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Antiphon

Faith-ful Cross! a - bove all oth - er things, none in - ly no - ble Tree! None in fo - li - age, none in blos - som,

4 none in thy - peers may - be; sweet - est wood and swest i - ron! Sweet - est Weight hung on thee!

1 Sing, my tongue, the Sa - vior's glo - ry; tell His tri - umph far and wide; tell a - loud the fa - mous sto - ry of His bod - y - cruci - fixed;

11 up - on the cross a vic - tim, van - quish - ing in death, He died. Eat - ing of the tree for - and den - man had sunk in Sa tan's snare,

15 when our pit - y - ing King did this sec - ond tree pre - pare; des - cend - ing from man - y - ag - es - lat - er, that first - e - vil - to re - pair.

Such the or - der God ap - point - ed — when for sin He — would a - tone; to the — ser - pent thus — schemes yet — deep - er — than his —

thence the — rem - e - dy cur - ing, — whence the — fa - tal — wound had — come —

So when now — at — length the —

of the sa - — time drew — nigh, then the — Son, the — wo - — a - — tor; — left his — Fa - — ther's — glo - — ry — high;

from a vir - gin's womb ap - pear - ing, clothed in our mor - tal - i - ty.

5

lo, a ten - der babe He has seen his gen - tle Vir - gin Mother lull to sleep in - fant - cries! while the limbs of God in - vate

round with swaths bands she ties.

6

Thus did Christ per - fect man - hood in our mor - tal - i - ty.

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then of His free choice He go - eth a death of bit - ter - pain; and as a lamb, ap - pointed al - tar of the cross, for us is slain.

Lo, with gall - His ar - He quench - es! see the thorns up - on His brow; nails His ten - der - flesh are - rend - ing!

7

see His side - is - opened now! whence, to cleanse the whole crea - tion, streams of blood and wa - ter - flow!

49

Loft y tree, bend down thy branch es, to em - brace thy - sa - cred load; oh, re - lax the - m - self, in - ten - sion — of that - all — too - rig - id - wood.

53

gen - thy, — gen - ty — bear the — mem - bers — of thy — dy - ing - King and God.

Tree, which sole - ly — wast found wor -

56

the world's Vic - tim — to — gain. har - bor — from the — rag - ing — tem - pest! — ah, the — saved the — world a - gain! Tree, with — sa - cred blood a -

of the Lamb for sinners slain.

10

Blessing, honor, to the immortal Trinity; to the Father, Son, and Spirit.

eternal praise ever be; glory through the earth and heaven.

rit. molto rit.

Trinity in Unity.

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Voice

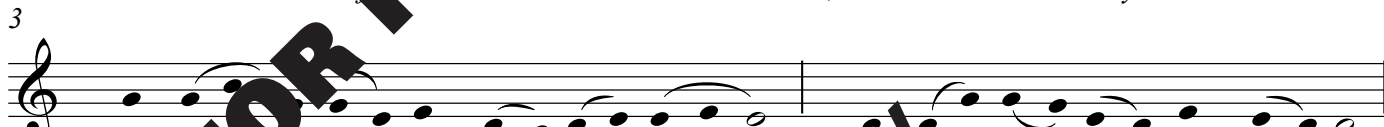
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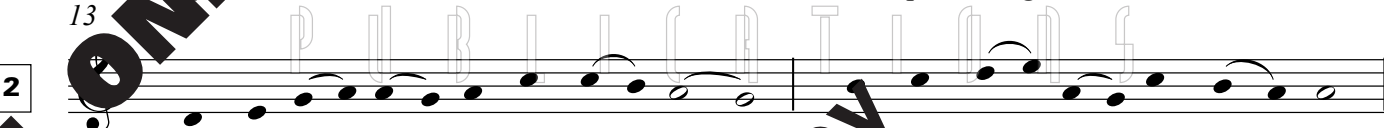
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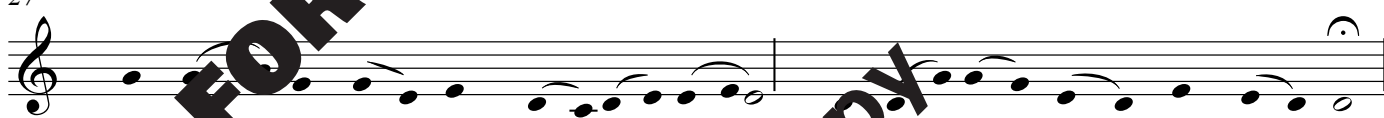


