

# *Sicut cervus*

*G.P.da Palestrina*

# 37. Sicut cervus

(Like as the hart)

Psalm 42: 1  
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G. P. da PALESTRINA  
(1525-94)

*Cantus*  
SOPRANO

*Alto*  
ALTO

*Tenor*  
TENOR

*Bassus*  
BASS

Si - - cut cer - vus de -  
Like as the hart de -

Si - - cut cer - vus de - si - de - rat ad fon -  
Like as the hart de - sir - eth, de - sir -

Si - cut cer - vus de - si - de - rat ad fon - tes a - qua - - rum,  
Like as the hart de - sir - eth, de - sir - eth the wa - - ter - brooks, -

Si -  
Like

*Andante con moto*

(for rehearsal only)

*p espress.* *cresc.* *mp*

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- si - de - rat ad fon - tes a - qua - - rum, a - -  
- sir - eth, de - sir - eth the wa - - ter - brooks, the wa - -

- tes a - qua - - rum, si - -  
- eth the wa - - ter - brooks, like

si - - cut cer - vus de - si - de - rat ad  
like as the hart de - sir - eth the

- cut cer - vus de - si - de - rat ad fon - tes a - qua - rum,  
as the hart de - sir - eth the wa - - ter - brooks, -

\* Based on the 1662 Book of Common Prayer

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- qua - rum, si - - - - - cut  
 - ter - brooks, like - - - - - as  
 - cut cer - vus de - si - de - rat ad fon - tes a - qua -  
 as the hart de - sir - eth the wa - - - - - ter - brooks, like as the  
 fon - tes a - - - - - qua - - - - -  
 wa - ter - brooks, like - - - - - as  
 si - - - - - cut cer - vus de - si - de - rat ad  
 like as the hart de - sir - eth the

*dim.* *p* *cresc.* *mp*

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cer - vus de - si - de - rat ad fon - tes a - - - - - qua - -  
 the hart de - sir - eth, de - sir - eth the wa - - - - -  
 - rum, de - si - de - rat ad fon - tes a - qua - - - - -  
 hart de - sir - eth, de - sir - eth the wa - - - - -  
 - rum, de - si - de - rat ad fon - tes a -  
 the hart de - sir - eth, de - sir - eth the  
 fon - tes, de - si - de - rat ad fon - tes a - qua -  
 wa - ter - brooks, the hart de - sir - eth the wa - ter -

*cresc.* *mf*

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- rum: i - ta  
- ter - brooks: so my

- rum: i - ta  
- brooks: so my

-qua rum: i - ta de - si - de - rat,  
wa - ter - brooks: so my soul long - eth for

- rum: i - ta de - si -  
- brooks: so my soul long -

*dim.* *p*

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de - si - de - rat,  
soul long - eth for thee,

i - ta de - si - de - rat, i -  
so my soul long - eth for thee, long -

thee, i - ta de - si - de - rat, i - ta de - si -  
so longs my soul for thee, so my soul long -

- de - rat, i - ta de - si -  
- eth for thee, so my soul long -

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i - - - ta de - si - de - rat  
 so - - - my soul - - - long - eth,

- - ta, i - - ta de - - si - de - rat  
 - - eth, so my soul - - long - eth,

- - de - rat, de - si - de - rat, i - - ta de - si -  
 - - eth for thee, for thee, O God, so - - my soul - - long -

- - de - rat, i - -  
 - - eth - - for thee, so

*cresc.*  
*mp*

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a - - ni - ma me - - a ad te, De - -  
 so - - my soul long - - eth for thee, O - -

a - - ni - ma me - a ad - - te, De -  
 so - - my soul long - eth, long - - eth for

- - de - rat a - ni - ma me - - a  
 - - eth, long - - eth, so my soul long - - eth

- ta de - si - - de - rat, de - si - de - rat a - ni -  
 my soul long - eth, long - eth, long - eth, so my

*cresc.*  
*mf*

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us, a - ni - ma me - a  
God, so my soul long - eth

- us, a - - ni - ma me - a ad te, De - us,  
thee, so my soul long - eth, long - eth for thee,

ad te, De - us, a - ni -  
for thee, O God, O God, so my

-ma me - a ad te, De - us, a - ni - ma me - a  
soul long - eth for thee, O God, so my soul long - eth

ad te, De - us.  
for thee, O God.

ad te, De - us, ad te, De - us.  
for thee, O God, for thee, O God.

-ma me - a ad te, De - us, ad te, De - us.  
soul long - eth for thee, O God, for thee, O God.

ad te, De - us, ad te, De - us.  
for thee, O God, for thee, O God.

dim. p

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ad te, De - us.  
for thee, O God.

ad te, De - us, ad te, De - us.  
for thee, O God, for thee, O God.

-ma me - a ad te, De - us, ad te, De - us.  
soul long - eth for thee, O God, for thee, O God.

ad te, De - us, ad te, De - us.  
for thee, O God, for thee, O God.

dim. p