Notre-Dame and Related Conductus

Part 1

Four- and Three-Part Conductus in the Central Sources

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VOLUME I

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4PT CONDUCTUS

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This volume contains some of the oldest as well as some of the most mature conductus from the Notre-Dame repertoire, and overall it presents the bulk of the extant 3pt pieces and all of the few remaining 4pt works. One should note particularly the extended conductus cum caudis, for they belong to those select compositions which are representative of the greatest art, and they do not suffer in comparison with any works from their own period, or with works from any other period of musical history. Now that they are available in a modern edition, it is hoped that they will be performed and thus enjoyed by both players and listeners, and studied by all lovers of music.

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A 1; W₁ 2,5, f. 13^r.

Serena virginum. Lux plena luminum, Templum trinitatis, Puritatis Specialis Thalamus, Archa nove legis, Thronus novi regis, Vellus, quod rigavit. Qui nostrum portavit Saccum nostram carnem Vestiens. Nesciens Virum Deum paris, O Maria, Mater pia, Stella maris Singularis, Stella cuius radius Nubem pressit, Quam impressit Eve culpa prius. Istud nulla caritas Meruit aut castitas. Sed simplex humilitas Ancille. O mamille Quarum vene Fluunt plene Mundo lac et mella. Gens misella, Tollite Vas fellitum, Vas mellitum Bibite: Ecce, lac infantium, Ecce, manna mundo pium, Ecce, pie Flos Marie Virginis.

Bright star of virgins,
Light full of light,
Temple of the Trinity,
Of purity
Most rare
The chamber,
Ark of a new Law,
Throne of a new king,

Fleece, which grew moist; 1

He bore our
Outer covering, in our flesh
Clothing himself. 2
Knowing not
Man thou didst bear God,

15 O Mary,
Holy mother,
Star of the sea ³
Most peerless,
Star whose ray

5

20 Dispersed the cloud
Which earlier
Eve's guilt has impressed. 4
For this no love

Nor purity was worthy,
25 But the simple humility
Of a maid.
O breasts.

O breasts, Whose stream

O'erflowed the world
With milk and honey!
Wretched people,

Remove

The jar filled with gall: The honey-filled jar

Drink!
Lo, the milk of infants!
Lo, holy manna for the world!
Lo, the flower
Of holy Mary.

40 Virgin.

The fleece of Gideon, a common symbol of the Virgin Mary; see conductus J 59, note 5.

John I:14 et verbum caro factum est.

³ Another common symbol of the Virgin Mary.

⁴ Genesis III:15.

⁵ Christ; of. Flos filius eius of the respond Stirps Jesse.

Serena Virginum





De Stephani Roseo Sanguine

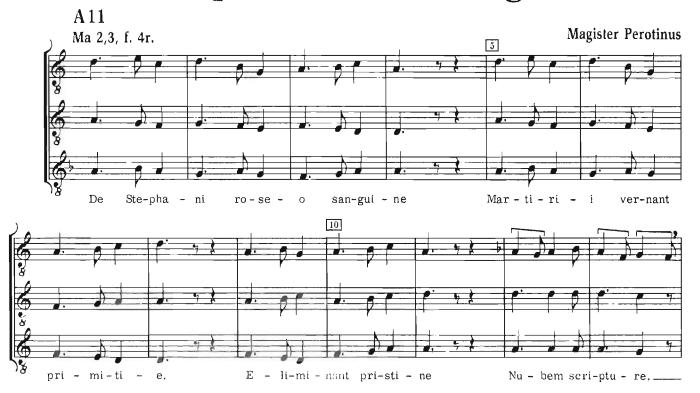


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Angers 283 Angers, Bibliothèque municipale, 283.

Bamberg, Staatsbibliothek, Lit 115 (olim Ed. IV 6)

Berl Th lat 8° 225 Berlin, Deutsche Staatsbibliothek, Cod. lat. 8° 225.

Berl lat fol. 312 Berlin, Deutsche Staatsbibliothek, Cod. lat. fol. Th. 312.

BN 4880 Paris, Bibliothèque nationale, lat. 4880.

Brussel 19606 Brussel, Koninklijke Bibliotheek/ Bibliothèque royale, 19606.

Charleville, Bibliothèque municipale, MS 190.

Chartres 341 Chartres, Bibliothèque de la ville, MS 341 (now lost).

Cl Paris, Bibliothèque nationale, n. acq. frç. 13521 (Chansonnier de La Clayette)

Da 521 Darmstadt, Hessische Landesbibliothek, 521.

Don Donaueschingen, Fürstliche Bibliothek, 882.

