

VIII. Cherubim

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♩ = ca. 70

Note values are approximate. Senza vibrato.

Solo or ensemble, at director's discretion, bars 1-13.

At pick-up to bar 14, ensemble sings to end.

mf Angels born of Michael's tears, Cherubim,

Soprano/
Mezzo/
Alto

An - ge - li ab la - cri-mus Mi - cha - el na - ti, Che -

Mezzo/
Alto

p stagger breathing throughout

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- - - ru - - bim, Cum Sci -

4

you are crowned with knowledge.

en - ti - a vos es - tis co - ro - na - - ti. Quae

5

It glistens in your crimson robes,

in ves - tris ve - sti - bus coc - ci - ne - is ful - get.

6

and lies like treasure in the Cask of the Secrets,

La - ta - que si - mi - les the-sau-ro in Do - li - o, Ar - can -

7

no - rum Cui -

8 of which you are the keeper.

us vos sunt cu - ra - to - res. Cor - da

9 **A** Our hearts yearn to open your cask

no - stra de - si - de - rant Do - li - um Ve - strum a - pe - ri - re Vi - de -

10 and see what lies within:

re - que quae - cum - que in - tus la - te - ant, Mys

11 the mysteries of the rhythms of the universe;

te - ri - a mo - do - rum mun - di, Ar -

12 the secrets of the heart of God;

ca - na cor - dis De - - - i, A - bun -

13 the richness of our own hearts.

dan - 3 ti - am cor - dum no - stro - - - rum. An -

tutti

(Stop drone.)

14 **B** Exquisite angels of wisdom and understanding,

- ge - li - ve - nu - sti sci - en - ti - ae in - ge - ni - i - que, Vos i -

15 you reflect the source of utter compassion,

ma - gi - nes sunt Fon - tis to - ti - us mi - se - ri - cor - di - ae, Quae

16 and it colors your knowledge like a prism,

ve - stram sci - en - ti - am tin - get ve - lut spe - cu - lum,

17 shooting miraculous flashes into the air.

E - mit - tens ful - go - res mi - ra - bi - les in - aer.