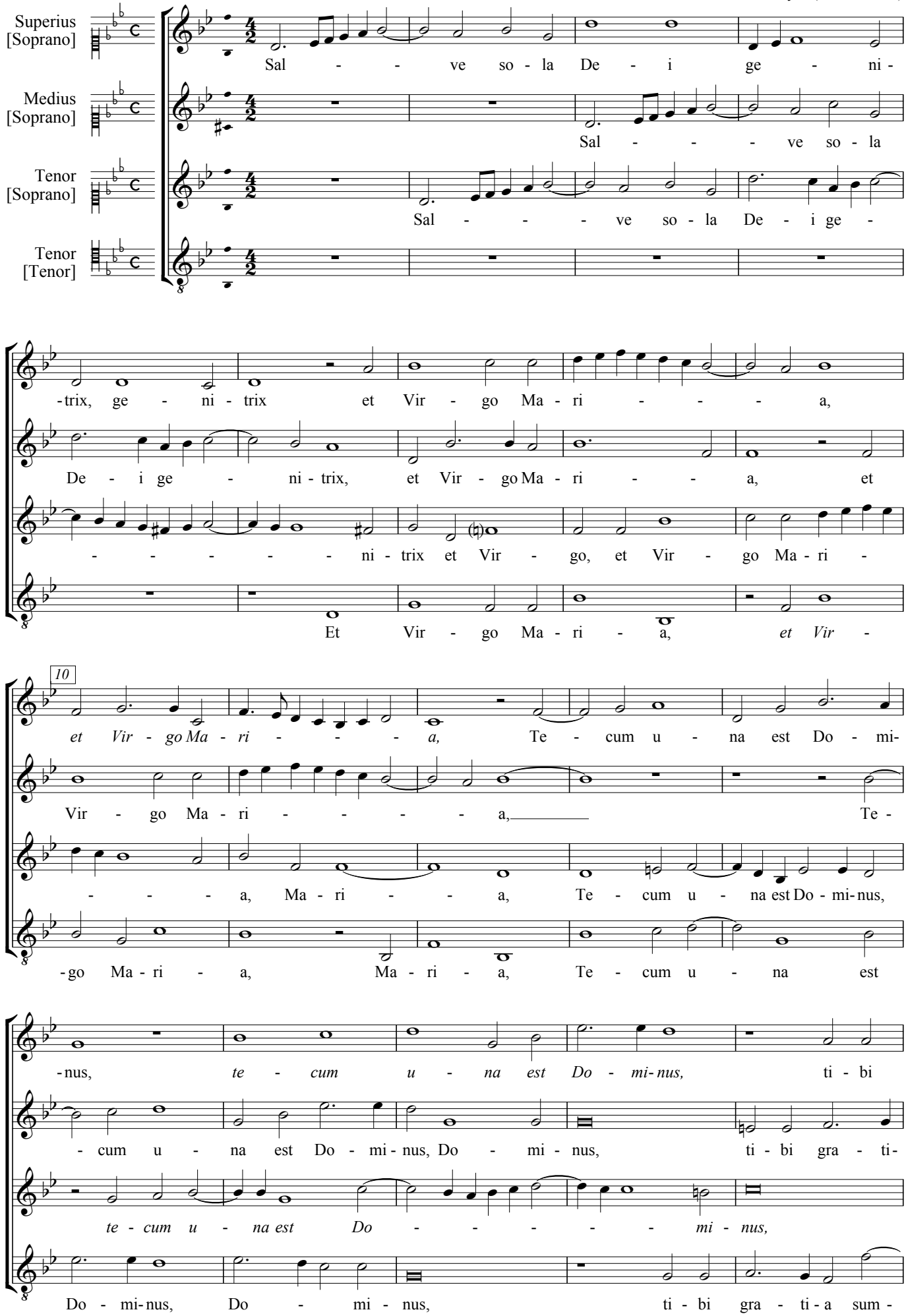
Salve sola Dei genitrix

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)



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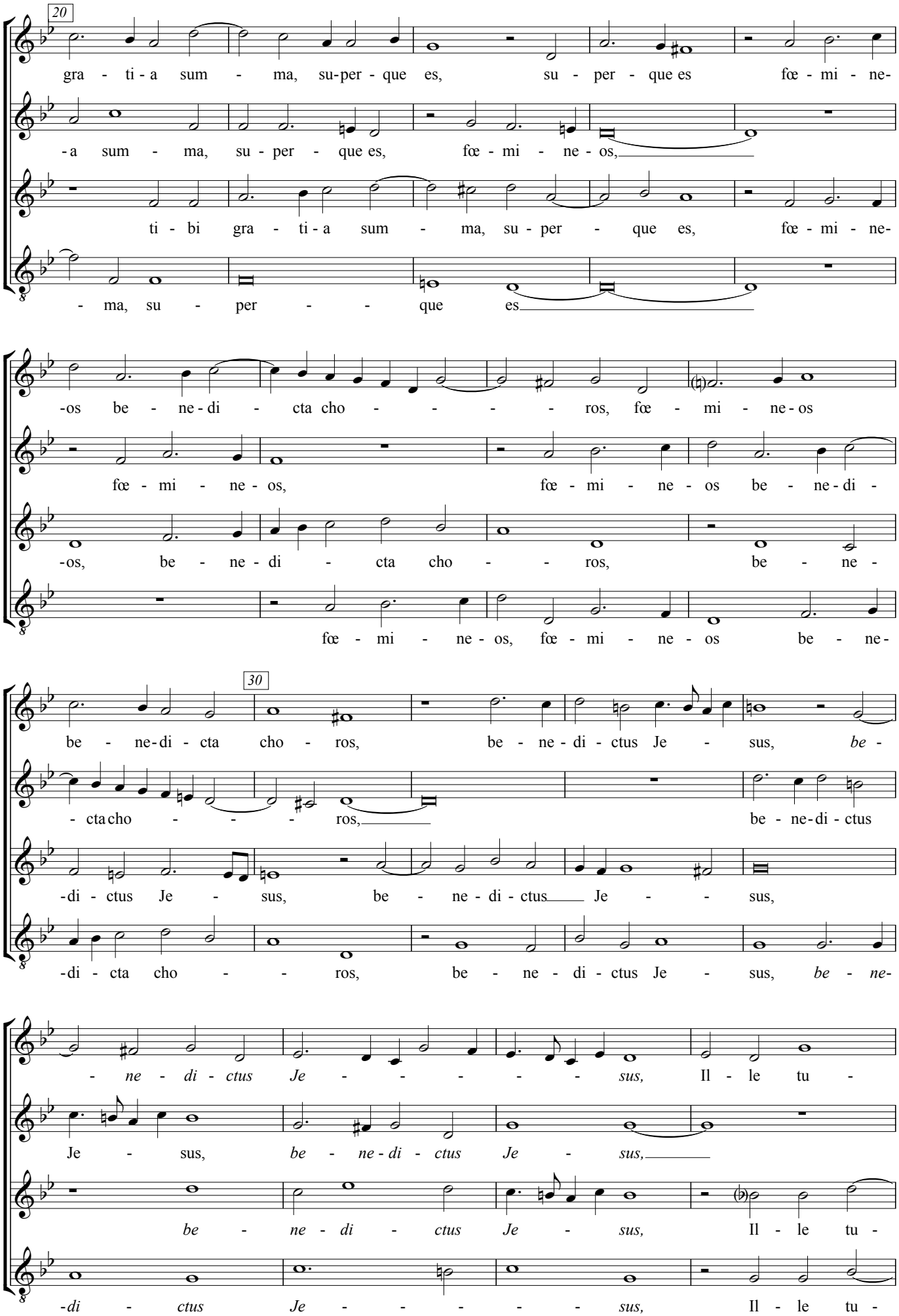
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gra - ti - a sum - ma, su-per - que es, su - per - que es fœ - mi - ne-
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- ma, su - per - que es
-os be - ne - di - cta cho - - - - ros, fœ - mi - ne - os
fœ - mi - ne - os, fœ - mi - ne - os be - ne - di -
