

Te Lucis Ante Terminum

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*Te lucis ante términum,
rerum Créator, póscimus,
ut pro tua cleméntia
sis præsul et custódia.
Procul recédant sómnia
et nóctium phantásmata;
hostémque nostrum cómprime,
ne polluántur córpora.
Præsta, Pater piússime,
Patrique compar Unice,
cum Spírítu Paráclito
regnans per omne sÉculum.*

To Thee before the close of day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That, with Thy wonted favour, Thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.
From all ill dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Withhold from us our ghostly foe,
That spot of sin we may not know.
O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Doth live and reign eternally.

Chant speed, ♩ = 40

ALTO *p*
Te lu-cis an-te ter-mi-num Re - rum cre - a - tor

TENOR *p*
Te lu-cis an-te ter - mi - num, Re - rum cre - a - tor

BASS *p*
Te lu-cis an-te ter - mi - num, Re - rum cre - a - tor

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po - sci- mus ut tu - a cle - men - ti - a.

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po - sci - mus ut pro - tu - a cle - men - ti - a.

po - sci-mus ut pro-tu-a cle - men-ti - a.

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Sis prae-sul, prae - sul et cu - sto - di - a,

sis prae-sul, prae - sul et cu - sto - di - a,

sis prae-sul, prae - sul et cu - sto - di - a,

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pp pro-cul re - ce - dant som-ni-a, som-ni-a et noc-ti-um phan-tas - ma

pp pro-cul re - ce - dant et noc-ti-um phan - tas - ma

pp pro - cul re - ce - dant et noc - ti - um phan-tas-ma

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mf ta. Ho - stem - que no - strum com - pri - me,

mf ta. Ho - stem-que, ho - stem - que no - strum com - pri - me,

mf ta Ho - stem - que no - strum com - pri - me,

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ne pol-lu - an-tur cor - por - ra. Prae - sta, prae - sta pa - ter

ne pol-lu - an-tur cor - por - ra. prae - sta pa - ter

ne pol-lu - an-tur cor - por - ra.

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pi - iss - i - me pa-tri-que com - par U - ni - ce cum spir - i - tu Par-

pi - iss - i - me pa-tri-que com - par U - ni - ce cum spir - i - tu Par-

pa - ter pi - iss - i - me com - par U - ni - ce cum spir - i - tu Par-

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a - cli - to, Regn-ans per om-ne sae-cu - lum.

a - cli - to, Regn-ans per om-ne sae-cu - lum.

a - cli to Regn-ans per om-ne sae-cu - lum.