

# O VERE DIGNA HOSTIA

## A L'ELEVATION

Texte composé par le roi Louis XII à la suite d'un vœu fait au cours des guerres d'Italie, pour être chanté à l'élévation de toutes les messes hautes.

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*O vraiment digne Hostie*

Dessus  
Bas dessus  
Taille  
Basse taille

O ve - re di -

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of a four-part vocal setting. It features four staves: Dessus (Soprano), Bas dessus (Alto), Taille (Tenor), and Basse taille (Bass). The music is in G minor (one flat) and common time (C). The lyrics are 'O ve - re di -'. The vocal lines are homophonic, with each part entering on the same syllable. The notes are: Soprano (G4, Bb4, D5), Alto (F4, Ab4, Bb4), Tenor (E4, G4, Bb4), and Bass (C3, Eb3, G3).

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gna hós - ti - a,

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of the vocal setting, starting at measure 5. It features the same four staves as the first system. The lyrics are 'gna hós - ti - a,'. The vocal lines continue with the same homophonic texture. The notes are: Soprano (A4, C5, Bb4, A4), Alto (G4, Bb4, A4, G4), Tenor (F4, Ab4, G4, F4), and Bass (E4, G4, F4, E4).

10 *Unique espoir des fidèles*

Spes ú - ni - ca fi - dé - li - um,

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of the vocal setting, starting at measure 10. It features the same four staves. The lyrics are 'Spes ú - ni - ca fi - dé - li - um,'. The vocal lines continue with the same homophonic texture. The notes are: Soprano (G4, Bb4, D5, C5), Alto (F4, Ab4, Bb4, A4), Tenor (E4, G4, Bb4, A4), and Bass (C3, Eb3, G3, F3).

18 *En vous se confie la France*

In te con - fi - dit Frán - ci - a, Da  
 In te con - fi - dit, con - fi - dit Frán - ci -  
 In te con - fi - dit Frán - ci - a,  
 In te con - fi - dit Frán - ci - a, Da

26 *Donnez la paix à la servante des lys.*

pa - cem, ser - va lí - li - um.  
 a, Da pa - cem ser - va lí - li - um.  
 Da pa - cem ser - va lí - li - um.  
 pa - cem, ser - va lí - li - um.

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