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(1797-1839)

# Hark! the convent bells are ringing

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(1809-1886)

*moderato*  $\text{=}\frac{66}{4}$

Soprano      *mf* 1.Hark! the con-vent bells are ring-ing, And the nuns are sweet-ly sing-ing; *pp* Ho-ly [5]

Alto      *mf* 1.Hark! the con-vent bells are ring-ing, And the nuns are sweet-ly sing-ing; *pp* Ho-ly

Tenor      *mf* 1.Hark! the con-vent bells are ring-ing, And the nuns are sweet-ly sing-ing; *pp* Ho-ly

Bass      *mf* 1.Hark! the con-vent bells are ring-ing, And the nuns are sweet-ly sing-ing; *pp* Ho-ly

Accomp.      *moderato*  $\text{=}\frac{66}{4}$       *mf*      *pp*

10      Vir-gin, hear our prayer! Ho-ly Vir-gin, hear our prayer! *mf* See, the no-vice comes to se-ver

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*mf*  $\text{=}\frac{3}{4}$

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Ev-'ry world-ly tie for e - ver; ***pp*** Take, oh take her to your care! ***f*** Still ra - diant gems are  
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***pp*** Take, oh take her to your care! ***f*** Still re - diant gems are

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shi - ning, Her jet-black locks en - twin-ing; And her robes, a-round her flow - ing, With  
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*poco più lento*

ma-many tints are glow-ing, ***p*** But all earth-ly rays are dim, But all earth-ly rays are dim.

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*p* *poco più lento*

***p***

>*a tempo*

***ff*** Splen-dours bright-er now in - vite her, ***mf*** While thus we sing our ves-per

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***ff*** *a tempo*

***mf***

***ff***



[50]

Vir-gin, hear our prayer! Ho-ly Vir-gin, hear our prayer! *mf* See, the ab-bess, bend-ing o'er her,  
 Vir-gin, hear our prayer! hear our prayer! *mf* See, the ab-bess, bend-ing o'er her,  
 Vir-gin, hear our prayer! hear our prayer!  
 Vir-gin, hear our prayer! Ho-ly Vir-gin, hear our prayer!

[55]

Breathes the sa-cred vow be-fore her; *pp* Take, oh take her to your care! *f* Her  
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*poco più lento*

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spo - ken, Each earth-ly tie is bro-ken, **p** And all earth-ly joys are dim, And all earth-ly

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*p poco più lento***p**

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joys are dim. ***ff*** Splen-dours bright-er now in - vite her, ***mf*** While thus we sing our ves-per  
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hymn. ***pp*** Ho-ly Vir-gin, hear our prayer! Take, oh take her to your care!  
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***pp*** ***cresc.*** ***dim.***  
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