

for a friend

Kanon of the Nativity

Irmos of the First Ode

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The singers spread out across the space. At irregular intervals, individual voices intone *Hristos razhdajetsja, slavitje*, as below.

Each time a singer sings the phrase, it is answered by a singer from the opposite side of the space. This can be repeated at the conductor's discretion, depending on the acoustics and the available singers.

Musical notation for the first phrase of the canon. It consists of a single treble clef staff in 3/8 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The lyrics are: Hris - tos razh - da - jet - sja, sla - vi - tje, with accents over the 'da' and 'sja' syllables.

Singers gradually move to the stage, repeating the intonation at irregular intervals. Once the choir is in place, the music continues as below.

Moderato (♩. = c. 100)

Musical score for the canon with multiple voices. The score is in 3/8 time with a key signature of two flats. It features eight staves: a vocal staff at the top, followed by six empty staves, and a bass staff at the bottom. The vocal staff begins with a fermata and then plays the melody: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The lyrics are: Hris-tos razh-da-jet-sja, sla-vi-tje, Hris-tos razh-da-jet-sja. The other staves are empty, indicating that other voices enter at irregular intervals. The bass staff at the bottom also plays the melody: Hris-tos razh-da-jet-sja, sla-vi-tje, Hris-tos razh-

ff Hris - tos s nje - bjes, srja - shi - tje! _____

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solo - dolce

Hris-tos na zjem-li, voz-no - si - tje - sja, poj - tje Go - spo - dje - vi _____

pp sla - vi - tje, srja - shi - tje, sla - vi - tje, srja - shi - tje, _____

pp sla - vi - tje, srja - shi - tje, sla - vi - tje, srja - shi - tje, _____

15 **tutti**

p

fsja zjem - lja; Sla - vi - tje, sla - vi - tje, sla - vi - tje, sla - vi - tje, sla - vi - tje,

fsja zjem - lja; sla - vi - tje, sla - vi - tje, sla - vi - tje, sla - vi - tje, sla - vi - tje,

fsja zjem - lja;

f I vje - sje - - - li - jem vos - poj - tje

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lju - di - je ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja,

lju - di - je ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja,

lju - di - je

lju - di - je ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja,

23 *cresc. poco a poco*

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ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja,

cresc. poco a poco

ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja,

cresc. poco a poco

ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja,

cresc. poco a poco

ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja,

27 *subito p*

subito p

ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja,

ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja,

ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja,

ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja, ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja,

31 *rit.*

rit.

ja - ko pro - sla - vi - sja. srja - shi - tje!

rit.

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rit.

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ff

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ff

Hris - tos s nje - bjes, srja - shi - tje!