

# Simile est regnum coelorum

from *Motteta - 1570*

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## Prima pars

*The kingdom of heaven is like*

Superius

Altus

Tenor

Bassus

Si - mi - le est re - gnum coe - lo -

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rum ho -

gnum coe - lo - rum, coe - lo -

Si - mi - le est re - gnum coe - lo -

Si - mi - le est re - gnum coe - -

This performance edition has been transcribed directly from a secondary source. Any suggested *musica ficta* has been marked with parenthesis '(#)'. Tempo and dynamics are left to the discretion of the director with the understanding that proper Renaissance performance practice will be followed.

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*a landowner*

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mi - ni pa - tri fa - - - mi - li - as  
rum ho - mi - ni pa - tri fa - - - mi - li - as  
rum ho - mi - ni  
lo - rum ho -

*who went out*

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qui ex - i - it  
qui  
pa - tri fa - - - mi - li - as  
qui  
mi - ni pa - tri fa - - - mi - li - as, qui ex - i -

*early in the morning*                            *to hire laborers*

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early in the morning                            to hire laborers

pri - mo ma - ne con - du - ce - re o - pe - re -  
ex - i - it pri - mo ma - ne con - du - ce - re o -  
ex - i - it pri - mo ma - ne con - du - ce - re o -  
it pri - mo ma - ne

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ri - os      con - du - ce - re      o - pe - ra - ri - os  
ne      con - du - ce - re      o - pe - ra - ri - os  
pe - ra      ri - os      in vi - ne - am  
con - du - ce - re      o - pe - ra - ri - os

for his vinyard.

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os, in \_\_\_\_\_ vi - ne - am \_\_\_\_\_ su - am.  
in vi - ne - am su - am. Con -  
su - am in vi - ne - am su - am.  
in vi - ne - am su - am. Con -

After agreeing

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Con - ven - ti - o - ne au - tem fa -  
ven - ti - o - ne au - tem fa -  
Con - ven - ti -  
ven - ti - o - ne au - tem fa -  
Con - ven - ti -  
ven - ti - o - ne au - tem fa -  
Con - ven - ti -

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### *with the laborers*

with the laborers

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cta cum o - re - ra - ri -

cta cum o - pe - ra - ri - is

o - ne au - tem fa - cta cum o -

ven - ti - o - ne au - tem fa - cta cum o - pe - ra - ri -

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is cum \_\_\_\_\_ o - pe -

cum o - pe - ra - ri - is, cum o -

pe - ra - ri - is cum o - pe -

is cum \_\_\_\_\_ o - pe - ra - ri - is

*for the usual daily wage,*

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ra - ri - is, ex de - na - ri - o di - ur -

pe - ra - ri - is ex de - na - ri - o

ra - ri - is ex de -

ex de - na - ri - o di - ur - no

*he sent them*

44

no mi - sit e - os,  
di ur no mi - sit e -  
na ri o di ur no  
mi - sit e - os mi - sit

*into his vineyard.*

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mi - sit e - os  
os in vi - ne - am  
mi - sit e - os  
e - os mi - sit e - os  
in vi - ne -

in vi - ne - am  
su - am, su - am, in  
am su - am

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su - am, in vi - ne - am su - am  
vi - ne - am su - am in vi - ne - am  
vi - ne am su - am in vi - ne - am  
in vi - ne - am

This musical score consists of four staves of music. The top three staves are in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is in common time. The lyrics are written below the notes. Measure 55 starts with a dotted half note followed by an eighth note, then a quarter note, another quarter note, and a dotted half note. The lyrics "su - am, in vi - ne - am" follow. This pattern repeats with slight variations in the bass line.

## Secunda pars

*When he went out about nine o'clock,*

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am.  
su - am. Et e - gres - sus cir - ca ho - ram  
su - am. Et e - gres -  
su - am. Et e - gres -

This section begins with a dotted half note followed by an eighth note, then a quarter note, another quarter note, and a dotted half note. The lyrics "am." follow. This pattern repeats with variations in the bass line. The section ends with a repeat sign and the lyrics "Et e - gres -".

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Et e - gres - sus cir - ca ho - ram ter - ti -  
ter - ti - am, cir - ca ho - ram  
sus cir - ca ho - ram ter - ti - am, ho - ram ter - ti -

This section continues with a dotted half note followed by an eighth note, then a quarter note, another quarter note, and a dotted half note. The lyrics "Et e - gres - sus cir - ca ho - ram ter - ti -" follow. This pattern repeats with variations in the bass line. The section ends with a repeat sign and the lyrics "ter - ti - am, ho - ram ter - ti -".

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am, cir - ca ho - ram ter - - - ti -  
ter - ti -  
Et e - gres - sus cir - ca ho - ram  
am et e - gres -

he saw others

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am vi - dit a - li -  
am, cir - ca ho - ram ter - - ti - am vi -  
sus cir - - ca ho - ram ter - - ti - am vi - dit

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os vi - dit a - li -  
- dit a - li - os vi - dit a - li -  
a - li - os, vi - dit a - li - os, vi - dit

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*standing idle in the market-place;*

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os \_\_\_\_\_ stan - - tes in  
- os stan - - tes in fo - - ro o - - ti -  
a li - os, stan - - tes in fo - - ro o - - ti -  
vi - dit a - li - os, stan - - tes in fo - - ro o - - ti -

*and he said to them,*

83

fo - - ro o - - ti - o - - sos  
o - - sos, o - - ti - o - - sos et di - - xit il - -  
o - - sos, o - - ti - o - - sos et di - - xit il - -

*"You also*

87

et di - - xit il - - lis: I - - te  
lis et di - - xit il - - lis: I - -  
il - - lis et di - - xit il - - lis:  
lis et di - - xit il - - lis:

*go into the vineyard,*

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i - te \_\_\_\_\_ et vos \_\_\_\_\_ in vi - ne - am  
te i - te et vos, in vi - ne - am me -  
I - te, i - te et vos in vi - ne - am  
I - te et vos in vi - ne - ne -

*and whatever is right*

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me - am \_\_\_\_\_ et \_\_\_\_\_ quod ju - stum fu - am  
am - am et quod ju - stum fu - e - rit  
am me - am et quod ju - stum fu - e - rit

e - rit, da - bo vo - fu - e - rit, da - bo vo - bis, da - bo vo - bis

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*I will give you."*

Musical score for voices and piano, page 10, measures 103-106. The score consists of four staves: Treble, Alto, Bass, and Piano. The vocal parts sing in a three-part setting. The piano part provides harmonic support. The lyrics are: "bis, \_\_\_\_\_ da - bo vo - - bis. \_\_\_\_\_", "bis da - bo vo - - bis, da", "vo - - bis da - - bo vo - - bis", and "da - - bo vo - - bis da - -". Measure 103 starts with a piano introduction. Measures 104-105 show the vocal entries. Measure 106 concludes the section.

Musical score for voices and piano, page 10, measures 107-109. The vocal parts continue their three-part setting. The piano part provides harmonic support. The lyrics are: "bis.", "bo vo - - - bis.", "bo vo - - - bis.", and "bo vo - - - bis.". The section ends with a final piano cadence.