

Domine, secundum actum meum

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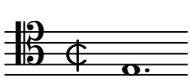
William Byrd (1539/40–1623)

Mean 

Countertenor 1 

Countertenor 2 

Tenor 1 

Tenor 2 

Bass 

Music score for the first section of the piece. The vocal parts are arranged in two columns. The left column contains the Mean, Countertenor 1, Countertenor 2, Tenor 1, and Tenor 2 parts. The right column contains the Bass part. The music is in common time with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics "Do - mi - ne, se - cun - dum a - ctum me - um," are written below the notes.

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- dum a - ctum me - um, a - ctum me - um,
 se - cun - dum a - ctum me - um, a - ctum
 - um, Do - mi - ne, se - cun - dum a - ctum me -
 - um, se - cun - dum a - ctum me - um,
 me - um, a - ctum me - um, se - cun -
 Do - mi - ne, se - cun - dum

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Do - mi - ne, se - cun -
 me - um, se - cun - dum a - ctum me - um, se - cun -
 - um, a - ctum me - um, se - cun - dum a - ctum
 se - cun - dum a - ctum me - um, se - cun -
 - dum a - ctum me - um, se - cun - dum a - ctum me - um,
 a - ctum me - um,

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- dum a - ctum me - um, a - ctum me - um, se -

- dum a - ctum me - um, se - cun - dum a - ctum me - um, Do -

me - - - - um, a - ctum me - - - - um, se - cun -

⁸ - dum a - ctum me - um, Do - mi - ne

⁸ se - cun - dum a - ctum me -

se - cun - dum a - ctum me - um,

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- cun - dum a - ctum me - - - - um, se -

- mi - ne se - cun-dum a - ctum me - um, se - cun - dum a - ctum me -

- dum a - ctum me - um, se - cun-dum a - ctum me - - - um,

⁸ se - cun - dum a - ctum me - um, se - cun - dum a -

- um, Do - mi - ne, se - cun - dum a - ctum me -

Do - mi - ne,

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-cun - dum a - ctum me - um, no - li me
 - - um, a - - - - ctum me - um no - li
 se - cun - dum a - ctum me - - - um no - li
 - ctum_ me - um, se - cun - dum a - ctum_ me - um no - li
 - - um, se - cun - dum a - ctum_ me - um no - ;
 se - cun - dum a - ctum_ me - - - um no - li

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iu - di - ca - - - re, _____
 me iu - di - ca - - - re, iu - di - ca - re, no - li
 me iu - di - ca - - - re, no - li me iu - di - ;
 me iu - di - ca - - - re, iu - di - ca - - re, iu - di - ca - re, no - li me iu - di - ca - - - re, no - ;
 me iu - di - ca - - - re, _____

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no - li me iu - di-ca - re ni - hil
me iu - di - ca - - - - re
- ca - - - - re ni - hil
8 no - li me iu - di-ca - - - - re ni - hil
- re, iu - di-ca - - - - re _____
- li me iu - di-ca - - - - re

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di - gnum in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - gi, ni - hil
ni - hil di - gnum, ni -
di - gnum in con-spe-ctu tu - o e - gi, ni - hil di - gnum,
8 di - gnum, ni - hil di - gnum in con-spe - ctu tu - o
ni - hil di - gnum, di - - - - gnum, ni -

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di - gnum in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - - gi, ni -
 hil di - gnum, ni - hil
 di - gnum in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - - gi,
 ni - hil di - gnum in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - - gi,
 ni - hil di - gnum in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - - gi,
 ni - hil di - gnum, di - gnum

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- hil di - gnum in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - - gi,
 di - gnum in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - - gi, in con-spe -
 e-gi, ni - hil di - gnum in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - - gi,
 tu - o e - - - gi, e - - - - gi, in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - - gi,
 - - - - - gi, in - ni - hil di - gnum in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - - gi,

59

in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - -
 - ctu tu - o e - gi, in _____ con-spe - ctu tu - o e -
 e - gi, in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - - -
 8 gi, in _____ con-spe - ctu tu - o e - gi,
 - con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - - gi, in con-spe - ctu tu - o
 in con - spe - ctu tu - o e - - - gi,

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- gi, e - gi, in _____ con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - gi, in ____
 - gi, e - gi,
 - gi, in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - gi,
 in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - - gi, _____ e -
 e - - - - gi, in _____ con-spe - ctu
 in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - gi, e - - gi,-

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con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - - gi, e - - - - gi.

in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - gi, e - - - - gi.

e - - gi, in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - - - gi.

- gi, in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - - - gi.

tu - o e - - gi, e - - - - gi.

in con-spe - ctu tu - o e - - - - gi.