Hortus Strasbourg/Straßburg, Bibliothèque municipale (olim Bibliothèque de la ville), Hortus deliciarum (MS

now lost)

LoA London, British Library, Egerton 2615.

LoHa London, British Library, Harley 978.

LoHarl 524 London, British Library, Harley 524

LoLamb London, Lambeth Palace, 522.

Lo Add 24659 London, British Library, Additional 24569.

Maz Paris, Bibliothèque Mazarine, 307 (356).

Mo Montpellier, Bibliothèque de l'école de médecine, H 196.

MüA München. Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Mus. 4774 and fragment previously in the private library of

Johannes Wolf (now lost, but photo-copies are preserved at Paris, Bibliothèque nationale).

OLy Oxford, Bodleian Library, Lyell 72.

Roma Cas 1404 Roma, Biblioteca Casanatense, MS 1404.

StV Paris, Bibliothèque nationale, lat. 15139.

Tort N° 2: T: B 1,3 2li FE; B 1, B 3, B 4 f. / om; B 6,3 pli-dx; B 7,2 3cur BAG; B 13,1 G. Du: B 1, B 3 / om; B 5,3 si 2li DDE; B 5 / om; B 6,3 pli-dx; B 8,1 2li; B 9,1 B; B 9,2-B 10 5si ABCDA; B 13,1 si A. Tt: Str. I only; L 1,1 initial V om; word written as [V] eris, with s underlined to show error; L 5,3 laycum.

St Gall N° 13: T: B 1,3 2li FE; B 1 / om; B 2: om; B 3,3 2si AA; B 3, B 4 / om; B 5,3 2li BA; B 5 / om; B 7,2 3cur BAG; B 7,4 si A; B 8 / om; B 9,3 2li AG; B 10,2 2li AB; B 10 / om; B 11,2 2li CD; B 12,3 2li GF; B 13,3 3cur BAG; B 14 8 2si AA; B 1-B 2 repeated with text of Str. II, identical to the setting of Str. I. Tt: Str. I-V compartus. III, L 21,1 possit. IV, L 23,3 veritatis; L 27,1 infundens. V, L 29,1 sic; L 30,3 om; L 32,1 f. auri signans; L 34,2 circust.

Stutt N° 40: 1pt neumes to each of Str. 1-V, designated *Conductum* at the end of the poem. The neumes will not be discussed here. *Tt*: 1, L 6,3 thropicum. II, L 9,2 nec; L 9,5 marcesscit; L 12,2 partus. III, L 16,2 the abbreviation for *-ans* is joined to the neume sign; L 21,1 possit. IV, L 23,3 veritatis; L 25,3 paraclytus; L 26,1 conflavit; L 27,1 informans. V, L 29,1 sic; L 32,1 f. auri signat; L 34,2 signat.

Hortus N° 2: Originally in 1pt (?), but Tt only preserved in Engelhardt 134: Str. I-V complete, designated «Item [rhythmus] de nativitate Domini,» (Another [rhythmic song] for the Nativity of our Lord). I, L 4 fecit florem mysticum. II, L 12,1 partus. IV, L 23,3 veritatis. V, L 29,1 sic; L 30,2 f. monet (n or v in MS?) pie; L 32,1 f. auri signat; L 34,2 signat.

ORawl N° 44: Str. I-V complete, with superscript «Commendatio cuiusdam nobilis viri,» (Commendation of a certain illustrious man). IV, L 27,1 infundens.

Chartres 341: MS now lost.

Charleville: Str. I-V complete, with Str. III and IV reversed in order. II, L 9,2 nec; L 12,2 partus. IV, L 23,3 veritatis. III, L 16,1 f. domans ignis; L 20,1 quod. V, L 29,1 f. aurum; L 30,2 f. monet pie; L 32,1 f. auri signat; L 34,2 signat.

Paris 4880: Str I-V complete. II, L 9,5 marcessit; L 12,1 partus. III, L 19 corrupt: pium ignem contra; L 21,1 possit. IV, L 23,1 fons; L 23,3 veritatis. V, L 29,1 sic; L 30,2 f. movet pie; L 32,1 om; L 34,1 signat.

C 2; Presul nostri temporis.

Main sources: W₁ 8,3, f. 72'; F 6,9, f. 211'; Ma 5,7, f. 115' (2pt), W₂ 6,1, f. 92' (2pt).

Secondary source: LoA 1,6, f. 87° . The MSS show a different tradition in modal rhythm: W₁ has first mode; F and W₂ have second mode (with a first mode melisma excepted); Ma and LoA partake of both traditions.

