

Si ignoras te

Song of Songs 1:7-8

Bassus (part 5 of 5)

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

Motettorum ... Liber quartus (Gardano press, Rome, 1584)

The musical score for the Bassus part of the motet 'Si ignoras te' by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina. The score is written for basso continuo and consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are in Latin and describe divine attributes and the love of God. The music is in common time, with various key changes indicated by Roman numerals (4, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3). The lyrics are as follows:

Si igno - ras te, o pul - chra in - ter mu - li - e -
 res, in - ter mu - li - e - res, e -
 gre - de-re et a - bi, et a - bi post ve - sti - gi-a gre -
 gum tu - o - rum, gre-gum tu - o - rum, et pa - sce hæ - dos tu - os, hæ - dos
 tu - os ju - xta ta - ber - na - cu-la pa - sto - rum.
 E - qui - ta - tu - i me - o, e - qui - ta - tu - i me - o
 as - si - mi - la - vi te, a - mi - ca me - a, a,
 as - si - mi - la - vi te, a - mi - ca me - a, a - mi - ca me - a.