O magnum mysterium

Fourth of nine responsories for Matins of Christmas Day

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1511)

Motecta (Gardano press, Venice, 1572)
O magnum mysterium (score)
Alleluia!

O magnum mysterium
et admirable sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum
jacentem in præsepio.
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.
Alleluia!

O great mystery
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord
lying in a manger!
O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb
was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

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