W₁ 8,3: T: B 1 / om; B 13-B 14,1:
om; B 49,1 3li CBA; B 63 / om; B 80,2-1
B 22 / om; B 23,3 C; B 34 / om; B 42,1 note and / 2li; B 82,1 L-dx. Du: B 22 / om; B 24,1 /; B 58 si; B 68 f. notated 3rd too high; B 83,2 /. Tr: N. V.
F 6,9: T: B 75,4-B 83 B fl sig om.
2li (correct version from LoA); B 44 / om; B 58 si. Tt: N. V.

Ma 5,7: B 1-B 18 after W_j , B 19 ff. after F. T: B 12, B 14, B 16 / om; B 17 si; B 22 / om; B 37,2 si E; B 40,3-1, B 44,3-1, B 49,3-1 3li; B 51, B 63, B 71 f. / om; B 73-B 83 B f1 sig om; B 79,4-2 3li; B 89,2-B 91,1 3li 2li 2li; B 95,3 2li GF; B 96,1 om; B 100 extended ending by si C after B 100,3. Du: B 8,2-1 3li; B 12, B 22 / om; B 35,2 2li; B 42,2 L-dx; B 48,2 /; B 58 L-dx G; B 59,1 si A /; B 63 / om; B 70,1 2li; B 76 / om; B 77,3 pli; B 83,2 pli-dx; B 84,2 si E; B 90 3li; B 95-B 96,1 3li-pli 2li; B 99 f. without extension: same notes 3li 2li 3cur. Tt: L 1,1 initial P om; L 6,2 agens; L 9,3 final letter m (= -um) written at end of line in anticipation of the end of the melisma, which when written did not quite reach the letter.

 W_2 6,1: After F. T: 3li often written as si 2li: B 4,2-1, B 6,2-1, B 15,3-1, B 28,2-1, B 84,2, B 98,2-1; B 8,2-1 3li: B 37,2 si E; B 63 si 2li / om; B 66,2 si C; B 71 / om; B 77,1-4 3li si; B 84,2-end B fl sig; B 90,3-1 2li si; B 93,3 /. Du: si 2li = 3li (see T): B 1,2-1, B 10, B 25,2, B 41, B 45, B 56, B 75,1-3, B 95,1-3; B 6 / om; B 9,2, B 19,1 /; B 35,2 2li; B 49,3-1 2li si; B 59 2li /, with first note L-dx; B 77,1-3 3li-pli; B 84,2 si E; B 89-end B fl sig; B 89 3li; B 95,4-1 2li BG; B 100,3 f. si E. Tt: N. V.

LoA 1,6: B 1-B 18 after W_b B 19 ff. after F. T: B 6 / om; B 14 both / om; B 16 / om; B 19,1 /; B 37,2 si E; B 39 om; B 40,3-1, B 44,3-1 3li; B 54,1 pli; B 63 2li / om, with first note L-dx; B 69-B 81 B fl sig; B 71, B 72 / om; B 82-end B fl sig om; B 94,3 /. Du: B 1-B 2,1 lost with cut initial; B 8,1 /, making the measure second mode; B 19,1 /; B 19,2 first two notes lost with cut initial; B 22 / om; B 35,2 2li; B 48,2 /; B 49,2-1 2li si; B 58 L-dx G; B 59 si A /; B 70 si 3cur DCBA; B 77,1-3 3li-pli; B 89-end B fl sig om; B 90 3li; B 94,2 /; B 95,4-1 2li BG; B 99,2-B 100 3li 2si GAGFE. T: B 1,1 first note lost with cut out initial; B 6,1 /; B 6,2-B 8 om; B 12 / om; B 17,3 UW si G; B 19,2-B 20 lost with cut initial; B 28 / om; B 40-B 41,1 3li 2li; B 43 si 2li; B 45 f. defective: si 2li BCB, with UW clef sign between (= 2li CD in exemplar?); B 49 / om; B 50,2-1 3li; B 57 f. shows correct 2si L-dx; B 70,2 si C; B 99,2-B 100 4cur CBAG. T: L 1,1 initial P and next letter r cut out; L 6,1 auctus.

C 3; Dic Christi veritas.

Main sources: W₁ 8,4, f. 73'; F 6,3, f. 203'; Ma 5,6, f. 114' (2pt); W₂ 3,2, f. 33'.

Secondary sources: LoA 2,7, f. 88°; CB N° 131, f. 54° (1pt neumes); Stutt N° 46, f. 31° (1pt neumes); Roma, Casanatense 1404, f. 15° (Tt); Berlin, Th. Lat. fol. 312, f. 5° (Tt); = K 81 Veste nuptiale, for which composition quod vide; = L 5 Bulla fulminante, for which composition quod vide.