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be - ne - di - cta cho - ros, be - ne - di - ctus Je - sus, be -
- cta cho - - - ros, be - ne - di - ctus
-di - ctus Je - sus, be - ne - di - ctus Je - - sus,
-di - cta cho - - ros, be - ne - di - ctus Je - sus, be - ne -
- ne - di - ctus Je - - - - - sus, Il - le tu -
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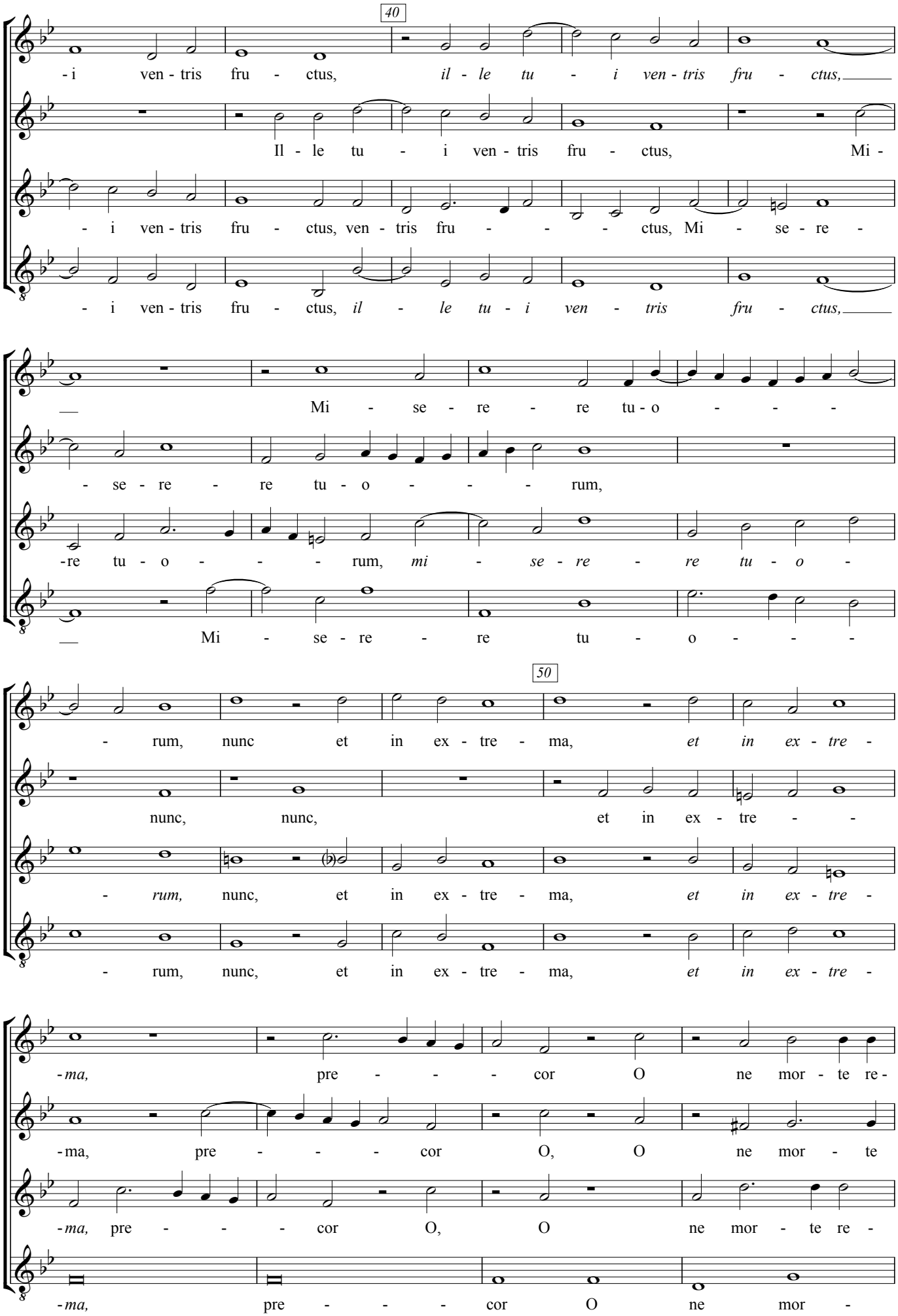
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- i ven - tris fru - ctus, il - le tu - i ven - tris fru - ctus,
