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## Gaudete in Domino

Music by Michael Kenneth Fabian  
for SSA and piano

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*Gaudete in Domino semper iterum dico, Gaudete!*  
Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!

*Modestivestra nota sit omnibus: Dominus propeest!*  
Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near!

*Nihil sollicitis: sed in omni oratione et obsecratione, cum gratiarum, actione, petitiones vestrae, innotescant apud Deum.*

Have no anxiety at all: but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

## Pronunciation guide

Gaudete in Domino	<i>Gaw-de-teh in Doh-mee-noh</i>
Semper iterum dico Gaudete	<i>Sem-per ee-te-rum dee-ko Gaw-de-teh</i>
Modestivestra nota sit omnibus	<i>Mo-des-tee-yaves-tra no-ta sit om-nee-bus</i>
Dominus propeest	<i>Daw-mee-nus pro-pe est</i>
Nihil sollicitis	<i>Nee-heel so-li-chi-tisi-tis</i>
Sed in omni oratione et obsecratione	<i>Sed in om-nee o-rat-si-yo-ne et ob-se-krat-si-yo-ne</i>
Cum gratiarum, actione, petitiones vestrae,	<i>Koomgrat-si-ya-rum ak-tsi-yo-ne pe-tit-si-yo-nesves-tre</i>
Innotescant apud Deum.	<i>Ee-no-tes-kant a-pudDeh-um</i>

**Range:** A3-G5

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Description:** The text is taken from the conclusion of Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians where inhe exhorts the people of Philippi to rejoice in the Lord in all circumstances. The fourth chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Philippians focuses on a series of ethical admonitions as we look forward to Christ's coming which circles of the themes of joy, prayer, and a Christian outlook in life. (NABRE) St. Paul calls the people of Philippi, and the entire church, to rejoice and pray without ceasing, and to give thanks for His generosity and love for all of us.

**Stylistic features:** The piece utilizes a moving and dynamic meter that further enhances the feeling of joy that the text seeks to convey. It begins with a more prayerful atmosphere that reflects on the words of St. Paul to rejoice in the Lord, always. The prayerful chant is accompanied by the piano that imitates the sound of church bells adding up to its meditative atmosphere. The chorus opens with a lively accompaniment that translates the theme of rejoicing into a lively and upbeat music following to the first verse. The second verse on the other hand, touches on a calmer approach in saying the words "*Nihil sollicitis*" (Have no anxiety at all). As if these words are embracing all our fears and assures us of the presence of God in these difficult moments – all we need to do is to call on him in prayer. As the tempo accelerates, it leads us to the word "Deum" ([to] God). This section sounds as a supplication to God, starting from a dark and blurring chord that gradually resolves to a bright and clear one, depicts how praying to God eases our difficulties and fears and replaces it with assurance and strength. This returns to the lively chorus and ending it with an exclamation of "*Gaudete in Domino.*"

**Technical challenges:** In performing the piece, the choristers may encounter challenges to the accuracy in rhythm, especially with meters not often used or heard (5/4 and 7/4). Aside from this, challenges in the intonation may be encountered when singing the borrowed chords and maintaining clear dissonances on intervals of a minor and a major second.

**Pedagogical value:** The piece trains the choristers to sing their melodies independently with clarity and accuracy. Second, the piece trains the ears of the choristers to get used to hearing odd meters and find ways to master their beat patterns. Lastly, the piece will help the choristers develop their appreciation to both the biblical text, and the music because of its lively piano accompaniment.

**Performance suggestions:** It is recommended that the choristers master and memorize the piece so that they can appreciate the beauty of the lively melodies and enjoy the performance of the song.

### About the composer

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### Graphic reh

Formal outline	Intro	A	Interlude	B	A'	Interlude	C	Interlude	A'	Interlude	Coda	
Measures	1-12	13-29	29-32	33-43	44-56	56-59	60-78	78-81	81-94	94-97	97-103	
Tempo	♩ = 60-65	♩ = 150-155					♩ = 125-130	♩ = 150-155				
Key	G:											
Part-work	Sections enter in succession, then continue homo-rhythmically	Combination of unison and harmony, melody in soprano 2		Soprano 1 sings verse then other voices join	Melody		Melody		Melody		Borrowed chords from B and C parts, ends exclaiming 'Domino!'	
					Harmony, counterpoint		Harmony, counterpoint		Harmony, counterpoint			
					Harmony, counterpoint		Harmony, counterpoint		Harmony, counterpoint			
Text sequence	Stanza 1			Stanza 2	Stanza 1		Stanza 3		Stanza 1		First line of stanza 1	

# Gaudete in Domino

for SSA chorus with piano accompaniment

Cf. Philippians 4:4-6

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**A** Prayerful ♩ = 60 - 65

The musical score is written for Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Alto, and Piano. It is in 4/4 time and begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The tempo is marked as 'Prayerful' with a quarter note equal to 60-65 beats per minute. The lyrics are: 'Gau - de - te in Do-mi-no sem-per i -'. The piano accompaniment features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, with dynamics ranging from *mp* to *sim.* (sustained). The score includes a large watermark 'PREVIEW' across the center.



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S1 *p* // *mf*  
te - rum sem-per i - te - rum sem - per i - te - rum i -

S2 *p* // *mf*  
te - rum sem-per i - te - rum sem - per i - te - rum i -

A *p* // *mf*  
te - rum sem-per i - te - rum sem - per i - te - rum i -

Pno. *r.h.* *l.h.* *3* *3* *p* // *mf* *sim.* *sim.*

10

S1 5/4  
te - rum di - co gau - de - - -

S2 5/4  
te - rum di - co gau - de - - -

A 5/4  
te - rum di - co gau - de - - -

Pno. 5/4

13 **B** Joyful ♩ = 150

S1 te! *mp* Gau-

S2 te! *mp* Gau-

A te! *mp* Gau-

Pno. *mf* r.h. l.h.

