

# Rorate Coeli

for unaccompanied SATB choir

\* One possible translation:  
Drop down, O heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down justice.  
(or: "...pour down the Just One.")

Advent plainchant, arr. Philip Le Bas

At a slow speaking pace, rubato

*mp* *f* *mf* *mp* //

SOPRANO  
ALTO

TENOR  
BASS

\*Ro - ra - te coe - li de - su - per et nu - bes plu - ant ju - stum.

All tenors and basses:

**Faster, but still rubato**

3 *mf*

1. Turn your fierce an-ger from us, O Lord, and re-mem-ber not our sins for e - ver.

5

Your ho-ly ci-ties have be-come a de-sert, Zi - on a wil-der-ness, Je-ru-sa-lem a de-so-la - tion;

8

our ho - ly and beau - ti - ful house, where our fa - thers praised you.

**Tempo I**

10 *mp* *f* *mf* *mp* //

Ro - ra - te coe - li de - su - per et nu - bes plu - ant ju - stum.

All sopranos and altos:

**Faster**

12 *mf*

2. We have sinned and be-come like one who is un - clean; we have all wi-thered like a leaf,

14

and our in-i-qui-ties like the wind have swept us a-way. You have hid-den your face from us,

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## Tempo I

16

and a-ban-doned us to our in-i-qui-ties. *pp* *mp* *p* Ro-ra - te coe-li de su-per

18

et mu-bes plu-ant ju-stum. *pp* // **Faster** *mp* 3. You are my wit-nes-ses, says the Lord,

20

and my ser-vants whom I have cho-sen, that you may know me and be-lieve me.

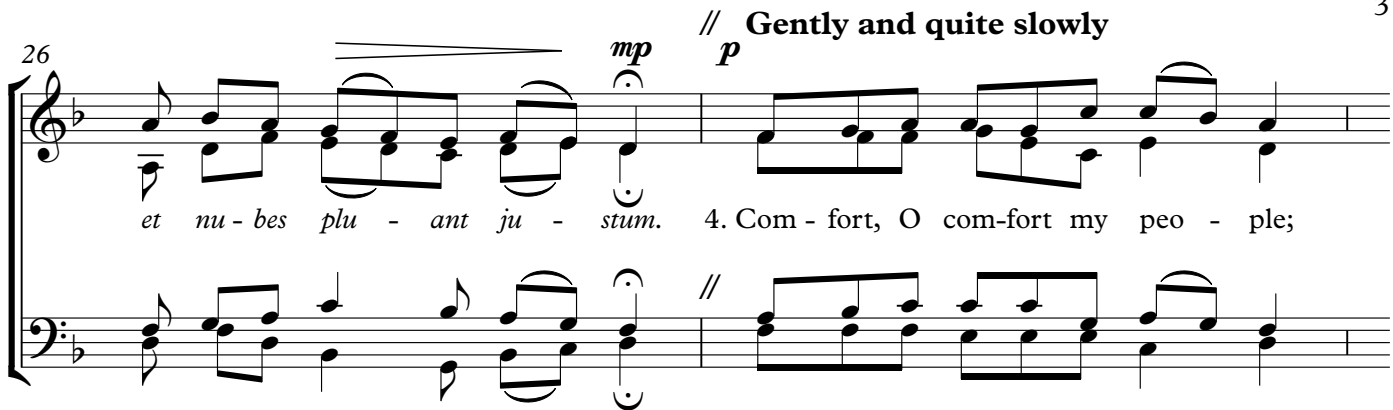
22

I my-self am the Lord, and none but me can de-li-ver;

24

what my hand holds, none can snatch a-way. *mp* *f* *mf* Ro-ra - te coe-li de su-per

26 *mp* // *p* Gently and quite slowly



et nu - bes plu - ant ju - stum. 4. Com - fort, O com-fort my peo - ple;

28 *mp*



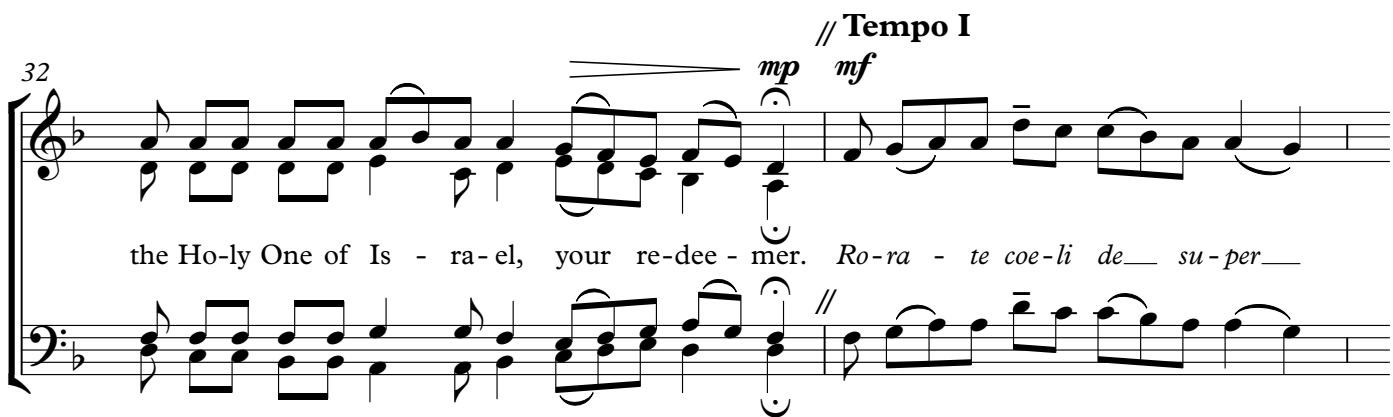
my sal-va-tion shall not be de-layed. I have swept your of-fen-ces a-way like a cloud;

30 *mf* *f*



fear not for I will save you; I am the Lord your God,

32 // **Tempo I** *mp* *mf*



the Ho-ly One of Is - ra-el, your re-dee - mer. Ro-ra - te coe-li de - su - per -

34 *rit.* *f*



et nu - bes plu - ant ju - stum, et nu - bes plu - ant ju - stum.