

Sicut rosa inter spinas

Marian antiphon

Orlande de Lassus (c.1532-1594)

Novae aliquot ... cantiones suavissimae (Munich, 1577)

Tenor

Bassus

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ro - sa in - ter spi - nas il - lis ad - dit spe -

cut ro - sa in - ter spi - nas il - lis

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ci - em, sic ve - nu - stat su - am vir - go Ma -

ad - dit spe - ci - em, sic ve - nu - stat su - am

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ri-am pro - ge - ni - em, Ma - ri - am pro - ge - ni - em, ger - mi - na -

Vir - go Ma - ri - am pro - ge - ni - em, Ma - ri - am pro - ge - ni - em, ger - mi - na - vit

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- vit e - nim flo - rem, qui vi - ta - lem dat

e - nim flo - rem, qui vi - ta - lem dat o - do -

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o - do - rem, qui vi - ta - lem dat o - do - rem.

- rem, qui vi - ta - lem dat o - do - rem.

Sicut rosa inter spinas illis addit speciem,
 sic venustat suam Virgo Maria progeniem:
 germinavit enim florem,
 qui vitalem dat odorem.

As the rose amongst thorns adds beauty,
 so the Virgin Mary adorns her offspring,
 for she brings forth a flower
 who gives sweet life.