a 13th), narrow width of

counterpoint (rarely exceeding an octave), lack of regular phrase structure, irregular declamation on longs or longs and breves, and triadic final harmony all point to a date of composition in the later 13th century. (Both published editions misleadingly amend the final note in the Quartus cantus from an F to an A. Several 13th-century English motets a4 have a third in the final harmony, however. See Chapter One, p.46 and note 43.)

O homo considera que vite labilis gloria dat conpendia cuius natura 5 fovet fragilia nunc floret nunc deficit refert et inania nunc gaudet nunc meret sero dat stabilia 10 cum sit cui delicata promit vicia linque rogo talia Christique vestigia conanter sequere 15 querens celica videre gaudia.

- 3 Lbm: [co]mpendia
- 6 flores; Lbm: floret
- 7 Lbm: reserat inania
- 8 Lbm: nunc gau[d]et et nunc meret
- 10 tui; Lbm: cui cum sit delicata
- 13 Christi vestigia; Lbm: [Christ]ique

O homo de pulvere
surge propere
et Iesum amplectere
corde verbis opere
5 qui pro tuis culpis aspere
cesus et se funeri
volens subdere
te redemit libere
caritate mera
10 ergo miser gradere
in eius itinere
cuncta mala desere
et sic stude vivere
ut queas gaudere.

## 14 Lbm: ut gaudere

These paired texts have a concordance in a 13th-century rnglish motet, Lbm 5958, 2 (edited by E.H.Sanders in PMFC XIV, no.79). Listed in Chev. 41870-71 and in GennB 212a/212b.

Rosa delectabilis Regalis exoritur T. Regali ex progenie

Source: Onc 362, fol. 90v-91 (RISM no. 18): palimpsest over erased music that is now unreadable even under ultraviolet illumination.

Literature: Ed. in PMFC XV, 10. Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 97-98; dipl. facs. in Apfel, Studien II, pp. 50-52. Apfel, Studien I, p. 28; Harrison, NOHM III, pp. 87-88; idem, "Ars Nova," p. 73; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 239-240; idem, "Motet," p. 546.

<u>C.f.</u>: antiphon for the Nativity of the BVM, laid out once as a whole chant.

Form: duet motet with medius cantus; see Chapter 2, pp. 133-35.

Text: to the BVM.

Notation: first mode, with elaborate subdivision of the breve using insular circle-stem notation; see Chapter 3, pp.245, 284. Edition in PMFC lacks rhythmic consistency and accuracy.

[R]osa delectabilis spina carens exoritur regina prenobilis hec culpa carens nascitur honoris amicicia

- hec que Iesse virgula de radice progreditur ex stirpe virguncula David est que producitur cuncta regens impendere
- hec luna formosior
  10 ut aurora progreditur

eius est amabilis et graciosa facies

15 fit illa terribilis velud astrorum acies

virgo que dinoscitur reis spes almo

castis Dei filium des viam laudantibus hec concepit visceribus et cunctis te egregia quem pudoris lilium regina orantibus servans lactat uberibus bina enim remedia

- via deviantibus precor amore filii sis virgo peccantibus culpaque disperantibus 25 via deviantibus pia mater auxilium.
  - regina carens prenobilis 14 vita 27 scis

[R]egalis exoritur mater decoris anima naturalis tollitur

nova caro cernitur emendata resurgere tali et suboritur

terre vita redditur Eve salus in gracia sole speciosior nobis ac refunditur materiali cernitur eius par excellencia

rex turbatur emitur qui vitam orbi dederat falso Iuda traditur pacem reus omiserat

exorta conspicitur presta tuos excipe
ex regali progenie regina tuis emulis
virgo que dinoscitur conclamantes accipe
20 reis spes alma venie nos tibi vitam servulis

tribuas egentibus
peccato penitentibus
ut qui culpa miseri
sunt hii pena sint liberi
fineque cives celici.

15 traditus

Jube Domine benedicere (2 settings)

Source: Onc 362, fol. 90v-91 (RISM nos. 19 and 20).

Remarks: Not motets, but edited here in order to provide alternative transcriptions to those of PMFC XVI.





....geret et regem gencium

Source: TACro 3182, fol. B (no. 2).

<u>Literature</u>: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 201. Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," pp. 354-356.

Form: very fragmentary voice of a motet, probably duplum; regularly versified text but irregular declamation and no apparent regular phrase structure.

Notation: breve-semibreve notation with a few melismatic minims; transcribed here with breve as half note.

Remarks: similar in appearance to Ancilla Domini, Lli 146, no.6.

## TAcro 3182, 1\* geret et regem

et regem gencium
et gaude ...

5 gracia Dominum
conceptum iam ...
et .....
vide et habuit
ex patris munere

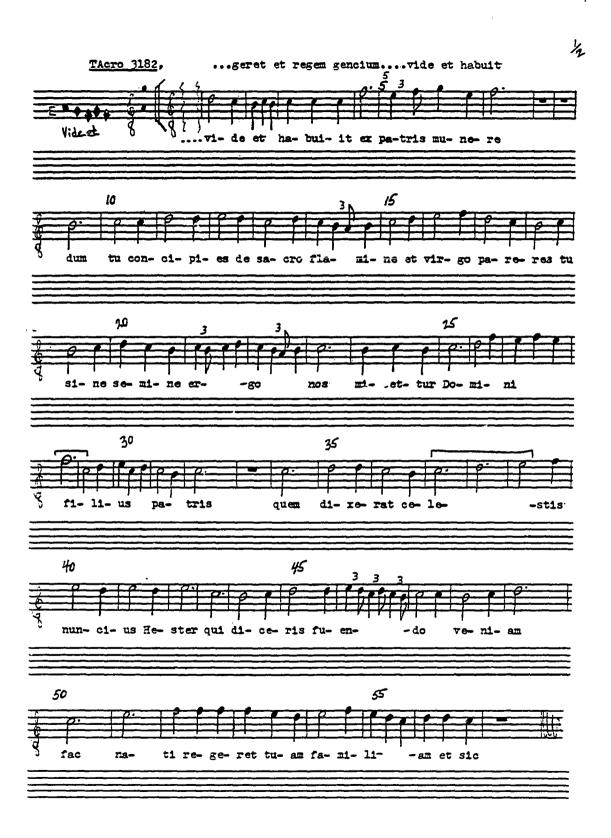
numine?

- 10 dum tu concipies de sacro flamine et virgo pareres tu sine semine
- ergo nos mitettur
  15 Domini filius
  patris quem dixerat
  celestis nuncius
- Hester qui diceris fuendo veniam 20 fac nati regeret tuam familiam

25

et sic nos curre(ret)
per mundi stadium
ut celi .....

25 illegible, but the end of the text is here.





....rex piaculum homo

Source: TAcro 3182, fol. BV (no. 4).

<u>Literature</u>: Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 202. Lefferts and Bent: "New Sources."

Form: very fragmentary voice of a polyphonic composition, not clearly a motet. Possibly a setting of an Alleluia (judging from the first legible text) of which there remains most of the verse, in one part. The setting alternates cum and sine littera sections and has a very wide range (a 13th, a-f''), which suggests this voice might be made to combine with itself in counterpoint through voice exchange. Professor Paul Doe (University of Exeter) generously shared this observation and his discovery of parts which indeed do fit, and graciously allowed me to reproduce his solution in this Appendix. In the transcription bars 52-73 have been entered under bars 29-50, joining a section without text to a section with text.

