Laudate Pueri

Traditional Latin Text

Music by

GIOVANNI BATTISTA GAJANI Edited by

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SA Voices with Keyboard & Optional Horns, Strings and Continuo



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Editor's Note

Giovanni Battista Gajani (gah-YAH-nee), born in 1757 and a native and lifelong resident of Bologna, Italy, was a student of Padre Martini. First as an organist and then as a composer, Gajani was admitted as a member to the Accademia Filarmonica of Bologna in 1781. He acted as maestro di cappella in churches around Bologna, and was also keyboard player at the Teatro Communale, Bologna's opera house. Gajani died in 1819.

Giovanni Gajani's *Laudate Pueri* is scored for SA chorus, two horns in Bb, two violins, viola, cello, bass and continuo. Although there is no date of composition noted in the manuscript, there is a listing of performances on the last page, indicating the first in July 1791, with thirty-nine additional performances between that year and 1801. This edition is based upon the autograph score (FF.60) located in the library of Museo Internazionale e Biblioteca della Musica di Bologna in Bologna, Italy. The manuscripts are housed at the Conservatorio di Musica "G.B. Martini". At the top of the first page of the autograph score is the following inscription: *I.N.D. et B.M.V. Laudate Pueri a 2e C. Alto Soli con Strumti di Gio: Batta Gajani*. The autograph score is laid out over seventeen pages, with ten staves per page.

The present edition adheres closely to the above-mentioned source, noting editorial markings in parentheses. Voice parts, notated in moveable clefs, were rewritten in treble clef; where text was indicated in only one voice part, the text has been written out in full; repeated text, indicated only in one voice part, was written out in full; phrase markings were added in the voice parts where two or more notes occur for a single syllable of text; the piano reduction was prepared from the orchestral material.

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—Martin Banner

Translation

LATIN

- Laudate pueri Dominum, laudate nomen
 Domini.
- 2. Sit nomen Domini benedictum ex hoc nunc et usque in saeculum.
- 3. A solis ortu usque et ad occasum, laudabile nomen Domini.
- 4. Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus, et super coelos gloria ejus.
- 5. Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster, qui in altis,
- 6. Et humilia respicit in coelo et in terra?
- Suscitans a terra inopem et de stercore erigens pauperem.
- 8. Ut colocet eum cum principibus populi sui.
- 9. Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo, matrem filiorum laetantem.
- 10. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.
- 11. Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum, Amen.

ENGLISH

- 1. Praise the Lord, children, praise the name of the Lord.
- 2. Blessed be the Lord's name from now and for ever.
- 3. From sunrise until sunset, the Lord's name is praiseworthy.
- 4. The Lord is high among all nations, and his glory is above the heavens.
- 5. Who is like our Lord God, who lives on high,
- 6. And still he looks down on the humble in heaven and on earth?
- 7. Lifting up the needy from the earth and raising up the poor from the dungheap.
- 8. So he may place him with the princes of his people.
- 9. Who makes the sterile woman to live in her house, the rejoicing mother of children.
- 10. Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- 11. As it was in the beginning, is now and always will be for all generations, Amen.

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