

Nox, et tenebrae, et nubila  
confusa mundi et turbida,  
lux intrat, albescit polus,

-Prudentius, *Morning Hymn*

De te nubes fluunt, ether volat,  
lapides humorem habent,  
aque revulos educunt  
et terra viriditatem sudat.

-Hildegard von Bingen, *O ignis Spiritus Paracleti*

in magna symphonia  
Et hoc in alto voce omnia elementa audierunt  
Hoc audiant omnes celi  
quia guttus serpentis antique  
in istis margaritis  
materie Verbi Dei  
suffocatum est.

-Hildegard von Bingen, *O Ecclesia*

Unde quocumque venientes perrexerunt  
Velut cum gudio celestis paradisi  
suscepit sunt,  
quia in morum honorifice  
apparuerunt.

Deus enim rorem in illas misit,  
de quo multiplex fama crevit,  
ita quod omnes populi ex hac honorabili fama  
velut cibum gustabant.

-Hildegard von Bingen, *In Matutinis Laudibus*

Alleluia! Amen.

O night and clouded Darkness,  
confused and troubled world,  
Light enters in, the sky is whitening,

Through you clouds stream, ether flies,  
stones gain moisture,  
water becomes streams,  
and the earth exudes Life.

In a single great sound,  
their voices were heard by all the Elements.  
Let all the heavens hear,  
because the ancient serpent is suffocated  
by these pearls,  
made from the Word of God.

And thus,  
wherever they went they were welcomed,  
for the joy of celestial paradise,  
which they received,  
was the honor of their life.

For truly God showered them in a dew,  
from which grew many aspects of fame,  
thus all people partook of this honorable fame  
as nourishment.

Alleluia! Amen.

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Sean Burton, Conductor*

# In Magna Symphonnia

SSAA a cappella

Prudentius and Hildegard von Bingen

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**Plainchant**  $\text{♩} = 65$

unis. **mp**      **mp**      *Night and clouded Darkness...*  
Nox,                  et te - ne-brae, \_\_\_\_\_ et  
nu - bi - la              **mf**      ...confused and troubled world,  
con - fu - sa mun - di et  
tur - bi - da, \_\_\_\_\_      **mf**      light enters in,  
lux                  in - trat, \_\_\_\_\_  
...the sky is whitening.  
al - be - scit      po - lus,

**Gently, a little slower**  $\text{♩} = 60$

S1  
S2  
A1      **p**      doh doh doh doh doh \_\_\_\_\_ doh doh doh doh doh \_\_\_\_\_  
A2      **p**      doh \_\_\_\_\_ doh doh doh doh \_\_\_\_\_ doh doh doh doh

23                    *Through you, clouds stream,*                    *ether flies,*

*De te nu - bes flu - unt, e - ther vo - lat,*

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*doh doh doh doh doh \_\_\_\_\_ doh doh doh doh doh \_\_\_\_\_*

*doh \_\_\_\_\_ doh doh doh doh \_\_\_\_\_ doh doh doh doh*

23                    *for rehearsal only*

*stones gain moisture,*

*la - pi - des hu - mo - rem ha - bent, \_\_\_\_\_*

*la - pi - des hu - mo - rem ha - bent, \_\_\_\_\_*

*doh doh doh doh doh \_\_\_\_\_ doh doh doh doh doh \_\_\_\_\_*

*doh \_\_\_\_\_ doh doh doh doh \_\_\_\_\_ doh doh doh doh*

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*for rehearsal only*



*a tempo*      *in a single great symphony*

31      *a tempo*      *mf*      rit.

in ma - gna sym - pho - ni - a, in

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in ma - gna sym - pho - ni - a, in

31      *a tempo*      *mf*      rit.

doh doh

34      *mf*      *a tempo*      rit.

ma - gna sym - pho - ni - a,

34      *mf*      *a tempo*      rit.

ma - gna sym - pho - ni - a,

34      *mf*      *a tempo*      rit.

ma - gna sym - pho - ni - a,

34      *mf*      *a tempo*      rit.

doh doh

34      *a tempo*      *mf*      rit.

36      *a tempo mp*      *Their voices were heard by all the Elements*

Et      hoc      in      al - to      vo - ce      om - ni - a

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*a tempo*      *mp*

doh      doh      doh      doh      doh      doh      doh      doh

*a tempo*      *mp*

Et      hoc      in      al - to      vo - ce      om - ni - a

*a tempo*

36      Et      hoc      in      al - to      vo - ce      om - ni - a

39      *rit.*

e - le - men - ta      au - di - e - runt

*rit.*

e - le - men - ta      au - di - e - runt

*rit.*

doh      doh      doh      doh      doh      doh      doh      doh

*rit.*

e - le - men - ta      au - di - e - runt

*rit.*

*Let all the heavens hear*

42 A little faster ♩ = 85

ce - li,

Hoc — au - di - ant om - nes ce - li, ce - li,

Hoc — au - di - ant om - nes ce - li,

Hoc — au - di - ant om - nes ce - li,

A little faster ♩ = 85

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*cresc. poco a poco*

gradual accelerando to next tempo

ce - li, ce - li, ce - li, ce - li, ce - li,

*cresc. poco a poco*

ce - li, ce - li, ce - li, ce - li, ce - li,

***mp*** *cresc. poco a poco*

ce - li, ce - li, ce - li, ce - li, ce - li,

***mp*** *cresc. poco a poco*

ce - li, ce - li, ce - li, ce - li, ce - li,

gradual accelerando to next tempo

46

*cresc. poco a poco*

49      *a few voices*      *f*

om - nes ce - li, ,  
— ce - li, — ce - li — ce - li, — ce - li, —  
— li, — ce - li, — ce - li — ce - li, — ce - li, —  
ce - li, — ce - li, — ce - li — ce - li, —  
— ce - li, — ce - li — ce - li, — ce - li, —  
(a few voices)

52      **With crisp, spitting consonants**       $\text{♩} = 152$       *...and the earth exudes Life*

*simile*  
et ter - ra vi - ri - di - ta - tem      et ter - ra  
*simile*  
et ter - ra vi - ri - di - ta - tem      et ter - ra

52      **With crisp, spitting consonants**       $\text{♩} = 152$

*simile*

55

et ter - ra vi - ri - di - ta - tem  
vi - ri - di - ta - tem et ter - ra vi - ri - di - ta - tem  
vi - ri - di - ta - tem et ter - ra vi - ri - di - ta - tem

55

qui - a  
et ter - ra vi - ri - di - ta - tem et ter - ra  
et ter - ra vi - ri - di - ta - tem et ter - ra

f

qui - a

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