Notation: tempus imperfectum maior.

## TACTO 3182, 2\* rex piaculum

[Al]leluya. ..... rex piaculum homo ora...machinum celum cessa infera

....pro suo crimina clemens audi [sus]piria 0 tue salus

Two lines of text visible; only partially legible.





Lingua peregrina T. Laqueus

Source: 0b 20 (WF), fol. 25 (RISM no. 44) = WF, 44.

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in Dittmer, MSD 2, 44. Facs. in Dittmer. Oxford, Latin <u>Liturgical D 20</u>, p. 38. WMH, p.67.

<u>C.f.</u>: neuma from the beginning of the verse of the Gradual for martyrs, <u>Anima nostra</u>, on the word "Laqueus." The tune is melodically interesting, with an embedded double versicle; it is apparently stated 5 times in all.

Form: triplum (duplum?) and tenor of a motet a3 (a4?) with varied rhythmic patterning of the tenor in repeated taleae of 4L. (See Chapter Two, pp.143ff.) The upper voice has phrases of 4 and 8L, cadencing in the third bar of a 4L unit if there is antipenultimate stress on the last word; if the stress is penultimate, then a feminine cadence with longs in the third and fourth bars is found. Occasionally there is a rest of 1L that is cutside of this 4L structuring (as in bars 5, 18, 35, 68, 101, 138, 150); hence, there cannot be complete syncronization of this upper part with the tenor throughout. Dittmer's solution for placement of the tenor makes some implausible dissonances (as in bars 139, 141, 156) but no better solution can be offered here to make it fit.

Text: prayer to the BVM.

Notation: <u>larga-longa</u> notation, on which see Chapter Three, pp.290ff.

Remarks: palimpsest added over erased music, in the same hand that added WF, 47 and WF, 48.

## Lingua peregrina

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[L]ingua peregrina te laudare nescio ut amore sicio celica regina

- 5 metus ne respicias note i[ ] [ ]etum ut exaudias animum inclina
- misero mederi
  10 bene prebales
  a pena tueri
  reum assoles

tibi [ ]
[ ]eat filius:
15 pro quo vis orare
diligentius

> pura sine crimine semper remansisti

25 quis si te rogaverit desperare poterit in angaria

soli [ ] ceteris creatoris disteris 30 plena gratia

> nostra sis advocata defendere parata nos a miseria

nulla spiritalis
35 [ ]alis
fit occasio

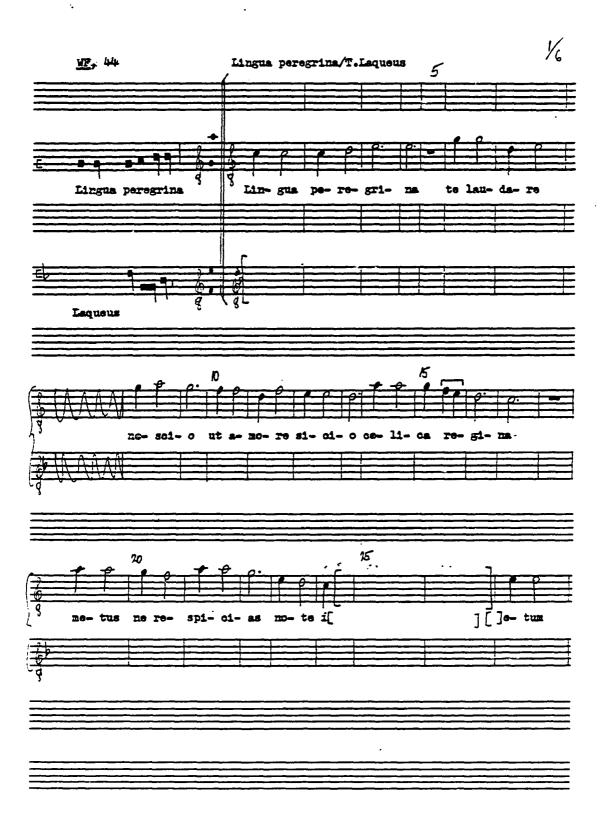
que reo noceltur quin tua delebtur deprecatio

40 penitens si fuerit revertum et oderit se non quo de [ ]re vicio

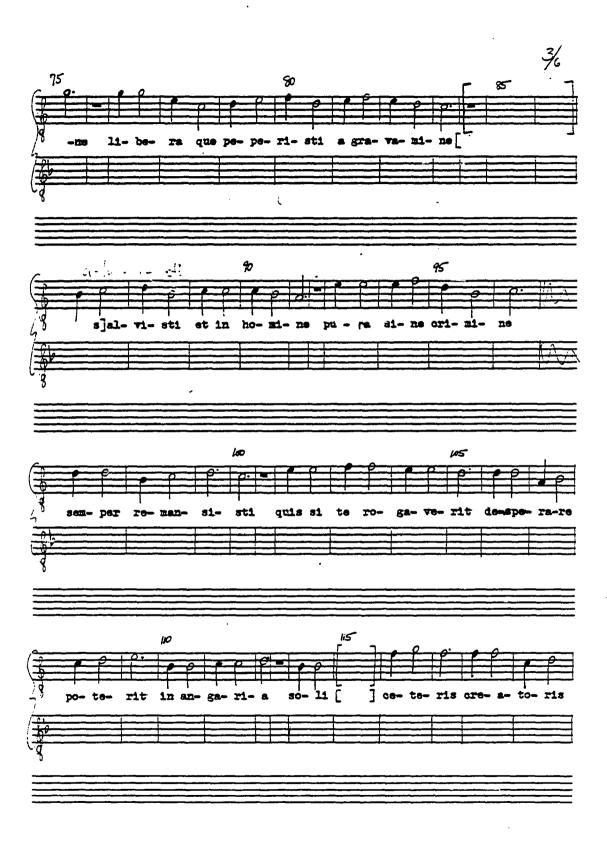
ergo mater [ ]tere +5 privilegio gentis dato misere pro remedio

regia sceptri grata
natum ora [ ]
[ ] tibi pandens ubera
ut et pater
sua pandat vulnera

ut nato propicius nostra tollat scelera.













Peregrina moror T.

Source: WOC 68, frag. xxxv, fol. 1 (RISM no. 47).

Literature: Ed. in Dittmer, MSD 2, 47. Facs. in

Dittmer, Worcester Add. 68, p.70. Dittmer, MSD 2, pp.42
43; WMH, pp.67, 98.

<u>C.f.</u>: unidentified; two statements of a lengthy <u>color</u> with embedded double versicles, melodic shape ABBCCD, that is probably the neuma from a responsorial chant.

Form: ?triplum and tener of a motet ?a3 with varied rhythmic patterning of the tenor in taleae of 4L. In these 4L units the third and fourth longs are often replaced by a double long. In the upper part there is further articulation of the 4L units in synchronization with the tenor, especially by introducing a double long, two perfect longs, or a perfect long followed by long rest for the third and fourth longs of each unit. This defines a strict binary mensural organization on two successive levels above the long. It may be the case that the missing upper voice was set out of phase with the surviving voice and tenor, in much the same way that one finds in Lingua peregrina (WF, 44).

