

Misterium Mirabile Rosa Sine Spina

Two Latin Carols for SSA

Both these little carols use anonymous mediaeval 'macaronic' texts - words both in Latin and English. *Misterium Mirabile* was composed for the choir of Norwich High School for Girls; *Rosa sine spina* was composed for the vocal trio 'juice' and is dedicated 'to Kerry, Sarah and Anna'. It is suited to either solo or choral voices.

Misterium Mirabile

Of a rose sing we
Misterium Mirabile (refrain)

This rose is red of colour bright
Through who our joy 'gan alight
Upon Christmas night
Claro David germine

(four verses, each with refrain)

Rosa Sine Spina

Of one that is so fair and bright,
Velud maris stella,
Brighter than the day's light,
Parens et puella:
I cry thee grace of thee,
Lady, pray thy son for me,
Tam pia,
That I may come to thee,
Maria.

(four verses)