

Conditor Alme Siderum

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Adapted from the original 9th century Hymn for Vespers of Advent,
Conditor Alme Siderum, and the hymn tune *Morning Song*
attributed to Elkanah Kelsay Dare, 1782-1826.

Original Text:

Conditor alme siderum
aetérna lux credéntium
Christe redémptor ómnium
exáudi preces súpplicum

Qui cónsolens intéritu
mortis perire saeculum
salvásti mundum languidum
donans reis remedium.

Vergénte mundi véspera
uti sponsus de thálamo
egréssus honestissima
Virginis matris cláusula.

Cuius forti ponténtiae
genu curvántur ómnia
caeléstia, terréstria
nutu faténtur súbdita.

English Translation:

Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light;
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,
And hear Thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving that the ancient curse
Should doom to death an universe,
Hast found the med'cine, full of grace,
To save and heal a ruin'd race.

Thou cam'st, the Bridegroom of the Bride,
As drew the world to ev'ning-tide;
Proceeding from a Virgin shrine,
The spotless Victim all divine.

At whose dread Name, majestic now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow
And things celestial Thee shall own,
And things terrestrial, Lord alone.

9th Century Hymn for
Vespers of Advent

Translation by Rev. John Mason Neale, 1852

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Contemplative ($\text{♩} = 68$)

SOPRANO
ALTO
TENOR
BASS
Piano (Rehearsal Only)

A

With more motion ($\text{♩} = 76$)

S.
A.
T.
B.
Pno.

A

With more motion ($\text{♩} = 76$)

13

S. ter-na lux cre-den-ti - um, Chri - ste, Re - demp-tor om-ni - um pre-ces
A. ter-na lux cre-den-ti - um, Chri - ste, Re - demp-tor om-ni - um, ex - au-di pre-ces
T. lux cre-den - ti - um, Chri-ste, Re - demp-tor om-ni - um, pre-ces
B. lux cre-den - ti - um, Re - demp-tor om-ni - um pre-ces
Pno.

19

S. sup - pli-cum Qui in - te - ri - tu mor -
A. sup - pli-cum Qui in - te - ri - tu mor -
T. sup - pli-cum Qui in - te - ri - tu mor -
B. sup - pli-cum Qui con-do-lens in - te - ri - tu mor-tis mor
Pno.

B

26

S. *mp* tis mor - tis per - i - re , per - i - re sae - cu - lum

A. *pp* *p* -tis per - i - re per - i - re sae - cu - lum

T. *pp* *p* , per - i - re per - i - re sae - cu - lum mm

B. *pp* *p* , per - i - re per - i - re sae - cu - lum

Pno. *pp*

31

S. >*p* mm lan-gui-dum *mf* do-nans re - *mp* is re -

A. >*p* mm lan-gui-dum *mf* do-nans re - - is re -

T. >*p* sal - va - sti mun-dum lan-gui-dum *mf* re - me -

B. >*p* mm mun-dum lan-gui-dum *mf* re - me -

Pno. >*p* *mf* *mp* *p*

36

S. **C**

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

me - di - um Oo mm Oo

me - di - um Oo mm Oo

- di - um Oo mm Oo

C

pp fp p

pp fp p

pp fp p mp

pp fp p

pp fp p

pp fp p

pp

Faster (♩=86) **D**

S. mm Ver - gen-te mun - di ves-pe - re spon

A. mm Ver - gen-te mun - di ves-pe - re u - ti

T. mm Ver - gen-te mun - di ves-pe - re u - ti sponsus

B. mm Ver - gen-te mun - di ves-pe - re u - ti u - ti

Pno.

8

p (♩=86) **D**

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

50

S. sus u - ti spon-sus de tha - la - mo e - gre-sus hon-es - tis-si - ma

A. spon-sus u - ti spon-sus de tha - la - mo e - gre-sus hon-es - tis-si - ma

T. 8 spon-sus u - ti spon-sus de tha - la - mo e - gre- sus hon-es - tis-si - ma vir-

B. spon-sus u - ti spon-sus de tha-la - mo e - gre- sus hon-es - tis-si - ma

Pno.

With Conviction

57

S. vir - gi - nis ma - tris clau - su - la Cui - us for - te po - ten - ti - ae

A. vir - gi - nis ma - tris ma - tris clau - su - la Cui - us for - te po - ten - ti - ae

T. 8 gi - nis ma - tris clau - su - la Cui - us for - te po - ten - ti - ae

B. ma - tris ma - tris clau - su - la Cui - us for - te po - ten - ti - ae

With Conviction

Pno.

64

S. *fp* — *mp* *f*, Broadly
ge-nu ge-nu cur van - tur om-ni - a om - ni-

A. *fp* — *mp* *f*,
ge-nu ge-nu cur van - tur om-ni - a om - ni-

T. *fp* — *mp* *f*,
ge-nu ge-nu cur van - tur om - ni - a om - ni -

B. *fp* — *mp* *f*,
ge-nu ge-nu cur van - tur om - ni - a om - ni -

Pno. *fp* — *mp* *f*, Broadly
fp —

71

S. a ah cae-les-ti - a cae - les - ti - a

A. a ah cae - les-ti - a

T. a ah ter - res - tri - a ter-res-tri - a

B. a ah ter - res - tri - a ter-res-tri - a

Pno.

Maestoso

S. *ff* **meno mosso** *p*

A. *ff* *mp*

T. *ff* *p*

B. *ff* *p*

Pno.

79 om - ni - a nu - tu fa - ten - tur sub - di -
 om - ni - a nu - tu fa - ten - tur sub - - - di -
 om - ni - a nu - tu fa - ten - tur sub - di -
 om - ni - a nu - tu fa - ten - tur sub - di -

Maestoso

85 **Contemplative**

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S. ta A men (n)

A. ta. A men (n)

T. ta A men (n)

B. ta A men (n)

Pno.

Contemplative