

# Seniores populi

From *Responsoria* (1611)

SSATTB a cappella

Responsory at Matins (3rd Nocturn)  
for Holy Thursday

Jacob Carlo Gesualdo, di Venosa  
(c.1561-1613)

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cum gladiis et fustibus exierunt tamquam ad latronem. *with swords and clubs they went forth, as to a thief.*  
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Musical score for the second system of 'Seniores populi'. It features six vocal parts: Soprano I, Soprano II, Alto, Tenor I, Tenor II, and Bass. The music is in 2/2 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are: - runt: Ut Jé - sum dó - lo te - né - rent, ut

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Jé - sum dó - lo te - né - rent, et oc - cí - de - rent,  
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et oc - cí - de - rent, et oc - cí - de - rent: cum glá - di - is et  
 - rent, et oc - cí - de - rent:  
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fú - sti - bus e - xi - é - runt tám -  
 cum glá - di - is et fú - sti - bus, et fú - sti - bus e - xi - é -  
 fú - sti - bus, cum glá - di - is et fú - sti - bus e - xi -  
 - di - is et fú - sti - bus, et fú - sti - bus, et fú - sti - bus  
 cum glá - di - is, cum glá - di - is et fú - sti - bus e - xi - é - runt  
 cum glá - di - is et fú - sti - bus e - xi - é - runt tám - quam

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- quam ad la - tró - nem, - - - - -

- runt tám - quam ad la - tró - nem,

- é - runt tám - quam ad - - - - la - tró - nem, tám -

e - xi - é - runt - - - - tám-quam ad la - tró - nem,

tám - quam - - - - ad la - tró - nem, ad -

ad la - tró - nem, - - - - ad la - tró - nem,

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ad - - - - la - tró - nem. *Fine*

ad la - tró - nem. - - - - *Fine*

- quam ad - - - - la - tró - nem. Col - le - gé - runt pon - tí - fi - ces et *Fine*

ad la - tró - - - - nem. *Fine*

- - - - la - tró - nem, ad la - tró - - - - nem. Col - le - gé - runt pon - tí - fi - *Fine*

ad - - - - la - tró - - - - nem. *Fine*

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Ut Jé - sum dó - lo te - né - rent, ut *D.S. al Fine, then D.C. al Fine*

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pha - ri - sée - i con - cí - li - um. Ut Jé - sum dó - lo te - né - rent, ut *D.S. al Fine, then D.C. al Fine*

- ces et pha - ri - sée - i con - cí - li - um. Ut Jé - sum dó - lo te - né - rent, ut *D.S. al Fine, then D.C. al Fine*

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