

Vespers hymn for the Nativity of St John the Baptist

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t queant laxis resonare fibris Mi-ra gestorum
So that your servants may, with all their voice, sing your

fámuli tu-ó-rum, Sol-ve pollú-ti lá-bi-i re-átum, San-
wonderful feats, clean the blemish off our tainted lips, Saint

cte Joánnes. 2. Núntius celso véniens Olýmpo Te pa-
John. An angel came from high Olympus/heaven to foretell

tri magnum fore nascitúrum, No-men, et vitæ sé-riem
your great birth to your father, spelling

geréndae Or-dinae promit. 3. Ille promíssi dúbius su-
your name and your fate. He doubted these divine

pérni, Pér-didit promptae módu-los loqué-lae : Sed refor-
promises and was deprived of speech; but when you

másti genitus peré-mp-tae Or-gana vocis. 4. Ventris obs-
were born he recovered the voice he had lost. Still trapped

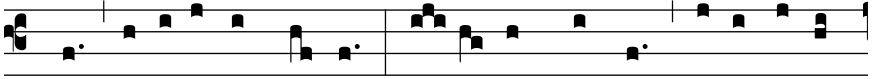
trúso ré-cubans cubí-li Sén-seras Regem thá-lamo ma-
in your mother's bosom, you felt the King's presence in the maternal



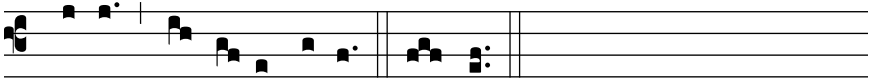
néntem : Hinc parens nati méritis utérque Ab-di-ta pan-
womb. *Prophet even before birth, this mystery you revealed to your parents.*



dit. 5. Sit decus Patri, genitaéque Proli Et tibi, com-
Glory be to the Father and to the begotten Son glory as well



par u-triúsque virtus, Spí-ri-tus semper, Deus unus,
to you, the Holy Spirit, worthy companion of theirs, one God,



omni Témporis aevo. A-men.
for now and ever.