74

I - de - o de - - - pre -

I - de - o de - - - -

I - de - o de - - - -

I - de - o de - - - - pre - cor,

I -

79

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cor, i - de - o de pre - cor

I - de-o de pre - cor, de -

- pre - cor

I - de - o de - - - pre - cor ma - ie-sta-temtu -

i - de - o de - - - pre - cor ma - ie -

- de - o de - - - pre - cor, i - de - o

84

ma - ie - sta - tem tu - - - am,

- - - - pre - cor ma - ie - sta - tem tu - - -

ma - - - ie - sta - tem tu - - - - -

am,

- sta - - tem tu - am, ma - ie - sta - tem tu - am, ma -

de - - - - pre - cor ma - ie - sta - tem tu - -

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ma - ie - sta - tem tu - - - am
- - am, ma - ie - sta - tem tu - - - am, ma - ie - sta - tem
- am, ma - ie - sta - tem tu - - - am, ma - ie - sta - tem
ma - ie - sta - tem tu - - - am, ma - ie - sta - tem
- ie - sta - tem tu - - - am, tu - - - am, tu - - - am
- am, ma - ie - sta - tem tu - - - am, tu - - - am

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ut tu, De -
tu - - - am ut tu, De - - - us, ut
- - - am ut tu, De - - - us, de - le - as i - ni - qui -
tu - - - am ut tu, De - - - us, de - - - us,
- - - am _____ ut tu, De - - - us, de - - - us,
ut tu, De - - - us, de - - - us,

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- us, de - le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - am,
tu, De - us, de - le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me -
ut tu, De - us, de - le -
ta - tem me - am, ut tu, De - us, de - le -
de - le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - am,
- le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - am, _____ ut tu,

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ut tu, De - us, de - le - as i - am,
- am, de - le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - am,
- as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - am,
- as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - am,
ut tu, De - us, de - le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me -
De - us, de - le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me -

- ni - qui - ta - tem me - - - am, de - le - as i - ni - qui -
 ut tu, De - us, de - le - as
 de - le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me -
 8 ut tu, De - us, de - le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - [am, -
 me - am, _____ ut tu, De - us, de -
 - am, i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - am, _____ i - - ni - qui - ta -

- ta - tem me - am, ut tu, De - us, de -
 i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - - - am, ut tu, De - us, -
 - am, ut tu, De - us,
 — me] - am, i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - - - am, ut
 - le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - - - am, ut tu, De -
 - tem, i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - am, i - - ni - qui - ta - tem me - am, me -

118

Musical score for page 118, featuring three staves of music in G major (two treble clef staves and one bass clef staff) and common time. The lyrics are in Latin and are repeated across the staves.

The lyrics are:

- le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - am, de -
- de - le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - - -
- de - le - as i - ni - qui - ta tem me - -
- tu, De - us, de - - - le - as
- us, de - le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - - -
- - am, ut tu, De - - - - us,

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Musical score for page 122, featuring five staves of music in G major (two treble clef staves and three bass clef staves) and common time. The lyrics are in Latin and are repeated across the staves.

The lyrics are:

- le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - - - - am.
- - - am, me - - - - am.
- am, de - le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - - am.
- i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - - - - am.
- am, de - le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - - am.
- de - le - as i - ni - qui - ta - tem me - - - - am.

Translation

O Lord, judge me not according to my deeds, for I have done nothing worthy in your sight. Therefore I beseech you in your majesty that you, Lord, will purge my sins.

Editorial Conventions

The nomenclature of the voice-parts follows the Tudor convention.

The original clef, mensuration symbol and first note of each part are shown on the prefatory staves.

Editorial accidentals are placed above the notes concerned and remain operative throughout the bar.

Ligatures are denoted by the sign [] .

Spelling of the text has been modernised.

Text repetition signs in the underlay have been expanded editorially in italics.

Underlay between square brackets is entirely editorial.

Source

Thomas Tallis and William Byrd, *Cantiones quae ab argumento sacrae vocantur* (Thomas Vautrollier, London, 1575). Copy used: London, Royal College of Music G28/1–6 (*olim* I.E.9). I have also consulted the edition and commentary in John Milsom (ed.), *Thomas Tallis & William Byrd: Cantiones Sacrae 1575*, Early English Church Music 56 (London: Stainer & Bell Ltd, 2014).

Superius	(M)	No.24	at top of each page: VI. Voc. W. Birdi.
Discantus	(Ct1)	No.24	at top of each page: VI. Voc. W. Birdi.
Contra Tenor	(Ct2)	No.24	at top of each page: VI. Voc. W. Birdi.
Tenor	(T1)	No.24	at top of each page: VI. Voc. W. Birdi.
Bassus	(B)	No.24	at top of each page: VI. Voc. W. Birdi.
Sexta Pars	(T2)	No.8	at top of each page: VI Voc. W. Birdi.

Notes on the Readings of the Source

The readings below pitches are given in capital letters and preceded by a number where necessary, e.g. ²D = second note D in the bar.

- 10 T2 # for ²D
24 Ct1 Alignment of -ctum ambiguous: possibly intended for ²B
25 M # for ¹C, me- below ¹C; T1 me- below ²D (cf. B, Ct2 and T2 in bars 28–31)
30 M # for C
42 T1 # for ²A
76 M The A was misprinted as a B. Milsom notes that some copies of the *Superius* partbook preserve a cancel slip pasted over this note, correcting it to A. These include the Royal College of Music set and the set bound into Oxford, Christ Church Mus. 979–83.
74 all parts Mensuration symbol ♫ restated
77 M -pre- below B (other voices delay this syllable until a note or two before -cor)
79 Ct2 # for ²D
89 T1 # for C
117 B No underlay repeat sign below ²B