

Funeral ikos

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Soprano

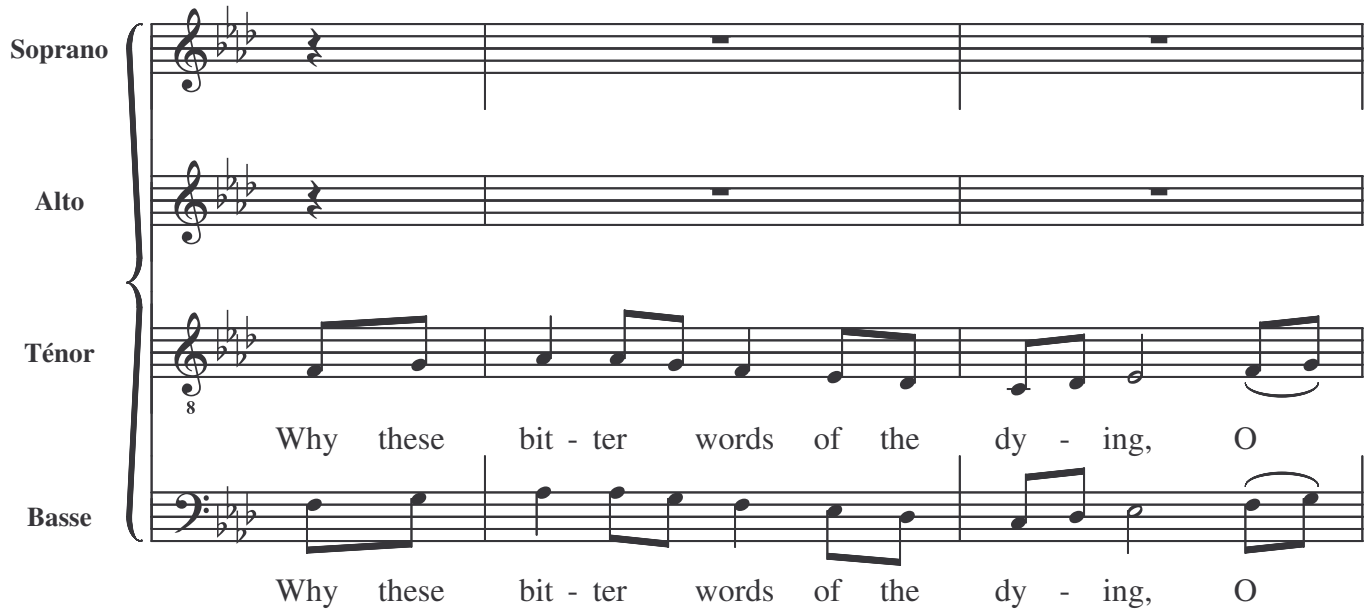
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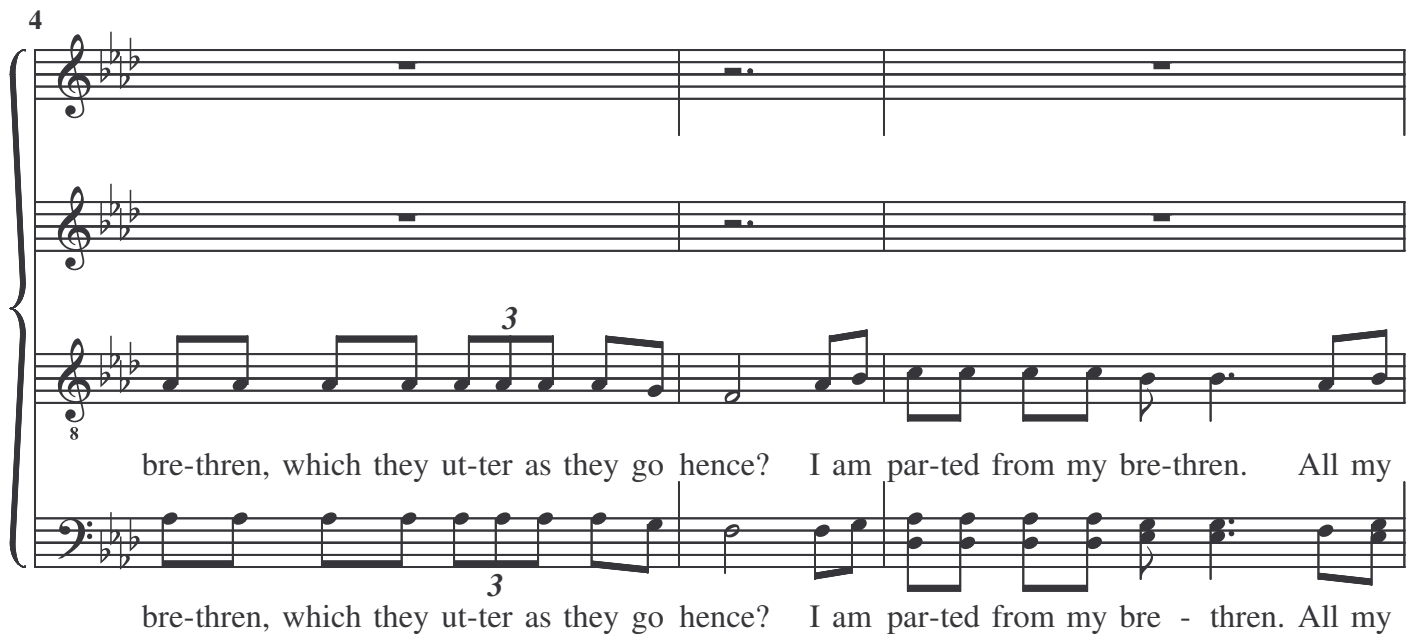
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bre-thren, which they ut-ter as they go hence? I am par-ted from my bre-thren. All my

