

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Psalm 45, vv 10-12, 16; refrain v 10

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R On your right stands the queen in gar-ments of gold.

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system shows a vocal line in G minor (one flat) with a soprano clef and a piano accompaniment in the same key with a bass clef. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics 'On your right stands the queen in gar-ments of gold.' The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic and rhythmic foundation. The second system continues the piano accompaniment with various chords and melodic lines in both hands.

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house. *R*
2. So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. *R*

The refrain is heard three times at the start: first played on the organ, then sung by the cantor, and then sung by all; it is then repeated by all after each verse.

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