

Mel et lac
SSA chorus
with SSA soloists
4.5 min



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Favus distillans Ursula virgo fuit,
que Agnum Dei amplecti desideravit,
mel et lac sub lingua eius:

Quia pomiferum hortum
et flores florum
in turba virginum ad se collegit.

Unde in nobilissima aurora
gaude, filia Syon.

Translation:

A dripping honeycomb was the virgin Ursula,
who yearned to embrace the Lamb of God,
honey and milk beneath her tongue:

Because, like a garden bearing fruits
and the flowers' blooms,
she gathered around her a throng of virgins.

So in the noblest dawn
rejoice, O daughter of Zion!

—Hildegard of Bingen



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Moderato ♩=c.48

Musical score for Soprano Solo, Alto Solo, and Soprano/Alto parts, measures 1-6. The score is in 6/8 time and features a melody for the Soprano Solo and accompaniment for the other parts. The lyrics are: Mm Mel, mel et.

Soprano Solo *p*
Mm Mel, mel et

Soprano Solo *pp like bees*
Mm Mel, mel et

Alto Solo *pp like bees*
Mm Mel, mel et

SOPRANO *pp like bees*
Mm mm mm

ALTO *pp like bees*
Mm mm mm

Musical score for Soprano Solo, Alto Solo, and Soprano/Alto parts, measures 7-10. The score continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: lac. Vir - go. Fa - - vus dis - til - lans Ur - su - la vir - go.

S. Solo
lac.

S. Solo *mp*
lac. Vir - go

A. Solo *mp*
lac. Vir - go

S. *mp*
Fa - - vus dis - til - lans Ur - su - la vir - go

A. *mp*
Fa - - vus dis - til - lans Ur - su - la,

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mp

S. Solo
Vir - go fu - it.

S. Solo
fu - it, fu - it.

A. Solo
fu - it, vir - go fu - it.

S.
fu - it, que ag - num de - i

S.
fu - it, que, ag - num de - i am -

A.
que, que ag - num de - i am -

p *mp*

p *mp*

p *mp*

21

S. Solo

S. Solo

A. Solo

S.
am - plec - ti, am plec - ti de - si - de - ra -

S.
plec - ti, am - plec - ti, de - si - de - ra -

A.
plec - ti, am - plec - ti de - si - de - ra - vit, de -

mf

mf

mf

28

S. Solo *mf* Mel et lac.

S. Solo *mf* Mel et lac.

A. Solo *mf* Mel et lac.

S. *mf* - vit, de - si - de - ra - vit. Mel et

S. *mf* vit, de - si - de - ra - vit. Mel et

A. *mf* - si - de - ra - vit. Mel et

35

S. Solo *p* Mel et lac.

S. Solo *p* Mel et lac.

A. Solo *p* Mel et lac.

S. *p* lac sub lin - gua e - ius, qui -

A. *p* lac sub lin - gua e - ius, qui -

42

mf

S. Solo Hor - - - tum.

mf

S. Solo Hor - - - tum.

mf

A. Solo Hor - - - tum.

mf

S. - - a po - mi - fe - rum hor - tum et flo - res

mf

A. - a po - mi - fe - - rum hor - tum

48

f

S. Solo Flo - - - rum.

f

S. Solo Flo - - - rum.

f

A. Solo Flo - - - rum.

f

S. flo - rum, flo - - rum in tur - ba vir -

mf

A. flo - rum, flo - res flo - rum in tur - ba vir -

56

S. Solo

S. Solo

A. Solo

S.

gi - num ad se col - le - -

gi - num ad se col - le - -

A.

gi - num ad se col - le - -

63

S. Solo

S. Solo

A. Solo

S.

A.

Ah

Ah

Ah

ah

ah

ah

git.

git.

git.

Ah

Ah

Ah

68

S. Solo

ah ah.

S. Solo

ah ah.

A. Solo

ah ah.

S.

ah

A.

ah

74

mp

S. Solo

Un - de in no - bi - lis - si - ma au - ro -

mp

S. Solo

Un - de in no - bi - lis - si - ma au - ro - - -

mp

A. Solo

Un - de in no - bi - lis - si - - - ma au -

S.

A.

81

S. Solo *f*
ra, au - ro - ra gau - de, gau - de fi - li - a

S. Solo *f*
- ra, au - ro - ra gau - de, fi - li - a

A. Solo *f*
- ro - ra gau - de, fi - li - a

S.
A.

90

S. Solo
fi - li - a Si - on, Si - on.

S. Solo
fi - li - a Si - on, Si - on.

A. Solo
fi - li - a Si - on, Si - on.

S.
A.

97 *mp*

S. Solo Ah ah ah

S. Solo Ah ah

A. Solo Ah ah

S. Ah

A. Ah ah

103 *poco rit.*

S. Solo ah.

S. Solo ah.

A. Solo ah.

S. ah mm.

A. ah mm.

p