# A Hymn to the Virgin

*ANON
*(circa 1300)*

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Andante lento (♪ = 69-72)

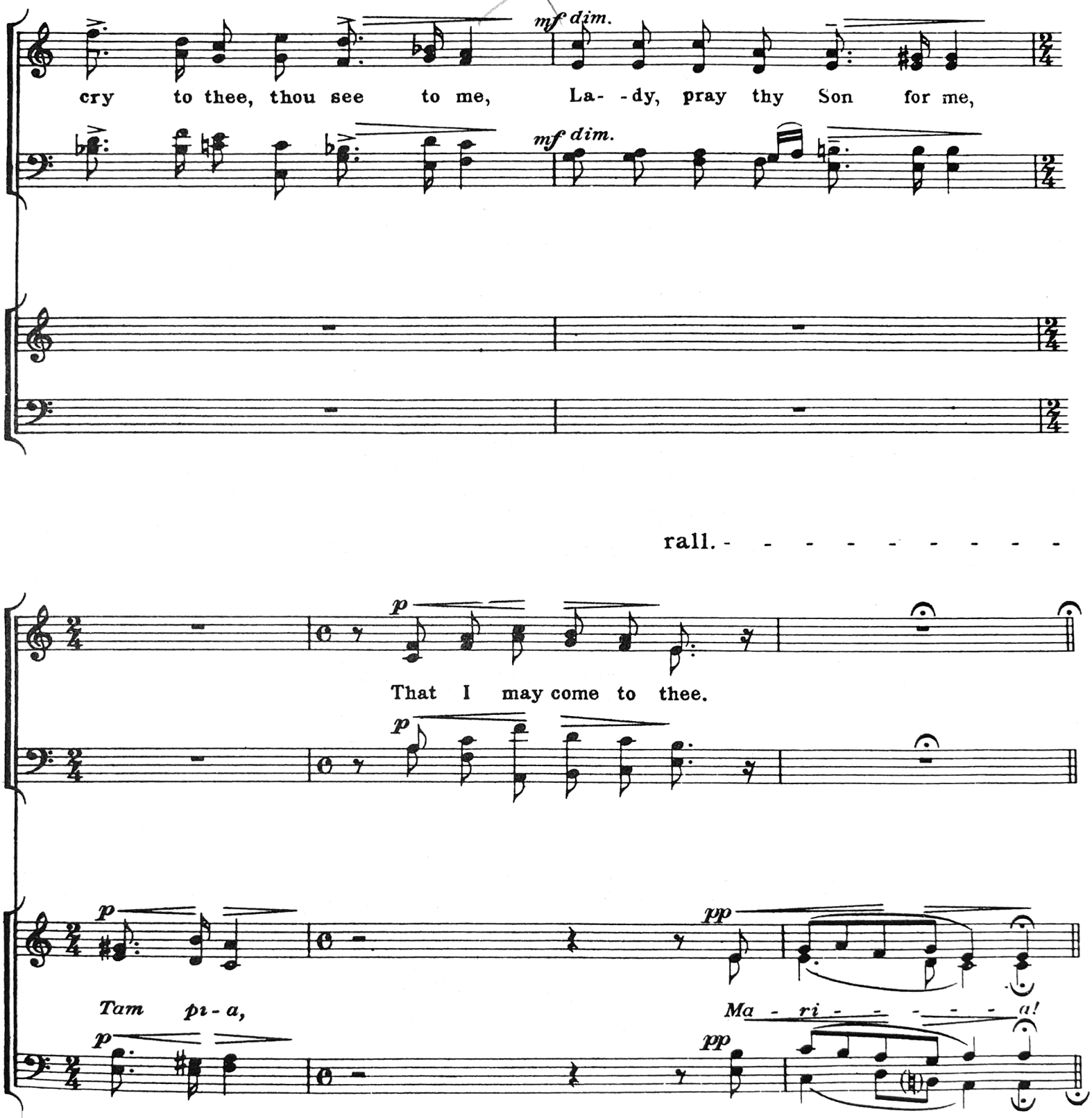



†*Chorus II to be sung either by a semi-chorus, or a solo quartet.*

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mf dim.
cry to thee, thou see to me, La- -dy, pray thy Son for me,
mf dim.
rall. - - - - - - - - - -
p
That I may come to thee.
p
p
Tam pi - a,
pp
Ma - ri - - - - - a!
p
pp


All this world was for-lorn
Till our Lord was y - born
E - va pec - ca - tri - ce,
With.... a - ve it went away
Dark-est night, and comes the day
De te ge - ne - tri - ce.
rall. - - - - - - - - -
The well.... springeth out of thee.
Sa - - lu - tis;
Vir - tu - - - - - tis.


Più animato (♩= 50-54)
SOPRANO
mf marc.
più f
La-dy, flow'r of ev-'rything,
Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King,
ALTO
p legato
cresc.
più f e cresc.
La - - - dy,..... flow'r,..... Thou bare Je - - su, Hea-ven's King,
CHORUS I
TENOR
p legato
cresc.
più f e cresc.
La - - - dy,..... flow'r,..... Thou bare Je - - su, Hea-ven's King,
BASS
p sostenuto
cresc.
più f e cresc.
La - - - dy, flow'r, Thou bare Je - - su, Hea-ven's King,
SOPRANO
mf
f
Rosa si-ne spi-na, Gra-ti-a di-vi - na:
ALTO
mf
f
Rosa si-ne spi-na, Gra-ti-a di-vi - na:
CHORUS II
TENOR
mf marcato
f
Rosa si-ne spi-na, Gra-ti-a di-vi - na:
BASS
mf marcato
f
Rosa si-ne spi-na, Gra-ti-a di-vi - na:
Più animato (♩= 50-54)
PIANO (for rehearsal only)
marcato
mf
più f e cresc.
f


Molto rall.
Of all thou bear'st the prize, La - - dy, queen of pa-ra-dise Maid...
Of all thou bear'st the prize, La - - dy, queen
Of all thou bear'st the prize, La - - dy, queen
Of all thou bear'st the prize, La - - dy, queen
E - - lec - ta:.....
E - - lec - ta:.....
E - - lec - ta:.....
E - - lec - ta:.....
Molto rall.
dim.


Tempo Imo più tranquillo
Molto più lento
legato
p legato
pp
mild, mo-ther es Ef - fec - - - - - ta.....
Maid mild, mo-ther es Ef - fec - - - - - ta.....
Ef - - fec - - - - - ta.
mor.
Tempo Imo più tranquillo
Molto più lento