Text: prayer to the BVM.

Notation: larga-longa; see Chapter 3, pp. 290ff.

Remarks: palimpsest over erased music, in the same hand that added WF,44 and WF, 48.

Peregrina moror errans in patria amara cogor dare suspiria

5 tot patior mala fateor quod effudior

carnea r[ui]na te aggredior 10 celica regina quia crucior

me iubantem
mater erige
in viam errantem
bonam dirige

caro me [ascer]int nunc discerint mala propria

vana exulantur 20 [ ]antur et demonia

> virgo venerabilis mater O mirabilis me[ ] miserabilis

25 tu memora auxiliare

in pura genuisti
viri sine semine
partus que discrimine
30 solis peperisti
Deum et hominem

a reatu tristi
et a crimine
libera me mortis
in examine

ne dignum
me dampnamine
privet hora sortis
d[ ] lumi[ne].









Rex omnipotencie

Source:  $\underline{\text{WOc } 68}$ , frag. xxxv, fol.  $i^{\text{V}}$  (RISM no. 48); photofacs. in  $\underline{\text{Ob } 20}$ , fol. 26v = WF, 48.

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in Dittmer, MSD 2, 48. Facs. in idem, Worcester Add. 68, p. 70. Dittmer, MSD 2, p. 43; WMH, p.101.

Form: isolated voice, perhaps the triplum of a motet exhibiting strophic repeat with only slight variation; regular periodicity of phrase structure:

$$48L = 2(4+3+3+4+3+3+4)L = 2(24L)$$

<u>Text</u>: prayer to Jesus and Mary.

Remarks: Uses C1 clef with on B above throughout.

Palimpsest over erased music, in the same hand that added

WF. 44 and WF, 47.

Rex omnipotencie matris precibus sue mitibus

ree det famulie 5 dona venie et leticle

quam expectant hodie

signum indulgencie
[et] clemencie
10 de celestibus

sibi m ] sedibus mater patrie regem glorie

ora pro petentibus.

MS badly worn and much is hard to read:

- 4 r(ec)edet?
- ll Dittmer reads <u>mittit</u> but it appears an  $\underline{m}$  is followed by just four strokes, with no sign of abbreviation.
- 12 patrie?



Ut recreentur celitus Secundus tenor

Source: WOc 68, frag. xii, fol. 1 (RISM no. 78)= WF,78.

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in Dittmer, MSD 2, 78. Facs. in Floyer and Hamilton, <u>Catalogue</u>, frontispiece. Dittme., MSD 2, p. 58; WMH, p. 105.

Form: duplum and second tenor of a bipartite motet a4 (2+2) with isoperiodic phrase structure, and a charge of mensuration and modular number in the second half; each half ends with a textless coda. Motet was probably free.

$$178L = (80L + 4L) + (90L + 4L)$$

II = 
$$(5+6)L+(4+6)L+8L+3(6+4)L+2(10L)+5L+6L+6(12L)$$

Melodic resemblances, especially between alternate phrases, suggest some sort of varied strophic repeat. In each half, unsupported fourths calling for a second lower part occur in exactly the same place in each phrase (fourth and fifth bars in the first half; first and second bars in the second half).

Text: extant voice quotes stanzas 1-2, 5-6 of hymn

Veni creator spiritus as third and fourth lines of each

stanza; missing voice may either have sung the same as lines

one and two of each stanzas, or even more likely, the missing

verses of the hymn, so that the entire hymn was sung through.

Remarks: palimpsest over erased music.

Ut recreentur celitus in te corda reposita veni creator spiritus mentes tuorum visita

- de mundi carnis vicia vel hostis fedant corpora imple superna gracia que tu creasti pectora
- sis consolatrum miseris 10 cordis thesaurus optimi qui paraclitus diceris donum Dei altissimi

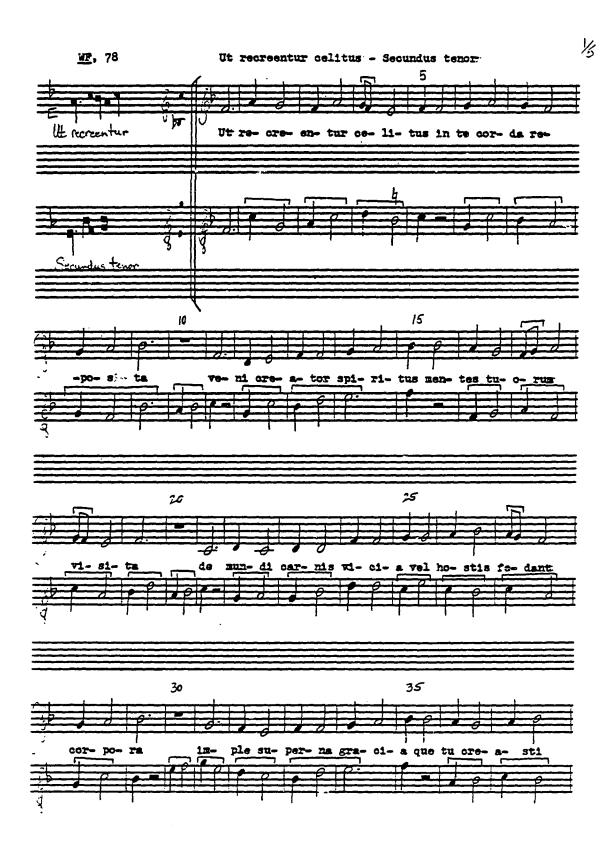
purgetur pro te pravitas et peccatorum punctio 15 fons vivus ignis caritas et spiritalis unctio.

Tu nobis sis propicius et omnis pestis eminus hostem repellas longius 20 pacemque dones protinus:

completo cursus stadio conprehendamus bravium ductore sic te previo vitemus omne nozium

- 25 qui se nobis fecit fratrem tante reis remedium per te sciamus da patrem noscamus atque filium
- inter patrem et genitum 30 ut amorem procedere te utriusque spiritum credamus omni tempore.
  - 1 Some read ut recreatur 9 consolatorum
  - 9 consolatorum

The last two lines of each stanza quote consecutively from the Pentecost hymn Veni creator spiritus. Stanzas 1-2 are used in the first half, and stanzas 5-6 are used in the second half. Missing text may have used 3-4 and 7-8.











Inter choros paradisicolarum Invictis pueris inter flammas

Source: WOc 68, frag. xii, fol. 1v (RISM no. 79) = WF,79.

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XIV, App. 26; Dittmer, MSD 2, 79. Facs. in Dittmer, <u>Worcester Add. 68</u>, p. 27. Dittmer, MSD 2, p. 58; Sanders, "English Polyphony," pp. 225-230 with transc.; WMH, p. 94. Hohler, "Reflections," pp. 29-30.

<u>C.f.</u>: none survives; Sanders ed. provides reconstruction which makes it appear to be whole chant setting, with no melodic recurrence.

