

Ave Regina Caelorum

English adaptation
M. G. Sonnek

Gregorian chant
Simple tone

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below each staff, divided by vertical bar lines corresponding to the musical measures. The first staff contains the first two lines of the Latin text. The second staff contains the third and fourth lines. The third staff contains the fifth and sixth lines. The fourth staff contains the final line.

A - ve, Re - gí - na cae - ló - rum, * A - ve, Dó - mi - na An - ge - ló - rum:
Hail, Queen of Heaven, celestial, * *Hail, O Lady of the angels:*

Sál - ve rá - dix sál - ve pór - ta, Ex qua mún - do lux est ór - ta:
Thou the root, and thou the portal, *Of whom born was Light immortal:*

Gáu - de Vír - go glo - ri - ó - sa, Su - per óm - nes spe - ci - ó - sa.
Glorious Virgin, joy unto thee, *Fair-est maiden to whom we flee.*

Vá - le, O vál - de de - có - ra, Et pro nó - bis Chrí-stum ex - ó - ra.
Fare thee well beautiful mother, *In-ter-cede for us, to Christ our savior.*

Literal translation:

Hail, Queen of heaven, hail Lady of the angels.
Hail root and gate from which the Light of the world was born.
Rejoice glorious Virgin, fairest of all.
Fare thee well, most beautiful, and pray for us to Christ.