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The Famine Song

for SATB choir

Irish Folksong, ca. 1848
arranged by Mark Mitchell

Lento e triste (♩ = 54-58)

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

p A-gnus, A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di,
p A-gnus, A-gnus qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-
p A-gnus, A-gnus qui tol-lis pec-ca-
p A-gnus, A-gnus qui tol-lis pec-ca-

6
S. A-gnus De-i: *pp*
A. di, A-gnus De mi-se-re-re mi-se-re-re no-bis. Oh the *p*
T. ta A-gnus De-i: mi-se-re-re mi-se-re-re no-bi(s.) *pp*
B. ta De *pp*

12
S. niente
A. pra-ties they grow small, o-ver here, o-ver here, Oh the pra-ties they grow small, o-ver here, Oh the
T. niente
B. niente

16 *mp*
 S. Oh I
 A. *mp*
 pra-ties they grow small, And we ate them skin and all, From the spring un-til the fall, o-ver here. Oh I
 T.
 B.

20
 S. wish that we were geese, night and morn, night and morn, Oh I wish that we were geese, night and morn, Oh I
 A. *Please*
 wish that we were geese, night and morn, night and morn, Oh I wish that we were geese, night and morn, Oh I
 T. *do not*
 B.

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24 *mf*
 S. *mf*
 wish that we were geese Till the time of our re-lease, Then we'd live and die in peace, eat-in' corn. Oh, they'll
 A. *mf*
 wish that we were geese Till the time of our re-lease, Then we'd live and die in peace, eat-in' corn. Oh, they'll
 T.
 B. *mf*
 Oh, they'll

28

S. grind us in-to dust, o-ver here, o-ver here, Oh, they'll grind us in-to dust, o-ver here, Oh, they'll

A. grind us in-to dust, o-ver here, o-ver here, Oh, they'll grind us in-to dust, o-ver here, Oh, they'll

T. Oh, they'll

B. grind us in-to dust, o-ver here, o-ver here, Oh, they'll grind us in-to dust, o-ver here, Oh, they'll

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S. grind us in-to dust, But the Lord in whom we trust Will re - turn us crumb for crust, o-ver here. Oh the *f*

A. ~~grind us in-to dust, But the Lord in whom we trust Will re - turn us crumb for crust, o-ver here.~~ *Please*

T. grind us in-to dust, But the Lord in whom we trust Will re - turn us crumb for crust, o-ver here. *do not*

B. grind us in-to dust, But the Lord in whom we trust Will re - turn us crumb for crust, o-ver here.

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S. pra-ties they grow small, o-ver here, o-ver here, Oh the pra-ties they grow small, o-ver here, Oh the

A. *f* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

T. *f* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

B. *f* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

40 *ff*

S. pra-ties they grow small, And we ate them skin and all, From the spring un-til the fall, o-ver here.

A. *ff*
Chri - - - ste e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i -

T. *ff*
Chri - - - ste e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i -

B. *ff*
Chri - - - ste e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i -

44 *pp*

S. qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun-di, A -

A. *pp*
son. A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun-di, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta A -

T. *pp*
so(n.) *do not*

B. *pp*
so(n.)

49 *f* *p*

S. gnus De - - - i, A - - - gnus

A. *f* *p*
gnus De - i, A-gnus De - i, don - na

T. *f* *p*
Ah A-gnus De - i, don - na pa - cem,

B. *f* *p*
Ah A-gnus De - i, don - na no - bis pa - cem,

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S. De - i, don - na pa - cem, pa - cem. *pp*

A. no - bis pa - - - - - cem, don - na pa - cem. *pp*

T. don - na no - bis pa - cem, *pp* pa - cem.

B. don - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem, don - na

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S. pa - cem. pa - cem. *niente*

A. pa - cem. *Please* pa - cem. *niente*

T. pa - cem, don - na pa - - - - - cem. *niente*

B. pa - cem, don - na *do not* pa - cem. *niente*

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