

O SPELNDIDISSIMA GEMMA

O Resplendent Jewel

RC 10

The musical score is written on ten staves. Each staff begins with a C-clef (soprano, alto, and tenor positions) and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The text is in Latin and describes the creation of the world from the Word.

O Splen-di- dissi- ma gem-ma et se- re- num de- cus
so- lis qui ti- bi in- fu- sus est fons sa- li- ens
de cor- de pa- tris quod est u- ni-cum ver- bum su-
um per quod cre- a- vit mun- di pri- mam ma- te- ri- am
quam e- va tur- ba-vit hoc ver- bum ef- fa- bri-ca- vit ti- bi
pa- ter ho- mi-nem et ob hoc es tu il-la lu-ci- da
ma- te- ri- a per quam hoc ip- sum ver- bum ex-spi- ra-vit om-nes
vir- tu- tes ut e-du- xit in pri-ma ma- te- ri- a om- nes cre- a-tu- ras: