THE <u>SI</u> <u>DEDERO</u> MASS OF JACOB OBRECHT AND THAT OF ALEXANDER COPPINUS: A COMPARATIVE STUDY (in 2 Volumes)

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The present thesis concerns itself with a detailed examination of two of the earliest masses of the Renaissance to be based on a sacred, and not secular, model. The course of investigation followed is that of an analysis first of the model--the Song-motet <u>Si dedero</u> by Alexander Agricola--and then of each of the two Masses--the <u>Missa Si dedero</u> of Jacob Obrecht and that of Alexander Coppinus. These works are analyzed on three levels; namely, thematic-linear, thematictextural and harmonic. Comparative relationships existing between each derived work and the model have been stressed and observations regarding relationships between the two Masses have been made. There has been no attempt to compare the Obrecht and Coppinus works with respect to their individual or their national style characteristics, the prime concern being with those relationships bearing most directly upon the problem of parodistic borrowing.

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Chapter I

INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE

The parody mass has been defined as a type of sacred polyphonic composition based on the principle of variation, wherein "not only one voice of the model, but a full complex of its parts plus its patterns of entrances and intervallic relationships serves as point of departure."¹ The purpose of the present thesis is to examine an early phase in the development of parody technique, notably in two works based on sacred models that are among the earliest instances of this type.

In the fifteenth century, parody technique occurs sporadically and in incipient form in the mass literature. Its historical importance resides in the fact that in the sixteenth century it gains supremacy over the <u>cantus firmus</u> and paraphrase techniques of the earlier tenor mass. A survey of the output of the masters of the period confirms this statement. Thus, of Palestrina's 105 Masses, fifty-two employ the parody technique; of the remainder, thirty-four are paraphrase, eight tenor, five canonic and six free-composed Masses.² Similarly, approximately three-quarters of the Masses

of Lassus employ parody technique.³ Even more striking is the prevalence of this technique in the Masses of Clemens non Papa, fourteen out of fifteen of which are parody masses.⁴

A significant development in the history of the Renaissance parody mass is the shift from secular to sacred models at about the turn of the sixteenth century. Thus, at the very time when the parody mass as such was entering a period of growth and ascendancy over other types of mass composition, composers of parody masses were beginning to exhibit a preference for sacred over secular models. Walter Rubsamen deals with the early phase of this development, and provides ample evidence of such a shift.⁵ During the latter half of the sixteenth century, composers continue to display a marked preference for this type. Thus, of the parody Masses of Palestrina, all are based on sacred models.⁶ Victoria's preference for the genre is almost equally exclusive.⁷

Despite the prevalence of parody technique in sixteenth century mass composition, there exists no comprehensive account of this subject.⁸ Even exploratory studies in the field are as yet limited in number. Investigation of the parody mass based on sacred models has been even more restricted. Apart from Rubsamen's abstract and a recent article by Lockwood,⁹

references to parody masses on sacred models appear in studies not centrally related to this topic.

The present thesis---a detailed study of two specimens of the type---draws its justification, in part, from the foregoing considerations. A further source of interest resides in the fact that the two works in question are among the earliest in this repertory. The problem becomes, therefore, one of studying the parody mass in a stage of its development wherein novel practices are obscured by traditional elements of structure and design in which they are still rooted and with which they are closely intermingled. This thesis addresses itself to the task of dissecting the web of novel and vestigial elements in the two works under consideration.

The two Masses to be examined are the <u>Missa Si dedero</u> by the Flemish master, Jacob Obrecht (1450-1505), and a similarly named Mass by an obscure Florentine musician, Alexander Coppinus (1460-1527). The fact that both Masses are based on the same model--a not uncommon occurrence in the repertory of the parody mass--both invites and facilitates comparison of the two works. The model in question is the Song-motet <u>Si dedero</u> of Alexander Agricola (1446-1506), a work of sufficient prominence to have been published in Petrucci's <u>Odhecaton</u> of 1501.¹⁰

According to Rubsamen, who identifies the Agricola work as probably the first sacred composition to have served as model for parodistic elaboration in a polyphonic mass, the Missa Si dedero of Obrecht and that of another Flemish musician, Antonius Divitis (c. 1475-?), are the earliest works based on that model.¹¹ Although its date of composition is not known, the terminus post quem of the Obrecht Mass is 1505, the year of the composer's death. As for the Divitis Mass, Rubsamen believes that it may have been written in 1505-06, when Agricola and Divitis were both associated with the Burgundian chapel. 12 There is a possibility, however, that the Coppinus Si dedero, which is not mentioned by Rubsamen, might be an earlier work than that of Divitis since, according to D'Accone, it "may represent one of the direct results of Coppini's [sic] studies with that master [Agricola] during the early 1490's."¹³ For this reason, no less than for practical considerations, ¹⁴ the Coppinus Mass has been coupled with that of Obrecht in the present thesis, which--because it deals with parodistic, or variational, forms, and because it is a comparative study-necessarily includes an analysis of the model.

The paucity and incidental nature of the literature relating to the parody mass on sacred models has been noted.

The body of the analytical commentary on the two Masses under consideration reflects this circumstance. Obrecht's compositional style as such has, of course, been the object of intensive investigation by such historians as Gombosi, Meier, Salop, and Sparks, among others. Of these, only Salop and Sparks, however, devote more than passing attention to the composer's <u>Missa Si dedero</u>.¹⁵ Discussion of the Coppinus Mass is confined to a single brief, if pertinent, analysis by D'Accone.¹⁶ The Agricola Song-motet has been more liberally dealt with in the analytical literature. It is discussed in studies by Gombosi,¹⁷ Hewitt, ¹⁸ Lerner,¹⁹ and Picker.²⁰ In no instance, however, do the <u>Si dedero</u> compositions of Agricola, Obrecht and Coppinus, either individually or collectively, assume a central position as a topic of investigation.

For the various reasons enumerated above---namely, the historical importance of the parody mass on sacred models, the chronological primacy of the present group of works within that genre, and the incidental nature of existing commentary--an analytical study devoted exclusively to this group of compositions seems warranted. The present thesis devotes itself to this task.²¹

THE PROBLEM OF CLASSIFICATION

Although the line of demarcation between the classic fifteenth century <u>cantus firmus</u> mass, on the one hand, <u>the</u> and the mature sixteenth century parody mass, on the other, is unequivocal, transitional masses of the period under consideration present a serious problem of classification. A survey of authoritative opinion regarding the classification of the Obrecht <u>Missa Si dedero</u>, for example, will illustrate this point.

As previously noted, Rubsamen considers this work to be a parody mass--or, to use his preferred term for works of this type, an "elaboration" mass. Lockwood, on the contrary, disclaims the presence of any parodistic elements, holding it to be of essentially "linear construction," in the tradition of the older <u>cantus firmus</u> works.²² Sparks adopts an intermediate position in regard both to this Mass and to other similar works of the period. He speaks of a hybrid type of "c.f.-parody structure," to which such works are, in his view, to be assigned.²³

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Sparks offers the following working definition of <u>cantus</u>

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the basis of a new composition."²⁴ Parody, for the same author, involves the borrowing of "more than one voice of a pre-existent polyphonic work."²⁵ These definitions, based on the criterion of the number of voices borrowed, serve admirably to differentiate typical works in each category. Judged on this basis, and without consideration of other factors, Obrecht's Mass would have to be classified as a parody mass, since even the most cursory examination of it in comparison with the Agricola Song-motet reveals the presence of multiple--that is, simultaneous--quotations.

A more selective basis of judgment is that which evaluates the function of the borrowed material in relation to the structural plan of the work into which it is incorporated. In this perspective, a borrowed line which is used to provide the scaffolding of a mass movement, or movements, signifies the presence of <u>cantus firmus</u> technique. On the other hand, a formal design arising out of the disposition of successive extracts--whether exact, varied, or developed--from the full texture of the model, constitutes parody technique. According to these criteria, Obrecht's work would be designated as a <u>cantus firmus</u> mass, since certainly the prime constructional factor is its scaffolding cantus firmus.

It will be apparent from the foregoing that each of Sparks's definitions cited above--although seemingly contradictory--can, in fact, apply to the same work. In other words, a mass--such as Obrecht's <u>Si dedero</u>--may be based on a single pre-existent melody, in which that melody serves a primarily form-building function. The same mass, however, can also incorporate other voices of the model, some of which may serve as secondary <u>cantus firmus</u> elements. Still other voices, however, may constitute incipient parody elements by serving introductory, episodic, cadence-defining, linking, developmental, and other auxiliary form-building functions. Such is, in fact, the case in Obrecht's Mass. It is this circumstance that justifies Sparks's conjunctive classification.

Other writers have brought into play still other points of emphasis in their respective definitions of parody. Van den Borren speaks of it as a type of variation, ²⁶ and Lenaerts stresses the harmonic dimension.²⁷ Lockwood summarizes what he believes to be the generally accepted understanding of the term "parody," its unit of procedure being the motive, and its skill and art residing "in the manifold transformations that composers could wrest from previously formed motivic constructions."²⁸

The present study accepts Sparks's premise positing the existence of a hybrid transitional type. It attempts to probe beyond his summary treatment of Obrecht's <u>Missa Si dedero</u>, seeking, however, to determine more precisely the extent to which each of the component techniques is present, and to examine certain aspects of their respective functions and interrelationships.

Such probing seems warranted in view of the discrepant observations found in the literature regarding the question of multiple borrowings in this Mass. Thus, Reese claims that "pre-existent voices are practically never borrowed all at once" in Obrecht's <u>Si dedero</u>.²⁹ On the other hand, Lockwood, who disqualifies the work as a parody mass, admits that it makes "some use of more than one voice" from its model.³⁰ At the same time, divergence of opinion as to the precise location of episodes of multiple borrowing exists among those who are prepared to classify the work as a parody mass. For example, Rubsamen finds that "in the <u>Kyrie</u>, but one motet voice is retained, whereas there is much literal borrowing in episodes of the <u>Gloria</u>."³¹ Sparks, on the other hand, writes as follows: "Hardly a measure of this movement [Kyrie I] is free of these quotations, and in some cases they occupy two voices besides the

tenor."³² Although mutually contradictory, these respective statements unite in refuting Reese's exception to his previously quoted statement, in which he cites <u>Agnus Dei I</u> as the sole movement containing a passage involving simultaneous quotation of three voices of the model.³³ At the same time, Reese's exception is equally at odds with Salop's designation of <u>Agnus</u> <u>Dei III</u> as an important example--in fact, the sole example in Obrecht's output--"of a truly structural use of the parody technique."³⁴

These, and other, inconsistent statements underline the need for an objective and comprehensive examination of borrowing processes--<u>cantus firmus</u> and particularly parody--in the Obrecht Mass. The <u>Missa Si dedero</u> of Coppinus, a work of rather similar construction, will be examined in like fashion.

METHOD AND ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURE

Because of the derivational relationship between Mass and parent work or model, the comparative method was deemed essential for the present study. Comparison must entail an examination not only of the extent of transfer of borrowed material, but also a study of the ways in which that material may--or may not--have been modified in transfer, and especially of the new functions it is called upon to serve in its new contextual situation. In fact, in his article on the parody mass, Lenaerts observes that a prime requisite in the study of that genre is the need to discover the means whereby the composer succeeds in enlarging "the model to the dimensions of the Mass."35 Requisite to these several goals are: a) a detailed study of the constituent elements of the model; b) a detailed study of each of the derived works in terms of the borrowed material as compositional source. Such is the broad analytical plan that has been adopted in the present thesis.

Analytical exploration will take place at three levels: a) the thematic level in its linear or structural aspects-that is, in terms of <u>cantus firmus</u> organization; b) the thematic level in its textural aspects--that is, in terms of the motivic

organization of the model and of parodistic borrowings in the Masses; c) the harmonic level.

Exploration at the thematic levels requires little justification since it is at these levels that transference takes place most directly and perceptibly from model to Mass. It is this material above all, therefore, that calls for study in both its original and transplanted environments.

Harmonic connections between model and derivative work are more problematical, however, if in fact harmonic values other than mere interval combinations can be affirmed to exist at all in works of the period under consideration. Following the lead of authorities such as Lowinsky³⁶ and Salop³⁷, who do so affirm, the present writer has examined the Obrecht and Coppinus, as well as the Agricola, works for evidence of incipient tonality, notably in terms of cadence construction and of harmonic direction. Lenaerts's reminder that the logical terminus of parody lies in the field of harmony ³⁸ has spurred this search. Obrecht's frequent borrowing of complete cadence passages, his restructuring of Agricola's cadence network in certain of the <u>a3</u> movements, his large-scale planning of sequences in <u>Et in terra</u>--these and similar points of harmonic orientation noted in the ensuing analysis--appear to

justify this approach. The Coppinus <u>Missa Si dedero</u> provides similar evidence. It is in keeping with this line of reasoning that harmonic considerations are dealt with, in the case of each of the two Masses, first as a general stylistic element of the work in question, and subsequently in relation to parody technique as such.

It is this approach that explains why thematic-textural borrowings as such are dealt with most extensively in conjunction with harmonic and structural factors under the heading, "Function of Parodistic Borrowings." They are nevertheless discussed independently--if more cursorily--and their occurrences exhaustively tabulated under "Frequency of Parodistic Borrowings."

With appropriate adjustments, the three-fold analytical approach outlined above--namely, thematic-linear, thematictextural, and harmonic--serves as a common basis for chapter organization both for the model and for each of the two derived works. Such relatively uniform chapter divisions facilitate the comparative overview.

In conclusion it may be stated that, of the various possible comparative relationships that exist within this closely interconnected group of compositions, those between the individual derived work and its model have been stressed.

Clearly, these are the relationships that bear most directly upon the problem of parodistic borrowing, which is the prime concern of this thesis. However, wherever relevant, other relationships within the group of compositions--for example, those between the two derived works viewed as offshoots of a common source--have also been explored as a means of shedding further light on current parody practice. In the latter type of inquiry, however, no attempt has been made to compare the two Masses systematically with respect to their individual or their national style characteristics. Such comparison lies beyond the scope of the present study. As a final point, it should be noted that, in the interest of efficiency of organization, comparative observations regarding the two Masses have been restricted to the chapter relating to the Coppinus Mass, that is to the last of the three analytical chapters of the thesis.

FOOTNOTES

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⁵Rubsamen, <u>op</u>. <u>cit</u>., 6-9.
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¹⁶D'Accone, <u>op</u>. <u>cit</u>., pp. 69-71.

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³⁰Lockwood, "A View...", p. 63.
³¹Rubsamen, op. cit., 7.
³²Sparks, op. cit., p. 300.
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³⁷In a study of Obrecht's harmonic practice, Salop draws attention to evidence for harmonic awareness in the music of this period. He finds such evidence not necessarily in the tonic-dominant relationships stressed by Lowinsky, but rather in the characteristic of directed motion--the so-called "drive to the cadence"--discoverable in such elements as the bassus line and in certain strategically placed tritone relationships. A carefully balanced distribution of centers, such as is found in certain works of Obrecht, represents a still more sophisticated expression of such harmonic consciousness, according to Salop. See Arnold Salop, "Jacob Obrecht and the Early Development of Harmonic Polyphony," Journal of the American Musicological Society, XVII (Fall, 1964), 288-309, passim.

38_{Lenaerts}, op. cit., 420.

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Chapter II

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

ALEXANDER AGRICOLA

As a result of poor documentation and lack of archival material, modern scholars have as yet been unable to give a complete account of the life of Agricola. No record of his birth has been uncovered; however, from the information given in an anonymous Motet, it is believed that he was Belgian and died at the age of sixty.¹ As there are no records of his name after 1506, it is assumed that he was born in 1446.

Nothing is known concerning his early life, and information first becomes available in documents dating from between 1471 and 1474, at a time when he was evidently holding a post in the court of Galeazzo Maria Sforza, ruler of Milan. It is revealed that he married in Florence in 1470 and took a voyage with his family in 1474, apparently while on leave of absence.

He left the service of the Sforza between July, 1474, and March, 1475, becoming a singer of the canonic hours at Cambrai Cathedral in 1476. Little is known concerning his whereabouts between 1476 and 1491 except that for part of that

period he was in the service of the French Royal Chapel and in 1492 had gone to Florence without leave.²

In 1500 he entered the Burgundian <u>Grande Chapelle</u>, the court chapel of Philippe le Beau at Brussels, and during his stay there also went on travels with the Duke of Burgundy through Luxembourg, France and Spain. He died in late August of 1506 at Valladolid, probably during the state visit to Spain, the cause of death likely being cholera.

Agricola wrote both sacred and secular compositions. According to Lerner³ the works of undisputed origin are eight complete Masses, nineteen Motets, three Magnificats, two Lamentations, two Hymns, three independent <u>Credo</u>, and seventyeight secular songs (excluding <u>contrafacta</u>). The Motets consist of both secular and sacred works, the former being Motet-chansons and secular Latin Motets, and the latter liturgically incomplete Motets, Motets for specific religious occasions and for the Blessed Virgin Mary. Of the eight Masses, four are based on a secular melody, one on a chant and three on no <u>cantus firmus</u> at all. Two of the independent <u>Credo</u> are based on a secular <u>cantus firmus</u>, and one on a chant.⁴

JACOB OBRECHT

Jacob Obrecht was born in Bergen op Zoom on November 22, 1450. About 1475 he was involved in choir work in Utrecht and from 1484-85 he was actively engaged in the training of singers at Cambrai. Accepting the position of singer at St. Donatian Cathedral in Bruges in 1489, he was promoted to succentor the following year. In 1492 he was appointed, through competition, as the musical director of the Cathedral of the Virgin at Antwerp. The events of his life from this time on are unclear until the year 1498, when he was appointed musical director of the Cathedral of St. Donatian at Bruges. Two years later he resumed his directorship at Antwerp. In 1504 he was appointed official singer to the Duke at the court of Ferrara. It was during this stay in Italy that he died in 1505 in Florence, presumably from the plague.⁵

The compositions by Obrecht include twenty-five Masses, twenty-two Motets and thirty-one secular songs.⁶

ALEXANDER COPPINUS

As was the case with Agricola, very little is known concerning the life of Coppinus. Although his actual place of birth is unknown, Frank D'Accone, who has so far been the only writer to deal with his life to any great extent,⁷ identifies him as a Florentine.

The first record of this composer appears in 1475, giving evidence that he was a student for the priesthood in the Order of the Servi di Maria. After initial training he was sent to Bologna, likely to study at the University there, and frequently travelled back and forth. In 1489 he ended these trips and remained in Florence where he became assistant organist at the parent house of the Servite Order--the Convent of Santissima Annunziata--and also taught singing to the novices, later being appointed to the Convent's chapel. It is quite likely that he was in contact with Isaac and Agricola, who were employed at the Annunziata the same time as he was, and possibly came into contact with the latter's <u>Si dedero</u> then. It could be that Coppinus studied composition with one of them.

As a result of Savonarola's attacks on polyphonic music, the singers were disbanded in 1493; the cause of professional

musicians was dealt another hard blow less than a year later with the expulsion of their patrons, the Medici. Coppinus's whereabouts are unknown from that time up to 1497 when he was given the position of organist and chaplain at the hospital of Santa Maria Nuova of Florence, shortly after which he resumed his post of organist at the Annunziata, while continuing with the hospital. In 1500 he assumed a third position, that of organist at San Lorenzo, the family church of the Medici. In addition to this he was also continuing his theological studies, being admitted as a master to the Florentine College of Theologians in 1502. As a result of the obvious difficulties of fulfilling all his duties satisfactorily a "great scandal" arose in 1503, during which San Lorenzo dismissed him "in order that our church be better served and also to remove this big expense for bad service ... "⁸ His whereabouts between 1505 and 1509 are unknown.

In 1509 he was once more back at the Annunziata as singing teacher, and a few months later resumed organ playing there as well as at Santa Maria Nuova. During the next few years he made several trips on behalf of the Annunziata. By 1514 he had become provincial vicar of the Servite Order. Probably because of the commitments of this position, he

presumably gave up his organist's post at the Annunziata, but continued at the other church until 1516. He was made a deacon of the Florentine College of Theologians in 1517 and received his doctorate a few years later. After apparently travelling throughout Tuscany as a provincial vicar, he settled in Rome and in 1522 became a Papal singer. He died of the plague in the summer of 1527.

All the known works of Alexander Coppinus have been transcribed by D'Accone⁹--except for a <u>canto carnascialesco</u> of which only the cantus and tenor survive--and include seven <u>canti</u> <u>carnascialesci</u> <u>a4</u>, two <u>canzonettas</u> <u>a4</u> and <u>a3</u>, three <u>ballatas</u>-two <u>a3</u> and one <u>a4</u>₇, two sacred Motets <u>a4</u>, one <u>a6</u>, one textless Motet <u>a6</u> and one <u>Mass-Si</u> <u>dedero--a5</u>.

The secular works are found in the Florentine Archives while the sacred compositions are found in two non-Florentine sources--a set of manuscript part books in the Landesbibliothek at Kassel (the Motet <u>a6</u>) and a choir book in the archives of the Milanese Cathedral, compiled under the supervision of Franchinus Gaffurius.

FOOTNOTES

¹The Motet and its translation are found in Lerner, "The Sacred Music of Alexander Agricola," p. 12. For a discrepancy regarding Agricola's origins, see Lerner, "The 'German' Works of Alexander Agricola," <u>Musical Quarterly</u>, XLVI (1960), 56ff. Further information concerning Agricola may be found in J. Delaporte, "L'Ecole polyphonique franco-flamande: Alegandre Agricola," <u>Revue Liturgique et Musicale</u>, XV (1932), 102-107.

²Concerning this recent information, see Martin Picker, "A Letter of Charles VIII of France concerning Alexander Agricola," <u>Aspects of Medieval and Renaissance Music</u> (1966), pp. 665-672.

³Lerner, "The German Works...", 60. In his thesis ("The Sacred Music..."), Lerner credits Agricola with two Lamentations, three Magnificats, eighteen Motets, eight Masses, three independent <u>Credo</u> and seventy-one chansons; he lists two Magnificats, one independent <u>Credo</u> and one Mass as being of disputed authorship.

⁴The complete works of Alexander Agricola are transcribed in Lerner, "The Sacred Music..."

⁵Further information on the biography of Obrecht may be found in Bain Murray, "New Light on Jacob Obrecht's Development---A Biographical Study," <u>Musical Quarterly</u>, XLIII (1957), 500-516 and in Salop, "The Masses of Jacob Obrecht...", pp. vii ff.

⁶Two printed editions of Obrecht's works exist. One, edited by Johannes Wolf appears under the title <u>Jakob Obrecht</u>: <u>Werken</u> and was published between the years 1912 and 1921. A second edition, edited by A. Smijers and entitled <u>Jacob Obrecht</u>: <u>Opera Omnia</u>, was left incomplete because of the death of the author. Only three of the Masses, at the time of writing, have as yet to appear in print in the two editions.

7 D'Accone, "Alessandro Coppini and Bartolomeo degli Organi..." and "A Documentary History of Music at the Florentine Cathedral and Baptistry during the 15th Century" (Ph.D. Dissertation, Harvard University, 1960), pp. 67-70.

⁸D'Accone, "Alessandro Coppini...", 42.

⁹D'Accone, editor, <u>Music of the Florentine Renaissance</u>, Vol.II <u>Collected Works of Alessandro Coppini</u>, <u>Bartolomeo degli</u> <u>Organi</u>, <u>Giovanni Serragli</u>, <u>and three Anonymous Works</u>, Corpus Mensurabilis Musicae, XXXII (American Institute of Musicology, 1967).

Chapter III

THE SONG-MOTET SI DEDERO OF ALEXANDER AGRICOLA

SOURCE OF CANTUS FIRMUS

Although song-motets are generally said to lack a <u>cantus firmus</u>,¹ Agricola's <u>Si dedero</u> is definitely based on a plain chant melody. Helen Hewitt, in her discussion of the work, traces the source of this <u>cantus firmus</u> to the <u>Completorii</u> <u>Libellus...</u>of the Dominican Order.² This version, whose phrase divisions are those indicated by Hewitt in her citation of this melody,³ appears in Example 1.

Edward Lerner⁴ and Martin Picker⁵, however, suggest that a second version of the chant, located in the <u>Antiphonale</u> <u>Sarisburiense</u> of the thirteenth century,⁶ serves as the basis for this composition. Picker has shown that the phrase structure of the <u>Antiphonale</u> melody (Example 2)--a simplified version of that found in the <u>Completorii Libellus</u>--appears to match the <u>cantus firmus</u> of the composition much more readily than the latter melody.⁷ In keeping with his conclusion, it will therefore be considered as the version employed by Agricola. A comparison of the Antiphonale version with Agricola's

cantus firmus may be found in Example 3.

An examination of the discussion concerning the structure of the chant as given by Lerner and Picker reveals the presence of two criteria regarding its analysis.

Unlike Lerner's analysis which appears to be based on textual criteria, Picker's seems to follow cadence articulations in the Agricola Song-motet. Based on a consideration of melodic caesurae and textual grouping, Lerner incorporates the \underline{B}^1 and returning \underline{A} within a single section. This results in a four-sectional ground plan. Picker, on the other hand, divides the melody into five phrases according to its cadential treatment within the Motet, but does so implicitly rather than explicitly; he simply mentions in passing that the fourth phrase is that which embodies double counterpoint, from which we may infer that it is the musical phrase associated with the second "meis."

Lerner's and Picker's respective analyses are summarized and compared in Table 1. Since Picker's analysis is based on purely musical considerations and takes into account the evident phrase articulation at measures 52-54, his five-sectional ground plan has been adopted in the present study.

The text of <u>Si dedero</u> is from the 131st Psalm and in the liturgy is the Verse of the Respond "In pace in idipsum" from Psalm 4. Both are to be sung during Compline from the Saturday after Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Passion Sunday:

Respond:	"In pace in idipsum dormiam et requiescam
Verse:	Si dedero somnum oculis meis et palpebris meis dormitationem.
Doxology:	Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto
Respond:	In pace in idipsum dormiam et req uiesca m." ⁸

OTHER COMPOSITIONS BASED ON THE SI DEDERO MELODY

In addition to the Agricola composition, Lerner cites two other polyphonic works which employ the <u>Si dedero</u> melody as <u>cantus firmus</u>.⁹ One is a Motet-chanson by Josquin entitled <u>Que vous madame - In Pace. Que vous madame</u>, which begins the piece, is followed by the Respond in the contratenor of the <u>prima pars</u> and by the Verse in the contratenor of the <u>secunda</u> <u>pars</u>. The other work, also by Josquin, is in Latin and includes the Respond, Verse and Doxology but lacks the final Respond. Like the Agricola composition, it is also liturgically incomplete.

THE PLACEMENT AND TREATMENT OF THE SI DEDERO MELODY IN AGRICOLA'S COMPOSITION

Because of the prevalence of both imitation and paraphrase of the borrowed melody, there exists some difference of opinion with respect to the location of the <u>cantus firmus</u> in the Agricola work, the entire Song-motet being reproduced in Example 4. This is evident in the conflicting analyses of Lerner and of Picker.

Lerner writes that "the cantus firmus is not exclusively

in the tenor voice but shifts from the tenor to the superius,"¹⁰ preceding this with the statement that the shift to the superius occurs in the third section. This would seem to imply that in Lerner's opinion the <u>cantus firmus</u> is restricted to the tenor until the third section.

On the other hand, Picker states that "the separate phrases of the melody are presented like a <u>cantus firmus</u> in long note values, initially in the superius and later in the tenor." He also observes that the fourth phrase of the melody is "twice presented in double counterpoint ... in the superius and then in the tenor."¹¹

From the foregoing remarks one may reconstruct both Lerner's and Picker's plan of <u>cantus firmus</u> migration as shown in Table 2.

It is perhaps noteworthy that divergence of opinion occurs only in relation to sections I and IV. Closer study of the work suggests that, whereas in sections II, III and V the <u>cantus firmus</u> is confined to a single voice (either tenor or superius), in sections I and IV it is in fact present in two voices successively. This differentiation of <u>cantus firmus</u> technique serves to set off sections I and IV--namely those deriving from the <u>A</u> phrases of the plainsong melody--from

sections II, III and V, which constitute the <u>B</u> group. It also permits further differential treatment within the <u>A</u> group as such, in that successive treatment of the <u>cantus firmus</u> assumes the form of imitation in section I but forms part of an exchange in double counterpoint in section IV. In the light of the foregoing analysis, the plan of <u>cantus firmus</u> migration is given in Table 3.

It will be evident that this interpretation reconciles, as it were, the conflicting views of Picker and of Lerner with respect to cantus firmus placement in sections I and IV.

In a manner not uncommon during the latter half of the fifteenth century, 1^2 Agricola alternates between unornamented passages involving figural ornamentation on the other, in his presentation of the <u>cantus firmus</u>. For the most part, passages of the former type tend to occur in the opening portion of each section, whereas those of the latter type occur cadentially or post-cadentially. Examination of Example 3 reveals that this shifting pattern of <u>cantus firmus</u> design is followed implicitly in sections II and V (tenor) and in section III (superius), and is thus a feature common to each of the <u>B</u> segments of the <u>cantus firmus</u>. Sections I and IV, which follow a closely similar pattern, share as well in common a distinctive

pre-cadential elaboration of the descending fourth a'-e'--an interval that characterizes the <u>A</u> segments of the plainsong melody. Furthermore, this intervallic elaboration proves to be cumulative, growing as it does from not more than a double passing-note at measure 5 (superius), to a slightly more embellished version at measures 8-9 (tenor), to a considerably extended variational elaboration at measures 55-58 (superius) and again at measures 60-63 (tenor). This element of progressive pre-cadential ornamentation, in contrast to the unencumbered pre-cadential <u>cantus firmus</u> process of the remaining sections, constitutes a further compositional link between sections I and IV, enhancing their previously mentioned common feature of successive cantus firmus statement.

At this point, we may examine more closely--and in the context of their cadential elaborations--the interaction between the successive <u>cantus firmus</u> statements of both sections I and IV. In section I, as superius and tenor proceed successively in imitation, their respective cadential elaborations converge to a point of common cadential articulation at measures 13-15, as may be seen in Example 4. More complex is the process encountered in section IV, where the tenor counterpoint that accompanies the <u>cantus firmus</u> statement of the superius at

55-60 is transferred to the superius to form its post-cadential elaboration at measures 62-64. In this latter position, it forms an invertible counterpoint to the <u>cantus firmus</u> statement heard in the tenor during the last-mentioned group of measures.

As has been noted, alternation of unornamented and ornamented passages constitutes Agricola's basic method of <u>cantus firmus</u> treatment in this work. The fact that, despite such alternation, he avoids any sense of schematic--or, to use Sparks's term, "rational"--plan of <u>cantus firmus</u> design, is due to such modifications thereof as those discussed above. Other elements that serve to ensure flexibility of design are: a) flexibility of the plainsong melody itself--a quality evident in the variational inflections of its recurrent phrases; b) avoidance of rigidly uniform note lengths in most of the unornamented <u>cantus firmus</u> passages; c) rhythmic and melodic plasticity of the varied figures embodied in the passages of <u>cantus firmus</u> elaboration.

An analysis of the distribution and interrelationship of the motives located in the passages of <u>cantus firmus</u> elaboration sheds light on Agricola's compositional techniques. These motivic constructions are shown in Example 5.

Firstly, there is an economy of motivic material being

The passages of cantus firmus elaboration (Example 5a) used. are based almost exclusively on two motives, x and z, one or the other or both of which appear in each such passage. Motive y is incidental, appearing only once in the cantus firmus material. Motive \underline{j} , a contrapuntal adjunct to motive \underline{z} , is closely related to that motive both rhythmically and melodically. Furthermore, motives x and z have a close rhythmicmelodic interrelationship, the latter motive being an intensification of the former. This is clearly evident in superius IV, where motives x and z stand in overlapping juxtaposition, with enhanced reiterative effect. The relationship of motives \underline{x} and \underline{z} is also brought into sharper focus when the first note of motive x is heard as syncopated in relation to the tactus, as occurs in tenor IV and repeatedly in the non-cantus firmus voices.

Also worthy of note is the composite nature of motive \underline{z} . Motive \underline{z} comprises two overlapping constituents, \underline{l} and \underline{m} , which are rhythmically identical and which in at least one instance (tenor II) are melodic counterparts by inversion. This relationship of the inner constituents of motive \underline{z} is further evidence of the economical use of motivic material that characterizes this work. A variant form of motive \underline{l} , namely \underline{l}^1 ,

occurs as well, and is a shortened version, both melodically and rhythmically, of <u>1</u>. It occurs in ascending, descending and horizontal forms, as may be seen in tenor V, superius I and tenor II respectively. As a rhythmic unit, it occasionally serves as an adjunct to one or other of the prime motives <u>x</u> and <u>z</u>, as in tenor I, superius I and tenor II.

Thirdly, the principle of motivic variation plays an important part in this composition. The foregoing comments have provided various instances of this principle, as for example, the relationship between motives x and z, or the use of motive $\underline{1}^1$ in place of motive $\underline{1}$. The elegant and unstudied complexity of Agricola's variational treatment of motives is, however, best demonstrated in comparing the various forms of motive z as found in Example 5b. It will be recalled that segments I and IV of the Agricola work are elaborations of the related chant phrases <u>A</u> and \underline{A}^{1} respectively, and that segments II and V are, equally, elaborations of the related chant phrases B and B. These relationships account for the similar pitch position of the members within each pair. Thus, both the z motive of superius I and that of superius (and tenor) IV lie within the fifth, a'-d', whereas the motive of tenor II and that of tenor V lie within the fifth, g-d'. However,

modifications of rhythmic detail create affinities between members of disparate pairs, as when the z motive of superius I and that of tenor II share the common rhythmic pattern 1-m, while the z motive of superius IV and that of tenor V share the common rhythmic pattern $1 - \underline{m}$. Concurrently, a constant shift in melodic detail ensures that no two forms of motive z are quite alike in contour. Thus motive z of superius I, with its gently curving motion through an ascending and descending third, differs from the direct rise and fall through a fifth that characterized the z motive of tenor II. Again, the z motive of superius IV, which shares the direct descent of the fifth with that of tenor II, differs from that of superius I and of tenor II, both in its substitution of the abbreviated 1¹ form in place of the longer 1 motive, and in its association with motive \underline{x} . Other melodic nuances link motive \underline{z} of tenor V with segments of superius I and superius IV respectively. The upward turn at the last note nevertheless endows it as well with a distinctive configuration. Sparks refers to a quality of "lively movement and brilliant and various detail" which, for him, typifies much of the music of this period. 13 This quality is

well exemplified in Agricola's art of motivic variation.

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CANTUS FIRMUS MATERIAL IN OTHER VOICES

Diffusion by Initial Imitation

It should be noted that Agricola uses the technique of initial imitation almost exclusively in this work. The unelaborated passages of the <u>cantus firmus</u> are, therefore, those primarily involved in the imitative process, since these passages generally occupy, as we have seen, the initial position within each of the <u>cantus firmus</u> sections. By the same token, the passages of <u>cantus firmus</u> elaboration--or at any rate those occurring in either medial or cadential positions in the various sections--are minimally involved in the process of imitation. As previously noted, these serve rather as a source for motivic reference and variation within the voices that surround the <u>cantus firmus</u>. They yield but the occasional moment of incidental imitation.

The following is an account of the passages of initial imitation in Agricola's <u>Si dedero</u>. The motivic aspects deriving from the passages of <u>cantus firmus</u> elaboration will be dealt with in the following section of this chapter.

Imitation is employed throughout all three voices in the

first section of the work as may be seen in Example 4. Here the contratenor presents anticipatory imitation of the <u>cantus</u> <u>firmus</u> in superius and tenor respectively.

In section II, anticipatory imitation again occurs in the contratenor, involving the first four notes of the second segment of the plainsong melody. These notes are heard with partial ornamentation at measures 16-18 and are followed at measures 18-21 by the four-note incipit---unornamented and in long note values---in the superius. The tenor, bearing the largely unornamented <u>cantus firmus</u>, closes the point of imitation with its entry at measure 20. Pervading imitation does not occur beyond this section.

In section III only tenor and superius are involved in imitation, the contratenor now assuming an independent role. As in section II, the incipit of the plainsong phrase concerned provides the material for anticipatory imitation, which now appears in the tenor from measures 37-40. Because this entry is followed at measure 40 by a largely unornamented <u>cantus</u> <u>firmus</u> whose notes are generally twice the rhythmic value established by the tenor incipit, the effect of augmentation is produced.

The contratenor is again independent in section IV, as

the two upper voices proceed in double counterpoint, each strand of which is a rhythmically activated elaboration of a different portion of the current chant segment. Upper voice imitation occurs, therefore, between the initial statement of the paired voices and their subsequent contrapuntal inversion. It does not occur within either of these presentations.

In section V, the concluding segment of the <u>cantus firmus</u> is present in the tenor, largely in semibreves. Imitation does occur between the remaining voices at measures 64-66, but does not involve <u>cantus firmus</u> material. Proceeding in parallel tenths, these voices present essentially new figural material, motive $\underline{1}^2$, in the sequential elaboration of which outlines of the <u>cantus firmus</u> are nevertheless traceable, as has been indicated in this Example.

In employing imitation in <u>Si dedero</u>, Agricola follows the conventional practice of the latter fifteenth century which, for the most part, reserved this device for compositions of modest proportions, such as the secular chanson and the sacred song-motet.¹⁴ The tendency to restrict imitation to the two upper voices, with but the occasional participation of the contratenor, again conforms with current usage. Less conventional is the borrowing, from the tenor motet, of the

device of <u>cantus firmus</u>--an element not commonly found in the song-motet.¹⁵ In his coupling of <u>cantus firmus</u> and of imitative procedures--and especially in his use of imitation as a means of spreading <u>cantus firmus</u> material beyond the confines of the tenor part--Agricola demonstrates the contemporaneity of his technical and musical conceptions.

Diffusion by Motivic Variation

An examination of the non-<u>cantus firmus</u> voices as presented in Example 6 reveals a structure based primarily on motives <u>x</u> and <u>z</u>, in either complete or fragmented form. Although occasionally presented in melodic and rhythmic forms comparable to their occurrence within the <u>cantus firmus</u>, these motives are generally varied through the creation of new relationships between constituent parts as the result of internal motivic re-combination.

Thus, among the five appearances of motive \underline{z} as illustrated in this Example, only two are present in a form offered by the <u>cantus firmus</u>--i.e. consisting internally of motives <u>1</u> and m. In measures 10-11 of the contratenor, this version

is present as a counterpoint in parallel tenths to the superius of the latter voice at that point. This motive is also present in measures 40-41 of tenor III, although it here assumes a more independent role, serving as an active counterpoint to the stagnant superius and contratenor.

Although the melodic shape of motive <u>z</u> is maintained in the other three occurences, it is varied rhythmically through: a) repetition of one of its constituent motives; b) shifting of the initial motive to a slightly later point; c) substitution of one of the component motives by some other previously heard in the cantus firmus.

In measures 26-29 of superius II, where two successive presentations of motive \underline{z} are heard, motive \underline{x} plays an important part in the substitution for internal motive \underline{m} . Although already clearly established at the outset of this composition, this motive has its forthcoming importance for motive \underline{z} heralded in measures 25-26. Alteration to the first instance of motive \underline{z} is achieved through the inverted repetition at measures 26-27 of motive $\underline{1}^1$ overlapping with motive \underline{x} , which in turn serves as a link to the second appearance of motive \underline{z} at measures 28-29. Here motive \underline{m} is again replaced, this time not by two motives but one--motive x alone.

Although the melodic shape of the foregoing passage reveals a double presentation of motive \underline{z} , it is also possible to analyze it in a manner which allows for the occurrence of three phrases, each of which consists of motives \underline{x} and $\underline{1}$ ($\underline{1}^1$). This would result in a quasi-sequential presentation of a pattern which melodically proves to be the inversion of motive \underline{z} . This interpretation is indicated in the Example by means of dotted brackets.

The third instance of rhythmic alteration to motive \underline{z} is found in superius V, measures 69-70. This version comprises, not motives $\underline{1}$ or $\underline{1}^1$, but the final step of a four-step rising sequence of $\underline{1}^2$. This culminating step is fused with motive \underline{m} in the sense that \underline{m} is heard as an ornamentation of the third and fourth notes of motive $\underline{1}^2$.

Apart from the rhythmic permutations of motive \underline{z} noted above, entirely new patterns occur as well. These result from yet other combinations of one or other, or both, components of \underline{z} . Motive \underline{x} and, in a few instances, the <u>m</u>-derived motive, j, are also used.

An example of a new pattern based on motive \underline{z} can be seen at measures 73-74 of superius V. Both motives $\underline{1}^1$ (in varied form) and \underline{m} are employed, but departure from the original form of motive \underline{z} is achieved through the inversion of $\underline{1}^1$.

The resulting motive appears in a melodically similar form in measures 42-44 of tenor III where, in place of $\underline{1}^1$, the likewise descending motive \underline{x} is found, followed, as in the first case, by motive m.

The sequential pattern found in measures 47-51 of contratenor III bears an interesting construction which may, in a general sense, be related to one of the internal motives of \underline{z} , namely $\underline{1}^1$. The passage in question commences with what appears to be an augmentation of $\underline{1}^1$, followed by an overlapping motive \underline{x} which leads immediately into the sequence. This new construction bears some melodic resemblance to motive \underline{z} --particularly that of measures 69-70.

Motives established in the <u>cantus firmus</u> or their derivatives also occur uncombined. These appear in varied repetition in sequence and in isolated statement.

Varied repetition of a single motive can be found in measures 5-9 of contratenor I. Separated from the initial presentation of motive $\underline{1}^1$ by an overlapping passage in measures 6-7 which resembles rhythmically motive \underline{x} , $\underline{1}^1$ appears for a second time in a form which maintains the rhythmic characteristics of the first statement but is altered melodically, being of horizontal rather than diagonal contour. This second $\underline{1}^1$ is thereupon followed by the entire motive $\underline{1}$.

A second instance of motivic repetition, this time minimally varied, is located in measures 12-15 of contratenor I, where motive \underline{x} is being treated in an almost sequential manner. The second presentation of that motive is separated from the first by a single note which is an octave above the final note of the initial motive x of this pattern.

An example of sequence is the treatment of motive $\underline{1}^2$ in measures 66-69 of superius V. Another sequence involving motive \underline{x} occurs in measures 47-50 of tenor III. Although there is an imitative relationship between this voice and the contratenor, there is a difference in that the tenor lacks the dotted rhythmic pattern between the two presentations of motive \underline{x} which would be identified as $\underline{1}^1$ augmented.

Finally, a motive may appear in isolation--that is, unattached to any other motive. Such incidental presentations are to be found in measures 30-33 of superius II, where two occurrences of motive $\underline{1}^1$ are separated by a measure through the interpolation of a rising scalic passage identified as motive \underline{j} ; in measures 71-72 of superius V, where motive \underline{m} is heard shortly after its presentation in the preceeding measure; measures 37-40 and 45-46 of contratenor III, where motives $\underline{1}^1$, \underline{x} and \underline{m} are heard in isolated positions. In summarizing the above examples, it can be said that, for the most part, motive \underline{z} and its constituent parts, as well as motive \underline{x} , provide the material for much of the non-<u>cantus firmus</u> voices. It is in the flexibility of distribution accorded these motives, and in their multiform variation by means of sequence, transposition, rhythmic and melodic permutation, as well as in the recombination of their constituent elements, that Agricola displays his keen sensibility for unified diversity within the voices serving as counterpoints to the <u>cantus firmus</u>.

HARMONIC ASPECTS

Vertical Sonorities -- Consonant and Dissonant

In an article devoted to a study of harmonic formations in late fifteenth century secular music, Charles Fox shows that the essential, or non-ornamental, fourth is infrequently used in this repertory.¹⁶ Coining the term "non-quartal" to designate works that wholly avoid the essential fourth, Fox estimates that "about 25% of the three-part songs of the period were non-quartal."¹⁷ He finds a somewhat less restrictive use of the non-quartal technique of writing in a large number of the remaining works which he examined. Although not completely free of essential fourths, such works make only very occasional use of that interval.

In strictly non-quartal works, the influence of this principle is made evident in: a) the terminal cadence, where the fifth is not permitted to sound against the octave because of the resulting forbidden interval, therefore making $\begin{array}{c}15\\8\end{array}$ or $\begin{array}{c}8\\6\end{array}$ cadences mandatory; b) the preference of open-position first inversion chords ($\begin{array}{c}10\\6\end{array}$) over those in close position ($\begin{array}{c}6\\3\end{array}$), encouraging extensive passages in parallel tenths; c) except for these parallelisms and because of the impossibility of

having two consecutive $\frac{5}{3}$ chords (parallel fifths), a rather infrequent use of complete triads.

The intervallic structure of the Agricola work was examined in the light of these observations. It was found that, of the 133 three-part consonant sonorities, only four (3%) contain an essential fourth, while as many as eighty-one (60%) contain a tenth above the tenor.¹⁸ Furthermore of all consonant sonorities, about fifty-three per cent are incomplete triads.

The conclusion drawn therefrom is that, although not in pure non-quartal style, Agricola's <u>Si dedero</u> approximates that style closely. Since Fox notes explicitly that his observations do not apply to non-secular works of the period, it may be said that, with respect to at least this particular element of harmonic style, Agricola's work is closer to the secular songs of the period than to the repertory of religious music.

Example 7 illustrates some characteristic passages of dissonance in Agricola's <u>Si dedero</u>. The first item therein presents a rather interesting form of dissonance. The A in the contratenor, appearing on the last beat of measure 5 as a note two octaves below that in the superius at the beginning of the measure, is held over the bar line to create a consonant twelfth with the superius but a dissonant seventh with the

tenor. The A proceeds upward by step to form a $\frac{6}{4}$ chord (also a dissonant element), and is thereupon followed by c, which creates a consonant $\frac{10}{5}$ with the other two voices.

The second and third items of Example 7 may be interpreted as free "escape notes," contratenor f being the dissonant note in the former instance, contratenor d in the latter.

In the final item, correlation of each of the outer voices with the tenor voice yields a configuration that is consonant in intervallic terms (e-g and g-d'), even if dissonant when regarded as a three-part sonority (e-g-d').

Dissonance plays an important role at pre-cadential points, serving as a culminative element in the drive to cadence. Two such instances are quoted in Example 8.

Harmonic Progression

Again because of the high proportion of incomplete triads, analysis of root movement is not possible for the complete composition. The occasional passage of unequivocal triadic formation is, however, subject to such analysis, as in the following instances.

In addition to the considerable use of the then

conventional root progressions in seconds and thirds, progressions involving root motion by fourth or fifth are prominent as well. Two instances, one at measures 25-30 and the other at measures 66-69, are cited in Example 9. Still other instances of this progression are scattered throughout the work, notably at sectional cadences, with the exception of that of section III.

Finally, mention should be made of motivically embellished sustained harmonies such as appear in the instances cited in Example 10. Although harmonically static, these passages warrant attention in that they have an important bearing on harmonic colour and rhythm. Also, in at least certain instances, as at measures 44-45 and 53-54, they serve to accentuate the directional force of the harmony in question towards the ensuing chord. Each of the instances cited involves motivic embellishment of an extended dominant harmony that eventually resolves to tonic.

The Drive to the Cadence and Cadential Overlap

The drive to cadence--a term applied to passages which serve to emphasize the force of the cadence--is a characteristic

feature of style at this time and is achieved by rhythmic, melodic or harmonic means.¹⁹

The diverse procedures employed with regard to this technique in Agricola's Si dedero (Example 4) may be outlined as follows: a) displacement of accent as all the voices "hold over from one tactus into the next,"²⁰ to create a quality of rhythmic vitality and animation, as at measures 12-13, 32-33, and 73-74; b) rhythmic and textural fluency created by writing in parallel motion (parallel tenths or thirds) at some point in advance of the actual cadence measures, as at measures $10-11^2$ in anticipation of the cadence at measures 14-15, at measures 25-29 and 32-33 (upper voices) in anticipation of the cadence at measures 34-35, and at measures 50-51 (outer then upper voices) in anticipation of the cadence at measure 52; c) use in the foregoing (as well as in other pre-cadential) passages of cumulative figures, such as sequence as at measures 25-29 and 66-70, and of generally varied motivic repetition as at measures 60-61 and 61-62; d) use of textural contrast, as at measure 12, where a short passage of more emphatic homophonic texture, while actually slowing down the general rhythmic motion, intensifies the accentual pulsations and accelerates the rate of harmonic rhythm as the phrase moves towards its cadence;

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e) increase of dissonance at the pre-cadential measures, as at measures 13, 33-34, 74-75;²¹ f) frequent increase in rhythmic complexity in the pre-cadential measure, often in the form of cross-accentuation (i.e. increased microrhythmic diversity), as at measures 13, 31-34, and 50-52. In contrast to points a), b) and d) above, points c), e) and f) represent increased complexity of texture in the pre-cadential measures.

Such are the melodic, rhythmic and textural elements that create the drive to cadence in the present work. The melodic and harmonic elements of the cadences as such are, in general, those conventionally in use at that time. These elements will be subjected to detailed analysis at a later point, as will be their network of interrelationships.

One further aspect of cadence construction to be noted here is the fact that Agricola treats cadences in a way calculated to lessen, or obscure, the incisiveness of the cadential pause. This is achieved in two ways: a) through the extension of some one of the contrapuntal lines past the point of harmonic cadence; b) through the commencement of a new phrase in one voice as the others sustain their cadence tones. The former case is exemplified at measures 15 and 53, the latter at measures 35 and 64. In all cases, the contratenor

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is responsible for this process of cadential overlap. At measure 14 of section I, the contratenor, instead of pausing like the other two voices, continues on, ornamenting its cadential note with motive \underline{x} and then proceeding immediately into section II. In measures 53-55 of section III, the contratenor presents a scalic passage consisting of motives $\underline{1}$ and \underline{x} , beginning with c and ending with f. Instead of being the first voice to introduce the following section it overlaps it, since the superius presents the <u>cantus firmus</u> at the middle of measure 54.

But if the foregoing devices serve to counteract the effect of cadential pause, their influence is in turn modified by other factors. Among these are the fact that: a) the cadence tone in each of the upper voices is, in most instances, stationary, thereby enhancing the punctuational effect of the cadence; b) a melodic rhythmic accent in the contratenor line in each of the cadence measures (for example, the neighbournote a of measures 14-15, or the attack on g at measure 64) serves to isolate and to underscore the moment of cadential pause.

Classification and Analysis of Cadences

Because of the strong repetitional element in the chant melody, cadential recurrence is intrinsic to this work. Example 11 indicates the formulae present in the superius at the five melodic cadences of Agricola's <u>Si dedero</u>.²²

Despite a marked element of uniformity with regard to the cadential notes (marked with an "X"), a considerable degree of differentiation between formulae is present; this is achieved by such means as: a) pitch position of the cadence formula; b) pre-cadential interval; c) pitch of the pre-cadential note(s); d) pre-cadential durational values. Table 4 illustrates the diverse groupings of the various melodic cadences with respect to each of these criteria. The distribution of repetitional, variational and cumulative elements--indicated by "X"'s in the proper column--amongst the various cadences makes evident a fine balance of both similar and disparate elements.

The harmonic aspects of cadence are characterized by similar elements of formulaic repetition modified by variant detail in such a way as to create again a balanced scale of cadential values. Example 12 reveals common elements present in each harmonic cadence: a) conventional clausula vera

progression (sixth to octave) between superius and tenor; b) both the conventional suspension over the penultimate interval of the <u>clausula vera</u> and the contratenor fifth below the tenor at that point, each of which contributes toward the latent sense of dominant harmony; c) leading note progression in the <u>clausula vera</u> which is present without intervention of <u>musica ficta</u> in the group of cadences on c', and elicited through the use of <u>musica ficta</u> in two of the three cadences on g' (second and third)--an element which is again contributory toward the latent sense of dominant harmony.

Also to be considered are cadential elements which are particular to those cadences resolving either on c' or on g'. In the former cadential group three elements will be considered: a) octave leaping contratenor; b) dissonance appearing in the

approach to the cadence; c) intervallic structure of the final chord of the cadence.

In the first cadence, the leap of the octave in the contratenor appears on the <u>tactus</u> without the intervention of a rest, while in the fourth cadence the octave leap occurs between <u>tactus</u> and after an intervening rest. The second element makes its presence known in the first cadence as accented passing notes in parallel thirds between tenor and contratenor and in the fourth cadence as a light and unaccented dissonance in the superius--both instances indicated in the Example by an "X". The $\frac{8}{5}$ disposition common to each of the c' cadences is the last of the three elements to be noted.

Three elements to be considered in the cadential group resolving on g' are: a) pre-cadential descent in the contratenor line; b) cadential strength, and c) intervallic structure of the final cadence chord.

The pre-cadential descent from e to d, which is common to the three cadences of this group, is deflected upward by step to e--following a short rest--in the second cadence, continues downward by step to C, with melodic variation, in the third cadence, and leaps downward by fifth to the <u>finalis</u> of the mode in the fifth cadence. The cadential progressions are

weak (deceptive cadences) in the second and third cadences; in the former it proceeds by rising step and in the latter by falling step (e-d-C). In the fifth cadence there is a strong cadential close involving the descent of a fifth in the contratenor, underlying the <u>clausula vera</u> progression in the two upper voices. The intervallic structure of the final cadence chord in the second cadence is $\frac{10}{3}$, in the third cadence $\frac{10-12}{3}$, and in the fifth cadence $\frac{15}{8}$.

A hierarchy of cadential values is created by these harmonic elements of cadence structure. Thus, the strongest of the five cadences is clearly the terminal one, both in terms of the dropping fifth of the contratenor and of the intervallic structure (double octave and octave) of its closing sonority. Of the four internal cadences, the first and fourth are the strongest because of the implied V-I progression, although of the two, the latter is less affirmative owing to its weaker dissonance treatment and the delay in sounding the upper note of the octave-leaping contratenor part. Still weaker in cadential value are the second and third, both deceptive cadences. In these, the punctuational force is still further reduced by the cadential rest in the contratenor in the former instance, and by both the ornamental treatment of the

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contratenor line and the absence of the leading note in the latter. Melodic-rhythmic values, as previously discussed, provide a further modifying element.

Brief mention may be made of cadences within the various sections of the work. Aside from a rather strong cadential formula in measures 45-46, the other internal cadences are well masked by Agricola. Of these, three of the more prominent instances will be examined here. These are the cadences at measures 9-10, 31-32 and 58-59. The second of these cadences appears to be strongest as it is a clausula vera, with the sixth to octave progression appearing between contratenor and tenor. The relative mildness of punctuational effect is achieved in various ways in each of these three cadences. In the first instance, the cadence occurs in the lower voices at the moment of entry of the superius line; furthermore, the contratenor continues in sumultaneous rhythmic movement with the superius; also, the harmonic progression from measures 9-10 is by step (deceptive cadence) and no leading-note is present. In the second case, a strong cadence is avoided through the resumption of fast-moving notes in the superius following the sounding of the cadential note; also contributing to cadential weakness is the harmonic progression of a second

from measures 31-32. In the third cadence, this mildness is maintained through the continued movement in the contratenor following the cadence as well as the implication of a deceptive cadence in the sounding, in that same voice, of a in measure 59.

Thus, of the four internal cadences mentioned above, the strongest is that at measures 45-46, where a strong V-I progression is implied; further contributing to this strength is the pause on the cadential note in all voices, as well as a brief reference to the <u>clausula vera</u>, the interval of the sixth appearing between the last note in the contratenor of measure 45 (d') and the superius (b'). The second strongest is that in measure 31-32, also with <u>clausula vera</u> in outer voices.

An interesting final point is the importance granted the descending motive within the pentachord g-c as a cadential element. An examination of Example 4 reveals that the motive occurs in its most direct form at the internal cadence of section III at measures 45-46. However, it is already present at the closing cadence of section I at measures 14-15, where it has the expressive upper neighbour-note, a. It also occurs at the close of section IV in measures 64-65 and by inversion at the close of section III at measures 53-54. Still other

motivic references to the pentachordal outline, or rather to its triadic sublimate, occur at measures 22-23, 32, 35-37 and 58-59, in either contratenor or superius voices. Rhythmically, the motive generally assumes the form encountered elsewhere as motive <u>m</u>. Its importance as a linking--yet quasi-punctuational--element between sections or phrases is obvious. Furthermore, its firm delineation of the c pentachord--or, stated differently, of a C major center--is unmistakable. As such, it is one of the contributing elements to the sense of incipient tonality that characterizes this work.

Ground Plan as Defined by Cadences and Other Structural Procedures

The cadences of the plainsong fragment (Example 2) that serves Agricola as <u>cantus firmus</u> are c', g', g', c' and g'. Inspection of Table 5 reveals strict adherence to this sequence of cadence notes at the corresponding points in Agricola's composition, with the single exception that the terminal cadence of section III insists on a c rather than g. This is brought about through conversion of the upper voice <u>clausula</u> <u>vera</u> on g' into a deceptive cadence with contratenor at the fifth below.

Despite this alteration, Agricola's harmonic plan, as defined by the closing cadences of the five sections of his work, remains unmistakably Hypomixolydian, involving as it does that hovering fluctuation of centers that is so delightful a characteristic of the modal style. This quality is further enhanced by such elements as: a) insistence on c-centered interior cadences in all but the two outer sections; b) use of transient interior cadences on subtonic, supertonic and upper fifth; c) placement of the initial thematic entry of the work on d, a fourth below the <u>finalis</u> of the mode. The <u>finalis</u> asserts itself but tentatively at the close of section II, is evaded at the close of section III, and emerges as the governing center only in the closing cadence of the last section.

From the foregoing we conclude that periodic digressions from an initially established and subsequently recurrent center, such as characterize the system of functional, or tonal, harmony, are not present in this work. Traces of incipient tonality are nevertheless present--if not at the macroformal level, then in such interior details as the lengthy c-centered passage at measures $12-32^{23}$ and again in section IV, as well as those noted in the preceding discussion of the harmonic aspects of this work.

Incipient Tonality

Summarizing the diverse traces of incipient tonality noted in this work, we observe that these were found in various details of harmonic progression, in the many elements that contribute to the drive towards cadence, in certain aspects of cadence interrelationship, as well as elsewhere in the design. At the same time, the basic harmonic plan as defined by the network of cadences remains characteristically modal.

In studying the harmonic aspects of the parody works based on this model, attention will be drawn to borrowings and elaborations of these restrictive stylistic components.

FOOTNOTES

¹Sylvia Kenney, "In Praise of the Lauda," <u>Aspects of</u> <u>Medieval and Rennaisance Music</u>, p. 491; Hewitt, <u>op. cit.</u>, p. 72.

²Completorii Libellus juxta ritum S. Ordinis Praedicatorum. (Rome, 1931).

³Hewitt, <u>op</u>. <u>cit</u>., p. 210.

⁴Lerner, "The Sacred Music of Alexander Agricola," p. 147.

⁵Picker, "The Chanson Albums...," 183.

⁶Antiphonale Sarisburiense, Vol. I (London: Plainsong and Medieval Music Society, 1901), p. 150.

⁷Picker, <u>The Chanson Albums...</u>, pp. 93-94.

⁸ The Respond and Verse may be translated as "I will lay me down in peace and sleep" and "If I will give sleep to mine eyes or slumber to mine eyelids" respectively.

⁹Lerner, "The Sacred Music...," p. 146. ¹⁰<u>Ibid</u>, p. 150. ¹¹Picker, <u>The Chanson Albums</u>..., p. 94. ¹²Sparks, <u>op</u>. <u>cit</u>., p. 307 and Chapter X, <u>passim</u>. ¹³<u>Ibid</u>, p. 311. ¹⁴<u>Ibid</u>, p. 177. ¹⁵<u>Ibid</u>, p. 202.

¹⁶ Charles Warren Fox, "Non-Quartal Harmony in the Renaissance," <u>Musical Quarterly</u>, XXXI (1945), 33-53.

¹⁷Ibid, 38.

18 Nine combinations of the tenth with other harmonic intervals were found. These are as follows: 10 10 10 10 12 15 17 10 10 1 3 5 6 8 10 10 10 10 ¹⁹See Sparks, <u>op</u>. <u>cit</u>., pp. 229ff., p. 465 n.12. ²⁰Ibid, p. 220. ²¹See above, p. 49.

²²Only the group of terminal cadences from the five sections of the Agricola work are under consideration in the present discussion.

²³Only at measure 20 is there a momentary deflection towards g, if Picker's editorial sharp above the contratenor f in measure 19 is accepted. (See Picker, <u>The Chanson Albums</u>..., p. 464.) It will be noted that Hewitt avoids this <u>musica</u> <u>ficta</u> alteration. (See Hewitt, <u>Op. cit.</u>, p. 339.)

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Chapter IV

THE MISSA SI DEDERO OF JACOB OBRECHT

TREATMENT OF THE CANTUS FIRMUS

The <u>cantus firmus</u> of Obrecht's <u>Missa Si dedero</u> appears in three different formats: a) segmented <u>cantus firmus;</u> b) tenor substitute in complete movements; c) auxiliary borrowing.

Segmented Cantus Firmus

In his article on parody technique, Lewis Lockwood identifies Obrecht's <u>Missa Si dedero</u> as being of undoubtedly linear construction, even though use is made of more than one voice from the model.¹ According to Arnold Salop, a principal compositional technique employed in presenting the single line of the <u>cantus firmus</u> is that of segmentation, in which "the borrowed melody is broken into individual segments, each of which is repeated a specific number of times, according to notated mensural or canonic directions, to underlay specific portions of the Mass."²

In keeping with the practice of writing <u>Christe</u>, <u>Pleni</u>, <u>Benedictus</u> and <u>Agnus Dei II</u> in reduced texture without <u>cantus</u> <u>firmus</u>, ³ and again in keeping with the practice of subdividing the extended <u>Et in terra</u> and <u>Patrem omnipotentem</u> portions of the Mass, Obrecht's work is set up in four three-part movements and ten four-part movements. The latter comprise the two <u>Kyrie</u>, two subdivisions each of the <u>Et in terra</u> and <u>Patrem</u> <u>omnipotentem</u>, the <u>Sanctus</u> and <u>Osanna</u>, and the first and last of the Agnus Dei movements.

Borrowing the tenor of Agricola's <u>Si dedero</u>, Obrecht divides it in the manner noted above, always placing the segments in the tenor voice, ⁴ and distributing them among the four-part movements so as to form a large-scale scaffolding for the total work. Each successive unit is assigned to a separate such movement with the exception of the last segment which is heard in both the first and third <u>Agnus Dei</u>. Extraneous to the scaffolding plan is the <u>ostinato</u>-like treatment of the combined first and second segments in the tenorless <u>Christe</u>; because of its reduced texture, this movement serves an episodic rather than a structural function within the over-all design of the Mass. The segments employed in these movements are notated in <u>integer valor</u> in Example 13; departures

from the Agricola tenor are indicated therein, and each of the nine segments labelled with the corresponding movement.

Except in Agnus Dei III and in the episodic Christe, these segments are treated proportionally. Thus in Kyrie I and II, Et in terra, Patrem omnipotentem and Osanna they are presented three times each in the proportions of 6:2:1, 2:1:1, 3:2:1, 6:2:1 and 4:2:1, in Qui tollis and Crucifixus four times in 6:2:2:1 relationship, in Sanctus six times in 4:2:2:1:1:2 proportion and in Agnus Dei I twice in a proportion of 2:1. (The numeral 1 as included in these proportional relationships does not necessarily refer to a segment in integer valor but rather to that which bears the shortest rhythmic value in the movement concerned.) All of these presentations are nontransposing except for Sanctus (oscillation between c and d) and yet again the non-structural Christe (g, d; d, f, g). It should be noted that the Petrucci print of Obrecht's Si dedero presents each of the tenor segments in notation only once. Appropriate repetitional signs indicate the number of statements required for each segment, while proportional signs specify the mensurational values proper to each statement. This notation, in the manner of a proportional canon, makes it possible to compress all of the components of the cantus firmus scaffolding

upon a single page of the print.

Tenor Substitute in Complete Movements

If the three-part movements serve primarily the function of providing contrast and local episodic relief by virtue of their reduced texture, they are, nevertheless, also entrusted with certain secondary structural functions within the largescale design of the work. This is notably the case with the closing group of three-part movements, namely <u>Pleni</u>, <u>Benedictus</u> and <u>Agnus Dei II</u>. Unlike <u>Christe</u>, these near-terminal movements contain no reference to <u>cantus firmus</u> segments, although parody is especially prominent.⁶ Instead, each in turn presents the complete tenor, superius and contratenor of the Agricola model. In thus presenting complete lines in <u>integer valor</u>, rather than repeated segments in proportional augmentations, this group of movements embodies a secondary <u>cantus firmus</u> plan that stands in both a complementary and cumulative relationship to the basic scaffolding plan of the four-part movements.⁷

The voices of the Mass involved in this secondary group of <u>cantus firmus</u> statements are altus, discantus and bassus.

These follow the model very closely, the principal departures being found in the bassus of <u>Agnus Dei II</u> at measures 5-7 and at measure 51, as indicated in Example 14. Minor rhythmic alterations are found in the bassus at measure 7 and in the altus at measure 9 of <u>Pleni</u>, in both cases the dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note being changed to two quarter notes. So close, in fact, is the correspondence between these non-segmented <u>cantus firmi</u> and their source that, in each case, the dimensions of the movement are precisely those of the Agricola model.

An examination of the chart included in Table 6 will reveal both the basic scaffolding <u>cantus firmus</u> plan of the work, involving the distribution of the nine segments among the ten four-part movements, and the secondary <u>cantus firmus</u> plan of the near-terminal group of three-part movements. <u>Christe</u>, which shares with the other three-part movements their episodic but not their integrative function, is bracketed separately.

Auxiliary Borrowing

Even though in each movement there is only one voice

which serves as the supporting structure, either as a scaffolding cantus firmus or as a tenor substitute, material from the model is nevertheless present in the other voices at various points, either for only a few measures or for an extensive part of the movement. The more extended quotations appear only in those movements based on segmented cantus firmus and occur most notably in Qui tollis, Crucifixus and Osanna. More tentative use of this technique is detectable in Kyrie I and Et in terra. Since much of the time this supplementary quotation takes place during the tenorless passages of these fourpart movements, these quotations may be regarded, in some sense, as "tenor substitute."⁸ At times, however, the tenor substitute and the cantus firmus proper overlap. In either instance, these auxiliary borrowings may be regarded as a further supplement to the primary and secondary cantus firmus plans outlined earlier.

In view of their decorative function, it need not be surprising that these auxiliary borrowings adhere less strictly to the model than do the <u>cantus firmus</u> borrowings discussed earlier. Departures from the model may be rhythmic or melodic and will be illustrated by a comparison between the different versions. The first instance to be discussed will be the

presentation of the complete superius of the Agricola work in the discantus of <u>Crucifixus</u> (Example 15).

In Crucifixus, the entire discantus up to measure 92 is concerned with a presentation, with certain modifications, indicated by "X"s, of the entire superius of Agricola's work. Sections I to III of the model are presented exactly, except for slight rhythmic variations--indicated by brackets--in measures 12-13, 40-42 and 45-46, as well as a rhythmic-melodic change in measure 47. Similarly in section V only a small change is made -- the rhythm of measure 74 of the model. Section IV, however, shows an obvious departure from the Agricola superius in measures 55-57 (where the note d' is being elaborated) and measures 58-59 (where the note c' is ornamented). In addition to a slight rhythmic-melodic alteration in measures 54-55, a further modification occurs with the separation of the first and second parts of that section by a ten measure rest, from measures 60-69. In this movement the segmented cantus firmus is not present during the statements of sections I, II, IV^2 and V, but is during sections III and IV^{\dagger} . Because the segmented cantus firmus is the governing voice in the movement, its presence necessitates alterations in the secondary voice should dissonant writing result otherwise --

witness the great number of changes in sections III and IV^{\perp} , especially the latter, as illustrated above.

The altus of Qui tollis and that of Osanna each present a considerable portion of the tenor as found in the model with modifications at certain points. In Qui tollis (Example 16), sections II, III, IV^{\perp} and V are treated, the first four appearing consecutively without break until measure 35, where a freely composed passage interrupts and lasts until measure 82, at which point section V appears. At four points in the altus there is a departure from the model, two by rhythmic alterations and two by melodic. The former instances occur in measures 6-7 and 82-85, both cases showing a diminution of rhythmic values, in the last one there being a reduction of one-third followed by one-half of the original. The two melodic alterations are found in measures 25-26 and 29-30, the former instance involving the omission of a measure from the Agricola and the latter the substitution of a shorter, variant melodic outline. The segmented <u>cantus firmus</u> is not sounding when sections II, III and V are presented but is found at measures 25ff during sections III² and IV, where there occurs the prolonged introductory pedal note g. As the cantus firmus line becomes active in the latter case, however, the altus proceeds freely, that is with

no--or with at best incidental and momentary--citation of the model.

The altus of Osanna (Example 17) presents sections I, II, III and V of the Agricola tenor, the first two appearing consecutively up to measure 16. As the cantus firmus segment enters in the tenor at measure 17, the altus proceeds freely to measure 37. During the remainder of the movement, the tenor is again silent at measures 37-49 and 57-61. During each of these interludes, the altus again quotes directly from the tenor part of the Agricola model, citing section III during the first interlude and section V during the latter. Rhythmic alterations are governed by the proportion 2:1 in measures 37-38 and 44-45, while melodic changes serve as elaborations in measures 11-12 (where there is also some diminution) and measure 65, as a rhythmic alteration of the model in measures 47-48--substituting the characteristic rhythm of Agricola's measure 33 for that of measure 51--and in measure 62, where there is a substitution of the motive from Agricola's measure 32 (transposed).

The preceding discussion has dealt primarily with alterations of the model, and only incidentally with the interrelationship of the scaffolding and auxiliary cantus firmus

plans as found in the aforementioned movements. Table 7 traces the interconnections of these two <u>cantus firmus</u> systems in explicit detail. It may be noted that overlap occurs only in <u>Kyrie I and Crucifixus</u>. Also noteworthy is the evident symmetry in the interlocking of the two systems in the <u>Osanna</u>, <u>Qui tollis</u> and <u>Et in terra</u> movements. Apropos of the passages of free writing and of parodistic material, it should be pointed out that much of the free writing in this work does, in fact, incorporate parody quotation at the motive or phrase level. The analysis of such passages has, however, been reserved for the section entitled "Parodistic Aspects."

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HARMONIC CONSIDERATIONS

Vertical Sonorities -- Consonant and Dissonant

The types of vertical sonorities occurring in the Agricola work are also characteristic of the three-part movements and sections of movements in Obrecht's <u>Missa Si dedero</u>. These elements will be examined as they are found in the complete <u>Benedictus</u>, in the three-part section of <u>Agnus Dei III</u> (up to the tenor entry at measure 64), and in Pleni.

Of the 169 consonant three-part sonorities in <u>Benedictus</u>, sixty-eight (40%) are complete chords in root position without fourth, and five (3%) are complete chords in first inversion without fourth. Non-quartal incomplete chords total eighty-six (51%), of which fifty-four present the 3rd but lack the 5th, fourteen have the 5th but not the 3rd, seven have either the octave or unison, and eleven present a 6th (or 13th) above the bassus. Only ten chords (6%) are quartal. Of the seventy-three complete chords, thirty-seven contain the 10th above the bassus (51%).

In <u>Agnus Dei III</u>, forty-five of the 127 three-part consonant chords are complete (36%), with thirty-four in root

position, and eleven in first inversion; incomplete chords number seventy-four (58%), with fifty-seven having the 3rd but no 5th, nine the 5th but no 3rd, two with octave only, and six with a 6th above the bassus. Eight chords (6%) are quartal. Twenty-seven of the forty-five complete chords contain the interval of a 10th above the bassus (53%).

An even lower incidence of the essential fourth occurs in <u>Pleni</u> (Example 18), where, in a work containing 138 threepart consonances, only two instances were found--an incidence of only one per cent. This movement also serves as an excellent example of the use of parallel tenths--a further characteristic of the non-quartal style.⁹ Such parallelism is found in a total of twenty-five measures, representing thirty-two per cent of the seventy-six measures of that movement.

In summary, it may be stated that, as is true of Agricola's composition non-quartal style is closely approximated in representative three-part sections of the Obrecht Mass, since about half the consonant sonorities contain a tenth above the bassus, and between fifty and sixty per cent of the chords are incomplete, with quartal formations being rare.

Since non-quartal writing is not normally associated

with sacred music of the period, 10 one would have to consider the possibility that Obrecht deliberately emulates the harmonic style of his model in these <u>a3</u> movements. The foregoing observation is presented as an hypothesis. Its verification is beyond the scope of the present thesis, since this would require investigation of a representative sampling of other sacred works <u>a3</u> by both Obrecht and his contemporaries.

With the exception of those deviations from triadic sonority mentioned in the foregoing discussion of the threepart movements and sections of movements, Obrecht follows contemporary norms in using the triad as basic sonority. Further departures from the latter do occur, however, in the form of dissonances, such as suspensions, passing tones, neighbouring tones and appoggiaturas, all of which are in general use in the period. There also appear dissonances which cannot be categorized; their occurrence within this composition, although infrequent, merits brief discussion.

An examination of Example 19 reveals six different types of interesting dissonance treatment; four of these are drawn from the <u>Benedictus</u> movement while the other two are found in Kyrie II and Christe respectively.

Although rare, instances of parallel fifths and sevenths

are found. Example 19a illustrates the latter, with the sevenths occurring in measure 70 between the altus and bassus (the intervals concerned are marked with an "X"). Another consecutive dissonance, this time involving a ninth moving to a seventh in contrary motion, is located in measure 65 of Benedictus (Example 19b), the intervals concerned being between discantus and bassus. Examples 19c and 19d show durational emphasis on upper neighbouring notes, in the latter case in what is later identified as the "consonant fourth" formula¹¹, and in the former case in a variant form thereof with active rather than static bassus. A leap of a fourth from a non-harmonic tone is found at the end of measure 74 of Benedictus (Example 19e); this same formula appears in the final measures of Agnus Dei III. A leap to and from a dissonant note is located in measure 22 of Christe (Example 19f); the note to which the dissonant b leaps is the same as that preceding it.

It can be seen, therefore, that even though dissonance treatment at the time of Obrecht is becoming stereotyped, there still occur brief passages in which may be found a rather free treatment of dissonance judged according to later norms. Understood, however, in terms of the prevailing modes of

intervallic, rather than of chordal, harmonic organization, these instances are both idiomatic and amenable to theoretical explanation.

Harmonic Progression

In order to avoid the pitfalls of ambiguous root extraction--a problem encountered in the Agricola chapter-the analysis of the harmonic progressions in Obrecht's <u>Missa</u> <u>Si dedero</u> will be confined to chords which are complete as vertical sonorities or in which the linear progression of one or more lines clearly defines a specific triad. The following detailed discussion of root movement is limited to two Mass movements--<u>Kyrie II</u> and <u>Patrem omnipotentem</u>. The results obtained, however, are closely similar in each, and may be taken as representative for the work as a whole.

Of the twenty-six chordal progressions in <u>Kyrie II</u>, root relationship of the 4th or 5th is found in fourteen instances (54%), that of the 3rd in seven cases (27%) and that of the 2nd five times (19%). Frequently there is oscillation between two notes as in nine cases of the category first mentioned, three of the second and two of the third.

In <u>Patrem omnipotentem</u>, of the 145 unambiguous progressions, root movement by 4th or 5th is located seventyseven times (53%), by 3rd thirty-six times (25%) and by 2nd thirty-two times (22%). Oscillation between two notes occurs in thirty-eight instances in the first case, nineteen in the second and nine in the third.

The unusually high incidence, for this period, of root progression (and oscillation) by 4th and 5th are style elements wholly in accord with Obrecht's generally recognized "feeling for tonality, and his clear harmony."

The Drive to the Cadence 13

Salop notes two cadence-directed style elements which Obrecht inherits from his predecessors and contemporaries:¹⁴ a) cadence-directed bass line ("designed bass"); b) "tritone drive to the cadence" (direct or indirect). Both are illustrated in Example 20.

The first element--with "X" indicating the structurally important bassus notes--may be found in <u>Kyrie I</u> (Example 20a), <u>Qui tollis</u> (Example 20b) and <u>Benedictus</u> (Example 20c). In Kyrie I, the bassus line emphasizes the fourth and fifth of the

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mode as it first rises sequentially from c in measure 62 to g in measure 67, whence it drops precipitously to d in measure 69, upon which note it hovers before leaping down a fifth to the final cadence note at measure 72. In <u>Qui tollis</u>, the <u>finalis</u> of the mode is reached by a step-wise progression from c through to G in measures 106-109.

Like that of Kyrie I, the bassus of Benedictus is a variant of the corresponding Agricola contratenor line. Thus, in place of Agricola's four-note motive, retained in Kyrie I, a more intensive three-note motive with upward-leaping fourth rises in sequence from c to g at measures 66-69. At measures 70-76, despite almost literal quotation of the model's contratenor part, the moderately strong forward impulse of that part is notably increased as a result of two slight, but telling, alterations. The first of these is the reiterative anticipation in dotted rhythm, at measure 71, of the neighbour-note embellishment of upper tonic at measure 72 (q-f-q). The other is the replacement of the e at measure 75 by a dropping fifth, g-c, thereby effecting a swift descent from upper to lower tonic by twice-descending leap (g-c; d-G). By means of these rhythmicmelodic changes, Agricola's elaborative insistence on upper tonic in contratenor, at measures 71-74, is both extended and

significantly enhanced, and his already cadence-directed line rendered more tensile and finely balanced.

The foregoing examples are concerned with single-line borrowings -- in each instance a transplantation of some segment of the original contratenor line. It can be asserted that, in a sense, these are nevertheless instances of parody, since it is not the bare linear dimension of the borrowed element that is involved, but rather its harmonic function. As has been observed, it is the "drive to the cadence" that has been seized upon and is in various ways elaborated and enhanced by the borrowing composer. It is in this sense, and in keeping with Lenaerts's insistence upon the importance of the harmonic dimension in parodistic borrowings, 15 that it seems justified to regard the present instances as examples of parody, rather than cantus firmus, technique. The fact, too, that in each case upper voices as well as bassus are involved in the borrowing process only serves to confirm this interpretation. Discussion of the complete texture of these passages has been reserved for a later section of the present chapter.

The tritone drive to cadence is expressed in <u>Kyrie I</u> (Example 20a), <u>Qui tollis</u> (Example 20b), <u>Patrem omnipotentem</u> (Example 21c), Osanna (Example 21d), Benedictus (Example 20c)

and Agnus Dei I (Example 20d). In Kyrie I, the tritone is heard between the c' in measure 70 and the f' sharp in measure 71, both in the discantus voice; also this relationship may be found between the bassus c of measure 70 and the f' sharp. The most extensive use of the tritone occurs in Qui tollis (measures 106-111) where there are four such instances. The first one appears between the two discantus notes c' and f' sharp in measures 106 and 108, the second between the bassus and tenor of measures 107-108, the third between tenor (and altus) and tenor of measures 110-111, and the last one between altus and discantus of measure 111. All ficta are inserted to avoid more direct tritones between the f' and the neighbouring b or e in a second voice. For instance, if the B in measures 108-110 of Qui tollis were altered instead of the f', the proximity of e would create a clearly audible tritone. Although tritones do exist when f' sharp is employed, they are fairly well hidden because of intervening chords. In Patrem omnipotentem, a tritone may be found between the bassus of measure 116 and the discantus of measure 117, and in Osanna between the discantus of measure 64 and that same voice in measure 66. Benedictus provides a close tritone between altus and discantus in measure 75 as well as a more distant one in the discantus of measures

74 and 75. In <u>Agnus Dei I</u>, the tritone is heard between the bassus of measure 57 and the discantus of measure 58.

<u>Sanctus</u> (Example 20e) provides, in addition to a tritone c"-f' sharp in measure 32, a diminished fourth within the cadence area in the discantus. The latter interval may also be found in measures 65-66 of <u>Christe</u> (Example 20f) in the discantus.

Aside from the cadence-directed bass line and the tritone drive to the cadence, other contemporary devices employed in achieving the "drive to the cadence" in this work are: a) sequence; b) pedal; c) anticipatory cadence; d) increased rhythmic, textural and dissonantal activity. Examples of sequence have already been noted in discussing the cadencedirected bass line. In close emulation of the Agricola model, they may, in fact, be found in all three voices of measures 62-65 of <u>Kyrie I</u> and measures 65-69 of <u>Benedictus</u>, and in two voices in measures 66-69 of <u>Pleni</u> (Example 21f). A dominant pedal is sounded in the bassus of <u>Christe</u> in measures 61-66, effectively supporting the rhythmic activity and motivic accumulation in the upper voices. Anticipatory cadences-deceptive or other--occur in measures 110-111 of <u>Qui tollis</u>, measure 108 of Et in terra (Example 21b) and measures 134-135

of <u>Crucifixus</u> (Example 21e). Increased activity is found in measures 57-58 of <u>Agnus Dei I</u>; the preceding measures consist of slow half-notes and quarter-notes which evolve at measure 57 into eighth-notes. In measure 30 of <u>Sanctus</u>, an increase in activity begins gradually and intermittently, suddenly bursting forth at measure 32. In both cases, those sections preceding the increased activity move slowly harmonically, while the following rhythmic increase results in more rapid harmonic changes and a tendency toward more elaborate writing. Increased rhythmic and motivic activity also involving striking textural contrast occurs within the last dozen or so measures of <u>Et in terra</u>, while increase of dissonance is observable at the half-close at measures 65-66 in <u>Benedictus</u>, and before the final cadence at measures 74-75 in the same movement.

Classification and Analysis of Cadences

Of the fourteen final cadences in Obrecht's <u>Si dedero</u>, nine are in three parts (<u>Kyrie I</u>, <u>Christe</u>, <u>Kyrie II</u>, <u>Et in terra</u>, <u>Sanctus</u>, <u>Pleni</u>, <u>Osanna</u>, <u>Benedictus</u> and <u>Agnus Dei II</u>) and five in four parts (<u>Qui tollis</u>, <u>Patrem omnipotentem</u>, <u>Crucifixus</u>, <u>Agnus</u> <u>Dei I</u> and <u>III</u>). The <u>a3</u> cadences are non-quartal in style while

those <u>a4</u> contain the fourth in the final chord, this interval appearing four times between altus and discantus and once between tenor and discantus. In addition, a V-I bassus progression emphasizing the <u>finalis</u> of the mode (i.e. g) as well as a 4-3 suspension within the V harmony are present in all the terminal cadences.

In contrast to the uniformity of the final cadences, treatment of the pre-cadential progressions is diverse, encompassing such procedures as: a) strong I-V emphasis; b) emphasis upon IV and/or VI as pre-cadential harmony(ies); c) use of VII (subtonium) within the Mixolydian four-chord cadence. An examination of Example 21 will make it evident that in those pre-cadential progressions employing the same treatment there is even further variation present.

Instances of the first type may be found in <u>Kyrie II</u> (Example 21a) and <u>Et in terra</u> (Example 21b). The I-V emphasis, indicated by brackets, appears, in the former Example, in a simple, unelaborated and homophonic form, with the use of the tonic minor, whereas in the latter the tonic-dominant oscillation is found in a partially-imitative context.

<u>Patrem omnipotentem</u> (Example 21c) and <u>Osanna</u> (Example 21d) illustrate the second treatment. The IV and VI chords are

indicated by an "X". In <u>Patrem omnipotentem</u> the VI chord appears on a weak beat in relation to the <u>tactus</u>, and is created as a result of an imitative process. It is, however, the IV harmony--separated from the VI harmony by a passing note--which is of more importance here with regard to durational value, as it is held for one and one-half beats across the <u>tactus</u>. After the passing chord on III a third harmony appears which, however, lacks a triadic structure, thus making its harmonic analysis--which could be either IV or VI--ambiguous. In <u>Osanna</u> the first IV harmony is followed by a dominant minor concentration of two beats which leads into an ambiguous harmony (IV or VI); no imitation is present in this case.

Some clarification is needed concerning the third type of progression given above--that involving the <u>subtonium</u>. According to Lowinsky,¹⁶ there appears a new four-chord Mixolydian cadence in the fifteenth century in which a crossrelation occurs between the lowest and highest voices, resulting from the presence--within the one cadence formula--of the chord on lowered seventh of the mode as well as that containing the raised seventh. Lowinsky observes that the chord on the <u>subtonium</u> may, in modern terms, be classified as the subdominant of the subdominant, and proceeds by suggesting that in modal

polyphony this Mixolydian cadential formula fulfills the same function as the $IV-I_4^6-V-I$ progression of the major-minor system.¹⁷ Examples of this progression may be seen in <u>Crucifixus</u> (Example 21e) and <u>Pleni</u> (Example 21f). In the first case the bassus note f of the <u>subtonium</u> chord--indicated by an "X"--forms a cross-relation with the tenor f sharp in the following chord and later in the discantus, whereas in the second instance, this cross-relation is found between bassus and discantus in measures 74-75.

It seems clear from the foregoing observations that Obrecht's final cadences are anticipatory of later tonal practice. This is true both in the restricted sense that confines the term to the cadence chords as such and in the broader sense that includes the pre-cadential process as well.

In conclusion, the relationship of initial and final notes of movements may be briefly surveyed.¹⁸ In eight of the fourteen movements, initial and final notes are the same, providing further evidence of the composer's penchant for tonal integration. Of the remaining six movements, three have d as initial note and g as final, as in the model. Here, as in the other three movements, which use either c or f as initial note, rootedness in modal practice asserts itself.

Ground Plan as Defined by Cadences and Other Structural Procedures

Salop has demonstrated that, apart from the "designed bass" and "tritone drive to the cadence," many of Obrecht's Masses are progressive with respect to their harmonic organization in that modulatory excursions of various lengths are complemented by "periodic returns to the basic tonality in the course of a movement."¹⁹ An analysis of this type of harmonic organization, as it occurs in certain movements of the <u>Missa Si</u>, <u>dedero</u>, will be presented at a later point in this chapter. In the two examples to be cited and analyzed here--namely the <u>Christe</u> and <u>Et in terra</u> movements--still other forms of cadential organization present in this work are examined. In the latter of these examples, large-scale sequence patterns serve as participatory elements in the design.

In the <u>Christe</u> movement (Example 22a), there appear eight structurally important cadences. These are associated with the <u>ostinati</u> of that movement, and are as follows: d (measures 9-10), c (measures 13-14), A (measures 25-26), G (measures 29-30), A (measures 39-40), c (measures 53-54), d (measures 60-61), and G (measures 66-67). All but the last of these cadences involve a <u>clausula vera</u>, the lower note of which is assigned to the bassus. Only the last and strongest

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assigns a V-I progression to the bassus, placing the <u>clausula</u> vera in the two upper voices.

An interesting symmetry is observable in the system of eight cadences listed above if the initial note of <u>ostinato</u> entry is taken into account as well. Thus, the first four cadences form a distinctive pattern of descent within the octave formed by the initial note of entry at measure 6 and the lower cadential G at measure 30, the pattern being g, d, c, A, and G. A converse pattern of ascending cadences, G, A, c, d $_{\rm G}^{\rm g}$, completes the cycle, extending from measures 30-67.

Interlocking with this cadential symmetry is an interesting balance in the disposition of the six statements of the <u>ostinato</u> theme. The first two of these--each a complete statement of section I of the Agricola tenor, each therefore comprising two phrases (I^1 and I^2) and together forming a total of four alternating phrases--are spread across the first thirty measures of the movement. In the latter half of the movement, only the first phrase (I^1) of the previous <u>ostinato</u> is used in four statements. This again involves, therefore, four phrases which are, however, repetitive rather than alternating.

A second type of organization is seen in Et in terra

(Example 22b), where there is a fluctuation of emphasis between c and g, with most of the measures devoting themselves to the former tonality. This harmonic centering on c begins right from the opening measures and is followed throughout the first segment and afterwards with a cadence on g only appearing as late as measures 51-52. Momentary cadencing on d at measure 13 and again at measure 18 serves only to confirm the dominance of c as prevailing center. The following tenorless section at measures 52-64 again stresses c, with a cadence on g at measures 64-65. A similar pattern is followed throughout the remainder of the movement, thus creating a large-scale five-fold oscillation between c and g across the total span of this ample movement.

In addition to this oscillation between centers a fourth apart, various broad tetrachordal and hexachordal sequences play an important role, serving to place in bold relief the tetrachordal design of this movement. The opening set of sequences, employing motives i, ii and iii, as illustrated in Example 22c, 20 confine their harmonic progression to the tetrachord c-f while in the second set, which consists of motives iv, v and vi, the discantus is confined to the hexachord a'-c' and the bassus to the tetrachord f-c, the latter

being harmonically complemented by the former. This emphasis is also made evident in the sequences employed during the second segment (motives vii-x)--the descending tetrachord b-f (extended) in the altus (motive ix) and the relationship of the fourth within each of the sequences in the bassus (for example, the G-c-f relationship of the first sequence step). The underlying harmonic plan of these sequential passages is given in Example 22d, and the relevant passages are quoted in Example 22e.

Salop has observed that "Obrecht appears to have taken a step toward the creation of a type of logic that operates throughout the length of a movement."²¹ Salop's observation has particular reference to the type of tonal design described in his article, an example of which--as found in the <u>Benedictus</u> movement of the Mass--is analyzed below.²² The foregoing analyses suggest, however, that the composer at times employed, in the large-scale planning of movements, procedures other than those examined by Salop.

Incipient Tonality

Procedures mentioned in the above sections which contribute

to a sense of tonality may be summarized thus:

a) frequent oscillation between two roots a 4th or 5th apart;
b) symmetrical cadential organization within a particular
movement; c) use of a "designed bass," tritone or V pedal in
the "drive to the cadence;" d) occasional emphasis on either
I-V or IV and/or VI in the pre-cadential progressions;
e) terminal cadences, all of which present a strong V-I bassus
movement with accompanying <u>clausula vera</u> and 4-3 suspension;
f) the use of large-scale planning of cadence relationships.

PARODISTIC ASPECTS

Frequency of Parodistic Borrowings

In the introductory chapter of this thesis, attention was drawn to the conflicting statements of various authorities regarding multiple--or simultaneous--borrowing in the Obrecht <u>Missa Si dedero</u>. Attention was also drawn to the corresponding need for verification of the relevant data through objective analysis.

All but one movement of this Mass were analyzed with respect to the presence of borrowed material other than that presented by the segmented <u>cantus firmus</u>. Random motivic citation was not included in the present analysis, the results of which are set forth in Tables 8 through 11.²³

Following compilation of the various tables, the number of measures involved in simultaneous borrowings was extracted for each of the movements. Borrowings involving but a single voice were not included. These figures were then related as a ratio to the total number of measures in each of the movements in question. The results, expressed in percentages, are given in Table 12.²⁴

It will be noted that, of the thirteen movements analyzed, simultaneous borrowings are absent or below five per cent in only three. Incidence of such borrowings stands at between approximately forty-five and ninety per cent in six of the remaining movements, and is not less than twenty-five per cent in four other movements. Illustrations of the process of literal borrowing will be found in Examples 20a, 21f, and of more elaborate variation of borrowed material in Examples 25c and 18.

It should be stressed that the foregoing figures do not include random motivic reference, which, although a prominent feature of this Mass, is less amenable to tabulation and quantification. Examples 23a, b and c illustrate the incidence and nature of this phenomenon.

In the light of the foregoing data, it may be asserted that simultaneous borrowing, which we have accepted as a criterion of parody construction, is a distinctive and pervading feature of Obrecht's <u>Missa Si dedero</u>.

Function of Parodistic Borrowings

The function of parodistic borrowing is to serve as an auxiliary form-building element. Its presence is made known in the introductory sections, the cadence-defining and terminal (coda-like) sections, the linking passages and episodes between <u>cantus firmus</u> segments and the developmental passages, with the result that a general unification is achieved.

Introductory sections. The important force at work within these sections is the motto theme (the opening theme of the Agricola work). However, instead of duplicating the opening measures of the model with regards to the pitch placement and the independent motivic characteristics of each voice, Obrecht alters the pitch interrelationships and assigns the motivic characteristics of the first voice entering to those which follow. In this composition, those movements employing motto reference are <u>Kyrie I</u>, <u>Et in terra</u>, <u>Patrem omnipotentem</u>, and <u>Benedictus</u> (Examples 24 a-d respectively).

In Kyrie I and Patrem omnipotentem imitation is involved

in three voices, while in <u>Et in terra</u> only the altus and bassus present the same melodic material (that of the contratenor) since, as mentioned above, the discantus contains the entire superius of the model. The motto involved in <u>Kyrie I</u> and <u>Patrem omnipotentem</u> is based on the opening tenor of the Agricola.

The voice relationship of contratenor-superius-tenor as found at the opening of the model is maintained in Patrem omnipotentem where it is, however, adapted to the four-part texture, becoming bassus-discantus-altus; the intervallic relationship of the upper eleventh followed by the lower octave is altered to become eleventh to fifth. In Kyrie I and Et in terra the voice order becomes bassus-altus-discantus with the intervallic relationships being fourth to fourth and sixth to fourth respectively. Self-repeating entries appear in both lower voices in Patrem omnipotentem; the second entry in the bassus repeats the first while that of the altus appears a fourth lower, its first note being the last note of the prior entry. The voice succession of this opening therefore becomes bassus-discantus-altus-bassus-altus. It is interesting to note that the redundant entry of the altus is an octave below that of the discantus, resulting in a feeling of return to the

intervallic relationship as found at the opening of the Agricola work. In <u>Kyrie I</u> there is a resemblance to a selfrepeating entry in the bassus, again with overlap; however, its ending is altered in measures 8-9.

In <u>Benedictus</u> all three voices take part in motto reference. At measures 1-5 the altus--accompanied for three measures by a free counterpoint in the bassus--presents the opening five measures of the model's contratenor at the octave and with a motivic pattern in measure 4 drawn from the tenor of measure 9 of the model. The discantus, from measure 3 onwards, presents the superius of the Song-motet. The bassus completes the motivic reference by presenting the tenor of measures 6-10 of the model in the corresponding measures of the Mass movement, with only a slight rhythmic alteration in measure 9; the pitch placement is at the unison.

This imitative pattern is also followed in <u>Qui tollis</u> and <u>Agnus Dei I</u>; however, instead of the opening motives of Agricola section I, those of section II are presented (tenor and contratenor of the model, respectively).

In <u>Qui</u> tollis (Example 24e) the motto departs rhythmically from the tenor of the model bacause of a reduction of time values within that theme. The time interval between each entry

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is two measures, the same as in the previous motto references and as in section II of the Agricola work. The order of voices is changed to bassus-altus-discantus, the initial note to c and the intervallic relationship to a fifth, as compared to the Agricola voice order of contratenor-superius-tenor, the initial note g and the intervallic relationship of an octave.

In <u>Agnus Dei I</u> (Example 24f), the plan employed in the non-<u>cantus firmus</u> voices is not that of through imitation at the opening, but rather of paired voices (as in <u>Et in terra</u>). The altus-discantus pair uses the complete theme (measures 16-20 of Agricola's contratenor) while the following bassusdiscantus grouping (with free counterpoint to the bassus) uses the abridged form of the theme (i.e. with the first two measures lacking). The initial note and the time distance between altus and discantus correspond to that of the model, while the intervallic relationship becomes that of the unison rather than that of the original octave.

<u>Cadence-defining and terminal (coda-like) sections</u>. A distinctive feature of the closing section of Agricola's

<u>Si dedero</u> is the use of a four-step rising sequence on motive $\underline{1}^2$. Beginning at measure 65 of that composition, the sequence proceeds in tenths between discantus and contratenor.²⁵ Its final step, melodically embellished with motives <u>m</u> and <u>x</u>, extends from measures 69-73. A measure of more intensive rhythmic activity and of passing dissonance follows, still based on motive <u>m</u>. This leads into two cadential measures with characteristic suspension formula.

In the following analyses of the various movements of Obrecht's Mass, it will be demonstrated that some material from the closing section (section V) of Agricola's work is present in all but a very few of these movements. In conjunction with these analyses, consult Examples 25a-k.

The most extensive quotations occur in: a) <u>Et in terra;</u> b) the three <u>a3</u> movements that appear toward the close of the Mass--namely, <u>Pleni</u>, <u>Benedictus</u> and <u>Agnus Dei II</u>; c) <u>Agnus Dei</u> III.

Of these, <u>Et in terra</u> employs the distinctive feature of double variation, thus expanding the twelve measures of Agricola's section V to twenty-five measures. The first variational statement, presented during a tenorless section, follows the design of section V, but with motivic variations

and with textural contrast involving a shift from duo to trio writing. The second variational statement achieves drastic textural simplification of the model through elimination of all but the harmonic skeleton of the sequence process, with a resulting homophonic texture. Variational treatment of the model is quite free after measure 100. The closing tenorless passage of four measures intensifies the imitative activity of the corresponding measures of the model.

Each of the <u>a3</u> movements noted above quotes the complete texture and shape of the original. Each embodies, however, numerous variant details that provide interest but in no sense obscure the reference to the model.

Agnus Dei III follows a similar pattern, although, unlike the aforementioned movements, Agricola's tenor is quoted here not as tenor substitute but as <u>cantus firmus</u> segment. Furthermore, because of the presence of a fourth voice, its texture is fuller and more differentiated.

Movements that involve considerably freer treatment, but are nevertheless clearly based on the model passage, are Kyrie I, Qui tollis and Agnus Dei I.

In <u>Kyrie I</u>, Agricola's measures 62-66 are quoted <u>a3</u>, but with motivic variation in the upper voices, the original

contratenor being retained in the bassus unvaried. The tenor presents its final statement of Agricola's section I at measures 66-70. The accompanying free counterpoints establish contact with section V, however, through considerable use of motives \underline{x} and \underline{m} . Agricola's final cadence is quoted literally at measures 75-76.

In <u>Qui tollis</u>, the appearance of the final statement of the current <u>cantus firmus</u> segment is heralded by motive $\frac{1}{2}^{2}$ at measure 104. The motive continues in two further measures of sequence which proceeds, however, at the interval of the third rather than at the second as in the model. The sequence is dissolved as the <u>cantus firmus</u> statement unfolds. Fragmentary references to elements of section V (as well as to other sections of the Agricola work) are integrated into the surrounding counterpoints as the <u>cantus firmus</u> moves to its close.

In <u>Agnus Dei I</u>, the last statement of the <u>cantus firmus</u> segment begins at measure 47. At measure 50, the bassus and discantus join the sequential process in tenths, but with variant details that destroy the sequence while creating a more fluent line. The last three measures of the two lowest voices are almost a direct quotation from the model.

Three further movements -- Kyrie II, Patrem omnipotentem and Osanna--also reveal borrowings, although of a more tenuous nature. Some fifteen measures before the close of Kyrie II, there is a reminiscence of Agricola's sequential motive 1^2 ; it is heard only transiently and not as a sequence, but in conjunction with motive m and in close canonic imitation between superius and bassus. There is no reference to Agricola's sequential process in the cadence area of Patrem omnipotentem, although sequential development is important earlier in the movement. Motives 1¹ and m are present, however, during the last four measures in pitch positions suggesting the pre-cadential harmonies of the model in its last four measures. In Osanna, the reference to section V occurs in the altus, where its opening measures are heard antecedent to the appearance of the cantus firmus segment at measure 61. There is reference to neither a sequential process nor to the characteristic motive 1². An almost literal quotation of the original cadence appears, however, at the close of the movement.

The foregoing analyses demonstrate that, in five of the fourteen movements of this Mass, parodistic quotation of the closing section of the model is complete, although often varied. Progressively freer quotation occurs among six other movements,

in all of which the referential process is nevertheless clear, however fragmentary.

These facts support the inference that the composer has used parody technique to signalize the termination of movements--a procedure that parallels his frequent use of parodistic treatment of the motto theme at the opening of a number of movements.

Linking passages and episodes between cantus firmus

<u>segments</u>. Because of the rather extensive presence of parodistic treatments in the linking passages and episodes between <u>cantus</u> <u>firmus</u> segments within various movements, it has been decided that an analysis of such elements be restricted to their occurrences within one particular movement, that of <u>Et in terra</u>. Of the four tenorless sections present, the first two contain the majority of parodistic elements; it is with these two sections that this discussion will be concerned.

In the tenorless introductory section (measures 1-15), the imitative process in the bassus, altus and discantus of measures 1-11 is based on the motto theme. The discantus of measures 11 3 -16 presents measures 9-14 of Agricola's superius,

while at the same time the altus (measures 12^4 -16) contains incidental motivic reference, as shown in Example 26. The bassus (measures 12^1 -16¹) follows measures 10-13 of the model, although Obrecht, in measures 13-14¹, simplifies the melodic form and alters the harmonic basis of measures 11-12¹ of the Song-motet.

The second tenorless section -- i.e. the first interlude -is found in measures 46-64. The discantus of measures 48^4 -53 presents measures 32-35 of Agricola's superius while the accompanying altus (measures 48^2 -52) and bassus (measures 48^2 -51) incorporate incidental motivic references, and are at times in parallel motion. Measures 35-40 of Agricola's contratenor are presented in measures 52 - 57 of Obrecht's bassus. In the presentation at measures 54-65 of measures 37-53 of the model's tenor in the altus, measures 40-45 of the Agricola are omitted and slight compressions and alterations occur. The discantus of measures 57-65 presents measures 40-50 of the Song-motet, which results in a compression from eleven to six measures. In measures 58-65 of the bassus, the first five measures move in parallel tenths with the corresponding measures of the discantus; the remainder of the bassus line is free. The mosaic-like arrangement and redisposition of borrowed materials,

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as described above, are characteristic procedures in Obrecht's 27 repertory of parody techniques.

Variational treatment. An earlier section of this chapter was devoted to an examination of intrinsic harmonic characteristics present in Obrecht's <u>Missa Si dedero</u> in an effort to isolate elements identifiable with his generally harmonic style. No attempt was made in that section to examine harmonic--and more especially cadential--interconnections between the Mass and its model as an aspect of parody technique.²⁸ The present section is concerned with this problem.

As has been noted earlier, each of the three-part movements other than <u>Christe</u> incorporates a single complete voice part of the Agricola work and is therefore identical in length with the model. Such correspondence is not present in the case of the four-part movements, which involve repetition of <u>cantus firmus</u> fragments. The three-part movements therefore offer the most efficient basis for comparing interconnections between the Mass and its model. Of these, <u>Pleni</u> and <u>Benedictus</u> have been selected for detailed examination.

A comparison of the Agricola cadences and those of Obrecht's Pleni, which may be located in Examples 4 and 18 respectively, demonstrates that, with few exceptions, those of the latter mirror closely those of the former. Thus, the terminal cadences for each of the five sections of the Agricola work are reproduced in the Pleni movement, with the exception of that of section III (measures 52-53), where a new bassus line is provided against the upper voices of the model. Cadential correspondence is also clearly evident in the case of the cadences at measures 7-8, 45-46 and 58-59. Somewhat less explicit texturally is that at measures 9-10, where Obrecht realigns Agricola's lower voices in contrapuntal inversion, providing them with a strong supporting bassus. Motivic activation of the treble part and inversion of the pre-cadential interval from tenth to sixth result in a more full, and more mellifluous, texture at measures 19-20. Thus, of the twelve cadences of the model, no less than ten are either direct quotations or close variants of their respective prototypes. This represents, of course, a high incidence of cadential correspondence. The inescapable conclusion is that Obrecht's use of Agricola's tenor line as the basis of this

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movement involves more than mere linear transplantation. Both harmonic quotation and harmonic variation--in at least the limited sense noted above--are present as well. Recalling the importance of the harmonic dimension in Lenaerts's definition of parody, it seems justifiable to regard Obrecht's preoccupation with cadential transference variation as an identifiable aspect of his parody technique.²⁹

Obrecht's treatment of cadential material, however, transcends mere quotation. It may involve, as it does here, planned organization and re-grouping of such material, thus constituting a more complex parodistic treatment of borrowed harmonic elements. The <u>Christe</u> movement examined earlier has already provided evidence of ground plan definition through cadential grouping. The restrictive nature of the <u>ostinato</u> principle in that movement, however, allowed for the borrowing of only two cadence forms, that at measures 9-10 of <u>Christe</u> (an inversion of Agricola measures 9-10) and that at measures 12-13 (based on Agricola measures 12-13). The <u>Pleni</u> can now be examined with respect to the grouping of its very much wider range of borrowed cadential material.

The opening passage (measures 1-14) reveals an interpolated cadence at measures 4-5, thus creating a rhyming

relationship with the cadence at measures 9-10. Two further cadences are present in this passage, namely that at measures 7-8, heightened by the Phrygian B flat, and the closing cadence on c (measure 14), in almost literal quotation from the model. Alternation of cadential centers--an element latent in Agricola's opening section--becomes the governing principle of this passage, as demonstrated in Example 18. Furthermore, the quite tenuous thematic connections of this group of cadences within the model are here fully developed. For example, the transference to the discant of the original contratenor motive at measures 9-10, and the motivic activation of the descending step at measures 7-8 of the Agricola, create complementary motivic relationships which are further enhanced by bassus parallelisms in tenths in each instance. Other motivic interconnections are indicated in this same Example.

In the succeeding passage (measures 15-37), the organizational principle is that of uniformity, rather than alternation, of cadential center. Each but the last linking cadence is formed about the <u>clausula vera</u> on g, each being, however, finely differentiated in weight and function. In adherence to this principle, two such cadences are interpolated, one at measures 28-29 (one of the strongest internal cadences of the movement)

and the deceptive cadence at measures 33-34. Also, a cadence on G at measures 31-32 displaces the original c cadence at that point, as does the cadence averted towards c at measures 34-35, the original deceptive cadence on g. Motive <u>m</u>, in either a pre- or post-cadential position serves as a connective among all but the last member of the group.

Quite apart from the continuous linear quotation in the altus, and the brief textural quotations at measures 19-20 and 24-25, the passage also involves parodistic development of two borrowed elements--a sequential and an imitative process. The former, presented in two stages that culminate in the strong authentic cadence at measures 28-29, represents a development of the sequential process of Agricola's section V. This latter passage, as reproduced in its full texture, but with incidental variational detail in the closing measures (measures 65-76) of the present movement, attains greater urgency and climactic emphasis as a result of the anticipatory sequences heard at measures 14-29. The imitative process, although touched upon earlier, dominates the writing after measure 29, both within the passage terminating at measure 37 and briefly at the beginning of the ensuing section.

Sequence provides the organizing principle of cadential

relationships within the next passage of the movement (measures 37-64), as may be seen in comparing the melodic sequential formula at measures 45-46 (c), 52-53 (g), 55-56 (a), 58-59 (c', in altus) and 63-65 (c', in discantus). From measure 46 on, the writing tends to be somewhat less active rhythmically, thus providing an episode of relief in relation to the preceding and ensuing sections. It concludes with a parody quotation <u>a3</u> at measures 62-64, from which ensues the climactic parody quotation of the closing section at measures 65-76.

In contrast to the rather complex cadential re-organization in <u>Pleni</u>, <u>Benedictus</u> offers an instance of the transformation of Agricola's cadence network into a tonally unified plan by means of a few strategically placed cadential alterations. A comparison of Table 13 with Table 5 will clarify this point.

Unlike the Agricola work, which begins on d and ends on G, the <u>Benedictus</u> commences and terminates on G. Retaining Agricola's triple reference to g at the close of sections II, III and V, Obrecht reinforces these with three further references to the g center: a) at the beginning, where he harmonizes Agricola's entry on d' with the fifth below; b) at the opening of section II (measures 20-22); c) internally in

section III at measure 49.

References to the c center follow Agricola's general plan, but with a few significant changes that serve to create a different balance between the two centers and that also permit greater fluidity of transition. Agricola's momentary reference to G at measure 20 does not offset the virtually twenty measure stretch of c-centered writing from about measures 12-32. Obrecht reinforces Agricola's momentary deflection toward g at that point by creating two successive cadential processes on g, one at measure 20, the other at measure 22, and also by eliminating Agricola's internal c cadence at measure 23. These procedures serve to offset more securely the lengthy digression towards c imposed by the Gregorian theme itself and by Agricola's setting between measures 12 and 32.

At the close of section II, Obrecht replaces Agricola's G cadence--virtually his first decisive reference to that center-by a deceptive cadence on g (g/e), which is a tonally balanced procedure in view of the fact that this is his third, rather than first, reference to the g center, his two previous references having occurred at the very opening of the movement and at measures 20 and 22 respectively.

Obrecht's section III follows Agricola's plan for that

section, but reinforces rather than averts the g center as does Agricola by means of a sequential progression in dropping fifths in the bassus at measures 40-49: a-d, d-G; g-c, d-G.

Section IV centers on c as does the model, but with a bassus progression G-A rather than the imperfect cadential progression g-e at measure 59. Thus the return to the g center in the final section is prepared for.

The <u>Pleni</u> and <u>Benedictus</u> movements represent, then, parodistic adaptations of Agricola's scheme of cadences, and exemplify Obrecht's periodic returns to the basic tonality during the course of a movement as discussed by Salop.³⁰

FOOTNOTES

¹Lewis Lockwood, "A View...," p. 63. ²Salop, "The Masses of Jacob Obrecht...," p. 94. ³Reese, <u>op. cit.</u>, p. 66.

⁴<u>Kyrie II</u> presents its segment in canonic imitation at the fifth between altus and tenor. Of the two, the latter-despite its being the consequent (<u>comes</u>)--is the structural voice, since it presents the borrowed material in untransposed position.

⁵Petrucci, <u>Missarum diversorum autorum liber I</u> (Venice, 1508). A facsimile of the complete tenor is found in Apel, <u>Notation of Polyphonic Music</u> (Cambridge, Mass.: The Medieval Acedemy of America, 1953), fasc. 40, p. 183.

⁶Salop, in fact, discusses this type of movement under the heading of "Parody." He recognizes as well, however, the <u>cantus firmus</u> function of the borrowed part when he applies the rubric "tenor substitute in complete movements." This dual function of the <u>cantus firmus</u> is also recognized by Sparks, who admits to "the existence of a hybrid type--of a c.f.parody structure." (Sparks, Cantus Firmus..., p. 154.)

⁷Sparks, op. cit., p. 263.

⁸They perform a more decorative function, however, than the tenor substitutes of the three-part movements examined earlier, in that they occur in movements dominated by the recurrent <u>cantus firmus</u> repetitions, whereas the three-part movements are, of course, free of tenor domination.

⁹It should be noted, however, that this characteristic is not exclusive to that style. Salop observes that Obrecht's use of parallel 3rds and 10ths is "probably not equalled by any composers before or since." (Salop, <u>op. cit.</u>, p.219.) This generalization has reference to the master's total output and not simply to works or passages a3.

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10 Fox, <u>op</u>. <u>cit</u>., 36, n.11.

¹¹Knud Jeppesen, <u>Counterpoint</u>: <u>The Polyphonic Vocal Style</u> of the Sixteenth Century (New York: Prentice Hall, 1939), pp. 193-197.

¹²Reese, <u>op</u>. <u>cit</u>., p. 204.

13 Because of the need to restrict the topic, only final cadences of movements will be considered.

¹⁴Salop, "Jacob Obrecht and the Early Development...," 304.
¹⁵Lenaerts, <u>op</u>. <u>cit.</u>, 410.

¹⁶E. Lowinsky, "The Function of Conflicting Signatures in Early Polyphonic Music," <u>Musical Quarterly</u>, XXXI (1945), 242ff.

¹⁷<u>Ibid</u>, 243.

¹⁸The term "initial note," in the present context, refers to either the lowest note of the initial interval or sonority of the movement, or to the first note--in whichever voice--of its opening imitative entry. The term "final note" refers to the lowest note of the closing sonority of the movement.

¹⁹Salop, "Jacob Obrecht...," 308.

²⁰This Example also demonstrates the sequential process to which the motives are subjected.

²¹Salop, "Jacob Obrecht...," 304. 22 See below, pp. 111ff.

²³Tables 8 and 10 are concerned with either literal or slightly modified quotations; Tables 9 and 11 with more elaborately varied forms. Data relating to <u>a4</u> movements (with the exception of <u>Sanctus</u>) are presented in Tables 8 and 9, whereas those relating to <u>a3</u> movements are given in Tables 10 and 11.

²⁴The percentages given in the Table are totals. The figures in brackets represent the individual frequency ratios for literal borrowings (at left) and for elaborate borrowings (at right).

²⁵See above, p. 40.

 26 The third tenorless section (measures 85-95) commences with an intervallic imitation of the bassus in the altus at the 4th for four measures, followed by sporadic appearances of motives m and 1¹ in discantus and altus. The final tenorless section (measures 106-109) treats motive m imitatively in discantus, altus and bassus respectively, followed by the final cadential measures.

²⁷Sparks, <u>op</u>. <u>cit.</u>, pp. 300ff.

28 See, however, the observations concerning parody in the discussion relating to "the drive to the cadence" above, pp. 80ff.

²⁹These observations complement similar tendencies noted on pages 80ff, 89ff, 99ff and elsewhere in this chapter.

³⁰See above, p. 89.

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Framework of Coppinus's <u>cantus firmus</u> structure corresponds to Obrecht's segmented <u>cantus firmus</u> in the sense that both supply the scaffoldings for the form-at-large. Three significant differences between the two Masses may be noted, however. The first pertains to the dimensions of the <u>cantus firmus</u>, the second to its relation to texture, and the third to its melodic fidelity to source.

With regard to the first point, it will be recalled that, in the Obrecht work, a single broadly-conceived and elaborately articulated statement of the scaffolding cantus firmus encompasses the total dimensions of the Mass. The Coppinus work, on the other hand, contains three statements of the scaffolding cantus firmus, each enframing a major liturgical division of the Ordinary as noted above. A glance at Table 14 reveals that the interval distribution of cantus firmus sections within the Gloria, Credo and Sanctus divisions is much more flexible and non-systematic in treatment than is the rigid distribution of the scaffolding segments in the Obrecht Mass. This is an interesting point since, according to Sparks, the scaffolding principle "represents an important and characteristic aspect of the rational trend in the late fifteenth century,"² and is normally characterized by highly

formalized and symmetrical patterns as in the Obrecht work. Coppinus's non-formalistic treatment of this principle is in keeping with his otherwise freer and more fanciful manipulation of the <u>cantus firmus</u>, as noted in relation to paraphrase below.

A second point of difference is more fundamental, relating as it does to textural integration. Obrecht's various augmentations of the <u>cantus firmus</u> segments ensure a sharp cleavage in textural values between <u>cantus firmus</u> and its surrounding counterpoints. Coppinus, in keeping with a more forward-looking contemporary practice, transfers his <u>cantus</u> <u>firmus</u>, for the most part, in <u>integer valor</u>, thereby attaining greater uniformity of texture.

Closely linked with the question of textural integration is the use in Coppinus, and the avoidance in Obrecht, of the technique of paraphrase. This represents the third point of difference between the two Masses with respect to the structural <u>cantus firmus</u>, and again points out the Italian composer's inclination toward "the irrational or fanciful tendency" within the current Northern style, ³ as against Obrecht's strongly rational and formalistic bent.

Comparison of cantus firmus treatment in the two Masses

may be pursued by noting that <u>ostinato</u> technique dominates five of the thirteen movements of the Coppinus work, in which movements it provides the so-called Secondary Framework of <u>cantus firmus</u> structure. In sharp contrast, <u>ostinato</u> repetition of the theme--in <u>integer valor</u>, that is--occurs but once in the Obrecht Mass, in the <u>Christe</u> movement, where it obviously represents a quite transient and episodic feature of construction. If, however, the term <u>ostinato</u> is broadened to include repetitions involving proportional relationships of note values, it will be evident that this technique dominates the Obrecht Mass to an even greater extent than it does the Coppinus work. In this extended sense, in fact, <u>ostinato</u> represents the basic principle of <u>cantus firmus</u> construction in the Obrecht work, and regulates the formal plan of its fourteen movements.

Finally, the Tertiary Framework will be seen to resemble somewhat the structural plan found in <u>Pleni</u>, <u>Benedictus</u> and <u>Agnus Dei II</u> of Obrecht's Mass. Common to the two plans is the use of a complete voice part from the model. An essential difference, however, is that in the Obrecht work tenor is invariably omitted in the movements in question, whereby the borrowed part assumes the character of "tenor substitute." This condition is not always present in the Coppinus movements

based on the Tertiary Framework.

The following paragraphs present a detailed account of <u>cantus firmus</u> construction in the Coppinus Mass, within each of the three categories noted above.

Primary Framework

Contrasting with the strict adherence of the <u>cantus</u> <u>firmus</u> to the melodic and rhythmic characteristics of the Agricola tenor in Obrecht's <u>Missa Si dedero</u>, the <u>cantus firmus</u> in its role as Primary Framework within the Coppinus Mass is often characterized by free alterations to the original material through melodic elaborations (especially at the cadence), augmentation or diminution of certain notes, omission of rests which separate certain sections of the <u>cantus firmus</u>, truncation of these sections, and so on. The course of, and the alteration to, the <u>cantus firmus</u> acting as Primary Framework will be examined below.

The first movement to be discussed is <u>Et in terra</u> (Example 27). The <u>cantus firmus</u> makes its first appearance at measure 17 in tenor 1, with a slight rhythmic elaboration of the

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cadential material (motive y) as found in measures 12 and following the model. With the statement of section II, beginning in measure 26, another type of elaboration is seen in the use of note augmentation, division of the phrase by rests and melodic-rhythmic elaboration, as seen in measures 28-31, 40-42 and 43-44 respectively. At measures 62-65 of section III, the interval from b-c' of the model is elaborated, preceded by a rhythmic augmentation of the opening notes of the phrase. Upon its resumption, this time in bassus at measure 78, the cantus firmus is joined by a parodistic presentation in tenor 2 of the corresponding Agricola superius. In measures 83-84 the cantus firmus migrates back to tenor 1 where it remains, while superius of the Agricola work is transfered from tenor 2 to cantus. The cantus firmus and the Agricola superius as presented in measures 78-91 of the Coppinus movement do not deviate rhythmically or melodically from their original form in the model.

In measures 1-9 of <u>Qui sedes</u> (Example 28), tenor 1 presents section IV of the tenor <u>cantus firmus</u>; against this, from measures 7-9, is sounded in cantus the parodistic quotation of the latter half of section IV of the model's superius. Sections IV and V of the cantus firmus are separated by

non-<u>cantus firmus</u> material, the latter section commencing at measure 49, in conjunction with the corresponding Agricola superius; at this point, in contrapuntal inversion of the original, the <u>cantus firmus</u> is **transferred** to cantus while tenor 1 sounds the model's superius.

In <u>Patrem omnipotentem</u> (Example 29), the tenor <u>cantus</u> <u>firmus</u> is stated in tenor 2, a canon at the fourth appearing with that voice in tenor 1 from measures 8-16. Following this statement of section I there occur nine measures of rest, from measures 16-25, after which the <u>cantus firmus</u> resumes with section II, this time in tenor 1, employing both augmentation and diminution from measures 26-40. Following the first half of section III, which extends from measures 53-62, there ensue thirty-six measures of rest, after which the remainder of that section is heard until its dissolution three measures later at measure 102.

In <u>Et in spiritum</u> (Example 30), the tenor <u>cantus firmus</u> appears in tenor 1 at measure 65; the <u>cantus firmus</u> is varied in measures 76-88 by augmentation of the opening long notes and elaboration of the succeeding material which is patterned according to the shape of measures 70-73 of Agricola's tenor.

In Sanctus (Example 31), cantus presents section I of

superius of the model as a three-fold <u>ostinato</u>, while tenor 1 presents sections I, II and III of Agricola's tenor as <u>cantus</u> <u>firmus</u>. A noteworthy point concerning the <u>cantus firmus</u> is the presence of a double statement of the first phrase of the Agricola tenor, the first one occurring from measures 1-8 and the second statement following immediately at measure 10 and leading into section II of the <u>cantus firmus</u> at measure 19, with the presence of some diminution and truncation; the second half of this latter section is postponed to the end of the movement. Following a brief interpolation during the course of the second <u>ostinato</u> statement, section III of the <u>cantus firmus</u> enters at measure 36. A free development extending from measure 45 to measure 54--at which point the last part of section II is heard--proceeds in conjunction with the third ostinato phrase of cantus.

In <u>Hosanna</u> (Example 32), the opening eleven measures of tenor 1 present an elaborated form of the opening of tenor section III. From measure 12 to the end, however, the <u>cantus</u> firmus is unvaried.

Secondary Framework

A second type of cantus firmus treatment in the Coppinus Mass is that involving the presentation of a single section from either superius or tenor of the model as an ostinato. The five movements in which this technique is found are Et incarnatus, Et ascendit, Sanctus, Pleni and Benedictus. The first section of the Agricola tenor is the source for the segments present in Et incarnatus and Et ascendit and its second section for the segment in Benedictus. The first and second sections of the superius voice of the model provide the ostinati for Sanctus and Pleni respectively. These segments are not restricted to a single voice throughout the Mass but appear in bassus, cantus, cantus, tenor 1 and bassus of Et incarnatus, Et ascendit, Sanctus, Pleni and Benedictus respectively. In those instances when the tenor ostinati are present, each segment is sounded four times, with a transposition scheme for Et incarnatus, Et ascendit and Benedictus as follows: d, g, d, g; g', f', d', g'; G, A, c, d respectively. The ostinati based on superius occur only three times each and are not transposed.

Pairing of movements is a noteworthy relationship within the set of five ostinato movements. Thus, the adjacent movements,

<u>Et incarnatus</u> and <u>Et ascendit</u>, constitute a pair not only in their sharing of a common three-part texture, but also in their sharing of the same <u>ostinato</u> theme, which effectively migrates from bassus in the first of these movements to cantus in the second. <u>Pleni</u> and <u>Benedictus</u> form a similar pair, not only with respect to their adjacency, but also with respect to their common four-part texture, to the common source of their similar <u>ostinato</u> themes and to the migratory pattern--from tenor in the earlier movement to bassus in the latter--of the <u>ostinato</u>. <u>Sanctus</u> stands apart from these paired movements both with respect to its full, rather than reduced, texture, and to its combination of Primary and Secondary Frameworks.

When compared to the model, the segments based on superius remain faithful to their source while those derived from tenor are altered to varying degrees. The segment is least changed in <u>Et incarnatus</u>, where only the final note is rhythmically varied, being reduced by half its value. In the following <u>Et ascendit</u>, the note in the fifth measure of the segment is diminished in value for the first two appearances, while in the third statement the final note is shortened as well; in the last presentation the first three notes are halved rhythmically. In Benedictus the fourth and fifth notes of the

segment are in diminution. The alterations discussed above are illustrated in Examples 33a-c. These <u>ostinati</u> act as <u>cantus firmus</u> in all movements mentioned above except <u>Sanctus</u>, where as previously noted, the Primary Framework holds this position.

Tertiary Framework

This framework involves the presentation of a complete voice from the model against mostly non-<u>cantus firmus</u> material. In the three movements employing this technique-<u>Qui tollis</u> and both <u>Agnus Dei</u>--superius is the voice being reproduced. In <u>Qui tollis</u>, this voice is found in bassus at the octave, while in the first <u>Agnus Dei</u> it is presented in cantus at the unison and in the second <u>Agnus Dei</u> in altus at the fourth. Aside from these differences in pitch placement, the melodic and rhythmic structure is identical to the superius voice of the Agricola work.

HARMONIC CONSIDERATIONS

Vertical Sonorities -- Consonant and Dissonant

An examination of the consonant vertical sonorities in three part movements reveals a pattern of vertical formations rather different from that of the Obrecht work. The movement chosen to illustrate this point is <u>Qui tollis</u>. Of the 155 consonant chords in that movement, as many as seventy-four (48%) are incomplete. This represents a difference of only four per cent between the two types. By way of contrast, the difference between complete and incomplete formations in the <u>a3</u> section of Obrecht's <u>Agnus Dei III</u> is as high as twenty-two per cent.⁴ Thus, in the Coppinus movement, complete and incomplete formations virtually counter-balance each other, whereas in that by Obrecht the latter dominate.

Furthermore, of the 155 three-part sonorities, as many as thirty-three (21%) are quartal. This represents an incidence of more than three times that found in Obrecht's <u>Benedictus</u>, for example, and as much as seven times more than that found in Agricola's <u>Si dedero</u>.

A further point is the marked difference in the use of

six-three parallelism--that is, of fauxbourdon-like treatment. In the Obrecht Mass, such passages are virtually non-existent, the only one found being a half measure of six-three parallelism in the three lowest voices four measures before the final cadence of <u>Osanna</u> (Example 21d). By way of contrast, the <u>Qui</u> <u>tollis</u> movement alone, in the Coppinus Mass, has three such passages, whether direct or sequentially embellished, as demonstrated in Examples 34a-c. This point is of particular interest in view of Fox's speculation that a contributing factor in the appearance of non-quartal style could well have been the disfavour into which the older fauxbourdon style had fallen toward the close of the fifteenth century.

The conclusion drawn from the foregoing observations is that, unlike Obrecht and Agricola, Coppinus does not cultivate the non-quartal style in the present work.

Inspection of the complete work not unexpectedly reveals that the basic sonority is, as with Obrecht, the triad, even if--again as with Obrecht and other contemporaries--not all harmonic events are explicable in terms of triadic harmony. Dissonance treatment closely resembles that of Obrecht and Agricola in that, in addition to the more conventional passing dissonances of the period, occasional unprepared or freely

resolved dissonances occur. Thus, the leap to and away from a dissonant d in tenor 2 at measure 93 of Patrem omnipotentem (Example 35d), and the leap away from the unresolved g and to the dissonant c' at measure 30 of Et ascendit (Example 35f), recall procedures similar to those found in Agricola's Si dedero (Examples 7b, c and d) and in Obrecht's Mass (Examples 19c, e and f). It is passages such as these, for example, that are frequently subject to more rational explanation if interpreted in terms of intervallic, rather than of triadic or chordal, harmony. By way of illustration, Example 35f, which submits most uneasily to analysis in chordal terms, allows for more cogent explanation in terms of intervallic combinations of voices. Thus, the tenor notes a and g are respectively consonant and dissonant in relation to bassus, but bear the reverse relationship with respect to cantus. Similarly, the bassus note c is related to the surrounding d' notes as lower neighbour note, in the context of bassus-cantus interval formations. Nevertheless, the same bassus notes stand in reverse relationship to tenor, bassus d being, in this perspective, a suspended seventh that quickly resolves into the octave.

Formations that could be accounted for in either chordal or intervallic terms are the occasional dissonant passages

involving conjunct progressions in either parallel or contrary motion. The striking series of three parallel seconds in the inner voices at measure 16 of <u>Et in terra</u> (Example 35a) may be cited as an instance not unlike Example 19a in the Obrecht Mass. Similarly, the successive dissonances by contrary motion at measure 109 in <u>Patrem omnipotentem</u> (Example 35e) closely resemble those in Example 19b. Technically similar, but of denser sonority because of range, and further complicated by the use of an escape note in bassus, is the passage at measure 21 in Patrem omnipotentem (Example 35c).

Another noteworthy dissonance is the rhythmic stress in cantus at measure 19, on the harmonically dissonant note e' in <u>Qui tollis</u> (Example 35b). The procedure, which involves the use of an unprepared seventh between cantus and bassus, is analogous to the consonant fourth that occurs as an idiomatic formation in this and in other works of the period.⁶ An interesting instance of expressive ornamental resolution of a suspended seventh occurs in the final cadence of Sanctus (Example 35g).

In order to place the foregoing discussion of dissonance in perspective, it should be noted that--as is again true of the Agricola and Obrecht works--Coppinus writes in a prevailingly consonant idiom in this work. Dissonance, when it does occur,

is preponderantly in the form of light and unobtrusive passing note formations--often single or in parallel thirds, sixths or tenths. More intensive dissonance of the type discussed above occurs relatively infrequently. Generally, as in almost all of the Coppinus Examples cited, such dissonance serves the purpose of pre-cadential intensification.

Harmonic Progression

This discussion, as in the chapter on the Obrecht work, will consider relationships between chords whose harmonic content can be recognized. In this light, <u>Agnus Dei I</u> and <u>II</u> and <u>Agnus</u> Dei III are to be examined.

In <u>Agnus Dei I</u> and <u>II</u>, of the ninety-seven progressions examined, forty-four (45%) contain root relationship of the fourth or fifth, twenty-seven (28%) of the second and twenty-six (27%) of the third. Oscillation by step between two notes is found occasionally.

In <u>Agnus Dei III</u>, of the seventy-three chords, forty-one (56%) are related by a fourth or fifth, eighteen (24%) by a second and fourteen (20%) by a third. Oscillation--often of motivic origin--occurs here as well.

It can thus be seen that in both cases the root relationship of the fourth or fifth predominates, occurring in about half the progressions examined. These ratios closely approximate those of the Obrecht Mass.⁷

D'Accone has commented on Coppinus's "feeling for chordal sonority and clear tonal progressions"--qualities which he identifies with "the tonal-harmonic precepts of Italian music" of the period.⁸ The foregoing statistics support this evaluation, if only in an abstract sense. More tangibly, the qualities to which D'Accone refers may be demonstrated by comparing briefly a fragment such as section I of Agricola's superius in the respective harmonizations of Agricola, Obrecht and Coppinus (Example 36).

Incidence of root progression by fourth or fifth in this Example is least in Agricola (22%), next in Obrecht (38%) and greatest in Coppinus (50%). Conversely, progression by third is greatest in Agricola (33%), next in Obrecht (23%) and least in Coppinus (10%). Root progression by step is roughly equal, being forty-four per cent in Agricola, forty per cent in Coppinus and thirty-eight per cent in Obrecht. More significant, however, is the controlled and directed movement of the individual bassus progressions--whether those of fifth, second or third--and of

the larger sweep of the bassus line, whereby c is unmistakably established as tonal center. It is this element of design that clearly differentiates his harmony from the pronounced modality of Agricola's setting, and even from Obrecht's harmonization which achieves tonal integration by quite other means, and with less fluency of line.

There is an element both of assurance and of subtlety in the circumscription by Coppinus of tonic center from the initial c in measure 1 to the cadential c in measure 6. Both the alternation of gentler and sharper melodic thrusts toward the repeated dominants in the intervening measures and the tapering recession from the last of these dominants serve to create a graceful bassus contour that clearly, yet unobtrusively, affirms the tonality. There is a further blending of purposefulness and elegance of tonal design in the continuance of the tapering process beyond the cadence at measure 6 to the A two measures beyond, as there is in the function of that A as preparatory harmony toward the modulatory cadence on d that follows at measure 10, and again in the function of that d as supertonic pivot toward the tonic cadence in the closing measures of the passage. Also, the natural ease with which various borrowed motives are interwoven into the unfolding pattern of the bassus line constitutes

further evidence of the composer's fluency of technique.

In contrast, Obrecht's more massively conceived--that is, less continuous and nuanced--bassus line comprises four separate phrases, each terminating with a characteristic agogic pause. The four respective terminal notes--c, g, d, c--form the large pillars of the tonal structure of this passage. The rhythmic emphasis of the agogic accents and the tonal strength of the terminal notes are sufficient to create a sense of tonal unity despite the rather high concentration of tonally ambiguous harmonies in the first two phrases.

The Drive to the Cadence

The foregoing discussion of the capacity of Coppinus to secure tonal cohesion within the phrase has rested on a demonstration of the directional elements of his bassus line. Some of the further techniques employed in achieving the drive to the cadence in the Coppinus work will now be examined. The first of these is the use of the tritone.⁹ Illustrations are drawn from measures 74-75 of <u>Qui tollis</u>, measure 64 of <u>Qui sedes</u>, measure 87 of <u>Et in spiritum</u>, measures 59-60 of <u>Benedictus</u>, measures 31-32 of <u>Hosanna</u> and measure 75 of <u>Agnus Dei I</u> and II

(Examples 37a-f).

A noteworthy feature of these cadences is the close proximity of the constituent notes of the tritone. In no instance are these separated by more than two intervening chords. In fact, in the majority of cases, they are either separated by a single intervening chord or are immediately adjacent. As in 10 the Obrecht cadences, which are similarly constructed, such proximity enhances the tensional effect of the tritone.

An additional means of achieving the drive to the cadence is the sequence. Such is the case in measures 65-70 of <u>Agnus</u> <u>Dei I and II</u> (Example 38a), where cantus presents the original sequential material from section V of the model, while tenor 1 and tenor 2 sound two different sequences and bassus a fourth sequence. Another instance where extensive sequencing is employed near the cadence is in <u>Qui sedes</u>, measures 50-54 (Example 38b), where the inner parts are actively engaged in this technique, tenor 1 presenting the original sequence of section V. The same can be said concerning measures 66-70 of <u>Agnus Dei III</u> (Example 38c), where tenor 1 and bassus are presenting sequences against altus and cantus which are sounding superius and tenor respectively of section V of the model.

Each of the foregoing Examples involves its own distinctive

patterns of cross-relation (as demonstrated in the Examples), resulting from the enrichment of the original sequence process by means of additional sequence motives, whether new or derived. Since both integration and manipulation of a multipartite quotation from the model is involved, these Examples may be cited as instances of parody in the Coppinus Mass.¹²

Drive to cadence is also at times enhanced through the presence of rapidly moving homophonic chords, which results in rapid harmonic changes. Two such instances, drawn from <u>Qui sedes</u> and <u>Et in spiritum</u>, are given in Examples 39a and 39b respectively.

A further technique used is that of close imitation, as can be found in measures 99-103 of <u>Et in terra</u> (Example 40), where two imitative patterns are present, the first one consisting of an opening third followed by stepwise motion and the second rising stepwise motion.

In short, it is evident that the Coppinus Mass--like that of Obrecht--employs the diversified resources of the period that were used to achieve the "drive to the cadence." Moreover, the element of parodistic borrowing, referred to above, enters into his shaping of the drive to the cadence as a notable component of compositional design, as will be demonstrated in a pair of selected passages, each based on measures 6-14 of the model.

Reviewing briefly the elements contributory toward drive to cadence in the model passage, ¹³ we note the following: a) the rhythmic flow and textural fluency of motive \underline{z} , which proceeds in parallel tenths at measures 10-11; b) the sudden shift to the oscillating motion of motive \underline{y} , supported by both homophonic texture and more rapid harmonic rhythm at measure 12; c) the accentual displacement caused by momentarily sustaining all voices across the <u>tactus</u> at measures 12-13; d) the pre-cadential intensification resulting from rhythmic activation of motive <u>m</u> as well as increased dissonance in measure 13.

Of the two variational adaptations by Coppinus of this passage (Examples 41a and 41b), each alters the interval shape of the phrase by creating a pronounced inner cadence on d at the fifth measure of the Examples quoted and by stressing the tritone relationship prior to that cadence. Otherwise, parodistic adaptation in <u>Sanctus</u> is the more literal of the two, containing as it does only one significant change apart from the general thickening of texture.¹⁴ That change is the slight intensification resulting from the rendering of motive \underline{z} in canonic imitation rather than in parallel tenths. The variational treatment in <u>Et in terra</u> is, on the contrary, more radical and more subtle in nature. Here, motive z is introduced in an inner voice and

in transposition prior to the cadence on d. Motive x in cantus imitates the cantus firmus statement of that motive, producing consecutively the dissonance of fourth and of second with motive z in measure 20. Motive y now follows as it had done in the model, but now occupying the fifth and sixth measures of the passage, and thus usurping the position of motive \underline{z} in the model. The homophonic texture of the model is rendered more chordal in character by means of the parallelism in sixths of motive y, as well as by the oscillating fifths in bassus. The prolonged d at measures 10 to 11 of the model is here doubled at the octave in altus, and now serves as sustaining tone within this chordal process rather than against the fluent rhythmic motion of motive z as in the model. A resumption of both rhythmic and imitative activity in the form of the latter fragment of motive z--namely, motive m--occurs at the close of measure 22; that is, in the sixth measure of Et in terra. This process dominates the seventh measure, which was originally devoted to the homophonic stability of motive y. Since motive y is still present in the cantus firmus of this measure, it is now drawn by rhythmic ornamentation into the prevailing texture. In more literal recollection of the model, motive x appears in sixths rather than thirds, however, in the eighth measure of this passage, leading into the cadence.

In the overall view, it may be said that, in <u>Et in terra</u>, Coppinus utilizes the resources of a short section, intensifying, rearranging and amplifying these in novel combinations with the <u>cantus firmus</u>. This passage has been analyzed in considerable detail, since it demonstrates admirably the extent to which parodistic processes may affect the shaping of both cadencedirected motion and of texture in the <u>cantus firmus</u>-parody mass of this period. Similar instances may be cited in <u>Qui sedes</u> (measures 1-16), <u>Et in spiritum</u> (measures 61-76) and <u>Hosanna</u> (measures 11-22), although restrictions of space prevent analysis of these passages.

Classification and Analysis of Cadences

In contrast to the Obrecht Mass in which cadences are restricted to three- or four-part harmony, the <u>Missa Si dedero</u> of Coppinus employs cadences in three-, four-, five- and sixparts.¹⁵ Therefore, of the thirteen final cadences in the Coppinus work, two are in three parts (<u>Et incarnatus</u> and <u>Et</u> <u>ascendit</u>), four in four parts (<u>Qui tollis</u>, <u>Pleni</u>, <u>Benedictus</u> and <u>Agnus Dei III</u>), four in five parts (<u>Et in terra</u>, <u>Patrem omnipotentem</u>, <u>Sanctus</u> and <u>Hosanna</u>) and three in six parts (<u>Qui sedes</u>,

Et in spiritum and Agnus Dei I and II). All are quartal except two (Benedictus and Et ascendit); of the eleven quartal cadences, seven contain the interval of the fourth between cantus and altus (as well as between tenor 1 and tenor 2 in six of those cases), two between tenor 1 and tenor 2, one between cantus and tenor 1 (as well as between altus and tenor 2) and one between altus and tenor 2. Eight final cadences contain the 4-3 suspension, one the 7-6 suspension and four contain no suspension. Eight of the cadences consist of a V-I progression, three have the progression VII-I and two IV-I. The obsolescent under-third ("Landini") cadence occurs in a number of instances, as in <u>Patrem omnipotentem</u> (measures 98, 103 and 104) and in <u>Agnus Dei I</u> and II (measures 19-20).

As in the Obrecht work, the <u>Missa Si dedero</u> by Coppinus includes varying harmonic approaches to the final cadences. Four such approaches are to be examined: a) I-V oscillation; b) emphasis on II as a pre-cadential harmony; c) emphasis on IV as a pre-cadential harmony; d) pre-cadential use of the <u>subtonium</u>. Cadential modulations to II or IV are not uncommon.

Of the four approaches, the tonic-dominant oscillation occurs most frequently. The examples chosen to illustrate this technique are measures 92-106 of Et in terra and measures 108 to

the end of Patrem omnipotentem (Examples 42a and 42b respectivelv). In Et in terra, this oscillation is heavily pronounced, bassus concentrating on an emphasis upon tonic and dominant roots in a lengthy modulatory passage to the subdominant center, Whereas the oscillation has the obvious harmonic function of C. emphasizing the current tonic center c, it is also of indirect motivic origin in that it provides the bass support to motive y presented as a harmonic entity in the upper voices at this point. The resultant angularity of the bassus line is evidence of the fact that Coppinus does not rely exclusively on fluency of the bassus line in creating tonal emphasis. Despite the present angularity, some linear interest is nevertheless present in the use of both motives <u>x</u> and $\underline{1}^2$ in elaborating the tonic-dominant oscillation. The whole of this passage, built around an extended post-cadential pedal point of seventeen measures on g, forms the approach to the final plagal cadence (c to G) heard during the last four measures of the extract. The extensive motivic quotations in the various voices are indicated in the Example.

The same type of bassus oscillation is again present in the closing measures of <u>Patrem omnipotentem</u>, and is again activated by a quasi-<u>ostinato</u> process--in this instance based on motive <u>1</u>, against which a sequence of motive <u>x</u> is heard in the upper voices.

A quasi-canonic imitation of motive $\underline{1}$ in the upper voices anticipates the <u>ostinato</u>.

The emphasis on II as a pre-cadential harmony may be illustrated by measures 53-58 of <u>Et incarnatus</u> and measures 83-88 of <u>Et in spiritum</u> (Examples 42c and 42d respectively). In the first example, oscillatory insistence on II is created by the <u>ostinato</u> segment in bassus which, at this point in the score, alternates between the notes d and e as part of motive \underline{y} . The resulting harmonic progression is II-I⁶. The substitution by Coppinus of a <u>clausula vera</u> cadence <u>a3</u>, in place of the original Burgundian cadence of the model, may be noted as an instance of parody by cadential variation. <u>Et in spiritum</u> presents not an oscillation but rather a tonicization of II in measure 84, with that harmonic emphasis extending into the entire next measure.

Emphasis on IV as a pre-cadential harmony may be observed in measures 38-43 of <u>Et ascendit</u> (Example 42e). This stress is achieved by means of durational value. Thus, the pre-cadential IV extends across three measures, with incidental embellishment by its lower neighbour, c (III). The substitution by Coppinus of a cadence on A, in place of the original cadence on c, may also be noted as should his use of <u>clausula</u> vera in place of the

Burgundian cadence type. These substitutions are further instances of his relatively free approach to the technique of parodistic transfer.

Pre-cadential use of the <u>subtonium</u> occurs in <u>Et in terra</u> (Example 42f) at measure 89.

All but three movements of the Coppinus Mass cadence on G, with the initial note being g in four of those ten cases. Of the other six, four begin on c, one on d and one on f. Of those not cadencing on g, two do so on A and one on c, with the initial note being g in all three cases.

These data suggest that Coppinus is less concerned than Obrecht with the question of tonal integration within the framework of a given movement.¹⁷ That he appears to be concerned, however, with large-scale grouping of movements in terms of cadential relationships is discussed elsewhere in this chapter.

It is evident from the foregoing analysis that, in several particulars such as texture, harmonic progression within the cadence proper and suspension usage, Coppinus employs a diversified range of terminal cadence forms in contrast with Obrecht's virtual uniformity of terminal cadence procedure.¹⁸ This difference appears to stem, in part, from a freer concept of parody treatment on the part of the Italian composer--as

suggested above--as against the more formal approach of the Flemish master.

With respect to the harmonies employed in approaching the cadence, both composers exhibit a similar range of technique that encompasses current resources as well as anticipates later tonal practice. The inclination of Coppinus to stress precadential modulatory centers appears to stem from his tendency towards free adaptation of borrowed material and his inclination to provide that material with tonally-centered harmonic settings.

Ground Plan as Defined by Cadences and Other Structural Procedures

An examination of two movements based on transposing <u>ostinato</u> segments (<u>Et incarnatus</u> and <u>Benedictus</u>) reveals in each a different organizational plan, as seen in Examples 43a and b. In the first movement, the ground plan as regards initial, medial and final cadences for each of the four segments reads d-A-c, c-d-c, d-A-G, c-d-c, which would harmonically create a form A B A¹B; the concentration on c as the tonal center is departed from only in the third segment, where its dominant is stressed.

In <u>Benedictus</u>, the transpositional scheme as such has rather marked tonal definition, with the fourfold modulation 14.5

ostinato creating the ground plan G-G, A-A, c-c, d-d-G, the last two harmonies in the fourth <u>ostinato</u> occurring in the final two measures. The emphasized harmony is therefore G, with excursions to its second, fourth and fifth before returning once more to its center, the latter being reached through the addition of an extra note and hence an additional harmony, in bassus at measure 61.

Excursions away from and back to an established tonality are also evident in two rather extensive imitative and sequential passages found in measures 20-29 of Qui sedes and measures 44-53 of Patrem omnipotentem. An examination of Examples 43c and d will reveal that both passages are constructed of the same motivic material, only arranged differently. In Qui sedes a melodically descending pattern is employed, while in Patrem omnipotentem an ascending one. In both cases the resulting internal harmonic relationships differ; in the first movement the harmonic progression is c-f-g-c-d-c while in the second c-d-ef-g-A-(G)-(c), with the roots in brackets referring to progressions occurring after the sequence. Thus, in both progressions the same tonal center c is departed from, in the first instance through IV, V, back to I, II, then returning finally to c again, and in the second instance passing by ascending step to VI, to V

after the sequence and finally to I (c). It is interesting to note, in the second passage, the use of the deceptive cadence, a technique which adds to the driving force of the sequences.

In general, it appears that the utilization by Coppinus of tonal resources is enframed within a smaller compass, and assumes less of the architectural proportions noted in Obrecht's Mass.

Incipient Tonality

Those procedures discussed above which contribute to the sense of tonality may be summarized as follows: a) predominance of root relationship of the fourth or fifth; b) controlled and directed movement of the individual bassus progressions; c) large sweep of the bassus line; d) use of the tritone; e) occasional use of II and IV as pre-cadential harmony; f) occasional use of I-V oscillation in approach to cadence; g) use of strong V-I cadential formula in eight of thirteen cadences; and IV-I formula in two cadences; h) excursions away from and back to the established tonality.

PARODISTIC ASPECTS

Frequency of Parodistic Borrowings

As in the corresponding part of the chapter on the Obrecht work, the frequency of parodistic borrowings in the non-cantus firmus voices in the <u>Missa Si dedero</u> of Coppinus has been tabulated in a manner which indicates the location of such borrowings in each of the movements concerned as well as their source. All movements except the two <u>Agnus Dei</u> have been analyzed in this way, the results being set forth in Table 15.¹⁹ The percentage ratios of simultaneous borrowings in each of these movements may be found in Table 16.²⁰

In contrast to Obrecht's preference for literal or slightly varied parodistic borrowings, a comparison of Table 16 with Table 12 reveals in the eleven Coppinus movements analyzed a much higher degree of and almost consistent preference for developmental and elaborative treatment, the rate of incidence of which reflects the latter composer's previously noted inclination towards free treatment of borrowed material and a preference for use of such material in episodic--that is, non-<u>cantus firmus</u>-passages.

Furthermore, the overall ratio of simultaneous borrowings is much higher in the Coppinus Mass, with eight of the eleven movements analyzed containing a ratio of seventy-four per cent or more, in contrast to only one of thirteen movements analyzed in the Obrecht Mass.

It may therefore be said that the rate of simultaneous borrowings is much higher in the Coppinus work than in that of Obrecht; elaborately varied and developmental borrowings far exceed literal or slightly varied borrowings in the Coppinus Mass, whereas in the Obrecht work the reverse is true.

Function of Parodistic Borrowings

<u>Introductory sections</u>. In contrast to the rather extensive use made of the motto reference in Obrecht's <u>Missa Si dedero</u>, the introductory sections within the individual movements of the Coppinus work employ diverse techniques.

Only one movement--<u>Patrem omnipotentem</u>--uses what could be described as literal motto reference (Example 44a). In this movement there is an almost exact duplication of the opening eight measures of the model; bassus, cantus and tenor 2 present contratenor, superius and tenor respectively of the Agricola work.

A slight melodic alteration does occur in measure 6 of bassus for harmonic reasons.

Instead of an exact duplication of the model in its opening measures as in <u>Patrem omnipotentem</u>, Coppinus prefers to institute the following changes in the introductory section of <u>Agnus Dei III</u> (Example 44b): the first entry in bassus is accompanied by tenor 1 in parallel rhythm and at times in parallel motion; the order of voice entries is changed from ct-s-t to b-a-c; the time interval between the second and third entries is shortened by one measure; the actual pitches and pitch relationships are altered from d-g'-g to f-d'-g'. Comparison of the altus and cantus entries of the Mass with the contratenor and superius entries of the model reveals that these are identical with regard to pitch placement and time interval.

The influence of imitative-type writing as found in the motto references is also made evident on a smaller scale in <u>Qui tollis</u> (Example 44c), where altus presents the opening of section I in a slightly rhythmically altered version beginning on c', followed in measure 2 by the cantus presentation of the complete first phrase of section I; at measure 3 the <u>cantus</u> <u>firmus</u> enters in bassus. The pitch relationship between these three entries is c'-f'-g, contrasting with the model's d-g'-g.

In the introductory section of <u>Et in terra</u> (Example 44d) this imitative relationship is treated rather loosely. Cantus presents, with elaboration, the opening tenor of section I against a freely composed altus; tenor 2 enters in measure 3 with the same theme but with new elaborations, and resembles not tenor but rather superius when the terminal note at measure 9 is taken into consideration. All three voices continue freely until once again imitation of the <u>cantus firmus</u> appears, this time in bassus at measure 16. The transitional function of this entry is evident in the fact that one measure later the <u>cantus firmus</u> appears in tenor 1. The pitch relationships between the <u>cantus firmus</u> imitations and the actual <u>cantus firmus</u> read g'-g-d-g. It is interesting to note the similarity between the bassus and tenor 1 entries of measures 16-17 and the opening two entries of the model.

In measures 1-6 of <u>Et incarnatus</u> (Example 44e), tenor 2 forecasts the appearance of the <u>cantus firmus</u> segment which is to appear in bassus at measure 7. This pre-imitation in diminution, which is sounding against a freely-composed altus, uses a paraphrased version of the superius <u>cantus firmus</u>.

Tenor 1 of <u>Sanctus</u> (Example 44f) presents, between measures 1 and 8, a statement of the complete tenor voice of section I of

the model, against which is heard a freely-composed bassus counterpoint in addition to tenor 2 and altus. Two measures before the end of this statement the superius <u>ostinato</u> appears, in relation to which the opening statement serves as introduction. A repetitional statement follows in tenor, at measure 10. Together, these three entries on g create a still further variant of the original expositional plan employed by Agricola in the presentation of his motto theme.

In <u>Et ascendit</u>, <u>Pleni</u>, <u>Benedictus</u> and <u>Hosanna</u> the <u>cantus</u> <u>firmus</u> begins immediately, resulting in the absence of introductory sections. Nevertheless, subordinate entries of the motto theme in <u>Et ascendit</u> again suggest a variational treatment of the expositional scheme of the model.

A rather short pre-imitation of the motto theme may be found in altus of <u>Agnus Dei I</u> and <u>II</u>, against which is heard a freely composed bassus (Example 44g). The statement is presented in free diminution, and assumes the character of a pre-imitational motive. A partial statement of the motto theme proper enters in tenor 1 at measure 6, forming the same imitative relationship with the cantus entry at measure 3 as obtained in the upper voices of the model.

In Qui sedes and Et in spiritum there is no forecasting

of the <u>cantus firmus</u> which is to follow. Each movement begins in non-imitative counterpoint.

Cadence-defining and terminal (coda-like) sections. It has been observed that Obrecht, in his Missa Si dedero, employs some distinctive material from Agricola's final section in virtually all of his movements. Quoted in varying degrees of faithfulness to the model, this material serves in each case as a thematic reminder of approaching cadential function, and as a pre-established structural means of realizing that function. Since Agricola's section V appears as part of the cantus firmus structure in only four of the Obrecht movements, the incorporation of material from that final section in non-cantus firmus parts poses a challenging problem of contrapuntal integration. This problem is resolved either by introducing the material in question during the course of the terminal non-cantus firmus passage or episode, or by presenting it in conjunction with whichever cantus firmus segment happens to form the basis of the movement in question. The latter procedure involves, of course, the exercise of considerable skill in the art of contrapuntal manipulation. In any case, these passages provide notable instances of the use of parodistic quotation as a cadence-defining -- and to that extent as a form-determining--resource.

Unlike Obrecht, Coppinus restricts the introduction of parodistic material from Agricola's closing section to only those movements in which either tenor or superius of that section forms part of the cantus firmus structure of the movement. Even so, of the six movements in which this condition is present, only four--namely, Qui tollis, Qui sedes, Agnus Dei I and II and Agnus Dei III--introduce motive 1 in a sequential context towards the close of the movement in question, as may be seen in Examples 45a-d. In the remaining two movements of this group--Et in spiritum and Hosanna (Examples 45e and f)--motive 1^2 is but one of several motives quoted in the closing section. Not only is it not treated sequentially, but it is quickly engulfed by the chain of surrounding motives quoted from the earlier sections of the Agricola work. Also, it may be noted that such incidental reference to motive 1 occurs in other movements as well. From the foregoing it seems clear that Coppinus's scheme of cadential reference not only lacks the rigorous uniformity of Obrecht's treatment, but appears to be subject to quite random application.

The latter observation may be questioned, however, if the Mass by Coppinus is examined in the perspective of grouped

movements. Thus, if instead of merely being enumerated consecutively these movements were to be grouped as liturgical units, the following series would be obtained, the presence of the asterisk indicating those movements in which motive $\underline{1}^2$ appears pre-cadentially in sequential context:

a) Et in terra / Qui tollis^N / Qui sedes^X; b) Patrem omnipotentem / Et incarnatus / Et ascendit / Et in spiritum; c) Sanctus / Pleni / Benedictus / Hosanna; d) Agnus Dei I and II^X / Agnus Dei III^N . It will be observed that these pre-cadential appearances of motive $\underline{1}^2$ are in the terminal and pre-terminal movements of the first and last groups respectively. In this perspective, it would seem that parodistic quotation of motive $\underline{1}^2$ in sequence is not, in fact, random, but is rather an element contributory towards large-scale definition of symmetry and design within this Mass.

Two further aspects of cadential reference at the level of macroformal organization may be mentioned here. Table 17 lists the movements as grouped above, noting both the section of the Agricola work which appears as terminal <u>cantus firmus</u> segment of the movement in question, and the tonal center upon which the movement closes. Also indicated in the Table is the presence or absence of total parodistic quotation of the cadence

proper in those movements using section V as terminal <u>cantus</u> <u>firmus</u> segment. Viewed in this perspective, the positioning of <u>cantus firmus</u> segments reveals the unsuspected function of assisting in the large-scale grouping of movements in such a manner as to yield either fixity or diversification of tonal centers within each group as needed. The nicety of creating further variety by harmonizing section I in c in <u>Et in terra</u> and the same section in A in <u>Et incarnatus</u> should be noted. A similar comment applies to the common use of section II in the <u>Pleni</u> and <u>Benedictus</u> movements, although other factors supporting diversification of center are present here. By way of contrast, it will be recalled that the final cadence in each of the fourteen movements of the Obrecht Mass is unrelentingly fixed on G.

As for literal quotation of the original cadence progression in movements using section V as terminal <u>cantus firmus</u> segment, the distributional pattern here appears to counterbalance the opposing claims of the grouping of movements, on the one hand, and of cadential contrast in juxtaposed movements, on the other.

Linking passages and episodes. It will be recalled that, in the Obrecht work, those passages serving as connectives between the proportionally treated <u>cantus firmus ostinati</u> contained both a high incidence of simultaneous--that is, parodistic-borrowings as well as sequential and imitative development of specific motives, whereas in those voices accompanying the segments only the latter were found at various points.

Such differentiation of material between non-<u>cantus firmus</u> and <u>cantus firmus</u> passages is not found in the Coppinus work, however. The Italian composer, who allows for a much freer treatment of borrowed material, as has been previously mentioned, presents both parodistic material and motivic development during <u>cantus firmus</u> and between <u>cantus firmus</u> passages alike, occurrences in the former passages being facilitated because of the structural plan of consecutive presentation rather than proportional segmentation of the cantus firmus.

In respect to the Coppinus Mass, therefore, the meaning of the term "episode", which in the Obrecht chapter referred only to passages connecting <u>cantus firmus</u> segments and not to <u>cantus firmus</u> passages (because of the latter's lack of parodistic material), has been extended to include all passages which include parodistic procedures. In the analysis of the episodic passages

below, however, distinction will be made between episodes in non-cantus firmus sections and those in cantus firmus sections.

The episode in non-<u>cantus firmus</u> sections will be examined in three stages, governed by degree of complexity: a) as a connecting force between one <u>cantus firmus</u> statement and another; b) as one in a series of episodes which together connect one <u>cantus firmus</u> statement with another; c) as one in a series of episodes which do not connect <u>cantus firmus</u> statements. Certain portions of the episodes to be discussed will be selected for detailed study.

The first stage may be illustrated by the episode occurring from measures 44-52 of <u>Patrem omnipotentem</u> (Example 46a) which joins the <u>cantus firmus</u> in tenor 1 based on Agricola tenor section II to that in the same voice based on Agricola tenor section III. This passage consists of a three-note sequence in bassus against which is heard, in tenor 2 and altus, an imitative and sequential development of two motives, the first of which, identified as motive <u>g</u>, can be traced back to the Agricola tenor at measures 58-59 and the second of which is a "Landini" formula-elaborated treatment of the same motive. A more complete analysis of this episode will be entered upon below in relation to a portion of the episodic passage in the

next illustration.

The episodic passage from measures 16-49 of <u>Qui sedes</u> shows the second stage of complexity, with change of texture and motivic concentration signifying change of episode. The passage begins rather freely, with a four-part section containing references to motives $\underline{1}$, \underline{x} and $\underline{1}^2$. At measure 20 a new trio section is heard, consisting of a sequence in tenor derived from motive $\underline{1}^2$ against which is heard, in altus and cantus, a sequential and imitative development of motive \underline{g} (heard in cantus at measures 19-20) and motive \underline{g} elaborated (Example 46b), the latter two motives being identical to those discussed in the Patrem omnipotentem illustration above.

The technique of creating new motives by freely elaborating fragments previously heard allows for a much wider range of motivic material for developmental treatment than is used by Obrecht. Furthermore, Coppinus's sequential interchange of motives in <u>Qui sedes</u>, as well as his technique of cyclical reference, whereby similar materials are subjected to different forms of development from movement to movement, are procedures found only in his Mass and not in that by Obrecht. The formula for development of these two motives in the movements concerned is varied with regard to overall melodic shape and relationship

between imitations. In <u>Qui sedes</u>, the overall melodic shape is one of descent of an octave, whereas in <u>Patrem omnipotentem</u> it is one of ascent of a sixth. In <u>Qui sedes</u>, the melodic descent from c'' through a', g', e', d' and c' in cantus from measures 20-29 is achieved in a sequence consisting of motive <u>g</u> followed by its elaboration; in altus, the same descending interval relationship is present (f', d', c', a, g) but the order of motives is reversed, as shown in the Example. In <u>Patrem</u> <u>omnipotentem</u>, however, there is strict imitation at the fourth between tenor 2 and altus.

At measure 29, another episode which consists of a sequential and canonic treatment of motive $\underline{1}^2$ in tenor 1 and tenor 2 commences. This episode terminates with the presentation in measures 37-39 of cantus of the opening of section IV of Agricola's superius, compressed, followed by a sequence of the same and an increase in texture to five voices for the next episode. At measure 46 the texture is reduced to three voices for a passage which links this previous episode to the return of the cantus firmus at measure 50.

The third stage of complexity will be illustrated by measures 18-65 of <u>Et in spiritum</u>. Although the <u>cantus firmus</u> in tenor 1 terminates at measure 8, there does not follow a

reduction of texture until measure 18, at which point the episodic passage begins; this means that the episodic passage is not linked to the <u>cantus firmus</u> preceding it. The opening episode <u>a2</u> is rather freely written, with sporadic motivic reference. This is followed at measure 26 by a passage <u>a3</u> which develops motive \underline{y} sequentially in cantus and in an elaborated and extended version in altus, with bassus in parallel thirds with the latter (Example 46c). Further episodes, which shall not be examined motivically, may be found in measures 33-38, 38-47, 47-52 and 57-65, with the <u>cantus firmus</u> resuming in tenor 1 at measure 65.

From the above analyses it has been shown how, in these episodic passages, Coppinus has been able to adapt material from . the model in such a manner as to enlarge the model to the dimensions of the movement in question through the use of various developmental processes. A detailed account of how such processes are at work during the presentation of the <u>cantus</u> <u>firmus</u> will be made with reference to the <u>Qui tollis</u> movement <u>a3</u>, in which the complete superius of the model is presented in bassus at the octave transposition.

In <u>Qui</u> tollis (Example 47), the <u>cantus</u> firmus, commencing in measure 3, is introduced by motto reference in altus and cantus respectively. At measure 3, motive <u>1</u> is heard in altus

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and is followed at measure 5 by motive \underline{x} , which is in parallel thirds with bassus; against motive \underline{x} appears in cantus a pattern combining motives $\underline{1}$ and \underline{x} --a free combination and adaptation of the Agricola superius and contratenor of measures 28-29. From measures 7-10 of cantus there occurs a transposed version of the Agricola superius of measures 71-73 which is imitated in altus at the octave. Altus continues in parallel thirds with bassus in measures 10-11 and section I of the <u>cantus firmus</u> terminates with a reference to motive \underline{x} in altus at measures 12-13.

There follows a brief <u>a2</u> episode presenting motive <u>1</u> in cantus in a form as found in the Agricola superius of measure 26, followed by a sequence of the same motive, altus being in canon. At measures 16-18, cantus sounds the superius cadence as found in measures 33-35 of the model, against motive <u>m</u> in altus.

During section II of the <u>cantus firmus</u>, motive <u>x</u> is sounded in cantus at measures 18-19, motive <u>m</u> follows in altus at measures 20-21 and motive $\underline{1}^2$ --in a form found in the Agricola superius of measure 26--in cantus, followed by its sequence; altus proceeds in parallel tenths with cantus in measures 21-22. Motive x appears in cantus and altus of measures 22-24, leading

into a cadence. From measures 25-27 altus appears in parallel thirds with bassus, ending this parallelism with a change to motive <u>m</u>. At measure 27 cantus begins with motive <u>x</u> and proceeds in parallel tenths with bassus until measure 30, this parallel writing being influenced by the superius and contratenor construction of measures 27-30 of the model. Motive <u>m</u> follows at measure 30. Altus reappears at measure 32 with an anticipation of the third section of the <u>cantus firmus</u> in diminution, and is followed by motive $\underline{1}^2$ in cantus and motive <u>m</u> in altus, leading into a cadence in fauxbourdon style.

There follows a brief linking passage in which cantus presents a pattern consisting of motives $\underline{1}^2$ and \underline{x} , which is imitated, with some elaboration, in altus of measures 37-40.

The third section of the <u>cantus firmus</u> enters at measure 40, with single presentation of motive <u>x</u> in altus and cantus. Measures 46-48 of altus consist of a free development of the Agricola superius of measures 55-56, using motives $\underline{1}^2$ and <u>m</u>; cantus accompanies this in thirds. In measures 49-51 there appears in altus a pattern consisting of motives <u>m</u> and <u>x</u>. This is followed in measures 52-59 of cantus by an interesting motivic variational technique in which there is a gradual melodically descending process--counteracted by a return to c'' after each step downwards--from c'' in measure 52 to e' in measure 59, through the use of motives \underline{x} , $\underline{1}^2$ and \underline{m} . In measures 55-59 altus presents, with an opening variant, measures 56-59 of the Agricola tenor. In measures 60-61 there follows oscillation-type writing in both voices, motivic reference being restricted to an appearance of motive \underline{x} in cantus at measures 62-64.

In section V of the <u>cantus firmus</u>, altus proceeds in parallel thirds with bassus in measures 67-70 as occurred in the corresponding measures in the model, against which there sounds a fairly literal quote of the Agricola tenor transposed. A fauxbourdon passage follows at measures 71-73. The <u>cantus</u> <u>firmus</u> then proceeds to its conclusion, with motive <u>1</u> being sounded in augmentation in cantus at measures 74-75.

Summarizing the above detailed analysis, it may be seen that there occurs, during <u>cantus firmus</u> statements, both the development of individual motives and combinations thereof as well as parodistic appearances of material, either in elaborated form or in fairly faithful reproduction.

Variational treatment. It will be remembered that in the discussion of variational treatment with regard to the Obrecht

<u>Pleni</u> <u>a3</u>, a high incidence of cadential correspondence with the model was noted, with no less than ten of the twelve cadences from the model being either direct quotations or close variants of their respective prototypes.²² In addition, however, there also existed a much wider range of borrowed cadential material which was added for the sake of specific organizational procedures.

Agnus Dei I and II a5 (Example 48), which presents the superius voice of the Agricola work in cantus, has been chosen to illustrate the kind of variational treatment employed by Coppinus. A comparison of the Agricola and Coppinus terminal cadences for each of the five sections reveals a remarkably close harmonic relationship, with Coppinus retaining the root movement in Agricola if present, making more definite the sometimes rather ambiguous cadences of the Agricola work, or presenting a cadence closely related to that of the model. Thus, the cadence at measures 13-14 has as its root movement G-c in the Agricola and the closely-related movement of b-c in the Coppinus. Because of the lack of triadic writing there appears, at measures 34-35, an ambiguous cadence in the model; this cadence is clarified in the Coppinus through the presence of a completely triadic movement from d-G. The cadence at

measures 52-53 of the Agricola work contains the root movement d-c, which is also true of the Coppinus cadence at the corresponding measures. Another triadically incomplete cadence appears at measures 63-64 of the model, in that the final harmony of the cadence consists of an octave sounding c; Coppinus readily harmonizes the c with a complete triad. In the final terminal cadence at measures 75-76 the triad on d is followed by g's in all three voices. Coppinus once more creates a final complete chord having G as root.

Similar correspondences may be seen in the internal cadences. At measures 7-8 the triad g is followed by an incomplete triad A-a-c', which is departed from immediately with a leap down to F in contratenor. At these measures in the Coppinus work this passage is harmonized with the triadic progression G-A, thus excluding the F in the cadence. At measures 19-20 the root progression f to g, the latter triadically incomplete, is followed by Coppinus, who makes the last triad complete. The cadence at measures 31-32, whose progression reads b-c in Agricola is followed closely by Coppinus, who creates a G-c cadence. In measures 45-46 the ambiguous cadence in the Agricola is made more definite by a triadically complete G-A formula. The root progression g-a at measures 58-59 of the

model is retained by Coppinus.

In contrast to the rather strict motivic correspondence to the model as shown in the principle cadences of the Obrecht <u>Pleni</u>, Coppinus prefers, in <u>Agnus Dei I</u> and <u>II</u>, a much freer adaptation of the accompanying motives at those points. Thus, in measures 12-14 there is found, in tenor 2, an adaptation of the motive \underline{y} figure found in the Agricola tenor at that point, against which is heard in bassus of measures 12-13 a variation of the corresponding contratenor voice. At the end of section II, measures 32-35 of tenor 1 present a varied version of the Agricola tenor; further instances of variation of motivic material at the cadences may be seen in the remaining terminal cadences as well, as indicated in the Example.

Additional cadential material does appear at various points in <u>Agnus Dei I</u> and <u>II</u>. For instance, a cadence is found in measures 5-6 of the movement where there was none in the model, and is motivically related to the one found in measures 9-10. Also there is a portion of the movement, from measures 39-49 where the <u>clausula vera</u> cadential formula, so prominent a feature of the five terminal cadences of the Agricola work, is exploited, as illustrated in the Example. However, it may be said that in general Coppinus does not by any means approach

the vastness of range of borrowed cadential material as was found in the Obrecht composition.

FOOTNOTES

¹D'Accone, "Alessandro Coppini...," 69. ²Sparks, <u>Cantus Firmus</u>..., p. 237. ³Ibid., p. 239.

⁴See pp. 75f above. The percentage difference given here incorporates the six per cent of quartal formations in <u>Agnus</u> Dei III, of which half are complete and half incomplete.

⁵Fox, <u>op</u>. <u>cit</u>., 48.

⁶Example 35a provides an instance of the consonant fourth, that is, of a fourth above bassus used to prepare a 4-3 suspension. Example 19d is a variant form of the same idiom as found in the Obrecht Mass.

⁷ See pp. 79f above.

⁸Frank D'Accone, "Alessandro Coppini...," <u>Analecta</u> Musicologica, IV (1967), 71.

⁹The ensuing analysis is, of course, based on the assumption that editorial <u>ficta</u> alterations at the cited cadence points represent the actual performance practice of the period.

¹⁰See pp. 82ff above.

¹¹ It may be noted parenthetically that the passage at measures 65-70 in Example 38a is a free contrapuntal re-structuring of that at measures 50-54 in Example 38b. This is true not simply in the sense that both are based on the same sequential passage of the model, but also in the sense that secondary motives introduced in the earlier passage reappear in the later. This process of cyclic transference of material from movement to movement of the Mass--a process often involving enhanced re-setting of the earlier passage--is an interesting extension of the parody technique that occurs occasionally in the Coppinus work. 12 See footnote 11 above.

¹³See pp. 51ff above, as well as Example 4.

14 The change from three- to five-part texture is, of course, implicit in all a5 movements.

15 The occasional division of one voice into two at the final cadence results in a harmony whose members exceed by one the number of voices present during the remainder of the composition.

Post-cadential pedal points are not infrequent in this Some are quite short; none as long as the extended pedal work. The device is to be found in the following of Et in terra. movements other than Et in terra: Qui tollis, Patrem omnipotentem, Sanctus, Pleni, Hosanna and Agnus Dei III. In his analysis of Josquin's Miserere, Reese observes that "terminal organ-points... are a trait of Josquin's style," and notes that these are "probably suggested by Italian influence." (Reese, op. cit., p. 248.)

Although internal pedal points resulting from proportional augmentation are, of course, intrinsic to Obrecht's cantus firmus structure in his Missa Si dedero, the post-cadential pedal point occurs but once in that work. It is also to be found at the close of the Qui tollis movement.

¹⁷See p. 88 above. 18 See pp. 85f above.

¹⁹ In contrast to the organizational procedure followed in the corresponding Tables of the Obrecht work (Tables 8-11), the movements in Table 15 have been organized according to their sequence in the Mass in order to correlate more easily with the organization of Table 16. Furthermore, a separate Table for elaborately varied borrowings has not been included because of considerations of space--the extremely high rate of much activity would make such a Table impractical--and their occurrence has merely been indicated by an asterisk in Table 15.

20 The percentages given in the Table are totals, with the figures in brackets representing individual frequency ratios for literal borrowings (at left) and for elaborate borrowings (at right). It is interesting to note that the second of the three groupings has an overall percentage ratio which is less than the first or third groupings. Also the third grouping has a slightly less overall ratio than the first.

²¹ See pp. 99ff above. ²² See p. 107 above.

Chapter VI

SUMMARY

With respect to style of writing, the preceding analyses have brought to light some similarities and differences between the two Masses by Obrecht and Coppinus based on Agricola's <u>Si dedero</u>. Comparison of the Obrecht <u>Missa Si dedero</u> with that of Coppinus was approached on three levels: a) treatment of the <u>cantus firmus</u>; b) harmonic considerations; c) parodistic aspects.

With regard to the first level, it was found that both composers employed as <u>cantus firmus</u> in each movement one voice which, in its role as a scaffolding, was constructed solely of material drawn from the Agricola model. However, varying methods of <u>cantus firmus</u> organization were found to exist between the two Masses. Obrecht preferred as his major organizational pattern a scaffolding consisting of an <u>ostinato</u> presentation--transposing or non-transposing, in proportional values or in <u>integer valor</u>--of segments of the Agricola tenor, one segment per movement. A second means of organization was that of the presentation, in <u>integer valor</u>, of one of the three Agricola voices complete, a procedure identified as "tenor

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substitute." Coppinus, on the other hand, made use of a more diversified type of <u>cantus firmus</u> organization in that there existed three Frameworks, the first one consisting of an elaborate presentation of the Agricola tenor which, aside from the occasional migration, was restricted to tenor 1, the second being an <u>ostinato--transposing</u> or non-transposing and in <u>integer</u> <u>valor--of</u> selected segments of either superius or tenor of the model, and the third one quoting a complete voice from the Agricola work in <u>integer valor</u> and, in one case, transposed.

Regarding the second level, it was found that both works were written in a prevailingly consonant idiom, with the occasional dissonances being preponderantly light and unobtrusive. It was noted that root relationship of the fourth or fifth was predominant. Similarity was also noticed in the diversified resources and harmonic approaches used to achieve the "drive to the cadence." There existed, however, certain differences. Analysis showed that non-quartal style was cultivated in Obrecht but not in Coppinus. Secondly, more diversification in the terminal cadence forms was found in the latter work. Thirdly, Coppinus's bassus line was more fluent and sweeping than the less continuous and nuanced bassus line of the Obrecht Mass. Lastly, tonal resources in a specific movement were enframed

within a smaller compass in Coppinus, contrasting with the large architectural proportions employed by Obrecht.

Within the third level, Obrecht's preference for literal or slightly varied parodistic borrowings was noted, standing opposite Coppinus's almost consistent preference for developmental and elaborate treatment of such borrowings. Furthermore, there was, in the Coppinus work, a higher overall ratio of simultaneous borrowings. The strict adherence by Obrecht to procedures presented in the model was seen in the wide use of motto reference, literal motto reference being found only once in the Coppinus Mass, the latter composer preferring a much looser imitative relationship. A second instance of adherence to the Agricola occurred in the terminal sections of each movement of Obrecht's Missa Si dedero, in that distinctive material from Agricola's final section was found in virtually all cases, whereas Coppinus restricted this material to only those movements in which either tenor or superius of that section formed part of the cantus firmus structure of the movement. It was noted that parodistic borrowings in the Obrecht work were restricted to those passages serving as connectives between ostinati in those movements based on segmented cantus firmus; Coppinus, on the other hand, introduced freely-developed

parodistic material both between and during cantus firmus statements. Differences in motivic development within those episodes between statements were noted, two of the outstanding ones being the presence of sequential interchange of motives and the technique of cyclical reference in the Coppinus Mass, techniques not found in the Obrecht work. Finally, with regard to variational treatment, it was found that Coppinus did not approach the vastness of range of borrowed cadential material as was found in the Obrecht composition. In spite of the above instances, a thoroughly parodistic treatment was found not to exist in either work, since it was not until the sixteenth century that this type of writing came into fruition. These two works were found still to exhibit an interest centered around the cantus firmus principle, with the occasional quote or development of certain motivic formulae from the model serving as auxiliary form-building elements in their parodistic constitution.

No attempt was made in this thesis to treat the discussion of the Obrecht and Coppinus compositions as a comparison between the Netherlands and Italian sacred styles of writing, mainly because an investigation into the latter school has been restricted, until recently, to the secular forms of composition, a field

in which the concern of the Italians, evidently, was with the developing of such unique forms as the <u>frottola</u>. However, new light is being shed on this neglected area by such writers as Frank D'Accone, and it is hopefully only a matter of time until a true assessment of Italian sacred style will be made.

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Antiphonale Sarisburiense. Structural Analyses of <u>Si dedero</u> Chant According to Lerner and Picker

Lerner				Picker			
Phrase No.	Text	Letter analysis	Location in Agricola	Phrase No.	Text	Letter analysis	Location in Agricola
1	Si dedero	А	m.1-15	1	Si dedero	A	m.1-15
2	somnum oculis meis	В	m.16-36	2	somnum oculis meis	В	m.16-36
3	et palpebris meis	B ¹ A ¹	m.37-64	3	et palpebris	Bl	m.37-54
				~ 4	meis	A ^l	m.54-64
4	dormitationem	B ²	m.65-76	5	dormitationem	B ²	m.65-76

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Agricola, <u>Si</u><u>dedero</u>. <u>Cantus</u><u>Firmus</u> Migration According to Lerner and Picker

Lerner		Picker	
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Section No. ^a	Voice	Section No.	Voice
I	tenor	I	superius
T	cenor	Ŧ	superius
II	tenor	II	tenor
III	superius	III	superius
IV	superius	IV	superius/tenor
v	tenor	V	tenor

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Agricola, <u>Si dedero</u>. <u>Cantus Firmus Migration</u> According to Reconciliation of Lerner and Picker Plans

 Section No.	Voice	Location	
I	superius/tenor	m.1-15	
II	tenor	m.16-36	
III	superius	m.37-54	
IV	superius/tenor	m.54-64	
v	tenor	m.65-75	

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Agricola, <u>Si</u><u>dedero</u>. Comparison of Melodic Cadences

		Cad	lence	e nur	nber	
Common element		1	2	. 3	4	
Pitch position of cadential formula-	-c g	x	x	x	x	:
Pre-cadential interval rising leap of 4th (g-c') """ Bve (g-g') descending step (a'-g') """ (e'-d'-c') """ and rising leap of 4th (e'-d'-g')	:	x	x	x	x	2
Pre-cadential durational values	:	ĸ	x	x	x	1

Agricola, <u>Si</u> <u>dedero</u>. Harmonic Cadences

Section	Meas.No.	Initial note of Agricola	Interior cadence	Terminal cadence
I	1 8	đ	v	
			a [≭] d [≭]	
	10		ď	¥
	15			c [#]
II	20		g	
	23		c c g	
	32		c [×]	
	3 5			g
III	40		А	
	46		A c*	
	53			g [×] /c
IV	55		f _	
	59		c' [¥] /e	
	64		• ,•	c [≭]
				-
V	73		a [*] /f a'	
	76		-	g
				_

<u>Cantus</u> Firmi Plans				
Movement	Voices present	<u>Cantus</u> firmus voice	<u>Cantus</u> firmus being used	<u>Cantus firmus</u> treatment
KYRIE Kyrie I	discantus altus tenor bassus	x	Agr. tenor (sect.I ¹)	three non-transposing segments in 6:2:1 [#] proportion
(<u>Christe</u>)	discantus altus bassus	x	Agr. tenor (sect.I,I ¹)	two transposing segments of sect.I (g,d), followed by three transposing segments of sect.I ¹ (d,f,g)
<u>Kyrie II</u>	discantus altus tenor bassus	x	Agr. tenor (sect.I ²)	three non-transposing segments in 2:1:1 proportion, with canon at 5th in altus for first two segments
GLORIA <u>Et</u> in terra	discantus altus tenor bassus	. (x	Agr. tenor (sect.II ¹)	three non-transposing segments in 3:2:1 proportion
Qui tollis	discantus altus tenor bassus	x	Agr. tenor (sect.II ²)	four non-transposing segments in 6:2:2:1 proportion

	TABLE	6	
Obrecht,	Missa	Si	dedero.
Segmented an			
Cantus	s Firmi	L P	lans

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Movement	Voices present	Cantus firmus voice	Cantus firmus being used	Cantus firmus treatment
CREDO	_			
Patrem	discantus		Agr. tenor	three non-transposing segment
omnipotentem	altus		(sect.III ¹)	in 6:2:1 proportion
	tenor	x		
	bassus			
Crucifixus	discantus		Agr. tenor	four non-transposing segments
	altus		$(sect.III^2)$	in 6:2:2:1 proportion
	tenor	x		
· · ·	bassus			
SANCTUS				
Sanctus	discantus		Agr. tenor	six transposing segments
	altus		(sect.IV ¹)	(oscillating between c' an
	tenor	x	• • • •	d' in 4:2:2:1:1:2
	bassus			proportion
Pleni	discantus		Agr. tenor	integer valor presentation
	altus	x	(complete)	at unison
	bassus			
Osanna	discantus		Agr. tenor	three non-transposing segment
	altus		(sect.IV ²)	in 4:2:1 proportion
	tenor	x	(,	
	bassus			
Benedictus	discantus	x	Agr. superius	integer valor presentation
	altus		(complete)	at unison
	bassus			

Table 6 (continued)

Movement	Voices present	<u>Cantus firmus</u> voice	Cantus firmus being used	<u>Cantus firmus</u> treatment
AGNUS DEI			<u></u>	
Agnus Dei I	discantus altus		Agr. tenor (sect.V)	two non-transposing segments in 2:1 proportion
	tenor bassus	x		
<u>Agnus</u> <u>Dei</u> II	discantus altus		Agr.contra- tenor	integer valor presentation at unison
	bassus	X	(complete)	
<u>Agnus Dei III</u>	discantus		Agr. tenor	single <u>integer</u> <u>valor</u> presenta
	altus		(sect.V)	tion at unison
	tenor bassus	x		

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Obrecht, <u>Missa Si</u> <u>dedero</u>. Scaffolding (Segmented) and Auxiliary <u>Cantus Firmus</u> Plans in Relevant Four-Part Movements

Scaffolding	<u>cantus</u> firmus	plan		Auxiliary <u>cantus</u> <u>firmus</u> plan			
Movement and voice	Source	Proportion	Measure number	Measure number	Source	Movement and voice	
Kyrie I	X		1-18	1- 4	X	Kyrie I	
tenor				5-9	Agr.motto theme (sect.I) transposed		
				10-16	XX		
	Agr.tenor (sect.I ¹)	6:1	19-41	17-40	Agr.superius (sect.II) (interpolations at m.32-35)		
	×		42-53	41-54	Agr.superius (sect.III)		
	Agr.tenor (sect.I ^l)	2:1	54-61	55-72	XX		
	X		62-66				
	Agr.tenor (sect.I ¹)	<u>integer</u> valor	67-70				
	X	and the second	71-72				

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Table 7 (continued)

Movement and voice	Source	Proportion	Measure number	Measure number	Source	Movement and voice
Et in terra	×		1-15	1- 4	x	Et in terr
tenor				5-16	Agr.superius (sect.I)	discantus
	Agr.tenor (sect.II ¹)	3:1	16-45	16-48	XX	
	X		46-64	49–53	Agr.superius (sect.II, closing meas.)	
				54-56	X	
				57-65	Agr.superius (sect.III)	
	Agr.tenor (sect.II ¹)	<u>integer</u> valor	95-105	90-109	XX	
	x		106-109			
Qui tollis	x		1-25	1- 2	x	Qui tollis
tenor				3-15	Agr.tenor (sect.II)	altus
				16-25	Agr.tenor (sect.III ¹)	
	Agr.tenor (sect.II ²)	6:1	25-57	25-30	Agr.tenor (sect.III ² , modified)	
				31-35	Agr.tenor (sect.IV ¹)	
	x		58-69	36-81	XX	H

Movement	Source	Proportion	Measure	Measure	Source	Movement
and voice	00U2 00		number	number		and voice
Qui tollis	Agr.tenor	2:1	70-81			Qui tollis
tenor	(sect.II ²)					discantus
(cont'd)	X		82-89	82-89	Agr.tenor (sect.V)	(cont'd)
	Agr.tenor					
	(sect.II ²)	2:1	90-101	90-114	XX	
	X		102-105			
	Agr.tenor (sect.II ²)	<u>integer</u> valor	106-114			
Crucifixus tenor	x		1-30	1-32	Agr.superius (sect.I and II)	<u>Crucifixus</u> discantus
	Agr.tenor					
	(sect.III ²)		31-69	33-59	Agr.superius (sect.III and IV ¹)	
				60-69	X	
	x		70-84	70-85	Agr.superius (sect.IV ² and V)	
	Agr.tenor					
	(sect.III ²)		85-99	85-136	XX	
	X		100-109			
	Agr.tenor (sect.III ²)		110-123			
	x Agr.tenor		124-128			
	$(sect.III^2)$		129-136			

Scaffolding	<u>cantus</u> firmus	g plan		Auxiliary <u>cantus</u> firmus plan			
Movement and voice	Source	Proportion	Measure number	Measure number	Source	Movement and voice	
<u>Osanna</u> tenor	x		1-16	1-16	Agr.tenor (sect.I and II)	<u>Osanna</u> altus	
	Agr.tenor (sect.IV ²)	4:1	17-36	17-36	XX		
	к		37-47	37-48	Agr.tenor (sect.III)		
	Agr.tenor						
	$(sect.IV^2)$	2:1	48-56	49-57	XX		
	X		57_61	57-68	Agr.tenor (sect.V)		
	Agr.tenor (sect.IV ²)	<u>integer</u> valor	62-65				
	×		66-67				

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Obrecht, <u>Missa Si dedero</u>. Incidence of Non-<u>Cantus Firmus</u> Borrowings (Literal or Moderately Varied) in <u>a4</u> Movements

	Location of	f borrowe	d material ^a	Source of	borrowed m	aterial (Agricola) ^a
Movement and structural plan	discantus	altus	bassus	superius	tenor	contratenor
<u>Kyrie I</u> TS ^D l (1-18)		12-15			12-14+	
CF ^b l (19-41)	17-25 27-31 32-35 ^C 36-39		15-19 27-29 32-35	18-26 28-32 32-35		16-20 28-30 37-40 ¹
TS 2 (42-53)	41-54: 41-44 45-47 47-52 52-54	41-44 52-54	45-47 [×] 52 ⁴ -54 ²	40-53: 40-43 44-46 46-51 51-53	40-43 6- 8 [×] 51-53	51 ⁴ -53 ²
CF 2 (54-61)	52-54	52-54 57-60	52 - 54 56 ² -58	21-22	45-49 ⁺	51 -53 53 ² -55
TS 3 (62-66)	62-65	62-65	62-66	66-69	66-69	66-71
<u>Kyrie II</u> TS-1 (1- 4) CF 1 (5- 6 TS 2 (17-22)	(c	3-14 anon with tenor)	L		12-15+	
CF 2 (23-28)	(c	22-26 anon with tenor)	ı		12-15+	
TS 3 (29-31)		27-31			12-15+	

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	Location o	f borrowed	material	Source of	Source of borrowed material (Agricola)			
Movement and structural plan	discantus	altus	bassus	superius	tenor	contratenor		
Et in terra								
TS 1 (1-15)	11 ³ -16 ¹		12-15	9-14		10-14		
CF l (16-45)								
TS 2 (46-64)	48 ⁴ –53	-		32-36		• -		
	1	54-57 ²	$52^3 - 57^2$		37-40 ¹	35 ³ -40 ²		
	57 ¹ -65	58-65	58-61 ^d	40-53	45 ³ –53			
CF 2 (65-84)		2		2				
TS 3 (85-95)	3	86-91 ² × 92 ² -96	85-90	66_70 ³ × 70 ³ -76		66-70		
	90 ³ –96	922-96	91 ³ -96	70-76	72-76	71 ³ -76		
CF 3 (96-105)								
TS 4 (104-109)								
Qui tollis				,				
TS 1 (1-24)		16-25			37-46			
CF 1 (25-57)		24 ³ –29			45-51			
		31-35			55-59			
TS 2 (58-69)	59-64	62 ⁴ –65	58-64	54-59	57 - 59	53-59		
	65 - 69 ₁	65-69	65-69	62–64 ^e	61-64	60-64		
CF 2 (70-81)	76 - 82 ¹		79 ³ -81		32-35	33 ³ -35		
TS 3 (82-89)		82-89			66-75			
CF 3 (90-101)								
TS 4 (92-105)								
CF 4 (106-114)	$108 - 112^{4}$			66-67;70 ³ -71	*			
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	Location of	Location of borrowed material			Source of borrowed material (Agricola)			
Movement and structural plan	discantus	altus	bassus	superius	tenor	contratenor		
Patrem								
omnipotentem TS 1 (1-30)		15–19 ^f 23–24	19-25		12-14	14-20		
CF 1 <u>(</u> 31-75)	52–53 [¥]	63-64	26-31 63-64		42-43 * 62-63	21-26 62-63		
TS 2 (76-85) CF 2 (86-103)	68_70 [¥] 77 ³ _86	67–69 [×]	66-68 ^{¥g}	54⊶64	57 - 59 [¥]	02-03		
TS 3 (104-108) CF 3 (109-118)								
<u>Crucifixus</u> TS l (1-30)	$19^{3} - 31 \\ 19^{3} - 22^{1} \\ 22^{1} - 24 \\ 24 - 25 \\ 25 - 31$	24-25 [*] 26-31	$19^{3} - 22^{1}$ $23^{2} - 24^{1}$ $26^{4} - 28^{2}$	23-35: 23-26 26-28 28-29 29-35	30-35	23–26 27 28–29 [¥] 30–32		
CF l (31-70) TS 2 (70-84)	36-59 70-84			40-64 60-64				
CF 2 (85-99)	74-85 86-92 [*] 94-96 [*]		75-82 86-91	64–76	66-72 [¥] 42-43 [¥]	66-73 46-51		
TS 3 (100-109) CF 3 (110-123) TS 4 (124-128) CF 4 (129-136)	101-106 107-108 ×	99 ⁴ -106 [*] 107-108*		67–72	73_74¥	$65^4 - 71^{\texttt{x}}$ 72-73 ^{xh}		

Table 8 (continued)

	Location o	f borrowe	d material	Source of	borrowed m	aterial (Agricola)
ovement and structural plan	discantus	altus	bassus	superius	tenor	contratenor
sanna						
TS 1 (1-16)		1-16 ²			6-35	
CF 1 (17-36)						
TS 2 (37-48 ²)		37-48			37-53	
CF 2 (48 ² -56)						
TS 3 (57-61 ³)		57-61			66-71	
CF 3 (61 ⁴ -65)						
TS 4 (65-67)	65-66	65-66	65 ⁴ –67	75-76	75-76	74-76
gnus Dei I						
TS 1 (1-12)	3 - 7 [¥]	1- 5 ^{×1} 7- 9 ¹				16-20 [#]
	9-11 ¹ ×	7-9-	7- 9 ¹ 9-11* ^j		61-62 61-62 ^{**}	61-62 61-62 [%]
CF 1 (13-40)	<u> </u>		<i>J</i> =iir		01-02	01-02
TS 2 (41-46)						
CF 2 (47-59)	51-53		50 ² –53 57–59	68-70		67-70 74-76

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	Location of borrowed material		Source of borrowed material (Agricola			
Movement and structural plan	discantus	altus	bassus	superius	tenor	contratenor
Agnus Dei III						
TS 1 (1-63)	10-17 18-20 23-261 304-35 37-382x 384-40x 614-64	14-17x 18-20x 34-37 ¹	$12-13$ $23-26^{1}$ $29-35$ $37-38^{2}$ $38^{4}-40x$ $48-51^{3}$ $61-63$	10-1718-2024-2630-3562-64	55-59 61-62 ² * 63 ³ -64	$12-13/14-17 \times 18-20 \times 23-26^{1} \\ 29^{3}-32 \\ 61-62^{2} \\ 61^{4}-62 \times^{k} \\ 48-51^{4} \\ 61-63 \\ 61-6$
CF 1 (65-76)	65 - 71 72-76		65 - 71 ^m 72 - 76	65 - 71 72-76		65-71 72-76

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Obrecht, <u>Missa Si dedero</u>. Incidence of Non-<u>Cantus Firmus</u> Borrowings (Elaborately Varied) in <u>a4</u> Movements

Movement	Location of variation according to section	Mode of variation
<u>Kyrie I</u>	TS l (m. 1-18) ^a	imitative entries of motto theme in m.l-ll
<u>Et in terra</u>	TS l (m. 1-15)	imitative entries of motto theme in m.l-ll
	CF 1 (m.16-48)	sequentially developed motive \underline{y} in altus
	CF 2 (m.65-84)	sequentially developed motive \underline{m} in altus
	CF 3 (m.96-105)	homophonic texture (textural simplification of Agricola)
<u>Qui</u> tollis	TS 1 (m. 1-24)	imitative entries of Agr. m.20-29 in m.1-11
	CF 1 (m.25-57)	developmental process of motive \underline{z} in m.43-58
Patrem omnipotentem	TS l (m. 1-30)	imitative entries of motto theme in m.1-13
	CF l (m.31-75)	developmental process of motive <u>mx</u> in m.31-44; homophonic texture in m.44-49; developmental process of various motives at m.51-69

Table 9 (continued)

Movement	Location of variation according to section	Mode of variation
<u>Agnus Dei I</u>	TS l (m.1-12)	imitative entries of Agr. m.16-20, developed in paired voices
<u>Agnus Dei III</u>	TS l (m.1=63)	imitative entries of motto theme in m.1-12; sequential process in which outer parts fill in 4th as found in Agr. m.23 ³ -24 ³ ; <u>ostinato</u> -sequential process based on Agr m.55-59 in Obrecht bassus of m.53-57

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Obrecht, <u>Missa Si dedero</u>. Incidence of Non-<u>Cantus Firmus</u> Borrowings (Literal or Moderately Varied) in <u>a3</u> Movements

	Location of borrowed material ^a		Source of borrowed material (Agricola) ⁵				
Movement and structural plan	discantus	altus	bassus	superius	tenor	contratenor	
Christe			<u> </u>				
IS ^b (1-5)	1- 6 x				6-10 x		
os ^b 1(6-15)			6 - 15 x		6 - 15 x		
Int ^b (16-20)							
OS 2 (21-30)			21-31× ⁺		6 -15x		
Int (32-35)		32 - 35 x				1- 5 x	
OS 3 (36-41)			36-41 x⁺		6 -11x		
Int (42-49)	40-50 ^C			40-50			
OS 4 (50-55)			50 -55 * ⁺		6 -11 ×		
Int (55-56)							
OS 5 (57-61)			57 - 61 x		6 -11 %		
Coda (61-67)							
Pleni							
IS (1-5)			1 5 x		6-10x		
TS ^b (6-15)	12 ⁴ -14	6 -10x 12 - 14	5- 8x ^d 12 ³ -14	12 ⁴ -14	12-14	6-10x/1-5x 12 ³ -14	

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	Location of borrowed material			Source of borrowed material (Agricola			
Movement and structural plan		discantus	altus	bassus	superius	tenor	contratenor
Pleni (c	ont'd)						
Int	(16-19)						
TS	(20-36)	23 ⁴ -25 ¹ 25-26	20-23 23-25 25-26 26-36	23 ⁴ -25 ¹ 25-26	69 ² -70 ³ 25-26	20-23 23-25 25-26 26-36	69 ² -73 ³ 25-26
TS	(37-54)	· · ·	37-54			37-54	
TS	(54–64)	61 ⁴ -64 ¹	55 <mark>7</mark> 61 61 -64	61 ⁴ -64 ¹	61 ⁴ -64 ¹	55-61 61 ⁴ -64 ¹	61 ⁴ -64 ¹
TS	(65-76)	69 ² -73 ³	65 <u>7</u> 69 69 ² -73 ³ 73-74	69 ² -73 ³	69 ² -73 ³	65 <u>-</u> 69 69 ² -73 ³ 73-74	69 ² -73 ³
		75-76	75-76	75-76	75-76	75-76	75-76
Benedict	us						
TS	(1-15)	1- 8 8-11 11-12	8 ² -11 ³	6-11 x	1- 8 8-11 11-12	6-11 x	8 ² -11 ³ *
		13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15
TS	(16-36)	16-25 25-28 28-30 ¹	28-30 ¹	25–28	16-25 25-28 28-30 ¹	28-30 ¹	25–28
· · · ·		30-36			30-36		
Int	(35-39)	40 50			40 50		
TS	(40~50)	40 - 50 50 - 53	50-53		40-50	51-53	

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	Location of borrowed material			Source of borrowed material (Agricol			
lovement and	discantus	altus	bassus	superius	tenor	contratenor	
Benedictus (cont'd)							
TS (54-64)	54-56	4		54-56			
	56-59	56 ⁴ -59		56 -5 9	56 ⁴ -59		
	59-64	59-64		59-64	59-64		
TS (65-76)	65-69 69 ⁴ -70	69 ⁴ –70	69 ⁴ -70	65-69 69 ⁴ -70	69 ⁴ -70	69 ⁴ -70	
	70-71	6970	69 -70	70-71	69 -70	69 -70	
	72-76	72-76	72-76	72-76	72_76	72-76	
Agnus <u>Dei II</u> TS (1-13)	$8^{2}-9^{3}$ $10^{2}-11^{4 \times f}$	8 ² -9 ^{3e}	$1 - 8^{1}$ $8^{2} - 9^{3}$ $9^{4} - 11^{3} \times$ $11^{4} - 13$		8 ² -9 ³ x	$1-88^2-9^39^4-11^3x11^4-13$	
TS (14-20)			14-20			14-20	
TS (21-35)	26 ¹ -27 ⁴		21-26 ¹ 26 ¹ -27 ⁴ 28-30	26 ¹ –27 ⁴	26 ¹ -27 ⁴	21_26 ¹ 26 ¹ _27 ⁴ 28_30	
	31-35	31-35	28-30 31-35	31-35	31-35	28-30 31-35	
TS 35-55)	~		35-42		۰.	35-42	
	42-45× ⁹		42-45 45-46x ^h	50 - 53 x		42-45	
	45-46 x	45 - 46 x				45-46x	
		53 - 55 x	46-53 53-55* ⁱ			46–53 53–55 ×	

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Movement and structural plan	Location of borrowed material			Source of borrowed material (Agricola			
	discantus	altus	bassus	superius	tenor	contratenor	
Agnus <u>Dei</u> <u>II</u> (cont'd)							
TS (55-64)			55-59			55-59	
	62-64	60-64	60-64	62-64	60-64	60-64	
TS (65-76)	71-76x ^j	71-76 x	71-76	71-76×	71-76 x	71-76	

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Obrecht, <u>Missa Si dedero</u>. Incidence of Non-<u>Cantus Firmus</u> Borrowings (Elaborately Varied) in <u>a3</u> Movements

Movement		of variation to section	Mode of variation
Christe	Int. 3	(m.42-49)	sequential process in discantus m.40-50 of Agr. superius m.40-49
<u>Pleni</u>	Int. 1	(m.16-19)	sequential process based on motive $\underline{1}^2$ in discantus and bassus
	TS 2	(m.20-35)	sequential process in discantus and bassus m.20-24 of opening of motive \underline{y}
	TS 3	(m.37-54)	homophonic texture with parallelism and quasi-canon in m.47-53
	TS 5	(m.65-76)	variational-sequential treatment of motive in m.65-69
Benedictus	TS 1	(m. 1-15)	imitative entries of motto theme in m. 1-10
	TS 3	(m.40-53)	sequential-ostinato process in bassus
	TS 5	(m.65-76)	variational-sequential treatment of motive in bassus and altus in m.65-69
<u>Agnus Dei II</u>	TS 5	(m.65-76)	motivic elaboration in discantus and altus in m.65-70; interchange between same voices in m.70-76

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Movement	Percentage			
<u>Kyrie I</u>	53%	(38/15)		
Christe	0%	(0/0)		
<u>Kyrie II</u>	0%	(0/0)		
<u>Et in terra</u>	91%	(25/66)		
<u>Qui</u> tollis	36%	(13/23)		
Patrem omnipotentem	33%	(6/27)		
Crucifixus	27%	(27/0)		
Pleni	47 %	(29/18)		
Hosanna	3%	(3/ 0)		
Benedictus	66%	(46/20)		
Agnus Dei I	28%	(28/ 8)		
Agnus Dei II	55%	(41/14)		
Agnus Dei III	72%	(51/21)		

Obrecht, <u>Missa Si dedero</u>. Percentage Ratios of Simultaneous Borrowings

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Obrecht, <u>Missa</u> <u>Si</u> <u>dedero</u>. Harmonic Cadences in <u>Benedictus</u>

Section	Meas.No.	Initial note	Interior cadence	Terminal cadence
I	1	d'/g		
	8		c'/a	
	10		ď	
	15			С
II	20		g	
	32		g	
	35			g/e
III	40		А	
	46		С	
	49		G	
	53			g/e
IV	59		c'/A	
	64		·	С
v	73		a'/f	
	76		G	

Coppinus, <u>Missa</u> <u>Si dedero</u>. <u>Cantus</u> <u>Firmus</u> Frameworks

Movement	Voices in movement	Framework	
GLORIA	· · ·		
Et in terra	cantus		
	altus		
	tenor l	Agr.ten.I, II, III	Agr.ten.III(cont'd)
	tenor 2		
	bassus	Agr.ten.III (co	ont'd)
Qui tollis	cantus		
	altus		
	bassus	Agr.sup.(complete)	
Qui sedes	cantus	Agr.ten.V	
	altus		
	tenor l	Agr.ten.IV	
	tenor 2		
	bassus		
CREDO			
Patrem omnipotentem	cantus		
	altus		
	tenor l	Agr.ten.I Agr.ten.II,III	
	tenor 2	Agr.ten.I(<u>cf</u>)	
Et incarnatus	altus		
	tenor 2		
	bassus	Agr.ten.I (4 transposing segment	s)

Table 14 (continued)

Movement	Voices in movement	Framework	
<u>Et ascendit</u>	cantus tenor l bassus	Agr.ten.I (4 transposing segments)	
<u>Et in spiritum</u>	cantus altus		
	tenor 1 tenor 2	Agr.ten.IV,V	
SANCTUS	bassus		
Sanctus	cantus altus	Agr.sup.I (3 non-transposing segments)	
	tenor l tenor 2 bassus	Agr.ten.I,I,IIa,III,IIb	
Pleni	altus		
	tenor 1 tenor 2 bassus	Agr.sup.II (3 non-transposing segments)	
Benedictus	cantus		
	altus		
	tenor l bassus	Agr.ten.II (4 transposing segments)	
Hosanna	cantus altus		
	tenor 1 tenor 2	Agr.ten.IIIa,IV,V	28
	bassus		

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Table 14 (continued)

Movement	Voices in movement	Framework
AGNUS DEI		
<u>Agnus Dei I and II</u>	cantus altus tenor 1 tenor 2 bassus	Agr.sup.(complete)
<u>Agnus Dei III</u>	cantus altus tenor l bassus	Agr.sup.(complete at 4th)

Coppinus, <u>Missa Si dedero</u>. Incidence of Non-<u>Cantus</u> Firmus Borrowings

	Location of bor (literal or mod	rowed material erately varied)	Source of borrowed material (Agricola)					
Movement and cantus altus structural plan		tenor 1 tenor 2				tenor	contratenor	
t in terra							• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
$\overline{NCF^a}$ (1-16)				x				
CF^{a} (17-25)		17-25		×		6-15		
CF (26-38)		26-38		x		16-28		
NCF (39-42)	•			×				
CF (43-48)	$43-48(s)^{b}$	43-48(t)	43 - 48 (ct)	31-35	30-35	30-34	
NCF (48-56)		0		x				
CF (56-65)	56-60(s)	56-65 ^C (t) 62-64 ⁺ (t)		X	54-57	37-40		
NCF (65-77)				×				
CF (78-84)		78-84(s)	78-82(t)	×	40-46	40-44		
CF (83-91)	84-91(s)	83-91(t)	83-91 (ct)	46-53	45-53	45-53	
NCF (91-106)				X				
Qui tollis								
NCF (1- 3)				x				
CF (3-15)			3-15	X	3-15			
CF (16-36)			16-35	X	16-36			
CF (37-53)			37-53	x	37-53			
CF (54-64)	57-59		54 - 64(s)	X	54-64	57-59		
CF (65-77)	67-70(t) 67-71 ²	^K (ct)	65-77(s)	x	65-76	66-69	67-70	

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Table 15 (continued)

				owed mate: rately va				Source of	borrowed	material (Agricola)
Movemen struct	nt and ural pla	cantus n	altus	tenor l	tenor 2	bassus	Elaborate Variation	superius	tenor	contratenor
Qui se	des									
CF	(1_15)	5- 9(t)				5 - 9(c	t)		60-64	60 -6 4
				1-9 	`				55 - 59	<u> </u>
NCF	(16-49)		10 - 14 (C	t)10-15(t)				60-65	60-63
CF	• •	50-57(t)		49 - 57 (s)	50 - 56 ⁺ (ct) x	65-73	66-73	66-68;69-73
CF	(57-65)	58-65 ⁺ (s)	60 - 65 ⁺ (t)			73-76	74-76	
	•	-				59 - 65 ⁺ (t,ct)		73-74	75 - 76
Patrem	omni-									
pote	ntem									
NCF	(1-5)			×	ĥ		x			
CF	(6-15)			8 - 16 ^X	6 - 15 ^d				6-15	
NCF	(16-25)									
CF	(26-43)			26-43			x		20-35	
NCF	(44-52)		•				X	60 E4	27 46	
CF	• •	60-62 ^e (s	•	53 - 62(t)				62-64	37-46	
NCF	(63-99)						X			

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			cowed mate				Source of	Source of borrowed	
Movement and structural pla	cantus	altus	tenor l	tenor 2	bassus	Elaborate Variation	superius	tenor	contratenor
<u>Et incarnatus</u>									
NCF (1- 6)						×			
Ost ^a (7-16)					7 - 16 ^X			6-15	
NCF (17-22)						×			
Ost (22-30)		24 - 26 (o	ct)	28-30(s)	22-30 (t)	12-14	6-15	8-10
NCF (30-36)						×			
Ost (37-45)					37 - 45 [×]			6-15	
NCF (46-49)									
Ost (50-58)					50-58	x		6-15	
Et ascendit									
Ost (1- 9)	1- 9					x		6-15	
NCF (9-15)						x			
Ost (16-24)	16-24 ^X					x		6-15	
NCF (25-28)	v								
Ost (29-36)	29 - 36 ^X							6-15	
NCF (37-43)	37-43					x		6-15	

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Table 15 (continued)

	Location (literal						Source of	borrowed	material (Agricola)
Movement and structural pla	cantus an	altus	tenor 1	tenor 2	bassus	Elaborate Variation	superius	tenor	contratenor
Et in spiritu	m								
CF (1-8)			1- 8					50-54	
NCF (9-18)									
NCF (18-56)						×			
CF (57-62)	57-62(s)		57_62(t)				49-53	48-54	
					61-62			45-46	
NCF (63-66)			f		63-66			47-54	
CF (65-75)			65-68			×		57-59	
	71 - 73(s)		68-75				62-64	60-64	
CF (76-88)			76-88+			x		66-76	
Sanctus									
NCF (1-10)						X	_		
Ost (7-18)			10-18(t)	•			3-15	6-15	
CF (19-25)			19-25 ^e			X		20-30	
Ost (25436)	25-33(s)	30 - 33 (ct	t) ^g			X	3-15		10-15
CF (36-45)			36-45			x		37-46	
Ost (43-54)	43-54(s)				45 - 49 ^X ((t)	3-15	6-10	
	• •			49-54(t)	50 - 53 (c	t)		10-14	10-13
CF (54-57)			54-57		•	x		32-35	

Table 15 (continued)

			rowed mate: erately va		_		Source of	borrowed	material (Agricola)
Movement and structural pl	cantus .an	altus	tenor 1	tenor 2		Elaborate Variation	superius	tenor	contratenor
Pleni									
Ost (1-11)	i		l-11(s)		4-5(ct)	1	18-28		25-26
				5-9			60-64		
NCF (12-18)	1					X			
Ost (19-29)	1		19-29			X	18-28		
NCF (29-37)	•					x			
Ost (38-48))		19-29			X	18-28		
Benedictus									
Ost (1-12))				1-12	×		20-35	
NCF (13-16)	12-27 ^e					x		20-28	
Ost (17-28)					$17-28^{x}$	x		20-35	
NCF (29-34)			29-33+			x	18-21		,
Ost (35-46)									
NCF (47-78)									
Ost (49-61)			50 - 53(s)		49 - 61(t)) ×	18-20	20-35	
Hosanna			h						
CF (1-11)			1-11 ^h			×	40-53		
CF (12-16)		е.	12-16			×		55-59	
CF (17-22)		19-21 (s) 17-22(t	•	17-21 (c	•	62-64	60-65	60-64
CF (23-34))		23-34(t)		22–23 (c	t) x		66-76	64-65

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Percentage	Ratios	of	Simult	aneous	Borrowings

Movement	Percentage		
<u>Et in terra</u>	93% (11/82)		
<u>Qui tollis</u>	89% (6/83)		
Qui sedes	82% (27/55)		
Patrem omnipotentem	57% (3/54)		
Et incarnatus	53% (10/43)		
Et ascendit	75% (0/75)		
<u>Et in spiritum</u>	52% (10/42)		
Sanctus	89% (40/49)		
Pleni	85% (12/73)		
Benedictus	74% (6/68)		
Hosanna	75% (20/55)		

Coppinus, <u>Missa Si dedero</u>. Grouping of Movements

Group number	Movement	Terminal <u>cantus</u> <u>firmus</u> segment of movement	Tonal center at close of movement	Presence of total parody quotation <u>a3</u> of cadence progression in movements terminating with section V
1	Et in terra	III	G	
	Qui tollis	v	g	no
	Qui sedes	V	G	yes
2	Patrem omnipotentem	III	G	
	Et incarnatus	I	с	
	Et ascendit	I	A	
	Et in spiritum	v	G	yes
3	Sanctus	III	G	
	Pleni	II	А	
	Benedictus	II	G	
	Hosanna	V	G	no
4	Agnus Dei I and II	v	G	yes
	Agnus Dei III	v	G	no

FOOTNOTES

Table 1 ----

Table 2 In order to facilitate comparison of their respective analyses, Lerner's four sections have been adapted to Picker's five-sectional ground plan.

Table 3 ---

Table 4 ----

Table 5 Clausula vera is present. If the lower note of the clausula vera is not the lowest note of the harmony, it is designated by a diagonal line followed by a letter(s) which represent(s) the lowest note(s).

Table 6 "The numeral 1 does not necessarily infer that the segment which is referred to is in integer valor; it simply indicates that segment which assumes the smallest proportion in the movement under analysis at the time.

<u>Table 7</u> ^{*}Designated voice part is silent during measures specified.

Abandonment of auxiliary <u>cantus</u> firmus in designated voice in favour of free and/or parodistic material.

Table 8 ^a In all but a few instances, the discantus, altus and bassus voices of the Obrecht are to be correlated with the superius, tenor and contratenor voices respectively of the Agricola.

Agricola. *Correlations departing from the above generalization ^bThe abbreviations "TS" and "CF" signify "tenorless section" and "<u>cantus firmus</u> section" respectively.

⁺The borrowed material has been transposed. ^CDiscantus proceeds in parallel tenths with bassus ^dBassus proceeds in parallel tenths with discantus

^eThe borrowed passage in Obrecht's discantus at measures 68-69 comprises measures 62-64 of Agricola's superius and measures 60-61 of his tenor part. The latter quotation precedes the former.

^rThe first two notes of the Obrecht are augmentations of the corresponding notes of the Agricola. ⁹Measures 57-59 of the Agricola tenor are treated in imitation in bassus, altus and discantus.

^hVoice correspondence at this point is as follows: discantus-tenor; altus-contratenor.

¹The borrowed contratenor passage is treated in imitation by altus and discantus.

JVoice correspondence at this point is as follows: discantus-tenor; bassus-contratenor. The borrowed material at measures 9-11 is in invertible counterpoint with the same material as heard at measures 7-9.

^kVoice correspondence at this point is as follows: discantus-contratenor (as given) followed by tenor (as given); bassus is in tenths with contratenor-derived portion of discantus.

^mObrecht subjects the motives of Agricola's superius and contratenor lines to considerable variation and occasional transposition.

Table 9 ^aMeasure numbers indicate entire extent of each section.

Table 10 In all but a few instances, the discantus, altus and bassus voices of the Obrecht are to be correlated with the superius, tenor and contratenor voices respectively of the Agricola.

Correlations departing from the above generalization ^bThe abbreviations "IS", "OS", "Int", and "TS" signify "introductory section," "<u>ostinato</u> statement," "interlude" and "tenorless section" respectively.

Discantus at m.40-43 represents a rhythmic compression of Agricola's superius at m.40-50. The compressed phrase is heard in three descending sequential steps at m.40-50.

^dVoice correlation is as follows: altus (6-10)-contratenor (6-10); bassus (5-8)-contratenor (5-8).

^eAltus moves in parallel sixths with discantus.

fDiscantus is in close canonic imitation with contratenor-derived bassus.

⁹The quoted phrase in discantus is heard during the three measures of silence in contratenor-derived bassus.

^hAltus, bassus and discantus proceed in close canonic imitation.

ⁱAltus moves in close canonic imitation with contratenor-derived bassus. ^jThe full six measures of this culminative cadence of the model are reproduced here, but with intricate interchanges in the upper voices, which may be represented as follows:

Table 11 ----

Table 12 ----

Table 13 ---

Table 14 ----

Table 15 The abbreviations "NCF", "CF" and "Ost" refer to "non-cantus firmus," "cantus firmus" and "ostinato" respectively.

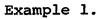
*Indicates additional presence of more radical variation of borrowed material within structural section concerned.

concerned. ^bLetter in brackets indicates the voice of the Agricola work serving as source of material for the voice concerned in the Coppinus work.

^cIn augmentation ⁺Indicates presence of free paraphrase ^xIndicates transposition ^dTenor 2 and tenor 1 are in canon ^eCompressed ^fVaried ^gSome alterations ^hVaried at cadence measures

Table 16 ---

Table <u>17</u> ----



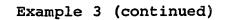


Example 2.

The "Si dedero" Chant from the Antiphonale Sarisburiense * sompnum o-cu-lis meis et pal-pe-bris Si dedero dormita-ti -nem' me-is 0-



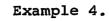
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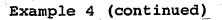


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Example 5.



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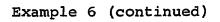


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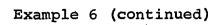




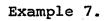




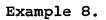




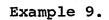






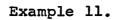










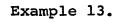




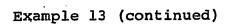
Example 12.

Agricola, <u>Si</u><u>dedero</u>: Terminal Cadences

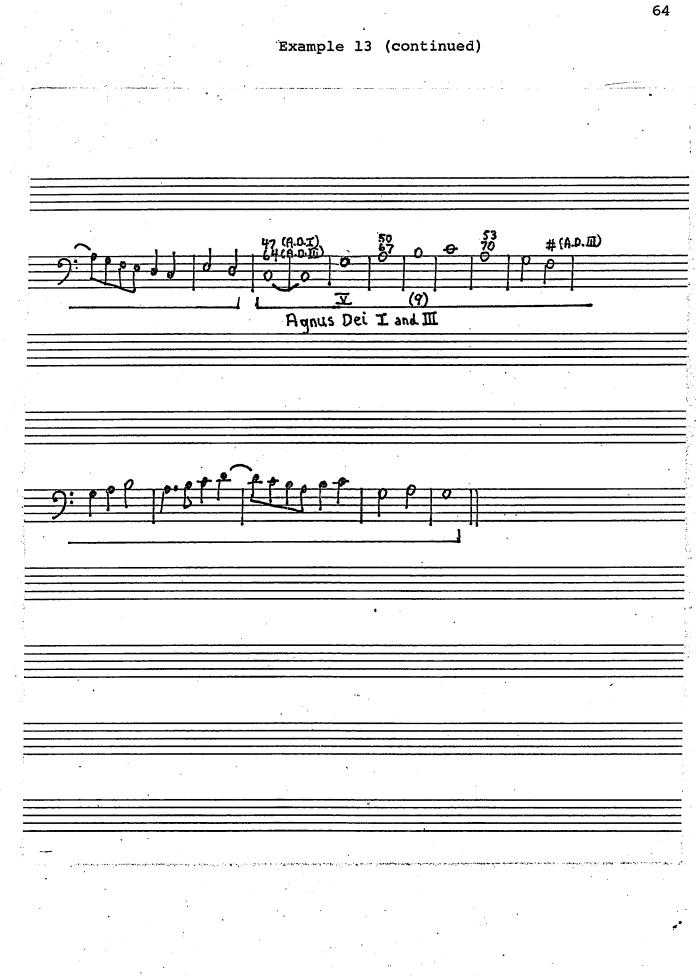


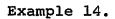




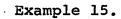






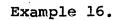






Obrecht, <u>Missa</u> <u>Si</u> <u>dedero</u>: Discantus of <u>Crucifixus</u>







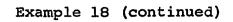
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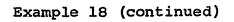


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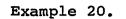


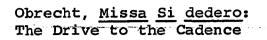
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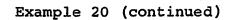




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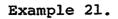
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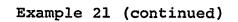




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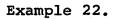




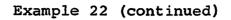


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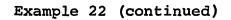




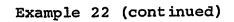




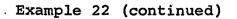
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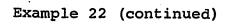




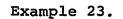




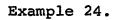




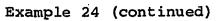




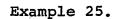


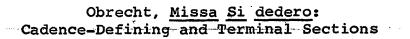










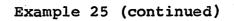




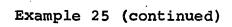
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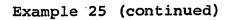
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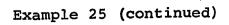






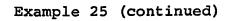






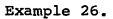


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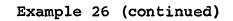






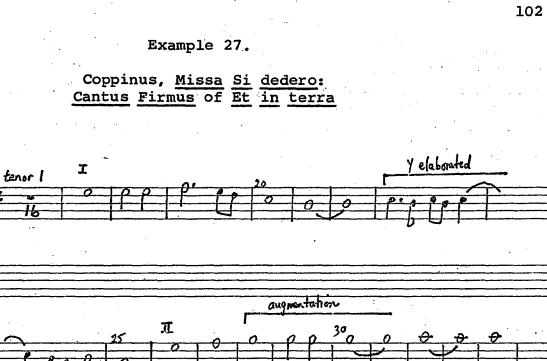


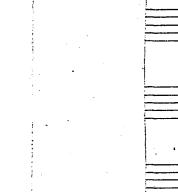






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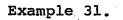






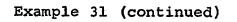
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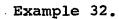












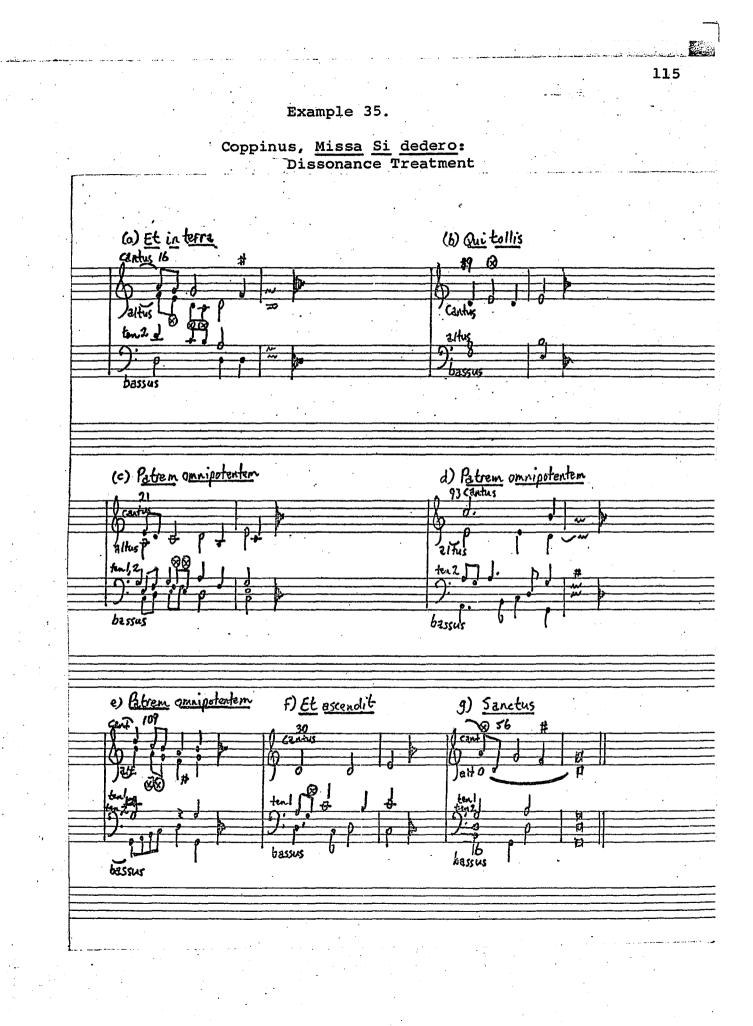


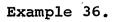


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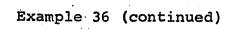


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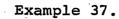
















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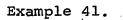


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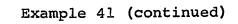


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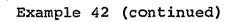


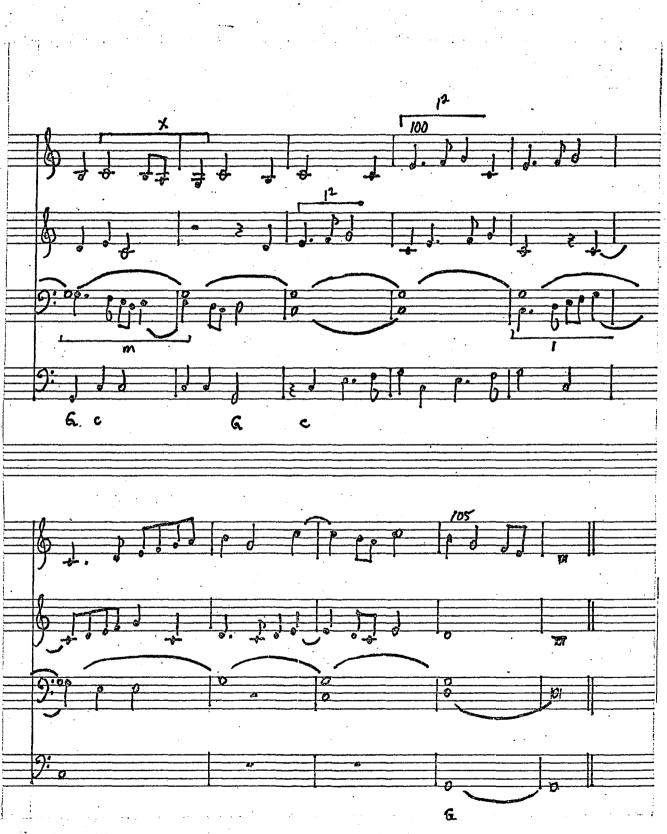






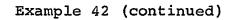






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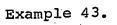


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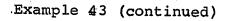
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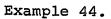


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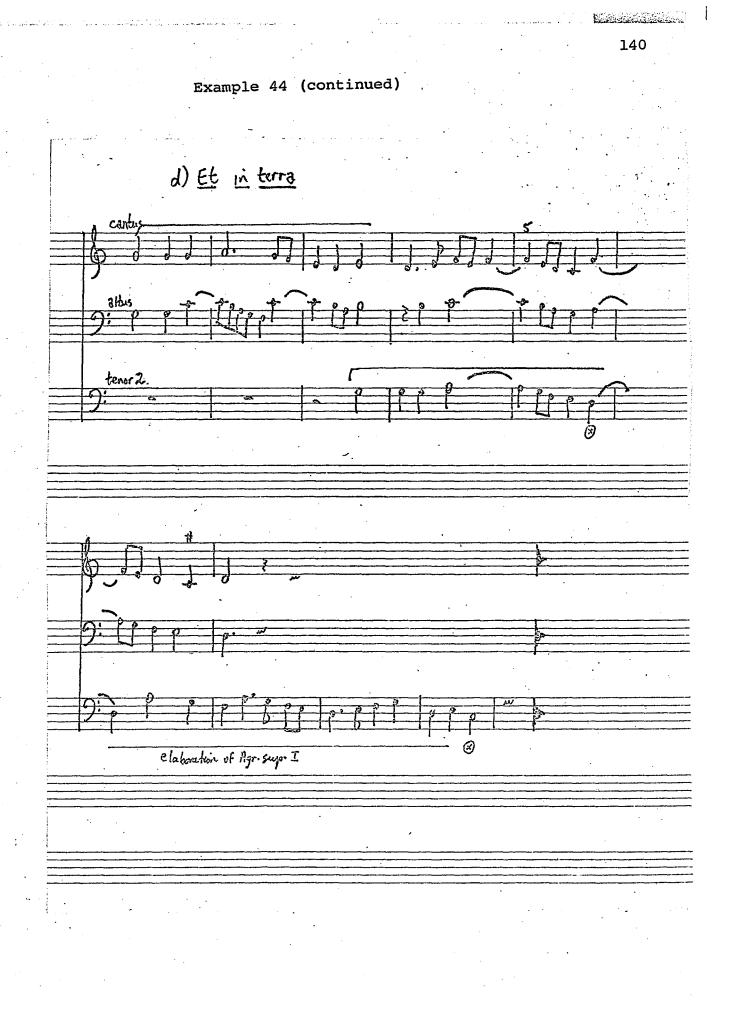


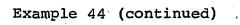




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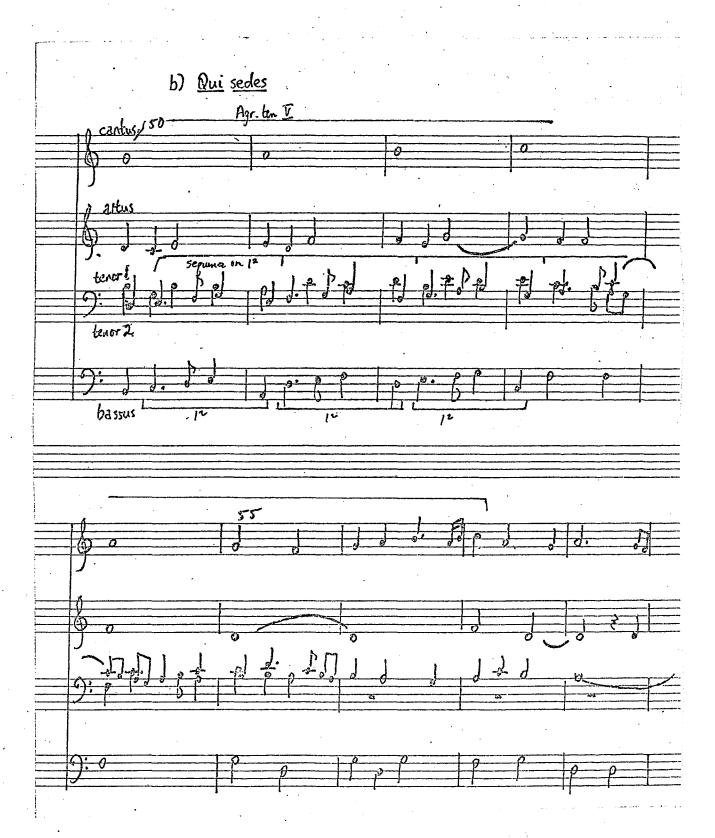
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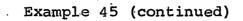


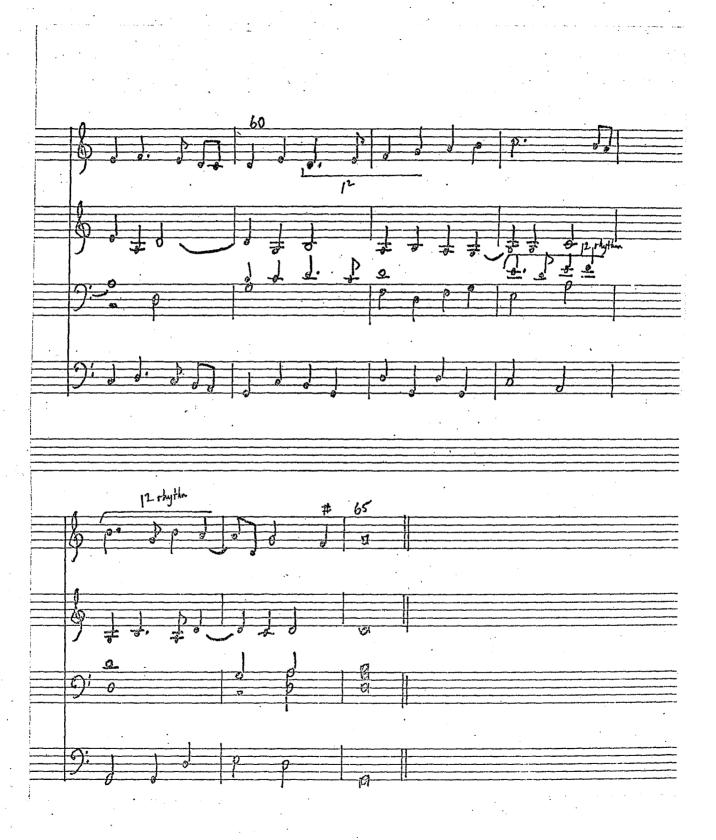


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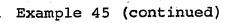




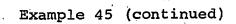
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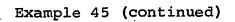
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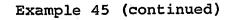






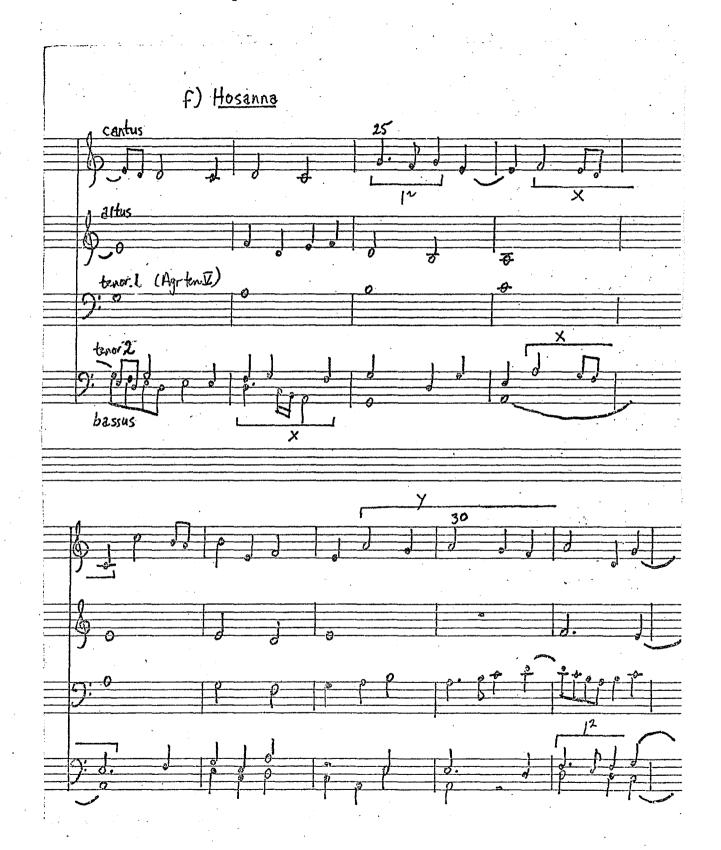








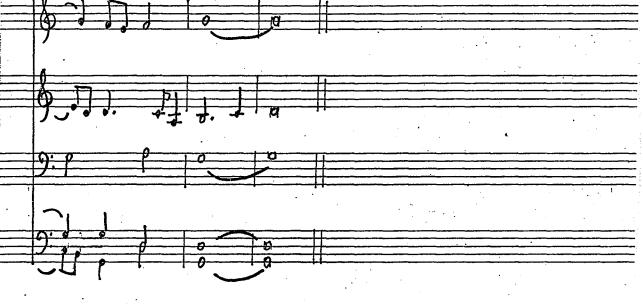
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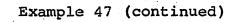
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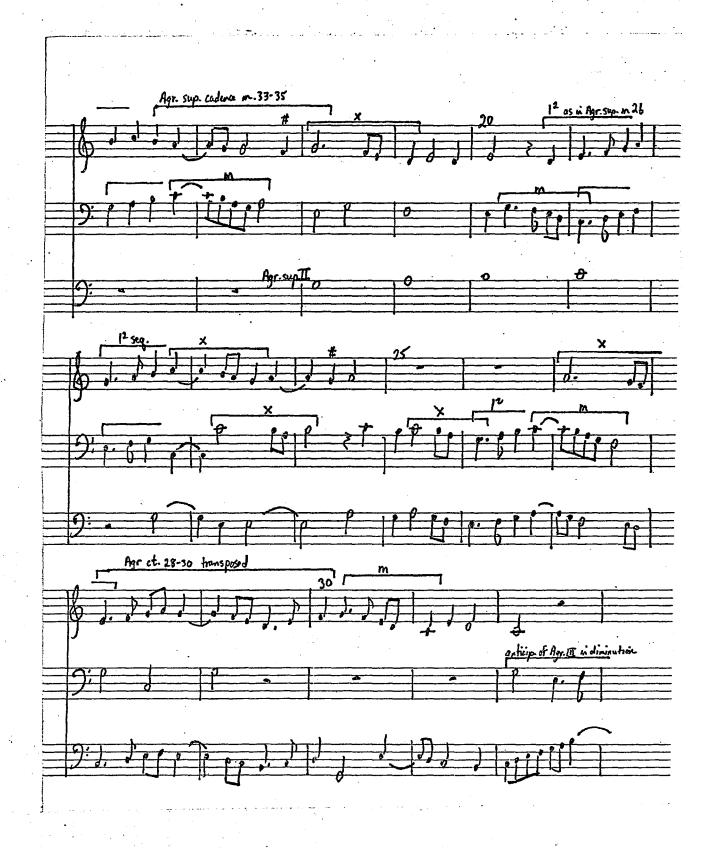


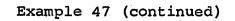




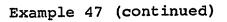




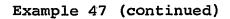


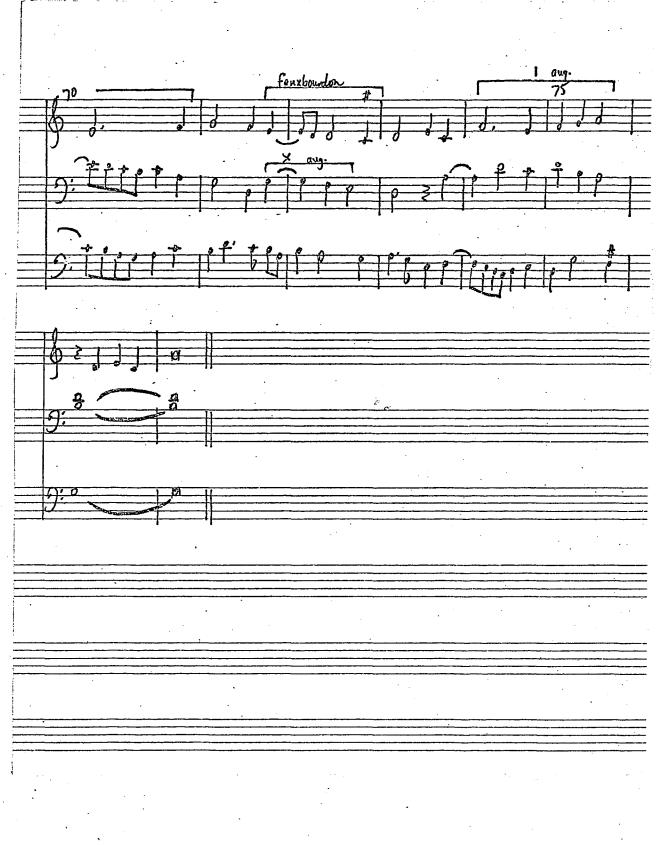




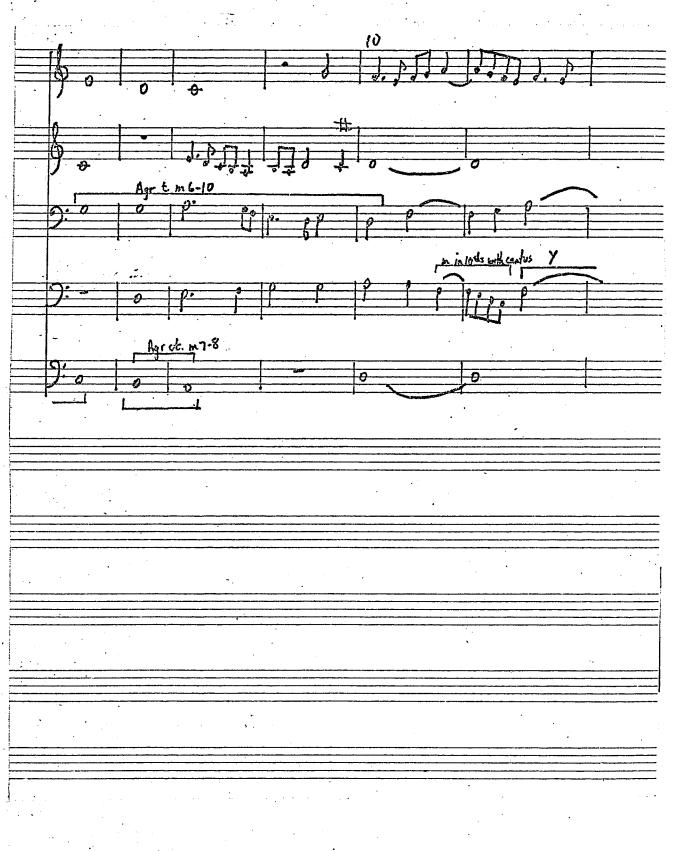












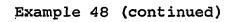
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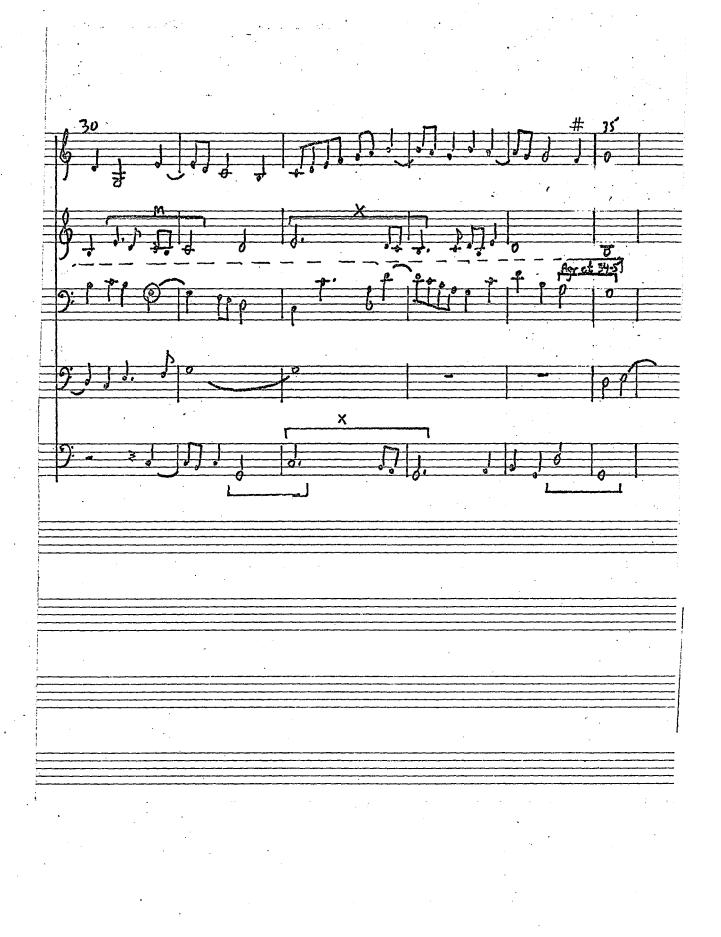


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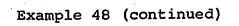




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SOURCES OF MUSICAL EXAMPLES

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- 2. Antiphonale Sarisburiense, fol. 150
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- 5. <u>Ibid.</u>, superius of m.3-15, 40-53, 54-64 and tenor of m.6-15, 20-35, 55-65, 66-76; superius of m.10-12, 55-57 and tenor of m.32-34, 73-75
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- 14. Wolf, <u>op. cit.</u>, bassus of p. 48, m.5-7 of <u>Agnus Dei II</u>; bassus of p. 49, m.51 of <u>Agnus Dei II</u>; altus of p. 35, m.9 of <u>Pleni</u>; Hewitt, <u>op. cit.</u>, contratenor of p. 339, m.5-7, p. 340, m.51 and tenor of p. 339, m.9
- Wolf, <u>op</u>. <u>cit</u>., discantus of pp. 26-30, m.1-85 of Crucifixus
- 16. <u>Ibid.</u>, altus of pp. 14-15, m.3-35 and p. 14, m.82-90 of Qui tollis
- 17. <u>Ibid.</u>, altus of pp. 38-39, m.1-16, pp. 40-41, m.37-48, p. 41, m.57-67 of Osanna
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*In order to correspond with the numbering of measures in the Obrecht Missa Si dedero, each movement in the Coppinus Missa Si dedero has been numbered separately; this stands in contrast to D'Accone's through numbering of the major Mass sections <u>Gloria</u>, <u>Credo</u> and <u>Sanctus</u>. 178

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