

O rex gentium

(Antiphon for 22 December)

Jean Barra, known as Hotinet
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Superius (C1)

Contratenor (C3)

Tenor (C4)

Bassus (F4)

S.

Ct.

T.

B.

S.

Ct.

T.

B.

4

9

O Rex gen - ti - um, et de - si - de - ra -

et de - si - de - ra -

tus, e - a -

et de - si - de - ra -

tus, et de - si - de - ra -

- tus, et de - si - de - ra -

rum la -

rum la -

tus e - a - rum la -

tus e - a - rum

2

13

S. pis - que, la -

Ct. pis - que, la - pis -

T. pis - que, la -

B. la - pis - que,

18

S. pis - que _____

Ct. - - - - -

T. pis - que, la - pis -

B. la - pis - que, la - - -

22

S. - - - - -

Ct. que an gu - la - - -

T. que an gu - la -

B. pis - que an gu -

32

S. num,

Ct. 8 num,

T. 8 qui fa - cis u - tra - que u - num, qui

B. qui fa - cis u - tra - que u - num,

4

42

S. num: Ve - ni _____

Ct. 8 num, u - tra - que u - num: Ve -

T. 8 num: Ve -

B. tra - qua u - num: Ve - - -

49

S. sal - va ho - mi-nem,

Ct. 8 ni sal - va ho - mi -

T. 8 ni sal - va ho - - -

B. 8 ni sal - va ho - - -

55

S. sal - va ho - mi - nem

Ct. 8 nem, sal - va ho - mi - nem _____ quem

T. 8 mi - nem, sal - va ho - mi - nem

B. mi - nem, ho - mi - nem quem de li -

74

Textless 'neuma'

S.

Ct.

T.

B.

79

S.

Ct.

T.

B.

83

S.

Ct.

T.

B.

Musical score for four voices (Soprano, Canto, Tenor, Bass) on four staves. The key signature is one flat. Measure 86 starts with Soprano and Canto entries. The Bass staff has a sharp sign above the staff, indicating a temporary change in key.

The incipit in this edition is supplied from the Liber Usualis, transposed up a fourth. Attaingnant published the work as part of a set of all seven ‘O’ antiphons (Great Antiphons) for Advent by various composers (Manchicourt, Guillaume Leroy, Pierre Certon and Antoine de Mornable, with Hotinet supplying two, while one was unattributed). All the settings are missing – but clearly require – an incipit, and each is followed by a textless ‘neuma’ to be sung to a vowel.