

Nigra Sum

I Am Black
(Decepta ex Canticis)

for Three-Part Chorus of Treble Voices
with Piano or Organ Accompaniment

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2074
C28N5

Duration about 5 minutes

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Moderato (♩ = ca. 69)
mp

Voices div.a 2

Ni - gra sum, ni - gra sum, sed for -
I am black, I am black, but

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Piano or Organ

5 *p*

mó - sa, fi - li - ae Je -
come - ly, daugh - ters of Je -

mó - sa, fi - li - ae Je -
come - ly, O ye daugh - ters of Je -

5 *marc.*

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10 *mp*
 rú - sa - lem: Í - de - o di - lé - xit me
 ru - sa - lem: The King hath re - joiced in

mp
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 ru - sa - lem: The King hath re - joiced in

15 *mf*
 Rex, et in - tro - dú - xit me in cu - bí - cu - lum
 me, the King hath brought me in - to His ver - y own

mf
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15

1. 20 *mp* 2.
 su - um. Ni - gra - um,
 cham - bers. I am - bers.

mp
 su - um. Ni - gra - um,
 cham - bers. I am - bers.

1. 20 *mp* 2. *cant.*
mp *mp*

25

30

mp et di - xit mi - hi: Sur - ge et
He spake un - to me: Rise - up, my

mp et di - xit mi - hi: Sur - ge et
He spake un - to me: Rise - up, my

p dolce

30

35

40

ve - ni a - mi - ca me - a,
fair one, and come a - way,

ve - ni a - mi - ca me - a,
fair one, and come a - way,

35

40

mf sur - ge et ve - ni a - mi - rise, 45

rise up, my fair one; a - rise,

mf sur - ge et ve - ni a - mi - rise,

rise up, my fair one, a - rise,

mf

ca - me a,

my love. a,

ca - me a,

my love. a,

mp

50

jam - for the hi - ems trãns - i - it,

Lo, for the win - ter is past and gone,

jam - for the hi - ems trãns - i - it,

Lo, for the win - ter is past and gone,

55

im - ber á - bi - it et re - cés -
and the rain is o - ver and gone,

im - ber á - bi - it et re - cés -
and the rain is o - ver and gone,

60

- sit, jam hi - ems trás i - it,
lo, the win - ter, lo, win - ter's gone, the

sit, jam hi - ems trás i - it,
...win - ter, lo, win - ter's gone, the

65

im - ber á - bi - it et re -
rain, the rain is o - ver, is

div. (3) 70

im - ber á - bi - it et re -
rain, the rain is o - ver, is

im - ber á - bi - it et re -
rain, the rain is o - ver, is

65 70

p

75

cé - s - sit, jam
 o - ver and gone, lo,

div. unis. , p
 cé - s - sit, jam
 o - ver and gone, lo,

cé - s - sit, jam
 o - ver and gone, lo,

75 , p

pp poco rit. a tempo mp cresc.

80

hi - ems trás - i - it,
 win - ter's past and gone.

pp poco rit. a tempo mp cresc.
 hi - ems trás - i - it,
 win - ter's past and gone. The

pp poco rit. a tempo mp cresc.
 hi - ems trás - i - it,
 win - ter's past and gone.

poco rit. a tempo 80
pp mp cresc.
 espr.

55

im - ber á - bi - it et re - cés -
and the rain is o - ver and gone,

55

im - ber á - bi - it et re - cés -
and the rain is o - ver and gone,

60

- sit, jam hi - ems trás i - it,
lo, the win ter, lo, win ter's gone, the

60

sit, jam hi - ems trás i - it,
...win ter, lo, win ter's gone, the

65

im - ber á - bi - it et re -
rain, the rain is o - ver, is

div. a 3

im - ber á - bi - it et re -
rain, the rain is o - ver, is

65

im - ber á - bi - it et re -
rain, the rain is o - ver, is

70

70

75 *p*

cés - ver and sit, jam
o - ver and gone, lo,

div. unis. *p*

cés - ver and sit, jam
o - ver and gone, lo,

cés - ver and sit, jam
o - ver and gone, lo,

75 *p*

pp poco rit. a tempo mp cresc. 80

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win - ter's past and gone.

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poco rit. a tempo 80 *mp cresc.*

espr.

molto espr.

unis. 85

flo - res ap - pa - ru
flow'rs ap - pear on the earth, on the

molto espr. *f*

90

e - runt in ter
earth, the flow'rs

95

rat no stra, ter rat
ap - pear on the earth, on

100

no stra,
our earth,

mp *p*

105 *poco rit.*

p

tem - pus pu - ta - tió - nis ad ve - nit.
 and the time of re - new - al is come.

div. *div. p*

tem - pus pu - ta - tió - nis ad ve - nit.
 and the time of re - new - al is come.

p *poco rit.*

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 and the time of re - new - al is come.

105 *poco rit.*

p

110 *pp* *pp* 115

Al - le - lu - i - a.
 Al - le - lu - i - a.

pp *pp*

Al - le - lu - i - a.
 Al - le - lu - i - a.

pp *pp*

Al - le - lu - i - a.
 Al - le - lu - i - a.

110 *p* 115