



## Credo

Toulouse 94, fols. 47v-48

Steve de Sort

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Pa - trem om - ni - po - tem. fac - to - rem cae - li et ter - rae.

Contra tenor Patrem

Tenor Patrem

factorem

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vi - si - bi - li - um om - ni - um, et in - vi - si - bi - li - um. Et in unum

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Et in unum

Et in unum

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do - mi - num Je - sum Christum, fi - li - um de - i u - ni - ge - ni - tum.

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Et ex pa - tre na - tum an - te om - ni - a sae - cu - la. De - um de - o, lu -

Et ex patre

Et ex patre

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men de lu - mi - ne, de - um ve - rum de de - o ve - ro. Ge - ni - tum, non factum.

Genitum

Genitum

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con-substan - ti - a - lem pa - tri; per quem omni - a fac - ta sunt. Qui propter nos

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Qui propter  
Qui propter

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ho - mi - nes, et prop - ter nostra m - sa - lu - tem de - scendit de cae - lis. Et

Et

Et

Et

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in - car - na - tus est de spi - ri - tu sanc - to ex Ma - ri - a vir - gi - ne: et

incarnatus

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incarnatus

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ho - mo fac - tus est. Cru - ci - fixus e - ti - am pro no - bis: sub Pon - ti - o Pi - la - to

Crucifixus

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Crucifixus

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passus et se pul - tūs est. Et re - sur - re - xit ter - ti - a dl - e. se - cun -

Et resurrexit

Et resurrexit



75 dum Scriptu - ras. Et as - cen - dit in cae - lum: se-det ad dex-te-ram pa-tris.

80 Et ascendit

85 Et i - te - rum ven - tu - rus est cum glo - ri - a, ju - di - ca - re vi - vos

90 et mor - tu - os: cu - jus re - gni non e - rit fi - nis.

95 Et in spiritum sanctum, do - mi -

Et in spiritum

100 num, et vi - vi - fi - can - tem: qui ex pa - tre fi - li - o que - pro - ce - dit.

105 Qui cum pa - tre et fi - li - o si - mul a - do - ra - tur, et con glo - ri - fi - ca -

Qui cum patre

Qui cum

The musical score consists of five staves of Gregorian chant notation. The notation uses square neumes on four-line staffs. The voices are labeled on the left: soprano (S), alto (A), tenor (T), bass (B), and organ (O). Measure numbers 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, and 105 are indicated above the staves. Latin text is provided for each measure, corresponding to the neumes. The music is divided into two systems by a vertical bar line.

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tur: qui lo - cu - tus est per pro - phe - tas. Et u - nam sanctam ca - tho-li-

Et unam

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cam et a - postoli - cam ec - cle-si - am. Con - fi-te-or u - num bap - tis - ma in re

Confiteor

Confiteor

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mis - si - o - nem pec - ca - to - rum. Et exspec - to re - sur - rec - ti - o - nem mor - tu - o - rum.

Et exspecto

Et exspecto

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Et vi - tam ven - tu - ri sae cu - li. A - me

Et vitam

Et vitam

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Amen.

Amen.

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Éditions de l'Oiseau-Lyre, 1956), 150–155, rejected Harder's suggestion that the triplum is related to Credo No. 1 in the *Editio Vaticana*. After marrying, Hanna Harder-Stäblein re-edited Sort's Credo in *Fourteenth-Century Mass Music in France* (American Institute of Musicology, 1962), 89–91, now using Apt 16bis, fol. 40, as her transcription source and placing Sort's Credo at the head of six Credo compositions in discant style.

Whichever presently available edition is preferable will not be argued here. Sort's Credo divides into 18 sections that tally with text incises. Triplum (the only texted part) is notated without accidental, contratenor and tenor with one-flat signature. Fourteen of the 18 sections end on G chords, three on A chords, one on F (three final chords with thirds). The texted triplum disports itself in the usual vivacious discant rhythms. Ranging over a tenth, (B-d'), the triplum is almost entirely syllabic and indulges in extended melisma only during the concluding Amen. The contratenor and tenor both move in much slower, usually ligatured notes.

