

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

ERO CRAS (I WILL COME)

MICHAEL JOHN TROTTA

SA Voices with Optional Descant, Optional Piano and Percussion

Duration: 3:35



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Notes

II

V

e-ni ve-ni, Em-man-u-el cap-ti-vum sol-ve Is- ra- el

Qui ge-mit in ex- si- li- o, pri-va-tus De-i Fi- li- o.

The text for the hymn *Veni, Veni Emmanuel* first appears in the eighteenth century in the *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum* (Cologne 1710). It is based on the much older “O” Antiphons which have their origins in the ninth century. When the antiphons are placed in the reverse chronological order, the first letter (after the “O”) forms the acrostic

ERO CRAS, literally “tomorrow, I will be” translated here as “I will come!” This piece was conceived as a dialogue between the supplicants and the creator, a combination of old and new, juxtaposing a personal longing for something still to come, with the steadfast assurance of something ever-present, yet not always seen. While the original theme is associated with the Christmas season, the wider theme of longing for something greater is universal to the human condition and allows this piece to be prograded throughout the year. While the tune used is a variant of the original chant tune, based on my childhood memory of the singing the melody that is true to my experience, the existence of the third scale degree in the choral ostinato ensures that the tune’s familiar contour will be instantly recognized.

The “O” Antiphons

- December 23: O Emmanuel (O With Us is God)

December 22: O Rex Gentium (O King of the nations)

December 21: O Oriens (O MorningStar)

December 20: O Clavis David (O Key of David)
- December 19: O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)

December 18: O Adonai (O Lord)

December 17: O Sapientia (O Wisdom)

VENI, VENI EMMANUEL! CAPTIVUM SOLVE ISRAEL! QUI GEMIT IN EXSILIO, PRIVATUS DEI FILIO.	O COME, O COME, THE “I AM” THAT IS WITH US BREAK THE BOND OF THE CAPTIVE PEOPLE! WHO MOURN IN EXILE DERIVED OF THE INCARNATION OF THE FATHER.
REFRAIN: GAUDE, GAUDE, EMMANUEL NASCETUR PRO TE, ISRAEL.	REJOICE! REJOICE! THE GREAT “I AM” WILL BE BORN FOR YOU.
VENI, VENI, REX GENTIUM, VENI, REDEMPTOR OMNIUM, UT SALVAS TUOS FAMULOS PECCATI SIBI CONSCIOS	O COME, GATHERER OF ALL NATIONS, COME TO MAKE ALL WHOLE, TO SAVE YOUR SERVANTS FROM THEIR SEPARATENESS,
VENI, VENI O ORIENS, SOLARE NOS ADVENIENS, NOCTIS DEPELLE NEBULAS, DIRASQUE MORTIS TENEBRAS.	O COME THOU LIGHT OF LIFE (MORNINGSTAR) TO SHINE ON US BY YOUR COMING, DISPEL THE CLOUDS OF NIGHT, DRIVE AWAY THE SHADOWS OF DEATH.

Optional Introduction

The director may wish to use a cascading handbell and wind-chimes introduction using the following notes repeated at random for ca.10 seconds ending with F# and C#, this can easily be followed by the chant incipit from which the rest of the work can continue as notated. When handbells are not available, the piece may start with the chant or begin as notated.

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ERO CRAS (I Will Come)

for SA Voices* with Optional Descant, Optional Piano and Percussion**

18th century Latin hymn
9th century origin

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Longingly ♩ = 60

Soprano

p Ve-ni, ve-ni, ve-ni, — ve-ni Em-man-u-el, *p* Ve-ni, ve-ni, ve-ni,

Alto

p O ve-ni, O Ve-ni, ve-ni, ve-ni, *p* O ve-ni, O

Piano (optional)

Longingly ♩ = 60

4

— ve-ni Em-man-u-el, ve-ni ni — ve-ni Em-man-u-el,

Ve-ni, ve-ni, ve-ni, O ve-ni, O Ve-ni, ve-ni, ve-ni,

* Also available for SATB Voices (CM9418) SSAA Voices (CM9436),
Three-Part Mixed Voices (CM9546) and TTBB Voices (CM9564).

** The part for optional Percussion may be found on pp. 17-19.

*** an "x" notehead = foot stomp

7 "I will come"

mf

E - - - RO CRAS Ve -

mf

E - - - RO CRAS

This musical score is for the phrase "I will come". It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line starts with a whole note 'E', followed by a half note 'RO', and then a half note 'CRAS' with a fermata. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with a descending eighth-note scale and a left hand with a steady eighth-note bass line. The dynamic marking is mezzo-forte (mf).

11 O come, O come, the "I am" that is with us

p

ni, ve - ni E - man - - u - el

Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve -

This musical score is for the phrase "O come, O come, the 'I am' that is with us". It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line starts with a half note 'ni', followed by a half note 've - ni', and then a half note 'E - man' with a fermata. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with a descending eighth-note scale and a left hand with a steady eighth-note bass line. The dynamic marking is piano (p).

