

O Oriens!

For Adrian Partington and the Choir of Gloucester Cathedral

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$\text{♩} = 60$

The musical score consists of ten staves of music. The top three staves are for the first choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor), the fourth staff is for the Cantor, and the bottom three staves are for the second choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor). The piano accompaniment is on the bottom staff. The vocal parts sing "O Oriens!" in a steady eighth-note pattern. The piano part features sustained notes and dynamic markings such as *pp*, *mp*, *p*, *mf*, *f*, *ff*, *cresc.*, *molto cresc.*, and *ff*. The score includes instruction lines like "Spln - - -" and "Or - i - ens! cresc." The tempo is indicated as $\text{♩} = 60$.

(Although not essential, the performance might be enhanced by putting some distance between Choirs 1 and 2)

2 12 with gradual increasing urgency

ff

dor,

Splen

dor,

dor,

Splen

dor,

dor,

ff

dor,

Splen

dor,

ff

Splen dor,

ff

Splen dor,

ff

Splen dor,

ff

Splen dor,

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poco a poco accel.

molto cresc

mf

Splen dor *molto cresc*

poco rit.

f

Splen dor *molto cresc*

mf

Splen dor *molto cresc*

f

Splen dor *molto cresc*

mf

Splen dor *molto cresc*

f

Splen dor *molto cresc*

mf

Splen dor *molto cresc*

4 32

poco rall.

8 mor - tis. O O - ri - ens! Solo alto O

8 mor - tis. O O - ri - ens! Solo baritone O

8 mor - tis. O O - ri - ens!

O - - - - ri - ens!

O - - - - ri - ens!

O - - - - ri - ens!

ri moltorall. niente

35 solo

O - ri - ens! O O - ri - ens!

O - ri - ens! ppp

O - ri - ens! ppp

O - ri - ens! ppp

O - ri - ens! solo niente

O - ri - ens! O O - ri - ens!

O - ri - ens! ppp

O - ri - ens! ppp

O - ri - ens!

*O Oriens! Splendor lucis aeternae
et sol iustitiae:
Veni et illumina sedentes in tenebris
et umbra mortis.*

O Dayspring! Splendour of light eternal, and
sun of righteousness.
Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.