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(1564–1612)

Motet

## Ecce quam bonum

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### **Psalm 133**

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren, to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard: even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

Like as the dew of Hermon: which fell upon the hill of Sion.

For there the Lord promised his blessing: and life for evermore.

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Psalms 133

SAATB a cappella

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Soprano  
Ec - ce quam bo - num et quam ju - cun - dum, ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in

Alto I  
Ec - ce quam bo - num et quam ju - cun - dum, ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in

Alto II  
Ec - ce quam bo - num et quam ju - cun - dum, ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in

Tenor  
Ec - ce quam bo - num et quam ju - cun - dum, ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in

Bass

u - num, Ec - ce quam bo - num et quam ju - cun - dum, ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in

u - num, Ec - ce quam bo - num et quam ju - cun - dum, ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in

u - num, Ec - ce quam bo - num et quam ju - cun - dum, ha - bi - ta - re fra - tres in

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**SOURCE:** Denkmaler Deutscher Tonkunst, Vol. 7 *Hassler's Werke: Cantiones Sacrae fur 4 bis 12 Stimmen*  
(ed. Hermann Gerhmann, Breitkopf & Hartel, 1894)

**NOTES:** note values halved, textual slurs added, modern clefs used. Final two bars originally notated as one measure.  
Musica ficta placed in parentheses. If the pitch is raised, the piece can easily be performed SAATB.

**TRANSLATION:** (King James Version)

*Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!  
It is like precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard:  
that went down to the skirts of his garments;  
As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descends upon the mountains of Zion:  
for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*

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u - num! Si - cut un-guen - tum, Si - cut un-guen - tum in ca - pi-te, quod de-scen -

u - num! Si - cut un-guen - tum, Si - cut un-guen - tum in ca - pi-te, quod de-scen -

u - num! Si - cut un-guen - tum, Si - cut un-guen - tum in ca - pi-te, quod de-scen -

u - num! Si - cut un-guen - tum, Si - cut un-guen - tum in ca - pi-te,

u - num! Si - cut un-guen - tum in ca - pi-te,

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dit in bar - bam, bar - - - - bam Aa - - -

dit in bar - bam, quod de - scen - dit in bar - bam, bar - - - - bam Aa -

dit in bar - bam, bar - - - - bam Aa - - - -

quod de - scen - dit in bar - bam, bar - - - - - bam Aa -

quod de - scen - dit in bar - bam, bar - - - - bam Aa - - - -

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ron, quod de-scen - dit, quod de-scen - dit, quod de-scen - dit in o - ram ves-ti-men-ti e -

ron, quod de-scen - dit, de-scen - dit in o - ram ves-ti-men-ti e -

ron, quod de-scen - dit, quod de-scen - dit in o - ram ves-ti-

ron, quod de-scen - dit in o - ram, in o - ram ves-ti-men - ti e - jus,

ron, quod de-scen - dit, quod de-scen - dit in o - ram ves-ti-men-ti

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- jus, si - cut ros Her - mon, qui de - scen - dit,  
 - jus, si - cut ros Her - mon, si - cut ros Her - mon, qui de - scen - dit, qui de -  
 - men - ti e - jus, si - cut ros Her - mon, si - cut ros Her - mon, qui de - scen - dit, qui de -  
 e - jus, si - cut ros Her - mon, si - cut ros Her - mon, qui de - scen - dit,  
 e - jus, si - cut ros Her - mon, qui de - scen - dit, qui de -

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qui de - scen - dit in mon - tem Zi - on, qui de - scen - dit, de - scen - dit in mon - tem Zi -  
 - scen - dit in mon - tem, in mon - tem Zi - on, qui de - scen - dit, qui de - scen - dit in mon - tem Zi -  
 scen - dit, in mon - tem Zi - on, qui de - scen - dit, qui de - scen - dit in mon - tem Zi -  
 qui de - scen - dit in mon - tem Zi - on, qui de - scen - dit in mon - tem Zi -  
 scen - dit, qui de - scen - dit, qui de - scen - dit in mon - tem Zi -

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on, in mon - tem Zi - on. Quo - ni - am il - lic man - da - vit Do - mi - nus be -  
 on, in mon - tem Zi - on. Quo - ni - am il - lic man - da - vit Do - mi - nus be -  
 on, in mon - tem Zi - on. Quo - ni - am il - lic man - da - vit Do - mi - nus be -  
 on, in mon - tem Zi - on.  
 on, in mon - tem Zi - on.

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ne-di-cti-o-nem et vi-tam us-que in sae-cu-lum,  
 ne-di-cti-o-nem et vi-tam us-que in sae-cu-lum, Quo-ni-am il-lic man-da-vit Do-mi-nus  
 ne-di-cti-o-nem et vi-tam us-que in sae-cu-lum,  
 Quo-ni-am il-lic man-da-vit Do-mi-nus  
 Quo-ni-am il-lic man-da-vit Do-mi-nus

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be-ne-di-cti-o-nem et vi-tam us-que in sae-cu-lum, be-nus  
 be-ne-di-cti-o-nem et vi-tam us-que in sae-cu-lum, be-nus  
 be-ne-di-cti-o-nem et vi-tam us-que in sae-cu-lum, be-nus  
 be-ne-di-cti-o-nem et vi-tam us-que in sae-cu-lum, be-nus  
 be-ne-di-cti-o-nem et vi-tam us-que in sae-cu-lum, be-nus  
 be-ne-di-cti-o-nem et vi-tam us-que in sae-cu-lum, be-

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ne-di-cti-o-nem et vi-tam us-que in sae-cu-lum, us-que in sae-cu-lum.  
 ne-di-cti-o-nem et vi-tam us-que in sae-cu-lum,  
 ne-di-cti-o-nem et vi-tam us-que in sae-cu-lum, us-que in sae-cu-lum.  
 ne-di-cti-o-nem et vi-tam us-que in sae-cu-lum.  
 ne-di-cti-o-nem et vi-tam us-que in sae-cu-lum, us-que in sae-cu-lum.