

Vivere vis recte





Source: British Library, Royal Appendix 31–35

Note values halved.

In the source, the quintus (A2) part is marked "Canon", but the resolution to the canon (B1) is not provided.

Text: Jacobus Micyllus: Sylvarum libri quinque (Peter Brubach, Frankfurt, 1564). The book presents two poems under the title Confide et ama ("trust and love"), the motto of George of Austria (1505–1557), illegitimate son of Emperor Maximilan I and Prince-Bishop of Liège. The first, Confisus Domino, was set by Pinchon and by Lassus; Vivere vis recte is the second poem, which was also set by Wismes and Lechner. Gerarde only sets the first half of the poem.

Translation:

You wish you live aright? Worship the Lord with a whole heart; let that be the concern of your mind and soul. This law is pre-eminent, and produced the whole of the Prophets, first passed down by the divine hand to Moses.

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