

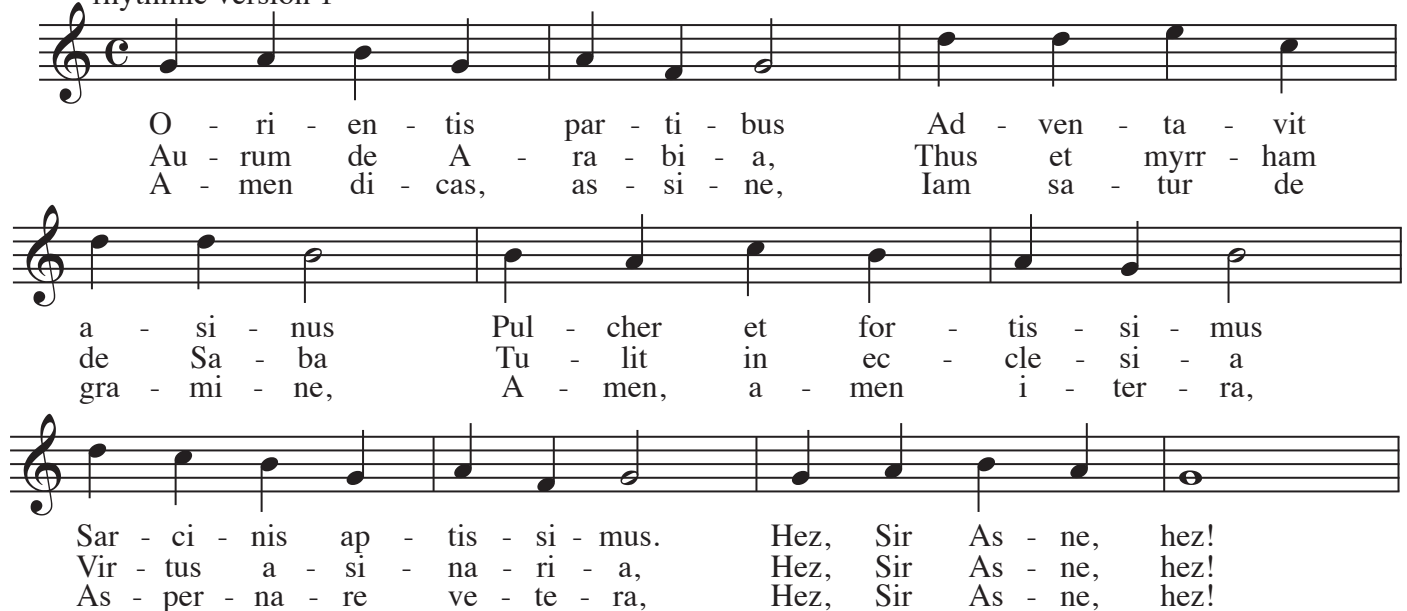
Conductus ad tabulam: Orientis partibus

Song of the Ass

monophonic conductus 12-13th century

These are verses 1, 4, and 7

rhythmic version 1



O - ri - en - tis par - ti - bus Ad - ven - ta - vit
Au - rum de A - ra - bi - a, Thus et myrr - ham
A - men di - cas, as - si - ne, Iam sa - tur de
a - si - nus Pul - cher et for - tis - si - mus
de Sa - ba Tu - lit in ec - cle - si - a
gra - mi - ne, A - men, a - men i - ter - ra,
Sar - ci - nis ap - tis - si - mus. Hez, Sir As - ne, hez!
Vir - tus a - si - na - ri - a, Hez, Sir As - ne, hez!
As - per - na - re ve - te - ra, Hez, Sir As - ne, hez!

rhythmic version 2



O - ri - en - tis par - ti - bus Ad - ven - ta - vit a - si - nus
Au - rum de A - ra - bi - a, Thus et myrr - ham de Sa - ba
A - men di - cas, as - si - ne, Iam sa - tur de gra - mi - ne,
Pul - cher et for - tis - si - mus Sar - ci - nis ap - tis - si - mus.
Tu - lit in ec - cle - si - a Vir - tus a - si - na - ri - a,
A - men, a - men i - ter - ra, As - per - na - re ve - te - ra,
Hez, Sir As - - ne, hez!
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Translation:

Out of eastern lands the ass arrived, handsome and strong, an apt beast of burden. Hey, Sir Ass, Hey!
Gold from Arabia, Incense and Myrrh from Saba, to the church bore this virtuous Ass. Hey, sir Ass, Hey.
Say "amen", ass, all filled with grain, "amen", "amen" again, and disdain ancient sins. Hey, sir Ass, Hey.