

Vir Dolorum

for choir SATB

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Bramantino's *Vir Dolorum*

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O Man of Sorrows
Rejected and despised
You have felt as we feel
An anguished bitter heart
And at your darkest hour
When shadows gathered round
You asked to be delivered
From this world and its pain

despectum et novissimum virorum
virum dolorum et scientem infirmitatem
et quasi absconditus vultus eius
et despectus unde nec reputavimus eum

*He is despised and rejected of men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:
and we hid as it were our faces from him;
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

O Son of Mary
Sharer in our grief
You will not despise us
If we stumble on the road
When the spirit fails us
When the flesh is weak
Yielding to temptation
Laying down our load

vere languores nostros ipse tulit
et dolores nostros ipse portavit
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*Surely he hath borne our griefs,
and carried our sorrows:
yet we did esteem him stricken,
smitten of God, and afflicted.*

O Lord of Heaven
Guardian of our lives
Not a sparrow falls
That has not your regard
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*He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth:
he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb,
so he openeth not his mouth.*

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For Bob

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Gravely

♩ = 60

mf

O Man of Sorrows Re - jec - ted and des -
 O Man of Sorrows Re - jec - ted and des -
 O Man of Sorrows Re - jec - ted and des -
 O Man of Sorrows O Man Re - jec - ted and des -

f
 pised You have felt as we feel An an - guished bit - ter
 pised You have felt as we feel An an - guished bit - ter
 pised You have felt as we feel An an - guished bit - ter
 pised des - pised You have felt as we feel An an - guished bit - ter

mf 10

heart So at your dar - kest hour

heart So at your dar - kest hour

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heart So at your dar - kest hour

p

When sha - dows ga - thered round You asked to be de - liv - ered from

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mf , *p* 3

this world and its pain De - spec - tum et no - vis - si - mum vi - ro - rum

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20 *mp* *mf*

Vi - rum do - lo - rum et sci - en - tem in - fir - mi - ta - tem Et qua - si ab -

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scon - di - tus vul - tus ei - us et de - spec - tus un - de nec re - pu -

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scon - di - tus vul - tus ei - us et de - spec - tus un - de nec re - pu -

scon - di - tus vul - tus ei - us et de - spec - tus un - de nec re - pu -

ta - vi - mus e - um O Man of Sor - rows O

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f *p*

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30 *mf*

Son of Ma - ry Ma - ry Sha - rer in our grief

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mp

You will not de - spise us If we stum - ble on the road

You will not de - spise us If we stum - ble on the road

You will not de - spise us If we stum - ble on the road

You will not de - spise us If we stum - ble on the road

40

When the spi - rit fails us When the flesh is weak

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Yiel - ding to temp - ta - tion Lay - ing down our

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load *mf* Ve - re lan - guo - res nos - tros ip - se tu - lit et do - lo - res nos - tros

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ip - se por - ta - vit et nos pu - ta - vi - mus e - um qua - si le - pro - sum et *p*

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50 *mf* 3

per · cus · sum a De - o hu - mi - li - a - tum O Man of Sor -

per · cus · sum a De - o et hu - mi - li - a - tum O Man of Sor -

per · cus · sum a De · o et hu - mi - li - a - tum O Man of Sor -

et hu - mi - li - a - tum O Man of Sor -

f

rows O Lord of Hea - ven And guar · dian of our

rows O Lord of Hea - ven And guar · dian of our

rows O Lord of Hea - ven And guar · dian of our

rows O Lord of Hea - ven O Lord And guar · dian of our

60

lives Not a spar · row falls That has not your re -

lives Not a spar · row falls That has not your re -

lives Not a spar · row falls That has not your re -

lives of our lives Not a spar · row falls That has not your re -

gard And with your sure for - give - ness We will come be - fore the

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throne be fore the throne our end - ing Or how thy will is

done Ob - la - tus est qui - a ip - se vo - lu - it

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et non a - pe - ru - it os su - um si - cut o - vis et oc - ci - si - o - nem du - ce - tur

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et qua - si ag - nus co - ram ton - den - te ob - mu - tes - cet et

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non a - pe - ri - et os su - um O Man of Sor - rows

non a - pe - ri - et os su - um O Man of Sor - rows

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With the composer's preferred pronunciation.

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Day-speck-toom et no-vees-see-moom vee-ror-room
vee-room dolor-room et ski-entem in-fee-er-mi-tar-tem
et kwar-see abscon-dee-toos vooltoos ay-yoos
et day-speck-toos onday nec repootarveemoos ay-yoom

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Vay-ray langor-rays nostrose eepsay toolit
et dolor-rays nostrose eepsay portarveet
et nohss pootar-veemoos ay-yoom kwar-see lep-roe-soom
et pair-koo-soom ah dayo et hoo-mee-lee-ah-toom

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et non ap-pay-roo-it oss soo-oom
see-koot oh-vis ad okkee-see-oh-nem doo-kay-tour
et kwar-see ag-noos coor-arm ton-den-tay ob-moo-tess-ket
et non ap-pay-ree-et oss soo-oom