Mi - se - re - re tu - o - - -
- se - re - re tu - o - - - rum,
-re tu - o - - - rum, mi - se - re - re tu - o -
Mi - se - re - re tu - o - - -
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- rum, nunc et in ex - tre - ma, et in ex - tre -
nunc, nunc, et in ex - tre - -
- rum, nunc, et in ex - tre - ma, et in ex - tre -
- rum, nunc, et in ex - tre - ma, et in ex - tre -
-ma, pre - - - cor O ne mor - te re -
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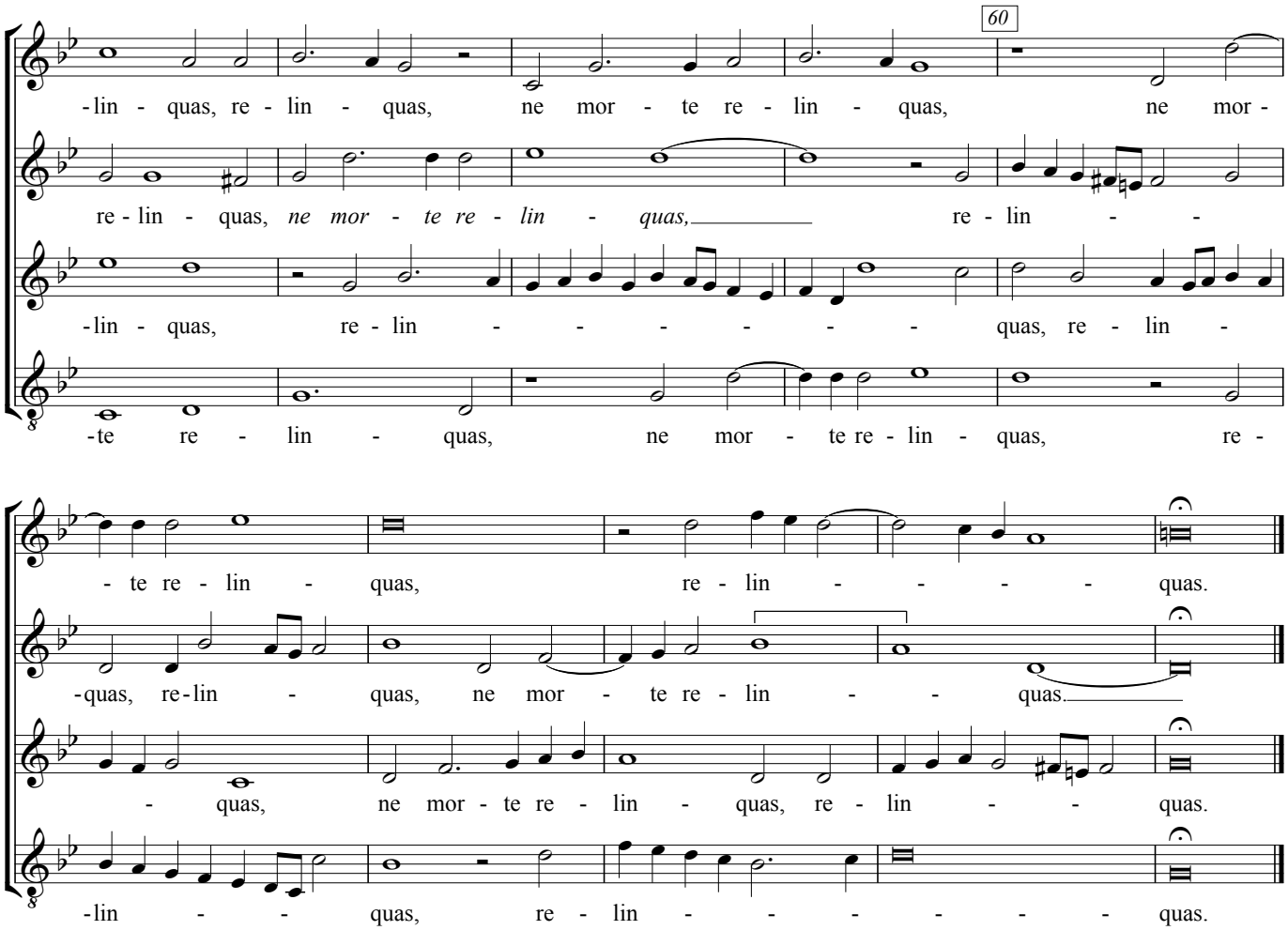

Hail, only mother of God and Virgin Mary, the Lord is with thee alone.
Thou art full of grace above all, thou art blessed above all women.
Blessed Jesus, he who was the fruit of thy womb, have mercy on thy people now and at the end:
I pray, O abandon me not to death.

Source: William Byrd: *Gradualia, ac cantiones sacræ... Liber primus* (2nd edition, 1610), vol.2 no.17.
Text: anonymous paraphrase of the *Ave Maria*

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