

Editor's Note

“Ave Maria” (op. 52, no. 6) was written in 1825 by Franz Schubert, one of the most prolific composers of the Classical and Romantic periods. Since the Classical period is generally considered to be 1750-1820 and the Romantic period to be 1820-1900, Schubert was a composer in both periods during his short life of just 31 years. Schubert originally wrote the music of “Ave Maria” for a German translation of Sir Walter Scott’s 1810 poem, “The Lady of the Lake.” The first two words of that translation were “Ave Maria,” and the music was later adapted to a full setting of the traditional Latin prayer text. Schubert’s “Ave Maria” has since become one of the most beloved and recognizable melodies in the world. Numerous popular and classical singers have recorded it, including Andrea Bocelli, Renée Fleming, Luciano Pavarotti, Nat King Cole, and many more.

The piece was originally written in 4/4 meter with sixteenth-note triplets in both the piano and solo soprano voice. I chose to use eighth-note triplets in this arrangement, for ease of reading and performing. As in my previous choral arrangements of solo vocal repertoire, I have endeavored to maintain the flavor and integrity of Schubert’s original piece, while making adaptations for the choral setting. I hope that you enjoy singing this beautiful piece by one of music’s greatest composers, Franz Schubert.

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Translation and Pronunciation Guide

Ave Maria, gratia plena. Ave Dominus, Dominus tecum.

(Hail Mary, full of grace. Hail the Lord, the Lord is with thee.)

[a-ve ma-ri-a gra-tsi-a ple-na a-ve dɔ-mi-nus dɔ-mi-nus te-kum]

Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

(Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.)

[be-ne-dik-ta tu in mu-li-e-ri-bus et be-ne-dik-tus fruk-tus vehn-tris tu-i je-sus]

Ave Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,

(Hail Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,)

[a-ve ma-ri-a ma-ter de-i ɔ-ra prɔ nɔ-bis pe-ka-tɔ-ri-bus]

nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Ave Maria.

(now and at the hour of our death. Hail Mary.)

[nunk et in ɔ-ra mɔr-tis nɔ-strɛ a-ve ma-ri-a]

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AVE MARIA

(Op. 52, No. 6)

for S.S.A. voices and piano
with optional PianoTrax CD*

Music by **FRANZ SCHUBERT** (1797-1828)

Arranged by **RUSSELL ROBINSON**

Largo (♩ = ca. 60)

PIANO

5 SOPRANO I
mp opt. SOLO

A - ve Ma - ri -

SOPRANO II

ALTO

* Also available for 3-part mixed (46548).
PianoTrax 10 Accompaniment CD available (46743).

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Sheet music for measures 7-9. The vocal line (treble clef) contains the lyrics: a, gra - ti - a___ ple - na, Ma -. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with triplet eighth notes and a left hand with sustained chords.

Sheet music for measures 10-12. The vocal line (treble clef) contains the lyrics: ri - a___ gra - ti - a ple - na, Ma - ri - a gra - ti - a___ ple-. The piano accompaniment continues with triplet eighth notes in the right hand and sustained chords in the left hand.

13

na. A - ve, _____ A - ve Do - mi -

15

nus, _____ Do-mi - nus te-cum. Be-ne - dic - ta tu in mu - li-

mf 17

Be-ne - dic - ta tu in mu - li-

mf

Be-ne - dic - ta tu in mu - li-

18

e - ri - bus, et be - ne - dic - tus, et

e - ri - bus, et be - ne - dic - tus, et

e - ri - bus, et be - ne - dic - tus, et

21

be - ne - dic - tus fruc - tus ven - tris, ven - tris

be - ne - dic - tus fruc - tus ven - tris, ven - tris

be - ne - dic - tus fruc - tus ven - tris, ven - tris

23

poco rit. *a tempo* **25** *mp*

tu - i, Je - sus. A - ve Ma -

poco rit. *a tempo* *mp*

tu - i, Je - sus. A - ve Ma -

poco rit. *a tempo* *mp*

tu - i, Je - sus. A - ve Ma -

poco rit. *a tempo* *mp*

26

ri - a.

ri - a.

ri - a.

29

31

mf

A - ve Ma -

mf

A - ve Ma -

mf

32

ri - a, Ma - ter — De -

ri - a, Ma - ter — De -

35 *mf*

i, O - ra pro - no-bis pec-ca - to - ri - bus, o -

mf

i, O - ra pro no-bis pec-ca - to - ri - bus, o -

mf

o - ra pro no-bis pec-ca - to - ri - bus, o -

38

ra, o - ra pro no - bis, o - ra, o - ra pro no -

ra, o - ra pro no - bis, o - ra, o - ra pro no -

ra, o - ra pro no - bis, o - ra, o - ra pro no -

41 43

bis _____ pec-ca - to - ri - bus, nunc et in ho - ra _____

bis _____ pec-ca - to - ri - bus, nunc et in ho - ra

bis _____ pec-ca - to - ri - bus, nunc et in ho - ra

44

mor - tis, in ho - ra mor - tis no - strae, in

mor - tis, in ho - ra mor - tis no - strae, in

mor - tis, in ho - ra mor - tis no - strae, in

47

ho - ra mor - tis, mor - tis no - strae, in

ho - ra mor - tis, mor - tis no - strae, in

ho - ra mor - tis, mor - tis no - strae, in

49

poco rit. *a tempo* **51** *mp*

ho - ra mor - tis no - strae. A - ve Ma -

ho - ra mor - tis no - strae. A - ve Ma -

ho - ra mor - tis no - strae. A - ve Ma -

poco rit. *a tempo* *mp*

poco rit. *a tempo* *mp*

52

Three vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). They sing the lyrics "ri - a." with a long note on "ri" and a short note on "a." followed by a rest. The piano accompaniment features a complex rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes with triplets in the right hand, and a steady bass line in the left hand. A crescendo hairpin is present over the vocal staves.

55

Piano accompaniment for measures 55 and 56. The right hand continues with the triplet-based eighth and sixteenth note pattern, while the left hand maintains the steady bass line. A crescendo hairpin is present over the right hand.

57

Piano accompaniment for measures 57, 58, and 59. Measure 57 continues the triplet pattern. Measure 58 is marked with a *rit.* (ritardando) hairpin and features a crescendo. Measure 59 ends with a *p* (piano) dynamic marking and a final chord. A large double bar line is at the end of the system.