

‘Et Clamabant’

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Text

...et clamabant dicentes osanna filio david
benedictus qui venit in nomine domini.

*...and cried out saying, Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

Chant

A musical score for a single melodic line. The staff begins with a treble clef. The notes are primarily eighth notes, with some sixteenth-note patterns and grace notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, corresponding to the musical rhythm.

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PROGRAMME NOTE

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TEXT

...et clamabant dicentes osanna filio david ...and cried out saying, *Hosanna to the Son of benedictus qui venit in nomine domini. David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

CHANT

A musical transcription of the chant 'Et clamabant' in modern notation. The music is written on a single staff in G clef, common time. The notes are primarily eighth notes, with some sixteenth-note patterns. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: et cla-ma-bant di-cen-tes o san na fi-li-o da - vid be-ne- dic - tus qui ve - nit in no - mi ne do mi ni.

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Et clamabant

Hawick missal fragment, 12th century

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Excited $\text{♩} = 66$

S. et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant
A. et cla - ma - bant et cla -
S. et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla -
A. et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant
T. et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant
B. et
S. ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla -
A. et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant
T. et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant
B. et
S. ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla -
A. et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant
T. et cla - ma - bant et cla - di - cen - bant
B. et cla - ma - bant

2

18

S. ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et cla -

A. et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant

T. tes et cla - ma-bant et

B. di - - - cen - - - tes et cla - ma-bant

22

S. ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et cla - - -

A. et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant

T. cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et

B. et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant

26

S. ma - - - bant di - - - cen - - -

A. et cla - - - ma - - - bant

T. cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et

B. et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant et cla - ma-bant

30

S. tes

A. di - cen - tes

T. 8 cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant

B. et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant

34

S. et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant

A. et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma -

T. 8 cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant

B. 8 cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant

37

S. et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant

A. bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant et cla - ma - bant

T. 8 et cla - ma - bant di - cen - tes et cla - ma - bant di - cen - tes

B. 8 et cla - ma - bant di - cen - tes et cla - ma - bant di - cen - tes

4

41

S. *mf* cla - ma - bant et cla ma-bant di - cen - tes et cla-ma-bant di-cen

A. *mf* cla - ma - bant et cla ma-bant di - cen - tes et cla-ma-bant di-cen

T. *ff*

8 et cla ma-bant di-cen - tes et cla ma-bant di - cen - tes et cla-ma-bant di-cen - tes

B. et cla ma-bant di-cen - tes et cla ma-bant di - cen - tes et cla-ma-bant di-cen - tes

47

S. tes et cla-ma-bant di-cen - tes et cla-ma-bant di-cen - tes

A. tes et cla-ma-bant di-cen - tes et cla-ma-bant di-cen - tes

T. et cla-ma-bant di-cen - tes et cla-ma-bant di-cen - tes

B. et cla-ma-bant di-cen - tes et cla-ma-bant di-cen - tes et cla-ma

52

S. et cla - ma - bant di - cen - tes *mf* cla - ma - bant

A. et cla - ma - bant di - cen - tes *mf* cla - ma - bant

T. et cla - ma - bant di - cen - tes *mf* cla - ma - bant

B. bant di - cen - tes *mf* cla - ma - bant

Meno mosso ♩ = 60 5

S. *ff*
 et cla ma-bant di-cen-tes et cla-ma-bant di-cen-tes O - san - na, fi - li - o Da-vi-d
 A. *ff*
 et cla ma-bant di-cen-tes et cla-ma-bant di-cen-tes O - san - na, fi - li - o Da-vi-d
 T. *ff*
 et cla ma-bant di-cen-tes et cla-ma-bant di-cen-tes O - san - na, fi - li - o Da-vi-d
 B. *ff*
 et cla ma-bant di-cen-tes et cla-ma-bant di-cen-tes O - san - na, fi - li - o Da-vi-d

S. 72

Soprano (S.) vocal line:

no - mi ne__ do - mi - ni. *mp*
be - ne

Alto (A.) vocal line:

cla - - ma - - bant *mp*
be - ne dic - tus qui

Tenor (T.) vocal line:

dic - tus qui ve - nit in no - mi ne__ do - mi - ni. *3*
8

Bass (B.) vocal line:

et cla - - ma - - bant

6

77

S. dic - tus qui ve - nit in no - mi ne__ do - mi - ni.

A. ve - nit in no - mi ne__ do - mi - ni.

T. *mp*
8 be - ne dic - tus qui ve - nit in

B. *mp* be - ne dic - tus qui ve - nit in no - mi ne__

81 *solo*

S. et cla - - ma - - bant di - -

A. - - - - *mf* be - ne dic - tus qui ve - nit in

T. *p*
8 no - mi ne do - mi - ni. et cla - -

B. *pp*
do - mi - ni. hum