

for the Bach Society of Minnesota,  
Paul E. Oakley, conductor

Season Songs

# O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM

(O Great Mystery)

A Christmas Meditation for Mixed Choir (SATB)  
and Piano Four-hands

Mack Wilberg

Slowly flowing, with awed mystery (♩ = 54-58)

Primo

bell like *pp* *8va* *8va* *pp* *8va* *bell like* *l.v. sempre*

Secondo

*pp* *sonore* *l.v. sempre*

7

*8va* *8va* *8va* *8va*

13 \*O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament,

Tenor *pp* *espr.*

Bass O mag - num mys - te - ri - um,

8va

8va

17

et ad - mi - ra - bi - le sac - ra - men - tum, Ut

8va

8va

21 *that animals should see the newborn Lord lying in their manger!*

musical score for measures 21-24. It features a vocal line with lyrics: a - ni - ma - li - a vi - de - rent Do - mi - num na - tum, Ja - . Below the vocal line is a piano accompaniment with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The piano part includes chords and melodic lines in both hands. The lyrics are: a - ni - ma - li - a vi - de - rent Do - mi - num na - tum, Ja - . There are two instances of the marking "8va" above the piano accompaniment.

25

musical score for measures 25-28. It features a vocal line with lyrics: cen - tem, ja - cen - tem in prae - se - pi - o. Below the vocal line is a piano accompaniment with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The piano part includes chords and melodic lines in both hands. The lyrics are: cen - tem, ja - cen - tem in prae - se - pi - o. There are two instances of the marking "8va" above the piano accompaniment.

Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

29

*p espr.*

Be - a - ta, Be - a - ta, Be - a - ta

*pp*

O Be - a - ta,

8va

33

*p*

Vir - go, Be - a - ta, Be - a - ta, Be - a - ta

*pp*

O mag - num mys - te - ri - um, O Be - a - ta,

8va