Adoramus te

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SATB Voices a cappella



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(1525-1594)



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Editor's Note

The use of bar lines in most editions of Renaissance music make it difficult to conduct the correct groupings of the text. This is because bar lines place stressed and unstressed syllables on beats which make it difficult to conduct the text in such a way that the choir will sing the correct word stress. Ideally, you want to conduct stressed syllable on strong beats and unstressed syllables on weak beats. In a measure of 4, beats 1 and 3 are strong and 2 and 4 are weak. In a measure of 3, beat 1 is strongest, beat 2 can be conducted to be strong and 3 is weak. In a measure of 2 you would conduct a downbeat which is strong and an upbeat which is weak.

In this edition, contemporary bar lines have been eliminated to allow the natural metrical stress of the Latin text. Stressed syllables have been underlined to assist in proper stressed and unstressed inflection of the text. Meter signatures have been included to assist conducting strong beats on stressed syllables and weak beats on unstressed syllables. Dynamics have been added only as a suggestion.

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