

Score

Dur: 1:30

# Sub Tuum Praesidium

(We Fly to Thy Patronage)

Ancient 3rd c. prayer

SATB Choir with Organ and F Horn Quartet, opt.

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Andante  $\text{♩} = 59$

The musical score is arranged in a system with the following parts from top to bottom: F Horn 1, F Horn 2, F Horn 3, F Horn 4, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, Organ (treble and bass clefs), and a separate Bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked 'Andante' with a metronome marking of 59 quarter notes per minute. The dynamics are marked 'p' (piano) throughout. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) have lyrics: 'Sub tu-um prae-si - di - um con-fu - gi-'. The organ part features chords in the treble and a melodic line in the bass. The F Horn quartet consists of three horns playing sustained notes and one horn playing a rhythmic accompaniment.

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Hn 1

Hn 2

Hn 3

Hn 4

S  
mus, san-cta De-i Ge-ni - trix. Sub tu-um prae-si - di - um con-fu - gi-

A  
mus, san-cta De-i Ge-ni - trix. Sub tu-um prae-si - di - um con-fu - gi-

T  
mus, san-cta De-i Ge-ni - trix. Sub tu-um prae-si - di - um con-fu - gi-

B  
mus, san-cta De-i Ge-ni - trix. Sub tu - um prae-si - di - um con - fu - gi-

Org

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An ancient prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the oldest known version of which is found on an Egyptian papyrus from the 3rd century. This prayer is used in Litanies to the Blessed Mother and as a concluding prayer to Compline.

mus, san-cta De-i Ge-ni - trix. Nos-tras de-pre-ca-ti - o-nes ne de-sci-pi-as in

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SUB tuum praesidium confugimus, Sancta Dei Genetrix. Nostras deprecationes ne despicias<sup>1</sup>, sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et benedicta. Amen.

WE fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

<sup>1</sup> Some versions add nostris here.  
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