14 break the bond of the captive people.

p

cap - ti - vum sol - ve Is - - ra -

- ni ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni ve - ni, ve - ni,

This musical score is for the phrase "break the bond of the captive people.". It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line starts with a half note 'cap', followed by a half note 'ti - vum', and then a half note 'sol - ve' with a fermata. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with a descending eighth-note scale and a left hand with a steady eighth-note bass line. The dynamic marking is piano (p).

17

who mourn in exile

el, qui ge - mit in ex -

Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni — ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni,

20

si - li - o, pri -

ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni — ve - ni, ve - ni,

23

deprived of the incarnation of the Father.

va - tus De - i Fi - li - o.

p Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni — ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve -

Rejoice! Rejoice!

26

mf

Gau - de! Gau - de! Em -

mf

- ni ____ ve - ni, ve - ni, Gau - de! Gau - de! Em -

29

The great "I am"

will be born for you.

man - u - el. nas - ce - tur pro te

p

man - u - el. Ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve -

32

Is - ra - el! ____ Ve -

- ni ____ ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni ____ ve - ni, ve - ni,

O come, gatherer of all nations,

35

mf

ni, ve ni Rex Gen - - ni - tum,

p

E - - - RO

CRAS! _____

38

Come to make all whole,

ve - ni Re - demp - tor om - - ni -

E - - - RO

41

To save your servants,

um,

ut sal - vas tu - os

CRAS! _____

E - - -

44

fa - - mu - los, pec -

RO CRAS! _____

47

From their seperateness.

ca - ti si - bi con - - sci - os.

E - - - RO CRAS! _____

50

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Gaud - - - de! Gau - de! Em -

Gau - de! Gau - de! Em -

53 The great "I am" will be born for you.

man - u - el. nas - ce - tur pro te

man - u - el. Ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve -

p

56 Is - ra - el! Quis

- ni - ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni - ve - ni, ve - ni,

59 Who will come?

ve - ni - et, quis - ve - ni - et,

Quis ve - ni - et, quis -

62

quis ve - ni et quis ve - ni -
ve - ni - et, quis ve - ni -

65

"I will come!"

et. E - - -
et. E - - -

68

RO CRAS Ve - -
- RO CRAS

O come, light of life (MorningStar)

71

Descant
(Optional)*mp*

E - - - - - RO
ni, ve - ni O O - - - ri - ens,
Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni - - - ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve -

To shine on us by your coming.

74

CRAS! E - - - - -
so - la - re nos as - ve - - ni - -
- ni - - ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni - - - ve - ni, ve - ni,

Dispel the clouds of night

- RO CRAS!

ens, noc - tis de - pel - le

Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni,

E - RO CRAS!

ne - bu - las, di -

ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni,

Drive away the shadows of death.

83

E - - - - - RO

ras - que mor - tis te - ne - bras.

p Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni

86

f CRAS! Gau - de! Gau - de! Em -

f Gau - de! Gau - de! Em -

f - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, Gau - de! Gau - de! Em -

89

man - - u - el. nas - - ce - tur pro te

man - - u - el. nas - - ce - tur pro te

man - - u - el. *p* Ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve -

The musical score for measures 89-91 features three vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The vocal parts are in treble clef, and the piano part is in bass clef. The lyrics are: "man - - u - el. nas - - ce - tur pro te" for measures 89 and 90, and "man - - u - el. *p* Ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve -" for measure 91. A large red watermark "For promotional use only" is overlaid diagonally across the page.

92

Is - - ra - el! _____

Is - - ra - el! _____ Ve -

- ni__ ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni__ ve - ni, ve - ni,

The musical score for measures 92-94 continues with the same three vocal staves and piano accompaniment. The key signature remains two sharps. The lyrics are: "Is - - ra - el! _____" for measure 92, "Is - - ra - el! _____ Ve -" for measure 93, and "- ni__ ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni__ ve - ni, ve - ni," for measure 94. A large red watermark "For promotional use only" is overlaid diagonally across the page.

95

mp *mf*

O ve - ni, O, O

mp *mf*

O ve - ni, O, O ve - ni,

mp *mf*

O ve - ni, O Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, O ve - ni, O

mp *mp*

98

— Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, — ve - ni Em-man - u - el,

ve - - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni — ve - ni Em-man - u - el,

Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, Ve - ni, ve - ni, ve - ni, — ve - ni Em-man - u - el,

101

f

E - - - RO CRAS

f

E - - - RO CRAS

f *

Ve-ni, ve-ni, ve-ni, ve-ni, ve-ni, ve-ni, ve-ni, ve-ni, ve-ni, ve-ni, ve-ni,

104

rit.

CRAS!

CRAS!

ve - ni, E - RO CRAS!

rit.

Percussion

(Triangle,
Tambourine,
Drum)

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Optional Piano and Percussion

17

18th-century Latin hymn
9th-century origin

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Longingly $\text{♩} = 72$

Triangle $\frac{2}{2}$

Tambourine $\frac{2}{2}$ *p*

Drum $\frac{2}{2}$ *p*

5

cresc. *f* *mp*

12

17

22

cresc.