Form: two voices of an isoperiodic motet a4 (3+1) with module of 12L; Sanders reconstructs the scheme as follows (added voices in brackets):

$$\begin{bmatrix}
64L &= 4(12L) + 16L \\
I &= 8L + 4(12L) + 8L \\
II &= 4L + 5(12L) \\
&= 2L4L + 5(12L) \\
2L + 15(4L) + 2L
\end{bmatrix}$$

<u>Text</u>: to St. Winifred (presumably the one whose relics are at Shrewsbury and whose feast is November 3, but note the doubts raised by Hohler, "Reflections," pp.29-30).

Remarks: palimpsest over erased music. In the 10pp lines of text, the extension of the pick-up to a full bar anacrusis has been displaced to the third syllable, as a rule, for patterning of declamation.

WF, 79

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Inter choros paradisicolarum

qui perhenni ludunt leticia virgo plaudis Wenefreda nulla cedit mundi mesticia quo perhennis est ruina

O quam benigna est commutatio pro gaudio momenti s[ ]is sit exaltatio sempiterni testamenti

- 10 quo virgo letaris atque gloriaris.
  - 8 Sanders suggests <u>sospitalis</u>. MS looks like spret( )gis.

II Invictis

pueris inter flammas ignium qui calorem nescierunt coequaris spine carnalium ardore dun non leserunt

te in primo [
nec in choro [
] set cuncta [
fragrans flos virginitatis

10 [ ] sonaris virginibus cum quibus honoraris.

- 6 six syllables
- 7 four \*
- 8 four and three syllables
- 10 four syllables

Regnum sine termino
T. Regnum tuum solidum

Source: WOc 68, frag. xii, fol. 1v (RISM no. 80) = WF,80.

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in Dittmer, MSD 2, 80. Facs. in Dittmer, Worcester Add. 68, p. 27. Dittmer, MSD 2, p. 59; Sanders, "English Polyphony," p. 225 and n. 72; WMH, p. 41.

<u>C.f.</u>: whole chant setting of the Gloria prosula; text is partially underlaid, perhaps not intended to be sung.

Form: duplum and tenor of a motet a4 (2+2) with sectional structure defined by melodic form of the c.f. (ABBCCD) with rhythmic repetition in tenor accompanied by voice exchange in the upper parts over BB and CC.

88L = 16L + 2(22L) + 2(9L) + 10L

The transcription here restores most of the missing music.

Text: a prayer to God, tropic to the prosula text.

Remarks: palimpsest over erased music. Rhythm and handling of declamation suggest units of two longs are mensural feature, with inconsistency only in two 9L units of section CC.

Regnum sine termino manent in solacio ubi sancti habitant

triumphale meritum 5 possident cum canticum omnipotenti iubilant

> nos qui in valle fiebili vexamur contemtibili calamitatis stimulo

10 rogemus regem glorie locum dare letitie fantes sub breve modulo

qui misericordie fons es et vena venie 15 parce peccanti populo

in eternum.

Text is tropic to the gloria prosula Regnum tuum; underlaid in tenor:

Regnum tuum solidum
O rex glorie qui es splendor [ac sponsus]ecclesie
quam decorasti tuo [quoque precioso] sanguine
hanc rege [semper plissime]
qui es [fons] misericordie
permanebit in eternum.









Inter amenitatis tripudia
O livor anxie
T. Revertenti

Source: Yc, fol. 19v (no. 2), voice I only.

F-Pn 146, fol. 21v (RISM no. 21), voices I and III only (in this source, the Roman de Fauvel, the index lists this motet under "Notez a tenures sanz trebles").

<u>I-TR 87</u>, fol. 231v-232 (no. 177) F-Pn 23190 (<u>Trem</u>), index xxxi.

Literature: Ed. in PMFC I, 22 (F-Pn 146) and in Rudolph von Ficker, Sieben Trienter Codices:geistliche und weltliche Motetten (Trienter Codices VI), DTÖ, Jg. XL, 76 (Graz, 1960), p. 1 (after I-TR 87). Facs. in EECM 26, pl. 213 (Yc) and facsimile editions of the Roman de Fauvel and Trent codices. Lefferts and Bent, "New Sources," pp.358-61.

C.f.: from the Matins responsory <u>Revertenti Abraham</u>,
GS pl. 142, disposed in three colores and eight <u>ordines</u>.

<u>Form</u>: motet a3 with stratification of rhythmic activity and no regular phrase structure; phrase endings inconsistent with either first or second mode.

Text: see Dahnk. L'Heresie, pp. 104ff.

Remarks: transcription here is a reading of <u>Yc</u> with duplum and tenor added from <u>I-TR 87</u> to provide a version of entire motet in modern notation (edition in PMFC I after <u>F-Pn 146</u> is a2; Von Ficker edition after <u>I-TR 87</u> is a diplomatic transcription).

Inter amenitatis - I

Ye, 2; F-Pn 146, 22; I-TR 87, 177

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[In]ter amenitatis tripudia continuo virentis aulida fece carnea diruta Zabulique dirupta seva machina [liv]oris nuncii de gloria se fovent mutua per innumera militis in aula regie celestis agmina

sic poli climata [se]rena sacro iubilo nitens plena

- 10 non ita sub aeris
  limite vivitur
  nam alter alterius
  honore teritur
- libentius [extr]aneo 15 quam cui subditur et non advertitur quod divisum regnum desolabitur.
  - 1 TR: iter
    2 TR: aule defecit; Pn: olida
    3 TR: directa, diruta; Pn: durita
    4 TR: merita; Yc: vicii (both for nuncii)
    5 Pn: se refovent (also in TR)
    6 TR: in tua; Yc: milites
    7 TR: agminis
    8 TR: leta (for poli)
    9 Pn and TR: renitent
    11 Pn and TR: vincitur
  - 15 <u>Yc</u>: civi 16 TR: avertitur

17-18 Matthew 12:25

G livor anxie
quid niteris
quid hominem insequeris
nam quod potestas

5 parere non patitur
fomitem te nascitur
quam sepe decidencia
iugo tolle premitur
quod nec si penituerit

10 nunquam revelabitur.



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#### F-TO 925

This source was brought to public attention in a 1982 article by Gordon Anderson, "New Sources of Mediaeval Music." I would agree with his conclusion that the music on its flyleaves is English in origin and probably dates from the late 13th or early 14th centuries; my inclination would be to place the repertoire in the late 13th century, therefore not strictly speaking within the bounds set for this thesis. Anderson's report is cursory; a fuller discussion of F-TO is desirable but will not be undertaken here. The editions of music that accompany Anderson's article are very poorly done -- clearly, they were prepared from rough copy; it would seem that at his death he had only been able to provide finished editions and translations of the Latin texts. Unfortunately these editions were not used to correct the text underlaid to the transcriptions. and there are obvious music errors of an elementary sort as well, which a quick glance at photographs of the source is sufficient to correct.

F-TO has part or all of nine visible motets. More music may survive under the pastedowns. One of these (no. 8), has a concordance to One 362: Ade finit-Ade finit. In addition, there are visible the remnants of three additional tenors, which for convenience may be called nos. 1b, 3b, and 7b. The last of these is not noted by Anderson. No. 1b, labelled according to Anderson with the rubric "Si j'avoie", may be related somehow to the tenor of no. 7, which is labelled "Se j'ovoie a plaingant."

