

# William Byrd

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## Ave verum corpus



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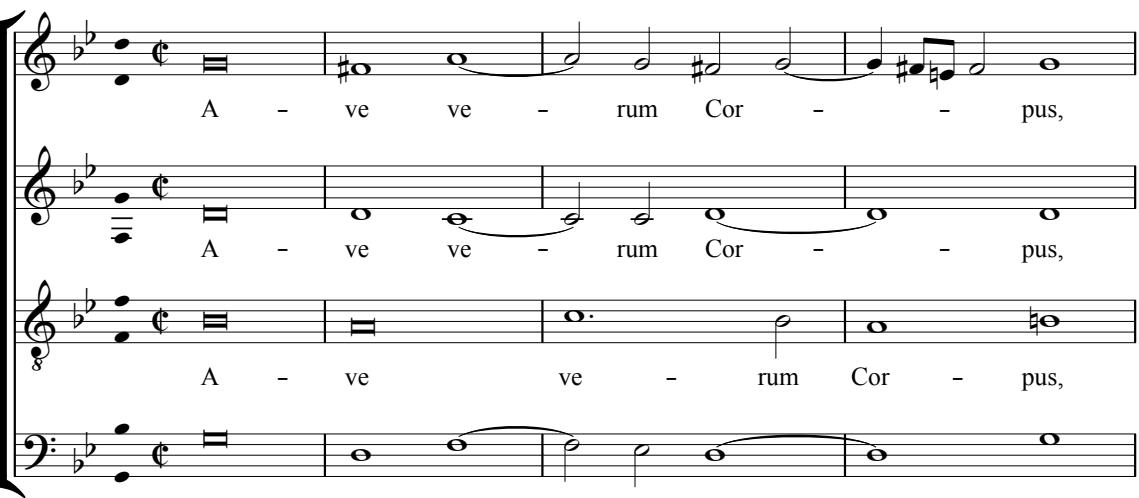
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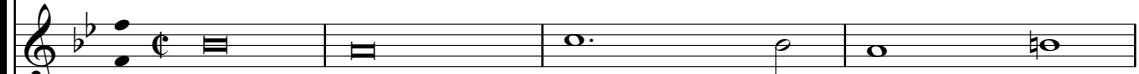
**Ave verum Corpus**  
 Processional Hymn, Corpus Christi  
 Gradualia I, 1605, vol.2 no.5

Pope Innocent VI (d.1342)

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Superius      

Medius      

Tenor      

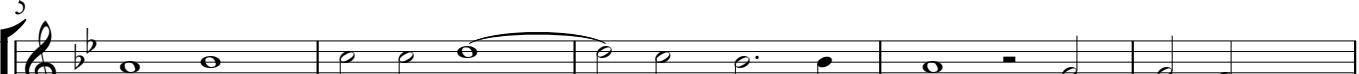
Bassus      

A - ve ve - rum Cor - - - pus,

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S.      

A.      

T.      

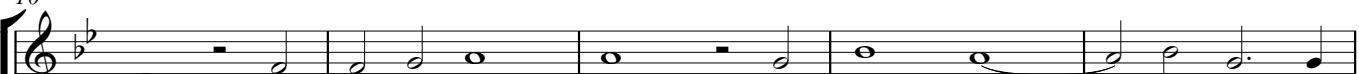
B.      

na - tum de Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne: Ve - re pas -

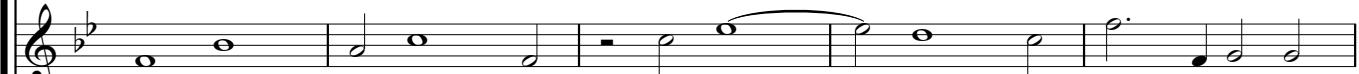
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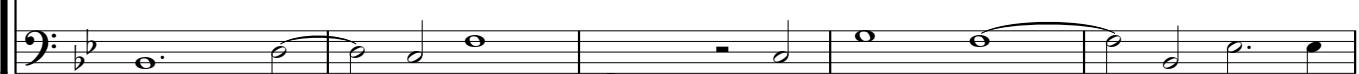
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S.      

A.      

T.      

B.      

-sum, im - mo - la - tum in cru - ce pro ho - mi -

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S. -ne: Cu - jus la - tus per - fo - ra - tum, un - da flu -

A. -ne: Cu - jus la - tus per - fo - ra - tum, un - da flu -

T. 8 -ne: Cu - jus la - tus per - fo - ra - tum,

B. -ne: Cu - jus la - tus per - fo - ra - tum, un -

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S. -xit san - gui - ne, san - gui - ne: E - sto no - bis præ - gu -

A. -xit san - gui - ne, san - gui - ne: E - sto no - bis præ - gu -

T. 8 un - da flu - xit san - gui - ne: E - sto no - bis præ - gu -

B. - da flu - xit san - gui - ne: E - sto no - bis præ - gu -

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S. -sta - tum in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne. O

A. -sta - tum in mor - tis, in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne.

T. 8 -sta - tum in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne.

B. -sta - tum in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne.

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S. - li Ma ri - æ, mi - se - re - re me -

A. - Mari - æ, mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - se - re - re,

T. Fi - li Ma ri - æ, mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - se -

B. Ma - ri - æ, mi - se - re - re me - i,

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S. - i, mi - se - re - re me - i, me - - i. O

A. mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - se - re - re me - - i.

T. 8 - re - re me - i, me - i, mi - se - re - re me - i.

B. mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - se - re - re me - - i.

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S. - i. A - - - men.

A. - i. A - - - men.

T. - i. A - - - men.

B. - i. A - - - men.

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine.  
vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine:  
cuius latum perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.  
O [Iesu] dulcis! O [Iesu] pie! O Iesu fili Mariæ.  
*Miserere mei. Amen.*

Hail true body: that was born of the Virgin Mary,  
That truly suffered and was sacrificed on the Cross for us men,  
From whose pierced side flowed water and blood;  
Be for us a foretaste of death and judgement.  
O sweet Jesus! O gentle Jesus! O Jesus son of Mary.  
*Have mercy upon us. Amen.*