Percussion

18
27

mf

mf

mf

32

14

14

14

cresc.

cresc.

50

mf

mf

mf

55

62

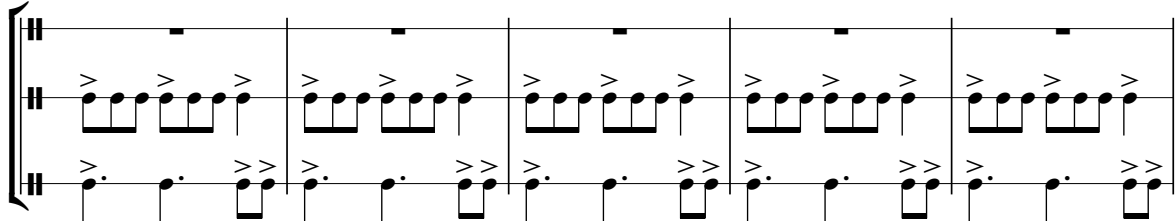
wind chimes

cresc.

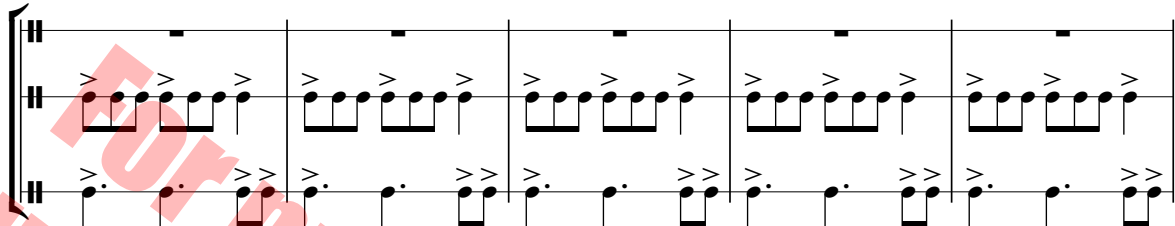
cresc.

71

76



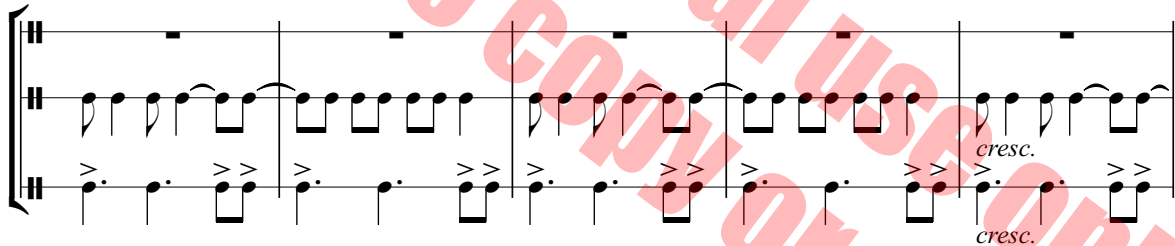
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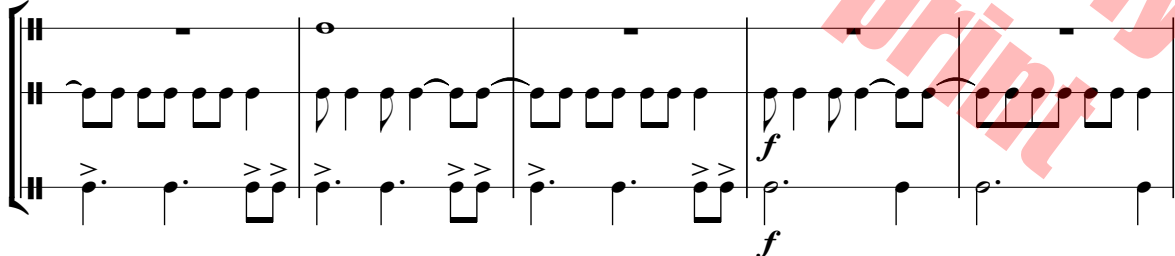
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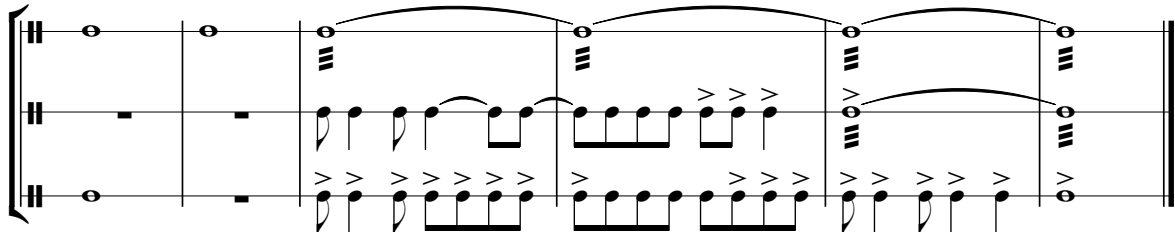
91



96



101





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