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(*Circa* 1300)

*S.A.T.B. double a cappella*

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\* ANON  
(circa 1800)

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Andante lento (♩ = 69-72)

Key A mi. (Doh is C) *pp molto legato sempre*

SOPRANO  
ALTO

CHORUS I

TENOR  
BASS

Of one that is so fair and bright

SOPRANO  
ALTO

+ CHORUS II

TENOR  
BASS

*pp molto legato sempre*

Ve - lut ma - ris stel - la

*p* *mf*

Brigh - ter than the day is light,

*p* *mf*

*pp* Pa - rens et pu - el - - la:

+ Chorus II to be sung either by a semi-chorus, or a solo quartet.

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*p* All this world was for-loŕn Till our Lord was y-born  
*mf*  
*pp* E - va pec - ca - tri - ce,  
*mf* With... a - ve it went away Dark-est night, and comes the day  
*f* ten. *p*  
*pp* De te ge-ne-tri - ce.  
*p* The well... springeth out of thee.  
*pp* Sa - tu - tis; Vir - tu - tis.



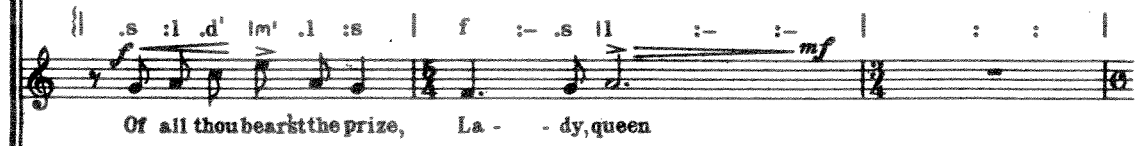
Molto rall. - - - - -

||m' :r' .m' |s' .m' :d' | d' :f' .m' |m' .r' :l .t :d' | : : :s |



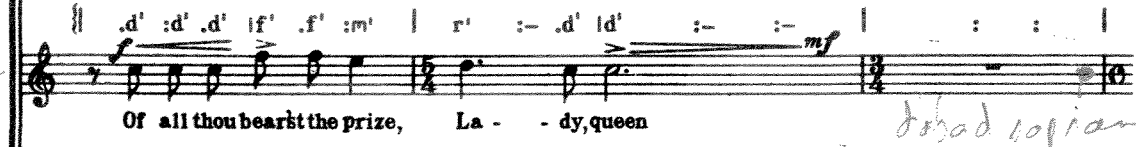
Of all thou bearst the prize, La - - dy, queen of pa-ra-dise Maid...

|| .s :l .d' |m' .l :s | f :- .s |l :- :- :mf | : : : |



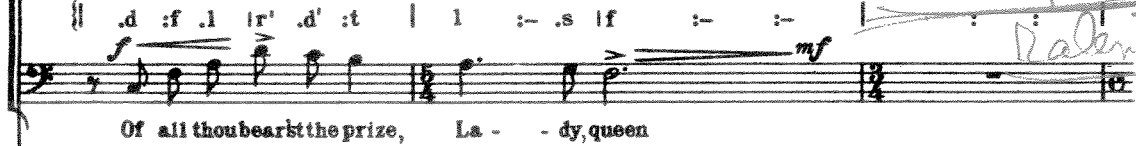
Of all thou bearst the prize, La - - dy, queen

|| .d' :d' .d' |f' .f' :m' | r' :- .d' |d' :- :- :mf | : : : |



Of all thou bearst the prize, La - - dy, queen

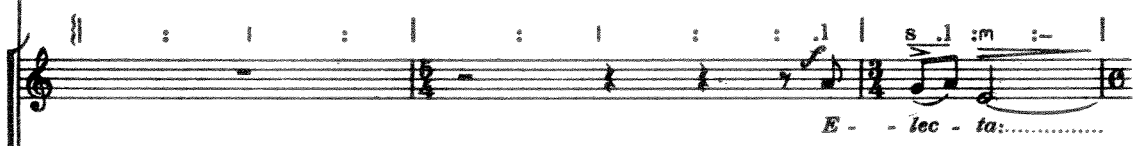
|| .d :f .l |r' .d' :t | l :- .s |f :- :- :mf | : : : |



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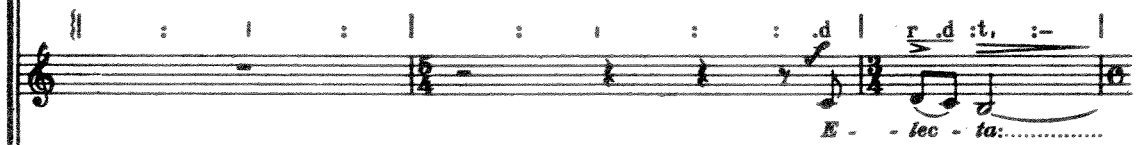
*dobad copiane*  
*Palantir*

|| : : : | : : : | : : : | : : : | : : : | : : : | s .l :m :- |



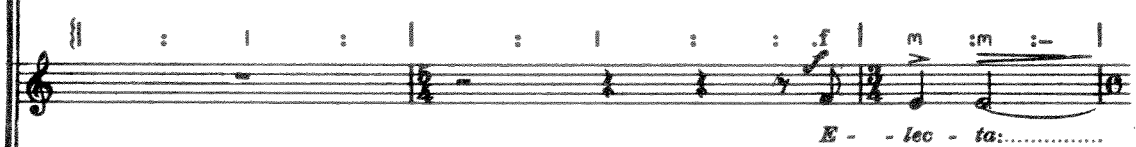
E - - lec - ta:.....

|| : : : | : : : | : : : | : : : | : : : | : : : | r .d :t, :- |



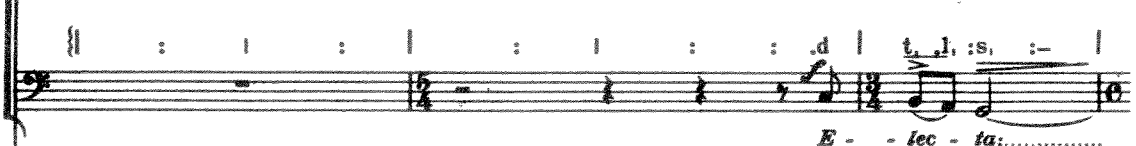
E - - lec - ta:.....

|| : : : | : : : | : : : | : : : | : : : | : : : | f | m :m :- |



E - - lec - ta:.....

|| : : : | : : : | : : : | : : : | : : : | : : : | d | t, .l, :s, :- |



E - - lec - ta:.....

Molto rall. - - - - -



*f* *dim.* *f* *p*