17

S1 de - te in Do-mi-no\_ sem - per i - te - rum

S2 de - te in Do-mi-no\_ sem - per i - te - rum

A de - te in Do-mi-no\_ sem - per i - te - rum

Pno.

21

S1  
sem - per i-te - rum. sem - per i-te - rum. Di - co: Gau - de - te! Gau -

S2  
sem - per i-te - rum. sem - per i-te - rum. Di - co: Gau - de - te! Gau -

A  
sem - per i-te - rum. sem - per i-te - rum. Di - co: Gau - de - te! Gau -

Pno.

25

S1  
de - te in Do-mi-no sem - per i-te - rum. Di - co: Gau -

S2  
de - te in Do-mi-no sem - per i-te - rum. Di - co: Gau -

A  
de - te in Do-mi-no sem - per i-te - rum. Di - co: Gau -

Pno.

29 *mf* *mf*

S1 de - te! Mo -

S2 de - te!

A de - te!

Pno. *mf*

33 **C**

S1 des - ti-a ves - tra no-ta sit om-ni - bus: Mo - des - ti-a ves - tra

S2

A

Pno.



36 *Tutti*

S1 no-ta sit om-ni - bus: Mo des - ti-a ves - tra no-ta sit om-ni - bus: Mo -

S2 Mo des - ti-a ves - tra no-ta sit om-ni - bus: Mo -

A Mo des - ti-a ves - tra no-ta sit om-ni - bus: Mo -

Pno.

39

S1 des - ti - a ves - tra no - ta sit om - ni - bus:

S2 des - ti - a ves - tra no - ta sit om - ni - bus:\_\_\_

A des - ti - a ves - tra no - ta sit om - ni - bus:

Pno.

41 *mp* *mf*

S1 Do - mi-nus pro - pe est! Gau

S2 Do - mi-nus pro - pe est! pro - pe est! Gau

A Do - mi-nus pro - pe est! pro - pe est! Gau

Pno. *mp* *mf*

44 **D**

S1 de - te in Do-mi-no sem - per i -

S2 de - te in Do-mi-no sem - per i -

A de - te in Do-mi-no sem - per i -

Pno. **D**

47

S1  
te - rum sem - per i - te - rum. sem - per i - te - rum.

S2  
te - rum, i - te - rum. sem - per i - te - rum. sem - per i - te - rum.

A  
te - rum, i - te - rum. sem - per i - te - rum. sem - per i - te - rum.

Pno.

50

S1  
Di - co: Gau - de - te! Gau - de - te in Do-mi-no

S2  
Di - co: Gau - de - te! Gau - de - te in Do-mi-no

A  
Di - co: Gau - de - te! Gau - de - te in Do-mi-no

Pno.

54 *p* *mf*

S1  
sem - per i - te - rum. Di - co: Gau - de - te!

S2  
sem - per i - te - rum. Di - co: Gau - de - te!

A  
sem - per i - te - rum. Di - co: Gau - de - te!

Pno. *p* *mf*

57 **poco rall.**

S1

S2

A

Pno. **poco rall.**

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66

S1  
gra - ti - a - - rum ac - ti - o ne pe-ti - ti - o - nes

S2  
gra - ti - a - - rum ac - ti - o ne pe-ti - ti - o - nes

A  
gra - ti - a - - rum ac - ti - o ne pe-ti - ti - o - nes

Pno.

*p*

*mf*

69

S1  
ves - trae ac - ti - o ne pe-ti - ti - o - nes ves - trae in - no -

S2  
ves - trae ac - ti - o ne pe-ti - ti - o - nes ves - trae in - no -

A  
ves - trae ac - ti - o ne pe-ti - ti - o - nes ves - trae in - no -

Pno.

72

S1  
tes - cant a - pud De - um

S2  
tes - cant a - pud De - um De - um

A  
tes - cant a - pud De - um De - um

Pno.

75

S1  
De - um De - - -

S2  
De - um De - um De - - -

A  
De - um De - um De - - -

Pno.

**F** A tempo ♩ = ca. 150

78

*f*

S1  
um! Gau -

S2  
um! Gau -

A  
um! Gau -

Pno.  
*f* r.h.  
l.h.

82

S1  
de - te in Do-mi-no sem - per i - te - rum

S2  
de - te in Do-mi-no sem - per i - te - rum, i - te - rum.

A  
de - te in Do-mi-no sem - per i - te - rum, i - te - rum.

Pno.



86

S1  
sem - per i - te - rum. sem - per i - te - rum. Di - co: Gau - de - te! Gau -

S2  
sem - per i - te - rum. sem - per i - te - rum. Di - co: Gau - de - te! Gau -

A  
sem - per i - te - rum. sem - per i - te - rum. Di - co: Gau - de - te! Gau -

Pno.

90

S1  
de - te in Do-mi-no sem - per i - te - rum. *mp*

S2  
de - te in Do-mi-no sem - per i - te - rum. *mp*

A  
de - te in Do-mi-no sem - per i - te - rum. *mp*

Pno.

93

S1 *f*  
Di - co: Gau - de - te!

S2 *f*  
Di - co: Gau - de - te!

A *f*  
Di - co: Gau - de - te!

Pno. *mf*

96

S1 Gau -

S2 Gau -

A Gau -

Pno.

98

S1  
de - te in Do - mi -

S2  
de - - te in Do - mi -

A  
de - - te in Do - mi -

Pno.

100

S1  
no! Do - mi - no!

S2  
no! Do - mi - no! Do - mi - no!

A  
no! Do - mi - no! Do - mi - no!

Pno.