to the ser - pent thus op - pos - ing, who's yet deep - er than his own; V.S.

25
thence the rem - e - dy was cur - ing, whence the fa - tal wound had come.



27
So then now at length the full - ness of the sa - cred time drew nigh,



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then the Son, the world's Cre - a - tor, by his Fa - ther's throne on high;



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from a vir - gin's womb ap - pear - ing, clothed in our mor - tal - i - ty.



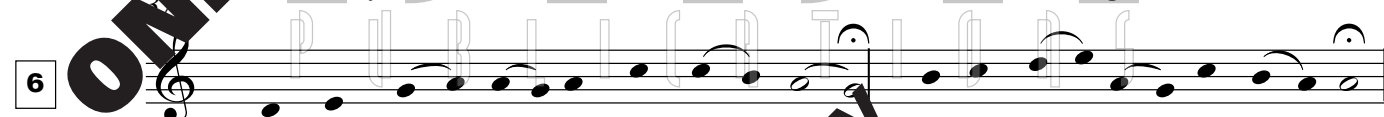
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All with - in a low - ly man - ger, lo, a ten - der babe he lies!



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see his gen - tle Vir - gin Moth - er lull to sleep his in - fant cries!



while his limbs of God in - car - nate round with swath - ing bands she ties.



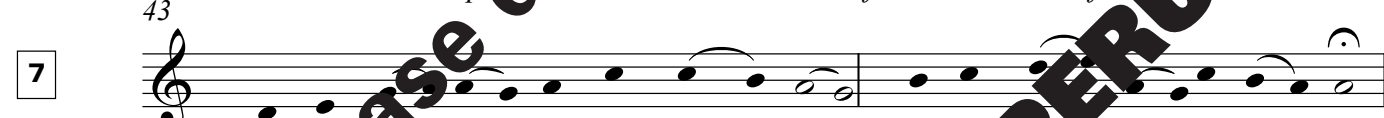
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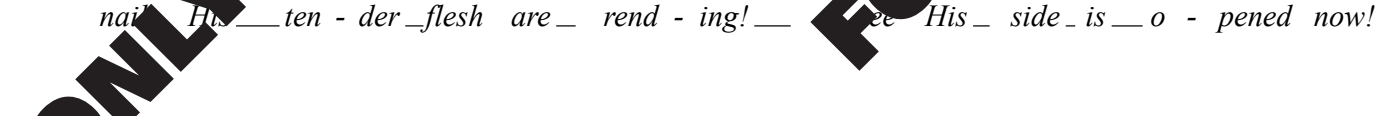
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har - bor from the rag - ing tem - pest! ark, that saved the world a - gain!

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Bless - ing, hon - or, ev - er - last - ing, to the im - mor - tal De - i ty:

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to the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, e - qual prais es, co - e - qual glo - ry;

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glo - ry through the earth and heav - en

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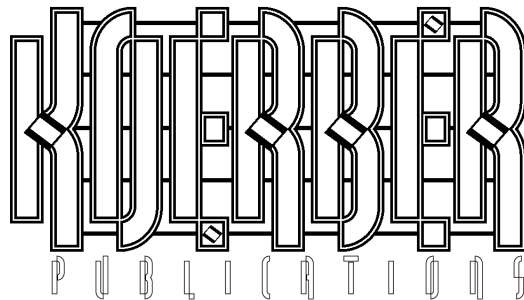
to Tri - i - ty in U - ni - ty. men.

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