O BONE JESU

Marc' Antonio Ingegneri (1547-1592) Edited by Richard Proulx

O good Jesus, have mercy on us; for you created us and redeemed us and shed for us your most precious blood.



Notes

This well-known motet was attributed to Palestrina until 1897 when the original printed work of Ingegneri, dated 1588, was discovered. The issue was further confused, however, by a later double-choir setting of the same text by Palestrina which contained quotes from the original Ingegneri setting.

Written in a beautiful devotional style, "O bone Jesu" is among a set of twenty-seven Responsoria for Holy Week. In addition, Ingegneri produced a book of hymns, two books of masses, three books of motets, and eight volumes of madrigals.

Following early studies with Vincenzo Ruffo at Verona, Ingegneri was appointed choirmaster at Cremona Cathedral in 1570. His pupils included the young Claudio Monteverdi.

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