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TWO CHANTERS.

FULL.

1. O most High, Almighty good Lord God: { to Thee belong Praise, } and all blessing.
Glory, Honour

2. Prai-sed { be my Lord } all His crea-tures: { and especially for our } brings us the Light.
God, with } brother the Sun, who brings } us the day and who

QUARTETT or SEMI-CHORUS.
(unaccompanied if possible)

3. Fair is he and } ry great splen-dour. O Lord, he signifies to us Thee.
shines with a ve- }

FULL.

4. Prai-sed be my Lord for our sis-ter Moon: { and for all the stars, which } in the Heaven.
 { thou hast set clear and lovely }

5. Prai-sed be my Lord for our bro-ther Wind: { and for Air and Cloud, calm and all } in all creatures.
 { weather by which thou upholdest life }

QUARTETT or SEMI CHORUS.

6. Praised be our Lord for our sis-ter Wa-ter: { who is very serviceable unto }-cious and clean.
 { us, and humble and pre }

FULL.

7. Praised { be my Lord for our brother Fire, } in the darkness: { he is bright and pleasant } mighty and strong.
 { thro' whom Thou giv'st us light } and very

8. Praised { be my Lord for our mother the } us and keep us: { and bringeth forth divers } colours and grass.
 { Earth, the which doth sustain } fruits and flow'rs of many

v.8.

QUARTETT or SEMI-CHORUS.

mp

9. Praised be my Lord for all those } for His love's sake: { and who endure } tri - bu - la - tion.
 who pardon one another } weakness and }

FULL.

mp

10. Bless-ed { are those who } shall en - dure: { for Thou, O most } give them a crown.
 peaceably } highest, shalt }

QUARTETT or SEMI-CHORUS.

p

11. Praised be my Lord } of the bo - dy: { Blessed are those who are found } do them harm.
 for our sister the death } the second death shall have no pow'r to }

FULL.

f *mf* *poco rit.* *ff* *rit.* *a tempo*

12. Praise ye { and bless ye the } thanks un - to Him: { and serve } great humili - ty. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
 Lord and give } Him with }