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With great expression, yet with movement (♩=ca. 72)

The musical score is for SATB a cappella. It features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major/D minor) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'With great expression, yet with movement' with a quarter note equal to approximately 72 beats per minute. The score includes dynamic markings: *p* (piano), *mp* (mezzo-piano), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *p* (piano). The lyrics are: 'O mag - num my - ster - - - i - um, O mag - num my - ster - - - i - um, O ma - num my - ster - i - um, O mag - num my - ster - - - i - um,'. The piano part includes a rehearsal section marked '(for rehearsal)'. A large diagonal watermark 'FOR REVIEW ONLY' is overlaid on the score.

Note: tenuto marks are for syllabic stress only.

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mag - num \_\_\_\_\_ my - ster - i - - - um,

o mag - num my - ster - i - - - um,

et \_\_\_\_\_ ad - mi -

et \_\_\_\_\_ ad - mi -

*f*

*f*

*mf*

*mf*

5

et ad - mi - ra - bi - le sac - ra - men - tum, ut a - ni -

et ad - mi - ra - bi - le sac - ra - men - tum, ut

ra - bi - le sac - ra - men - - tum, sac - ra - men - tum,

ra - bi - le sac - ra - men - - tum, sac - ra - men - tum,

*mf*

*f*

*mf*

*f*

*f*

*mf*

*mf*

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ma-li - a, ut a - ni - ma - li - a vi - de - rent  
a - ni - ma - li - a, ut a - ni - ma - li - a vi - de - rent  
ut a - ni - ma - li - a vi - de - rent  
ut a - ni - ma - li - a vi - de - rent

*f* *f* *mf* *f*

Musical score for measures 13-16, featuring vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The score includes dynamic markings *f* and *mf*.

17

Do - mi - num na - tum ja - cen - tem, ja - cen - tem in prae-  
Do - mi - num na - tum ja - cen - tem, ja - cen - tem in prae-  
Do - mi - num na - tum ja - cen - tem, ja - cen - tem in prae-  
Do - mi - num na - tum ja - cen - tem, ja - cen - tem in prae-

*mp* *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*

Musical score for measures 17-20, featuring vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The score includes dynamic markings *mp* and *mf*. A large diagonal watermark "FOR REVIEW ONLY" is overlaid on the score.

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se - pi - o,  
se - pi - o, O be - a - ta,  
se - pi - o, in prae - se - pi - o, O be -  
se - pi - o, in prae - se - pi - o,

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O be a - ta Vir - go,  
be - a - ta Vir - go, O Vir - go, cu - ius  
a - ta Vir - go, O Vir - go, cu - ius  
O be - a - ta Vir - -

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cu - ius vi - sce - ra — me - ru - e - runt por - ta - re  
vi - sce - ra me - ru - e - runt por - ta - re, —  
vi - sce - ra — me - ru - e - runt por - ta - re,  
go, cu - ius vi - sce - ra por - ta - re,

Musical score for measures 29-32, featuring vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "cu - ius vi - sce - ra — me - ru - e - runt por - ta - re", "vi - sce - ra me - ru - e - runt por - ta - re, —", "vi - sce - ra — me - ru - e - runt por - ta - re,", and "go, cu - ius vi - sce - ra por - ta - re,".

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por - ta - re — Do - mi num Je - sum — Chris -  
por - ta - re — Do - mi - num Je - sum — Chris -  
por - ta - re Do - mi - num Je - sum — Chris -  
por - ta - re Do - mi - num Je - sum — Chris -

Musical score for measures 33-36, featuring vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The key signature changes to two flats (Bb, Eb) and the time signature changes to 2/4. The lyrics are: "por - ta - re — Do - mi num Je - sum — Chris -", "por - ta - re — Do - mi - num Je - sum — Chris -", "por - ta - re Do - mi - num Je - sum — Chris -", and "por - ta - re Do - mi - num Je - sum — Chris -". The score includes dynamic markings such as *ff* (fortissimo) and accents.



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*O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum  
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum  
jacentem in præsepio. O Beata virgo cuius viscera  
meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia.*

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals see the Lord born lying in a manger.  
O blessed virgin whose womb  
was worthy to bear Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

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