After Sort, the earliest peninsular residing abroad for whom any claims to a surviving composition have been made is *Rodrigo de la guitarra*. Already mentioned above as having been a favorite instrumentalist at the Neapolitan court of Alfonso V the Magnanimous, *Rodrigo de la guitarra* was of Castilian origin. This fact comes to light in Alfonso's letter to Juan II of Castile dated July 30, 1417 (Archivo de la Corona de Aragón, Registro 2562, fols. 110v–111). As published in the sixth edition of Ramón Menéndez Pidal's *Poesía juglaresca* (Madrid: Instituto de Estudios Políticos, 1957), 223, this letter states that Alfonso is sending "his faithful household string player, *Rodrigo de la guitarra*, accompanied by *Rodrigo's helper Diego*, to John's court to do him reverence as John's vassal, and to serve him and entertain him with his art" (*el fiel ministrer de cuerda de nuestra cambra Rodrigo de la Guitarra, con su criado Dieguillo, de nuestra licencia va asci a vuestra cort por fazer a vos servicio e plazer de su oficio*). When after a delay *Rodrigo de la guitarra* did make the trip in August 1418, he and his entourage went with Alfonso's safe conduct (*salvoconducto*) protecting them and their baggage train laden with gold, silver, money, and clothing.

Earlier still while in the service of Alfonso V's father, Ferdinand I, *Rodrigo de la guitarra* had won the favor of the widowed queen Margarita de Prades (1386–1430), who after the death of her husband, Martín I (1356–1410), resided successively at Barcelona, Valencia, and Perpignan (to May 1416). From Perpignan she sent a letter dated December 30, 1415, to Archimbaud of Foix, recommending "*Rodrigo de la Guitarra, instrumentalist to the king [Ferdinand I], who visits you to do you honor and reverence.*"

*Out of regard and concern for me, I beg you to treat him with singular respect, for by so doing you will please me greatly.*

Her letter of December 30, 1415, copied in Archivo de la Corona de Aragón, Registro 2355, fol. 83, reads thus (as transcribed in Martín de Riquer, *Jordi de Sant Jordi*, Universidad de Granada, 1955, 98):

Car cosí, Com *Rodrigo de la Guitarra*, ministrer del senyor rey, vage a vós per honor e reverència vostra, pregam vos que per sguard e contemplació nostra lo vullats haver en singular recomendació, e serà cose de que'ns complaurets molt . . . La Reyna Margarita. A nostre car cosí mossèn N'Arximbau de Foix, senyor de Nualles.

Thus early in his career—before accompanying Alfonso the Magnanimous to Naples, and being rewarded August 26, 1421 (registro 2571, fol. 175v), with the lucrative post of Castilian consul at Palermo—*Rodrigo de la guitarra* had already mingled with composers at the court of Foix.

If any composition by *Rodrigo de la guitarra* survives, Gilbert Reaney would have it to be a Latin ballade à 2, *Angelorum psalat tripudium*, copied at folio 48v in Chantilly manuscript, Musée Condé 564 (olim 1047). Discussing this work in his pathbreaking article, "The Manuscript Chantilly, Musée Condé 1047," *Musica Disciplina*, viii (1954), 78–79, Reaney noted that the composer ascription "S. Uciredor is obviously another inverted name, this time Rodericus." According to Reaney, "it is one of the most recent and most complex works in the manuscript."

It is in fact the last work in the section comprising cantilena works à 2 and à 3. It seems that this piece is one of the few à 2, and indeed the complexity of the Cantus is such that a third voice would be a hindrance. On the other hand the distance between Cantus and tenor leads





A facsimile of a medieval musical manuscript page. The music is written in black ink on six-line staves. The notation consists of vertical stems with small horizontal dashes indicating pitch and rhythm. There are several groups of text written in a Gothic script between the staves. One group reads "n blandis br fons ]n. no cum =". Another group below it reads "no: : Rero mordes br ffra Pessima:". In the lower half of the page, there is a series of staves with complex rhythmic patterns. An arrow points from the text "R" to a red note or sign in the lower right area of the page.

The tenor is untexted after the words "Retro mordēs ut ffera pessima" in this *ne plus ultra* of rhythmic complexity by S. Uciredor = Rodericus. His *Angelorum psalat tripudium*, a ballade *a 2* in Chantilly, Musée Condé 564 (olim 1047), fol. 48v, is copied on six-line staves. In the present facsimile (lacking the tenor after meas. 50 in the transcription) R with an arrow points to a red note or sign in the manuscript.