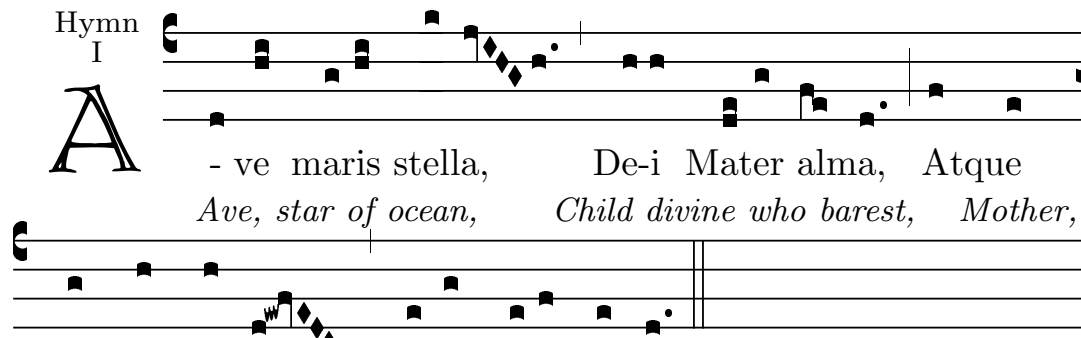


## Ave maris stella

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- ve maris stella, De-i Mater alma, Atque  
Ave, star of ocean, Child divine who barest, Mother,  
semper Virgo, Fe-lix cæli porta.  
ever Virgin, Heaven's portal fairest.

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| <p>2. Sumens illud Ave<br/>Gabriélis ore,<br/>Funda nos in pace,<br/>Mutans Hevæ nomen.</p>              | <p>2. <i>Taking that sweet Ave<br/>Erst by Gabriel spoken,<br/>Eva's name reversing,<br/>Be of peace the token.</i></p>          |
| <p>3. Solve vincla reis,<br/>Profer lumen cæcis:<br/>Mala nostra pelle,<br/>Bona cuncta posce.</p>       | <p>3. <i>Break the sinner's fetters,<br/>Light to blind restoring,<br/>All our ills dispelling<br/>Every boon imploring.</i></p> |
| <p>4. Monstra te esse matrem:<br/>Sumat per te preces,<br/>Qui pro nobis natus,<br/>Tulit esse tuus.</p> | <p>4. <i>Show thyself a Mother<br/>In thy supplication;<br/>He will hear who chose thee<br/>At His Incarnation.</i></p>          |
| <p>5. Virgo singuláris,<br/>Inter omnes mitis,<br/>Nos culpis solútos,<br/>Mites fac et castos.</p>      | <p>5. <i>Maid all maids excelling,<br/>Passing meek and lowly,<br/>Win for sinners pardon,<br/>Make us chaste and holy.</i></p>  |
| <p>6. Vitam præsta puram,<br/>Iter para tutum :<br/>Ut vidéntes Jesum,<br/>Semper collætémur.</p>        | <p>6. <i>As we onward journey<br/>Aid our weak endeavour<br/>Till we gaze on Jesus<br/>And rejoice forever.</i></p>              |
| <p>7. Sit laus Deo Patri,<br/>Summo Christo decus,<br/>Spirítui Sancto,<br/>Tribus honor unus.</p>       | <p>7. <i>Father, Son and Spirit,<br/>Three in One confessing,<br/>Give we equal glory<br/>Equal praise and blessing.</i></p>     |

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