

Corde natus ex Parentis.

EVENING HYMN
FROM NATIVITY till EPIPHANY.

REV. i., 8.—“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, Which is, and Which was and Which is to come, the Almighty.”

I.

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Ante mundi exordium,
Alpha et Ω cognominatus,
Ipse fons et clausula
Omnium quæ sunt, fuerunt,
Quæque post futura sunt,
Sæculorum sæculis.

II.

Ecce, quem vates vetustis
Concinebant sæculis,
Quem prophetarum fideles
Paginæ sponderant,
Emicat promissus olim ;
Cuncta collaudent Deum
Sæculorum sæculis.

III.

O beatus ortus ille !
Virgo cum puerpera
Edidit nostram salutem
Fœta Sancto Spiritu :
Et Puer Redemptor orbis
Os sacramtum protulit,
Sæculorum sæculis.

IV.

Psallat altitudo cœli,
Psallant omnes angeli ;
Quicquid est virtutis usquam
Psallat in laudem Dei ;
Nulla linguarum silescat,
Vox et omnis personet,
Sæculorum sæculis.

V.

Te senes et te juvenus
Parvulorum te chorus,
Turba matrum virginumque
Simplices puellulæ,
Voce concordēs pudicis
Perstrepant concentibus
Sæculorum sæculis.

VI.

Tibi, Christe, sit cum Patri
Agioque Spiritu
Hymnus, melos, laus perennis,
Gratiarum actio,
Honor, virtus, victoria,
Regnum æternaliter
Sæculorum sæculis. Amen

I.

OF the Father sole begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He the Alpha and O mega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore !

II.

He is here, Whom seers in old time
Chanted of, while ages ran ;
Whom the writings of the Prophets
Promised since the world began :
Then foretold, now manifested,
To receive the praise of man,
Evermore and evermore !

III.

O that ever-blessed birthday,
When the Virgin, full of grace,
Of the Holy Ghost incarnate
Bare the Saviour of our race ;
And that Child, the world's Redeemer
First displayed His Sacred Face,
Evermore and evermore !

IV.

Praise Him, O ye Heav'ns of Heavens !
Praise Him, Angels in the height !
Every Power and every Virtue
Sing the praise of God aright :
Let no tongue of man be silent,
Let each heart and voice unite,
Evermore and evermore !

V.

Thee let age, and Thee let manhood,
Thee let choirs of infants sing ;
Thee the matrons and the virgins,
And the children answering :
Let their modest song re-echo,
And their heart its praises bring,
Evermore and evermore !

VI.

Laud and honour to the Father !
Laud and honour to the Son !
Laud and honour to the Spirit !
Ever Three and ever One :
Consubstantial, Coeternal,
While unending ages run,
Evermore and evermore ! Amen.


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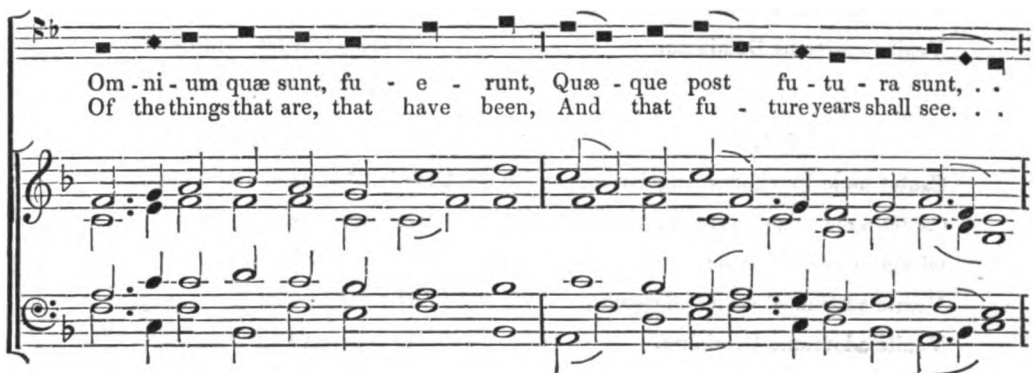
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Of the Fa - ther sole be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be - gan to be



Alph' et Ω cog - no - mi - na - tus, Ip - se fons et clau - su - la
Ye the Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the source, the end - ing He,



Om - ni - um quæ sunt, fu - e - runt, Quæ - que post fu - tu - ra sunt, . .
Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu - ture years shall see. . .



Sæ - cu - lo - rum sæ - cu - lis. A - men.
E - ver - more and e - ver - more! A - men.