Si lingua lota Mors amar....

Source: US-PRu 119, fol. 5v and 2 (RISM no. A5).

Literature: Partial facs. in EECM 26, pl. 212. Levy,

"New Material," p. 225.

Form: two fragmentary voices of a linet; no evident regularity of phrase structure but some linear melodic repetition in the triplum, as in b.10-15 = 38-43 = (24)-29 and b.5-9 = 49-52 = 20-22.

Text: to the BVM; the "Mors" incipit implies Easter.

Remarks: the piece has rhythmic subdivision of the breve in idiomatic figures typical of early 14th-century English music; combined with the fact that it is on the same leaf as Thomas gemma, it would seem reasonable to classify here as 14th-century. Possibly, though, the errors in rhythmic notation (square breves instead of a long and a breve, occasionally) may point to an origin in EMN, with a conversion to longs and breves from paired rhombs not entirely successfully carried out.

One motet fragment in <u>F-TO</u> (<u>Mons Olivarum-Mors amara</u>, <u>F-TO 925</u>, 5) begins similarly in the duplum text, but there is no musical correspondence.

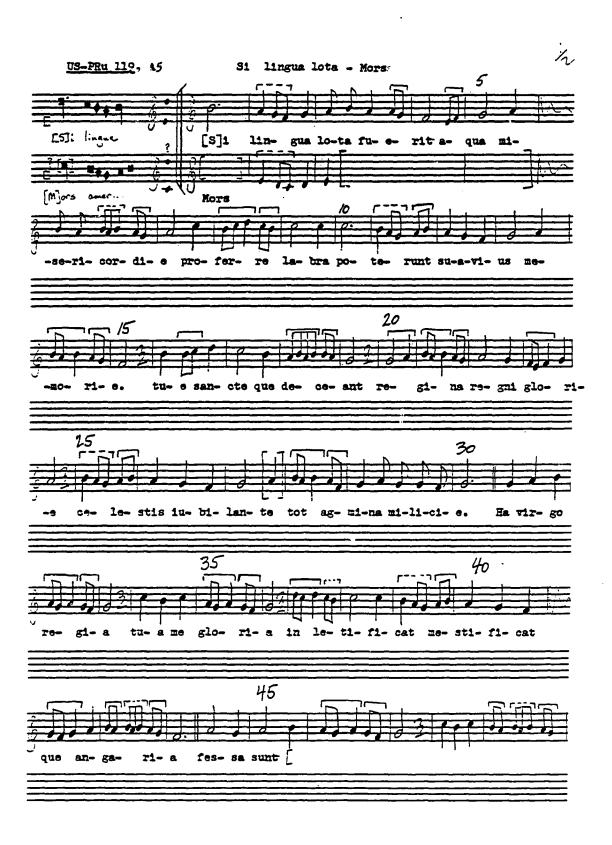
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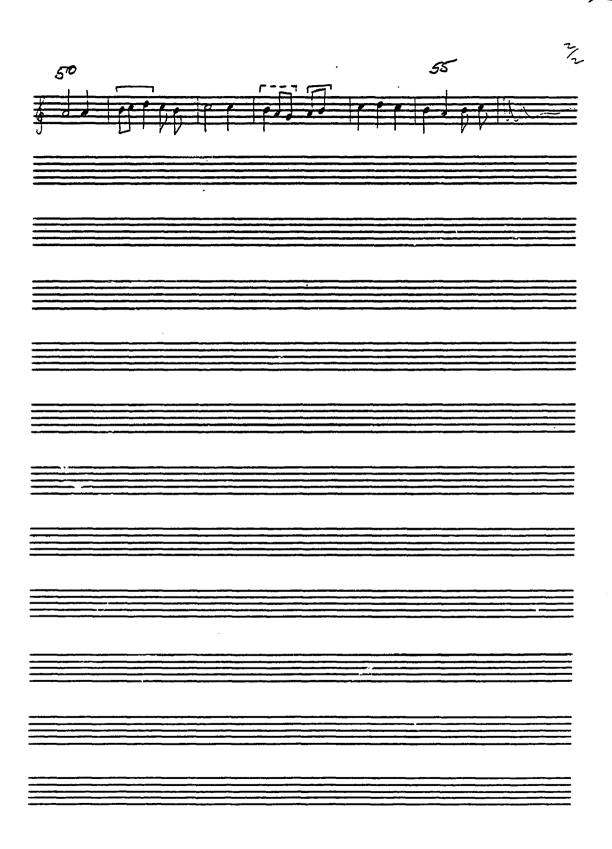
[S]i lingua lota fuerit aqua misericordie proferre labra poterunt suavius memorie

- tue sancte que deceant regina regni glorie celestis iubilante tot agmina milicie
- ha virgo regia
  10 tua me gloria
  in letificat
  mestificat
  et angaria

fessa sunt.....

[M]ors amare...
... crux...su...
mors ama...
....





In ore te laudancium

Source: US-SM 19914, fol. 1 (RISM no. 1).

Form: isolated voice of a motet. Judging by its range and text, a duplum; no evident periodic phrase structure.

Text: prayer to Jesus.

#### Textless

Source: US-SM 19914, fol. 1 (RISM no. 2).

Form: Not a motet. RISM incorrectly states that there is a single voice here. In fact there are two parts making a crude but complete composition in two 15B sections in tempus perfectum major. Discant setting of c.f.?

## US-SM 19914, 1 In ore te laudancium

In ore te laudancium Ihesum regum regnancium rex coleris honorit[er] iuvenibus et senibus ut salves nos securiter custodiens in acti[bus] donec perseveranciam perfectamque constanciam in incepto prop 10 disecte tue laudibus provi matris insistimus omni que laude dignior fe[ ]or placere [ ] vigimus 15 tibi quod matri promimus nam can cum conjungimus quod poscimus iam annue et finem bonum tribue.

Thanks to C.W.Dutschke, Assistant Curator, Medieval manuscripts, at the Huntington Library for assistance reading this text.



65 ] vi- gi- mus ti- bi quod ms- tri pro- mi- mus nam can-75 ] cum con- tun- gi- mus quod po- sci- mus tam an- nu-80 bo- num tri- bu- e.

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Maria diceris mater Soli fines ex gracia T.

Source: US-SM 19914, fol. 1v-2 (RISM no. 3).

Literature: Dom A. Hughes, NOHM II, pp. 391-392.

<u>C.f.</u>: unidentified, probably a whole chant setting of a melisma having embedded double versicle, with overall shape AAB.

Form: If RISM is correct, the <u>US-SM 19914</u> bifolium is the center of a gathering and these voices belong together. Problems arise in transcription, however, which is why the parts are written out separately in the Appendix. The tenor has been read on the assumption that the red notation imperfects the longs, creating a tenor with the total length of 80B. The two upper voices run ca. 75 and a. 70B in transcription. Since they show little sign of regular phrase structures, it may be that phrase-defining (and voice-lengthening) rests were trimmed off in the cropping of outer margins of this bifolium.

