

Ave verum corpus

Hail, true body

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14th century Eucharistic hymn

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p legato

A - ve ve - rum cor - pus, na - tum Ex Ma -
Hail, true bo - dy, Je - sus, Sav - iour, born of

p
pp

con Ped. sempre

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- ri - a Vir - gi - ne, Ve - re pas - sum, im - mo - la - tum In cru -
Ma - ry, Vir - gin fair, you en - dured your pain - ful suff - 'ring, sav - ing

dim.

dim.

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- ce pro ho - mi - ne. Cu - jus la - tus per - for - a - tum Ve - ro
peo - ple ev - 'ry - where. Make us pure and tru - ly thank - ful for your

cresc.

cresc.

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f *p*

flu - xit san - gui - ne; E - sto no - bis prae - gu - sta - tum, Mor - tis
sa - cri - fice su - preme, so that we may meet in Hea - ven when your

f *dim.*

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più lento *p* , *pp*

in ex - a - mi - ne. O cle - mens, O pi - e, O
blood has washed us clean. O Je - sus, have mer - cy, and

pp

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f *mp* *pp*

dul - cis Je - su, Fi - li Ma - ri - ae, Ma - ri - ae.
hear us now, O Son of Ma - ry, of Ma - ry.

f *mp* *p*