



# O Virgin of Virgins

For Adrian Partington and the Choir of Gloucester Cathedral.

Advent Antiphon for 23rd December

$\text{♩} = 86$   
**Larghetto**

William Armiger (1939 -)

Choir 1

Soprano (S): *pp* O

Alto (A): *pp* O

Tenor (T): *pp* O

Bass (B): *pp* O

Choir 2

Soprano (S): O Vir - gin of vir - gins,

Alto (A): O Vir - gin of vir - gins,

Tenor (T): O Vir - gin of vir - gins,

Bass (B): O Vir - gin of vir - gins,

Cantor  
*mf* Free and steady time

Bass (B): O Vir - gin of vir - gins.

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Soprano (S): Vir - gin of vir - gins, *p* O Vir - gin of

Alto (A): Vir - gin of vir - gins, *p* O Vir - gin of

Tenor (T): Vir - gin of vir - gins, *p* O Vir - gin of

Bass (B): Vir - gin of vir - gins, *p* O Vir - gin of

Soprano (S): *p* O Vir - gin of vir - gins,

Alto (A): *mp* O Vir - gin of vir - gins,

Tenor (T): *p* O Vir - gin of vir - gins,

Bass (B): *p* O Vir - gin of vir - gins,

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*f* *ff*

vir - gins, How shall this be? How shall this be? For

vir - gins, How shall this be? How shall this be? For

vir - gins, How shall this be? How shall this be?

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*mf* *ff*

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*mf* *ff*

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*mf* *ff*

How shall this be? How shall this be?

*mf* *ff*

How shall this be? How shall this be?

15 **piu mosso** *mf* **poco rit.**

nei - ther be - fore thee, nor shall there

nei - ther be - fore thee, nor shall there

Was a - ny like thee. nor shall there

Was a - ny like thee. nor shall there

nei - ther be - fore thee, nor shall there

nei - ther be - fore thee, nor shall there

was a - ny like thee. nor shall there

was a - ny like thee. nor shall there

a tempo

20 *mp* be af - ter. *pp* O Vir - gin of

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*mp* be af - ter. *pp* O Vir - gin of

*mp* be af - ter. *p* O Vir - gin of vir - gins,

*mp* be af - ter. *p* O Vir - gin of vir - gins,

*mp* be af - ter. *p* O Vir - gin of vir - gins,

*mp* be af - ter. *p* O Vir - gin of vir - gins,

25 *mf* **Largamente** vir - gins. Daugh - ters of Je - ru - sa - lem, why mar - vel ye at me? *mf* The

*mf* vir - gins. Daugh - ters of Je - ru - sa - lem, why mar - vel ye at me? *mf* The

*mp* vir - gins. A - ve Ma - ri - a. Gra - ti - a ple - na. *mf* The

*mp* vir - gins. A - ve Ma - ri - a. Gra - ti - a ple - na. *mf* The

*mf* Daugh - ters of Je - ru - sa - lem, why mar - vel ye at me?

*mf* Daugh - ters of Je - ru - sa - lem, why mar - vel ye at me?

*mp* A - ve Ma - ri - a. Gra - ti - a ple - na.

*mp* A - ve Ma - ri - a. Gra - ti - a ple - na.

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thing which ye be - hold is a di - vine Mys - te - ry. *p* O

thing which ye be - hold is a Di - vine Mys - te - ry. *p* O

thing which ye be - hold is a Di - vine Mys - te ry. *p* O

thing which ye be - hold is a Di - vine Mys - te - ry. *a tempo* O

*p* A - ve Ma - ri - a, A - ve Ma - ri - a. *poco dim* *p* O Vir - gin of vir - gins, —

*p* A - ve Ma - ri - a, A - ve Ma - ri - a. *poco dim* *p* O Vir - gin of vir - gins, —

*p* A - ve Ma - ri - a, A - ve Ma - ri - a. *poco dim* *p* O Vir - gin of vir - gins, —

*p* A - ve Ma - ri - a, A - ve Ma - ri - a. *poco dim* *p* O Vir - gin of vir - gins, —

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*pp* *rall.* Vir - gin of vir - gins. *pp* *niente* O Vir - gin of vir - gins.

*pp* Vir - gin of vir - gins. *pp* *niente* O Vir - gin of vir - gins.

*pp* Vir - gin of vir - gins. *pp* *niente* O Vir - gin of vir - gins.

*pp* Vir - gin of vir - gins. *pp* *niente* O Vir - gin of vir - gins.

*p* — O Vir - gin of vir - gins. *pp* *niente* O Vir - gin of vir - gins.

*mp* — O Vir - gin of vir - gins. *pp* *niente* O Vir - gin of vir - gins.

*p* — O Vir - gin of vir - gins. *pp* *niente* O Vir - gin of vir - gins.

*p* — O Vir - gin of vir - gins. *pp* *niente* O Vir - gin of vir - gins.