

Quia ergo femina

Antiphon for the Virgin

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Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

Rf. 467r



Qui-a er - go fe - mi - na mo - (r)-tem in-stru - xit,

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cla - ra vi - (r) - go i - (l) - lam i - (n) - te - re - mit,

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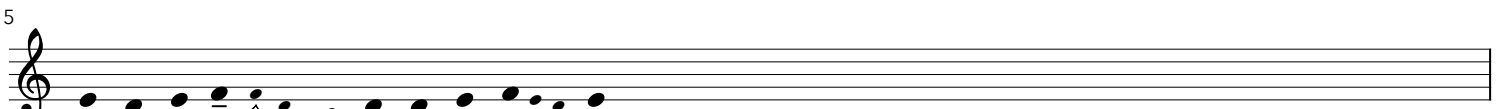
et i - de - o est sum - ma be - ne - di - cti - o

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in fe - mi - ne - a for - ma

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pre o - (m) - ni cre - a - tu - ra

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qui - a De - us fac - tus est ho - mo

7



in du - (l) - cis - si - ma et be - a - ta vir - gi - ne.

*Quia ergo femina mortem instruxit,
clara virgo illam interemit,
et ideo est summa benedictio
in feminea forma
pre omni creatura,
quia Deus factus est homo
in dulcissima et beata virgine.*

Therefore, because a woman contrived death,
a resplendent virgin abolished it,
and for that reason the blessing highest
above all creation
takes a womanly form,
because God was made human
in a most-sweet and blessed virgin.

Latin translation by Hugh McElroy

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