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Verbum caro factum est (The Word Was Made Flesh)

SATB *divisi* and Soprano Solo, *a cappella*

John 1:14; Isaiah 9:2

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Chant

very flexible, as in spoken text

Alto

Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum est. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tenor

very flexible, as in spoken text

Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum est. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Molto espressivo (♩ = 76)

Soprano

Alto

mp Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum est. *mf* Al - le - lu,

Tenor

mp Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum est. *mf* Al - le - lu,

Bass

mp Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum est. *mf* Al - le - lu,

Molto espressivo (♩ = 76)

Keyboard

(For rehearsal only)

Texts: John 1:14, traditional; the Responsory that follows the eighth lesson for II. Vespers of the Nativity (Luke 2:15).
Isaiah 9:2, traditional. (PD).

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mp al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Ver - bum ca - ro

al - le - lu - ia! Ver - bum ca - ro

al - le - lu - ia! Ver - bum ca - ro

al - le - lu - ia! Ver - bum ca - ro

6

10 *mf* lu, al - le - lu, al - le -

mf fac - tum est. Al - le - lu, al - le -

mf fac - tum est. Al - le - lu, al - le -

mf fac - tum est. Al - le - lu, al - le -

10 *mf* fac - tum est. Al - le - lu, al - le -

14

mp

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

, mf dolce

lu - ia! And the word be - came flesh,

mp

lu - ia! Ng.

mp

lu - ia. Ng.

14

lu - ia!

18

mf

lu - ia! We be - held his

mf

dwelt and walked a - mong us. We be - held his

mf

(Ng.) We be - held his glo - ry.

mf

(Ng.) We be - held his glo - ry.

mp

Ng. We be - held his glo - ry.

18

22 *f* *f* *f dolce* *(Soprano Solo)*

glo - ry. Al - le - lu - ia! Full of grace,
glo - ry. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

22

26 *mf* *mf* *mp* *mp* *(end Sop. Solo)*

full of truth, Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum est.
mf Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum est, *mp* Ver - bum ca - ro
mf Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum est, *mp* Ver - bum ca - ro
mf Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum est, *mp* Ver - bum ca - ro

26

*Soprano Solo from measure 24, beat 4 through measure 28.

29 *(tutti) p*

Those who walk in dark - ness and
 fac - tum est. Those who walk in dark - ness and
 fac - tum est. Those who walk in dark - ness, those who
 fac - tum est.

29

33 *mp* *mf*

those in death's shad - ow have seen a light
 those in death's shad - ow have seen a light
 walk in shad - ow have seen a light
 have seen a light

33

37 *f*

shin - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing.

shin - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing.

shin - ing,

shin - ing,

41 *mf* *mp* *mf*

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

mf *mp*

Al - le - lu - ia,

mp *mf*

Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum est.

mf *mp* *mf*

Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tus est. Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum est.

41

45

le - lu, al - le - lu -

mf

al - le - lu, al - le - lu -

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu -

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu -

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu -

45

49

ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

mp

mf dolce

ia! And the word be - came flesh, dwelt and walked a -

ia! Ng.

ia! Ng.

ia! Ng.

49

53 *mf* ia! We be - held his glo - ry.

mf mong us. We be - held his glo - ry.

(Ng.) *mf* We be - held his glo - ry. *f* Al -

(Ng.) *mf* We be - held his glo - ry. *f* Al -

57 *f* Al - le - lu - ia! *ff* *poco più mosso*

f Al - le - lu - ia! *ff* *poco più mosso*

f le - lu - ia! *ff* *ecstatico!* *poco più mosso* Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum

f le - lu - ia! *ff* *ecstatico!* *poco più mosso* Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum

57 *poco più mosso*

60

Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia,
est. Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum
est. Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum

62

al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
est, fac - tum est. Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum
est, fac - tum est. Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum

64 *rall. poco a poco al fine*
mf
 al - le - lu - ia!
rall. poco a poco al fine
mf
 lu - ia!
rall. poco a poco al fine *mf*
 Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum est.
rall. poco a poco al fine
 est. Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum est.
mf
 est. Al

66 *p* *pp*
 Ng. Ng.
mp *p* *pp*
 Ver - bum ca - ro fac - tum est.
p *pp*
 Ng. Ng.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ng.
 le - lu - ia! Ng.