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friends do I a-ban-don, and go hence. But whith-er I go, that

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un-der-stand I not, nei-ther what shall be come of me yon-der; On-ly

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God, who hath sum-moned me know-eth. But make com-mem-o-ra-tion of me with the

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Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia.

Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia.

song: Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia.

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But whith-er now go the souls? How dwell they now to-geth-er there? This

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mys-tery have I de-sired to learn, but none can a - right. Do they

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call to mind their own peo-ple, as we do them? Or have they for got-ten all those who

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mourn them and make the song: Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia,

mourn them and make the song: Al le - lu-ia, Al le-lu ia, Al-le - lu - ia,

Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia,

Al-le - lu ia, Al-le lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia,

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Al-le-lu - ia. We go forth on the path e - ter-nal, and as con-demned, with

Al-le-lu - ia. We go forth on the path e - ter-nal, and as con-demned, with

Al-le-lu - ia. We go forth on the path e - ter-nal, and as con-demned, with

Al-le-lu - ia. We go forth on the path e - ter-nal, and as con-demned, with

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down-cast fa-ces, pre - sent our-selves be-fore the on-ly God e - ter-nal. Where

down-cast fa-ces, pre - sent our-selves be-fore the on-ly God e - ter-nal. Where

down-cast fa-ces, pre - sent our-selves be-fore the on-ly God e - ter-nal. Where

down-cast fa-ces, pre - sent our-selves be-fore the on-ly God e - ter-nal. Where

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then is come-li-ness? Where then is wealth? Where then is the glo-ry of this

then is comedi ness? Where then is wealth? Where then is the glo-ry of this

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then is come li - ness? Where then is wealth? Where then is the glo-ry of this

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world? There shall none of these things aid us, but on-ly to say oft the psalm: Al-le-

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world? There shall none of these things aid us, but on-ly to say oft the psalm: Al-le-

world? There shall none of these things aid us, but on-ly to say oft the psalm: Al-le-

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- lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia. If thou hast shown

- lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia. If thou hast shown

- lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia. If thou hast shown

- lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia. If thou hast shown

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mer-cy un-to man, O man, that same mer-cy shall be shown thee there; and if on an

mer-cy un-to man, O man, that same mer-cy shall be shown thee there; and if on an

mer-cy un-to man, O man, that same mer-cy shall be shown thee there; and if on an

mer-cy un-to man, O man, that same mer-cy shall be shown thee there; and if on an

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or-phan thou hast shown com - pas-sion, the same shall there de - liv-er thee from

or-phan thou hast shown com - pas-sion, the same shall there de - liv-er thee from

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want. If in this life the na-ked thou hast clothed, the same shall give thee shel-ter

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72

Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia,

Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia,

there, and sing the psalm: Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia,

there, and sing the psalm: Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia,

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Al - le - lu - ia. Youth and the beau-ty of the bo-dy fade at the

Al - le - lu - ia. Youth and the beau-ty of the bo-dy fade at the

Al - le - lu - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - lu - ia,

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hour of death, and the tongue then burn - eth fierce - ly, and the

hour of death, and the tongue then burn - eth fierce - ly, and the

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parched throat is in-flamed. The beau-ty of the eyes is quenched then, the

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come-li-ness of the face all al-tered, the shape-li ness of the neck des-troyed; And the

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oth-er parts have be-come numb, nor of - ten say Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-

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Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-

Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-

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- lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. With ec - stas - y are we in-

- lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. With ec - stas - y are we in-

- lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. With ec - stas - y are we in-

- lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. With ec - stas - y are we in-

98

- flamed if we but hear that there is light e - ter - nal yon - der; that

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- flamed if we but hear that there is light e - ter - nal yon - der; that

- flamed if we but hear that there is light e - ter - nal yon - der; that

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there is Pa-ra-dise, where-in eve-ry soul of Right-eous Ones re-joic-eth. Let us all,

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there is Pa-ra-dise, where-in eve-ry soul of Right-eous Ones re-joic-eth. Let us all,

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al-so, en-ter in-to Christ, that all we may cry a-loud thus un-to God: Al-le-

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al-so, en-ter in-to Christ, that all we may cry a-loud thus un-to God: Al-le-

al-so, en-ter in-to Christ, that all we may cry a-loud thus un-to God: Al-le-

108

- lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia

- lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia

- lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia

- lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia.