

# Ave Maria

SAB, unaccompanied

Words adapted by  
Pierre-Louis-Philippe Dietsch

Music attr. to Jacob Arcadelt  
Arr. by J. Edmund Hughes

**With motion and flexibility  $\text{♩} = 40$**

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,*

Sop.                              Alto                              Bass                              Piano

1                              2                              3                              4                              5

*A - ve Ma - ri - a,        gra - ti - a        ple - na,        Do - mi - nus*

*A - ve Ma - ri - a,        gra - ti - a        ple - na,        Do - mi - nus*

*A - ve Ma - ri - a,        gra - ti - a        pic. 12,        Do - mi - nus*

*for rehearsal only*

*Blessed art thou among women*

6                              8                              9                              10                              11

*te - cum,        A - ve Ma - ri - a.        Be - ne - dic - ta tu,        be - ne - dic - ta*

*te - cum,        A - ve Ma - ri - a.        Be - ne - dic - ta tu,        be - ne - dic - ta*

*te - cum,        A - ve Ma - ri - a.        Be - ne - dic - ta tu,        be - ne - dic - ta*

*and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

12                    13                    14                    15                    16

tu in mu - li - e - ri-bus, et be - ne - dic - tus fruc-tus ven - tris tu -

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tu in mu - li - e - ri - bus, et be - ne - dic - tus fruc-tus ven - tris tu -

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners. Amen.*

17                    18                    19                    20                    , 21 *mf*

- i - sus. Sanc - ta Ma - ri - a, o - ra, o - ra pro -

- i Je - sus. Sanc - ta Ma - ri - a, o - ra, o - ra pro

- i Je - sus. Sanc - ta Ma - ri - a, o - ra, o - ra pro

no - bis, Sanc-ta Ma - ri - a o - ra, o - ra pro no - bis.  
no - bis, Sanc-ta Ma - ri - a o - ra, o - ra pro no - bis.  
no - bis, Sanc-ta Ma - ri - a o - ra, o - ra pro no - bis.

Sanc - ta Ma - ri - a, o - ra, o - ra pro no - bis. A - men.  
Sanc - ta Ma - ri - a o - ra, o - ra pro no - bis. A - men.  
Sanc - ta Ma - ri - a, o - ra, o - ra pro no - bis. A - men.

The Arcadelt "Ave Maria" is actually based on the French chanson for three voices, "Nous Voyons que le Hommes," published by Arcadelt in 1554. The "Ave Maria" text and harmonization was later added by the composer, Pierre-Louis-Philippe Dietsch (1808-1865). The text follows the traditional Marian anthem found in the "Liber usualis," though it omits "nunc et in hora mortis nostrae" (now and at the hour of our death): *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Hail Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners. Amen.* The overall dynamics are based on the poetic shape of the phrases. Each phrase should be sung with chant-like flexibility and a dynamic rise and fall. The last note of each phrase should be the softest in that phrase. All dynamics, expressive markings, metrical structure, and bar lines are editorial, and suggest a modern-day interpretation of this short, charming work.

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