

# ANCIENT GROOVE MUSIC

## Nolo mortem peccatoris

*A Carol, suitable for Advent or Christmas*

Music by  
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Text taken from a 15th-century manuscript in  
St. John's College, Cambridge: MS S.54; f 9r.

*Nolo mortem peccatoris*: I do not want the death of a sinner.

*slent*: slyness, crookedness; *shent*: ruined, disgraced; *iwys*: surely, certainly

Not too fast ♩ = c. 44  
Solo

Soprano  
Fa - ther, my will it is: No - lo mor - tem pec - ca - to - ris.

Alto

Tenor

Bass

(For rehearsal only)

Not too fast ♩ = c. 44

## Nolo mortem peccatoris

5 **Full**  
*mp*

Fa - ther, I am thine on - ly child, and born of Ma - ry meek and mild. Fa - ther, my will is this:

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*mf*

No - lo mor - tem pec - ca - to - ris. and see men tres - pass and

*mf*

No - lo mor - tem pec - ca - to - ris. and see men tres - pass and

**Solo** **Full** *mf*

No - lo mor - tem pec - ca - to - ris. My heart is sore when I be - think and see men tres - pass and

*mf*

No - lo mor - tem pec - ca - to - ris. and see men tres - pass and

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in sin sink; For all that is done a - miss: *mp* No - lo mor - tem pec - ca - to - ris. *f* Thou false fiend, with

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all\_ thy slent, y - will man - kind no more be shent! *mf* Of him thou getst no right, i - wys:

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28 *mp* *f* *un poco più mosso*

*mp* *f*

*mp* *f*

*mp* *f*

No - lo mor - tem pec - ca - to - ris. Now make we both joy — and mirth in wor - ship of

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*un poco più mosso*

33 *mf* *mp rit.*

*mf* *mp*

*mf* *mp*

*mf* *mp*

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*rit.*