<u>Text</u>: triplum text, <u>Maria diceris</u>, has reference to Carmelites. See Chapter 4, pp.353-54.

### US-SM 19914, 3 Maria diceris

[Mar]ia diceris mater amabilis flos nostri generis salve culpabilis

- 5 pur[a] benedicta
  stella maris sole amicta
  carmeli flosculus
  stella prop[ter] nobilitatem
  mesti cordis lubilus
- 10 expande stella radios chorus itarum oculos expellens ab hiis omnia nocu ina

olim servos et incolas [n]os ibi tuos asseclas 15 cognoveras protexeras et pie visitaveras

[et] laude tua sedulos
repereras o domina
sub tuo quando clamide
20 te [don]and hiis solamina

iam carmelitis
porrigetis manum
et hos pro ....

#### US-SM 19914, 3 Soli fines-

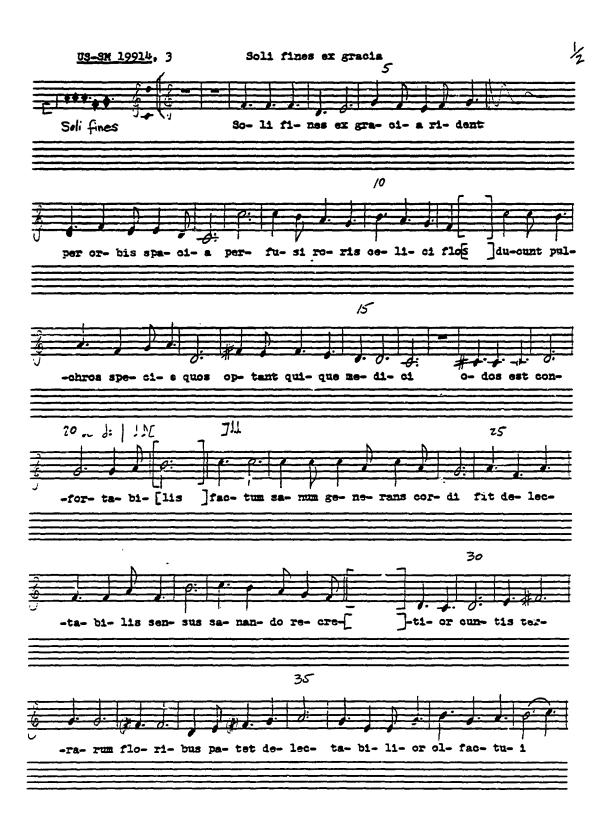
Soli fines ex gracia rident per orbis spacia perfusi roris celici flo[s] ducunt pulchros specie quos optant quique medici

[tu] es virgo pulcherima 15 virginibus nobilior mater Christi mirifica

odor [re]plet delicits predictis odoriferis defendens a versucits amphisians a vicits serves nitis servicits flos carior pre ceteris.









Temor for <u>US-SM 19914</u>, 3



US-Wc 14 consists of two flyleaves of music taken from a 14th-century manuscript on the laws of England by John Britton. This book has an original English binding of the 14th century (the Library of Congress recently verified this for me), and as Reaney observes in RISM B/IV/2, p.371: "It is clear that the music was with the principal manuscript from the beginning." I have not had the opportunity to examine the music of these flyleaves, but from the RISM entry it would appear that their contents are continental in origin. Gunther flatly states in "Sources, MS, VII, 3" that US-Wc 14 is French. The music clearly circulated in England, but I can say nothing at present about the possibility that the music was copied by English scribes.

Three of the four items in <u>US-Wc 14</u> are of interest here. On fol. 1 is, according to RISM, a "single voice part sporadically underlaid with a Latin text, which is not easily legible." This voice is cleffed C5 and may possibly be the lower voice of a motet. It is not further incorporated into the present study. On fol. 2 is, again according to RISM, "6 staves of an isolated motet part, alternately in French and Latin," and Reaney says "the bilingual motet... suggests North-Eastern French origin." This voice is cleffed C3 (suggesting it might be a duplum) and begins "Deus compaignons de Cleremunde." For a critical report on the last item, the motet Rex Karole, the the following page. If this motet dates from ca.1375, as Günther argues, then the host manuscript and binding must be of the very late 14th century.

Rex Karole Iohannis genite Leticie pacis concordie Contratenor Tenor (Virgo prius ac posterius) Solus Tenor

Philippus Royllart

Source: US-Wc 14, fol.2v (RISM no.4); fragment of II.

F-CH 564, fol.65v-66 (RISM no.106); I,II,III,V.

F-Sm 222, fol. 7v (RISM no.10); I,IV,V with ascription to Royllart.

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC V, 26 and CMM 39, 5. Gunther, "The Fourteenth-Century Motet," pp.39, 44.

<u>C.f.</u>: last section of the Marian antiphon <u>Alma redemptoris</u> mater, sung twice.

Form: unipartite isorhythmic motet a4 with introitus; five taleae and two colores.

I 160B = 10B + 18B + 4(28B) + 20B

II = 5B + 19B + 4(28B) + 24B

III = 18B + 5B + 4(28B) + 25B (28 = 6 + 5 + 17)

IV = 18B + 4(28B) + 30B (28 = 4 + 10 + 14)

Very stylized formally, with hocket over the last 10B of every 28B tenor talea and a double long in all parts at the beginning of each section.

Text: Dedicated to Charles V, King of France (1364-1380) and to the BVM. Günther argues (CMM 39, pp.xxix-xxxi) for a date of composition in 1375, possibly originating at the French royal court; the motet may have been introduced to the English during negotiations with the French at Bruges in the winter of 1375/76.

Sub Arturo plebs vallata
Fons citharizancium
T. In omnem terram exivit sonus
eorum et in fines orbis

J. Alanus

Source: F-CH 564 (Chantilly), fol. 70v-71 (RISM no. 111).

I-Bc Q15, fol. 225v-226 and 342v (no.218).

Literature: Ed. in PMFC V, 31; CMM 39, 12; Bent, <u>Two</u>

Fourteenth Century Motets in Praise of Music, pp.1-7; Rudolph

von Ficker, <u>Sieben Trienter Codices</u>, pp.9-11; Gunther, "Das

Wort-Ton Problem," pp.169-74. Facs. in Wolf, <u>Musikalische</u>

Schrifttafeln, pl.30-31 and Gennrich, <u>Abriss der Mensural</u>
notation, pl.xviiia and b (both are facs. of <u>F-CH 564</u>).

Bent, "Transmission," pp.70-72; Günther, "The 14th-Century

Motet," pp.38-45; idem, "Das Wort-Ton Problem," pp. 169ff.;

Trowell, "A Fourteenth-Century Ceremonial Motet;" and Cara
petyan, "A Fourteenth-Century Florentine Treatise," pp.89, 91.

Form: tripartite isorhythmic motet a3 with sectional diminution in the ratio 9:6:4 and broad phrase structures in the same length as the <u>taleae</u>; three <u>colores</u> and nine taleae.

152B = 72B + 48B + 32B = 3(24B) + 3(16B) + 3(64M)

<u>Text</u>: a "musicians motet;" see Chapter 2, pp. 177 and Chapter 4, pp. 351-52. Trowell, Gunther, Bent all discuss.

