

PARTS: Solo Soprano Alto Tenor Bass All

KEY: **bold** = first beat of bar ^ = rest Underline = triplet backing vocal = [text]

188 - Nun's Chorus

Intro count four bars in 4/4 time. Switch to 3/4 time when lyrics enter

Verse

Ho-ly Ma-ry day by day—

Watch be-side us

Guard and guide us

Lest we stray on life's highway

On our knees to

Thee humbly we pray

Chorus (solo)

Hear my plea! Pity me!

Blessed Mary send and save me

Holy Maid Lend your aid

Ere the convent vows enslave me

Fairest flowers I'll bring you

Sweetest songs I'll sing you

Prayer and praise shall not cease

^ If you grant release.

Chorus repeat

(All voices) Hear my plea! Pity me!

Blessed Mary send and save me

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Music by Johann Strauss. Words by Harry Graham, from the German of R. Schanzer and E. Welisch