

Epistle for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

L Ecti-o libri Sapi-énti-æ.

D Ominus possédit me in iní-ti-o vi-árum su-árum, ántequam quid-

quam fáceret a princípi-o. Ab ætérho ordináta sum, et ex antíquis, anté-

quam terra fí-eret. Nondum erant abýssi, et ego jam concépta eram: nec-

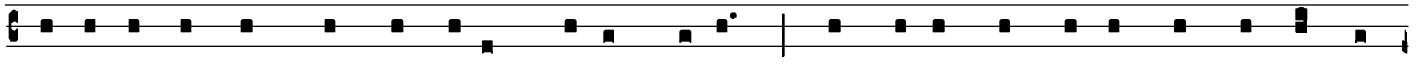
dum fontes aquárum erúperant: necdum montes gravi mole constí-terant

ante colles ego parturi-ébar: adhuc terram non fécerat, et flúmina, et

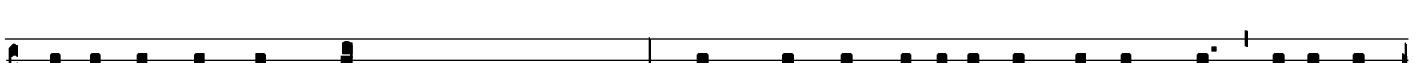
cárdines orbis terræ. Quando præparábat cælos, áderam: quando certa

lege et gyro vallábat abýssos: quando æthera firmábat sursum, et librá-

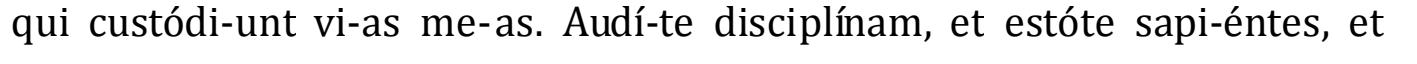
bat fontes aquárum: quando circúmdabat mari téminum su-um, et legem

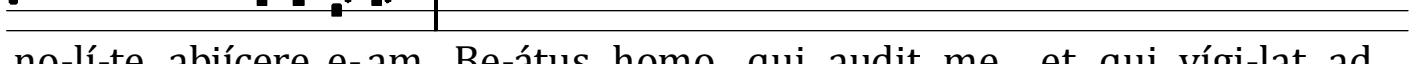

 ponébat aquis, ne transírent fines su-os: quando appendébat fundaménta

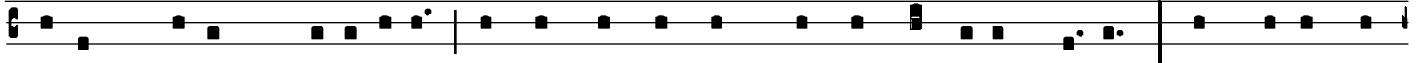

 terræ. Cum e-o eram cuncta compónens: et de-lectábar per síngulos di-es,


 ludens coram e-o omni témpore: ludens in orbe terrárum: et de-lí-ci-æ


 me-æ esse cum fí-li-is hóminum. Nunc ergo, fí-li-i, audí-te me: Be-á-ti,


 qui custódi-unt vi-as me-as. Audí-te disciplínam, et estóte sapi-éntes, et


 no-lí-te abjícere e-am. Be-átus homo, qui audit me, et qui vígi-lat ad


 fores me-as quotídi-e, et obsérvat ad postes ósti-i me-i. Qui me invé-


 nerit, invéni-et vi-tam, et háuri-et salútem a Dómino.