Remarks: The tenor is cited in an Italian vernacular music treatise of the late 14th century. See Carapetyan, op. cit., and his edition of the treatise, Notitia del valore delle note del canto misurato (AIM: CSM 5, 1957).

O dira nacio Mens in nequicia Tenor

Source: F-Pn 23190 (Tremorlle), fol. 2v (RISM no. 4). Listed as ix in the original index.

<u>Literature</u>: Ed. in PMFC XVII. Facs. in Droz and Thibaut, "Un Chansonnier de Philippe le Bon." Besseler, "Studien II," pp.188, 190-91.

<u>C.f.</u>: setting of an unidentified whole chant with embedded double versicle.

Form: sectional structure defined by declamation patterns in the triplum; see Chapter 2, pp. 181-84.

<u>Text</u>: on Thomas (presumably Thomas of Canterbury); text is fairly corrupt.

Notation: tempus imperfectum maior, with very few minims, and imperfect modus.

Remarks: As Besseler observes, this is by all appearances one of the most old-fashioned pieces contained in Tremotile, and it suggests to him the style of the Fauvel era. The fact that it sets a whole chant, has an imperfect long and breve, and extensively exploits imperfect consonances, suggests its kinship with a Fauvel motet like Quoniam novi-Heu fortunaT. Heu me (F-Pn 146, fol. 30; RISM no.24), though O dira nacio does not have the latter's Petronian semibreves. The same musical features just named, along with the subject matter, use of duet passages and patterned declamation, and general avoidance of three or more semibreves per breve (even melismatically), suggest the possibility of English authorship.

## F-Pn 23190 (Trem), 4 0 dira nacio - I and II

O dira nacio peior quam vipera gallorum concio fallax pestifera

5 dum Thome gladio discindis viscera thema ledicas confundes aspera

dum agnum laceras 10 lupinis dentibus inferni prosperas te dare fletibus

sanguis quem suderas sine criminibus sine criminibus 15 exclamat ad Deum piis gemitibus

diebus omnibus fac penitenciam et sanctis precibus 20 pulsa clemenciam

> mestis clamoribus deposce veniam ne contra te Deus ducet sentenciam.

7 lacks a syllable

Mens in nequicia ponens concilium prima gens impia nocens innoxium

cedis et nescia quod agis precium Thomas de famia transfert ad gaudium

ut scelus defleat nec celum videas nec vultum detege te ipsum corripe

in cerram lateas in terram corrue sperne deliceas sci vitam comede

si nichil deleas quod male feceris fecundo quam prius plus Deum noveris

sed sic peniteas nephandi sceleris te Thome caritas solvet ab inferis. solvet ab inferis.

16 scivitam? scitutam?









## APPENDIX II

13th-Century English Motet Repertoire

MOTET	SOURCES
a quo fecundata archangelorum quam	<u>Cjec 5</u> , 3
A superna paranimphus	<u>D-Gu</u> , 4
Ade costa dormientis T.	Lbm 978, 7.19 F-Pn 146, 20
[Alleluia celica rite] Alleluia celica rite T.[Pes]	<u>US-PRu 119</u> , A3
Amor veint tout fors Au tens d'este ke cil T. Et gaudebit	Lbm XVIII,1 F-MO, 2.23(15)
Au queer ay un maus Ja ne mi repentiray T. Jolietement my teent	Ob 139, 3 F-MO, 7.260 (243)
Ave gloriosa mater (Duce) Ave gloriosa mater (Duce) T. Ave gloriosa [Domino]	Lbm 978, 4 0b 72, 2 F-MO, 4.53 (44) etc.
Ave miles de cuius Ave miles O Edwarde Quartus cantus Tenor. Ablue	<u>Lwa 33327</u> , 7
Ave parens Ad gracie T. Ave Maria	<u>Lbm 978</u> , 7.40 <u>F-MO</u> , 4.69 (60)
Barbara simplex animo Barbara simplex animo Tenor[Hodierne lux diei]	<u>US-Cu</u> , 9
Benedicta domina	<u>wr</u> . 3
Benigna celi regina Beata es Maria T. Veritatem	<u>F-MO</u> , 4.71 (62)
Campanis cum cymbalis Honoremus dominam T. Campanis [Primus Pes] T. Honoremus[Secundus Pes]	<u>0b 60</u> , 13

MOTET	SOURCES
<pre>Conditio nature defuit [ 0 natio nephandi ] T.[Pes ]</pre>	<u>wf</u> , 65
Creatoris gratia/O Maria vas mundicie T.[Agmina]	<u>US-Cu</u> , 1/2
[ Domine celestis rex ] Dona celi factor Quartus cantus Tenor. Doce	<u>Lwa 33327</u> , 5
Dona celi factor T.	<u>US-Cu</u> , 3
Dulciflua tua memoria Precipue michi cat Tenor de Dulciflua[pes]	WF, 41 Lbm 978, 5.3
Dulcis Jesu memoria Pes de Dulcis Jesu memoria	<u>WF</u> , 75
En averil al tens O christi clemencie T.	<u>Cjc 138</u> , 2
Eterne virgo memorie Eterna virgo mater T.[Pes]	<u>wf</u> , 15
ex te verbum nunc	<u>wf</u> , 8
Pons ortorum riga morum Pes	<u>wf</u> , 30
[Fulgens stella] Pes de Fulgens stella	<u>wf</u> , 74
In odore [In odorem] Gracia viam[ In odoris] [Quartus cantus] T. In odorem	<u>0b 497, 5</u> <u>F-MO</u> , 4.70 (61)
Jhesu dator venie Zelus familie Tenor	<u>F-Pn 146</u> , 32
Loquelis archangeli Quartus cantus	<u>WF</u> , 18/66

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	MOTET	SOURCES
*	Mellis stilla T. Mellis stilla[Domino]	<u>Ob 18</u> , 1 <u>F-MO</u> , 4.40 (32)
	Miles Christi gloriose Plorate cives Anglie [Pes]	Cjc 138, 4
*	Nobili precinîtur Flos de virga nascitur T. Proles Marie virginis	Lbm 5958, 1 F-MO, 4.57 (58)
	O debilis O flebilis Pes super O debilis Primus Pes super O debilis	<u>wf</u> , 73
	O decus predicancium T.[Agmina]	<u>wf</u> , 37
	O homo considera O homo de pulyere T.[In seculum]	<u>Lbm 5958</u> , 2
	O Maria singularis T.	<u>Ctc</u> , 6
	O Maria stella maris Jhesu fili summi patris T.[Pes]	<u>ob 497</u> , 9
	[0 mores perditos] agant inferi calbatio o gravis confusio T. [0]pem [nobis]	D-Gu, 1/5 Cjec 5, 1
	0 mors moreris 0 vita vera Quartus cantus Tenor. Mors	<u>Lwa 33327</u> , 3
	O nobilis nativitas O mira dei misericordia O decus virginem Tenor. Apparuit	<u>Lwa 33327</u> , 2
	O quam glorifica O quam beata domina O quam felix femina T.[Pes]	<u>wr</u> , 10

<u>WF</u>, 22

O regina celestis O regina celestis

MOTET	SOURCES
C regina glorie T.[Pes]	<u>wf</u> , 36
<pre>G sancte Bartholomee O sancte Bartholomee T. O Bartholomee[Pes?]</pre>	<u>Cjc 138</u> , 3
O spes et salusde virgo semper T.	<u>0b 60</u> , fol. 104-104v
O venie vena T. IlluminaTer	<u>wf</u> , 13
omnipotencia	<u>WF</u> , 24
Opem nobis O Thoma Salve Thoma virga Quartus cantus Tenor. Pastor cesus	<u>Lwa 33327</u> , 6
Pro beati Pauli O pastor patris O preclara patrie Pes de Pro beati Pauli [T. Pro patribus]	<u>WF</u> , 70 <u>Lwa 33327</u> , 4
Pro beati Pauli O pastor patris O preclara T.[Pes]	<u>wf</u> , 40
profero in te rex	<u>wf</u> , 38
Prolis eterne genitor Psallat mater gracie Pes super Prolis et Psallat	<u>wf</u> , 6
Psallat choros in novo Eximie pater egregie T. Aptatur	<u>Lwa 33327</u> , 8 <u>F-MO</u> , 4.60 (51) etc.
Puellare gremium Purissima mater Pes super Puellare et Purissima	<u>wf</u> , 76

<u>WF</u>, 16

<u>ob 60</u>, 14

Quam admirabilis Quam admirabilis Pes

Quatuor ex partibus

MOTET	SOURCES
Quem non capit [Quem non capit] Pes super Quem non capit	WF, 7 Lbm 978, 5.1
salvatoris T.	<u>ob 25</u> , 3
Salve gemma confessorum	WF, 39 Lbm 978, 7.29
Salve mater misericordie Salve regina misericordie T. Flos filius	<u>F-MO</u> , 4.72 (63)
[Salve simonis quia hic] Salve Symon Montisfortis Tenor de Salve simonis quia hic[Pes]	<u>Cjec 5</u> , 7
Sanctorum omnium T.[Pes]	<u>wf</u> , 23
Senator regis curie Primus Pes (Pes) Secundus Pes (ii)	<u>WF</u> , 11 <u>D-Gu</u> , 2
Sol in nube tegitur [ ] Pes	<u>wr</u> . 17
Sospitati dedit egros	<u>Cjec 5</u> , 8a
ferno cum timore per te fides Spirans odor T. Kyrie	<u>Lwa 33327</u> , 1
Subscit Olibate T.[Pes]	<u>US-PRu 119</u> , B2
Super te ierusalem Sed fulsit virginitas Primus tenor T. Dominus	WF, 95 Lbm 978, 5.2 F-MO, 4.68 (59)
Te Domine laudat Te Dominum clamat Pes super de Te Domine et de Te Dominum	<u>wf</u> , 71

Tota pulch Anima mea T.[Pes]	ra es liquefacta

MOTET

<u>US-PRu 119, A2</u> <u>Lbm 978, 5.8</u>

Trahis suspirium Mordax detractio T.[Epiphanium Domino] F-Pn 25408, 1

Tu capud ecclesie Tu es Petrus a petra T.[Veritatem] DRu, 2

SOURCES

Veni mater gracie T. Dou way Robin [Pes?] Lbm 29, 1 US-PRu 119, Bl

Virginis Marie
Salve gemma virginum
Pes super Virginis Marie
et Salve gemma
[ T. Veritatem ]

WF, 72 Lbm 978, 5.12

Virgo decus castitatis T. [ 0b 72, 5 F-MO, 4.58 (49)

[ Virgo flagellatur]...
manet lux celica

<u>Cjec 5,2</u>

Virgo regalis [Virgo regalis] Pes

<u>WF</u>, 12

Virgo sancta Katerina
...recolat ecclesia
T.[Pes]

<u>WF</u>, 32

...virtutum spolia ...virtutum spolia [Quartus cantus] T. [Et confitebor] Ctc, 4

Worldes blisce T. [Benedicamus Domino]

Ccc 8, 2

- 1) Brackets are used to enclose information not in the sources.
- 2) An asterisk \* in the left margin indicates a motet of continental origin that survives in an English source.

Two asterisks \*\* mark motets of probable English origin that survive only in a continental source.

- 3) This list is conservative, and attempts to exclude all tropic chant settings (for which see Chapter One, Table 1). Also, it omits some of the candidates for English origin that have been brought forward by Handschin, Tischler, Dittmer, and Apfel from among motets in continental repertoires.
- 4) Other exclusa include the following:
  - a) Patris superni (US-Cu, ?) and Orbis pium (US-Cu, 8).
  - b) Most of the items in the Lom 978 (LoHa) index, for a full listing of which see Chapter Four, Table 26. When references to the index are made here, they may be recognized by the index number, with its dot (i.e. 7.32, etc.).
  - c) <u>Salve fenestra vitrea</u> (<u>WF</u>, 34), for a comment on which see Chapter Two, note 11, and items under <u>WF</u> palimpsests.
  - d) The voice-exchange motets in tropic Alleluia settings, including F-MO, 8.339 = WF, 56 = WF, 19.
  - e) At least the following additional fragments and newly uncovered items, most of which are English in origin, although a few are continental pieces found in English sources:

Ccc 8, binding strips Cjec 5, 4,5,6,8 Cjc 138, 1 Ctc 1,2,3,5,7

<u>Lbm</u> 3132, 2,3,4,5,6 <u>Lbm</u> 5958, 4,5,6,7

Ob 25, 2a, 4 Ob 72, 4,7 Omec 1,2 D-Gu, 3

US-PRu 119, C items

F-TO 925, 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9

Fulgens stella ...

(roughly the first half of the poem is lost)

quiquid homo gescit reconsilias.

Ut palme natura (es) tuam statura tu mamilla pura es sine quassura.

Tua membra plura redolent ut thura eburdencium. Gaudia ventura nobis per mansura salus gentium.

Lampas oculorum gemma lapillorum est color tuorum auro capillorum.

Decor brachiorum forma digitorum ut sol rutilant. Tutrix pupillorum chori angelorum titi iubilant.

Tua pulchritudo est nam rectitudo colli longitudo cordis latitudo.

Boni plenitudo
Dei fortitudo
tibi mittitur.
Hunc versum concludo
in hoc verto ludo
quod Ave dicitur.









## 0b 60, fol.104-104v

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de virgo semper pura	7p	••••••	
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celi scandens culmina supra celi agmina	7pp 7pp	•••••sanctitatis	
collocata digna domina	9pp	qua crucifixus subito	gq8
nostra sume carmina	7pp	clavis claritatis	6p
		mundus qui paulo subito	qq8
et propitius .		crux est mundo gratis.	6р
servulis			
funde precamina	6pp '	Saule satis ad veniam	
ut senciamus	•	quondam graciose	
tua iuvamina:	6pp	paulum doce clemenciam	
		per hoc notum pro se	
gaude nato coronata	8p		
pia celi regina	7p	ut consequemur gloriam	
gaudia nobis optata	8p	precis preciose	
dulcis mater propina.	7p	que nos ducat ad patriam	
		ubi quisque pro se.	

about two-thirds of text missing.

about 5 stanzas missing.





