

# Rorate

*Scottish Traditional*

♩ = 108

The musical score consists of seven staves of music in 4/4 time, written in B-flat major. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 108. The melody is written in treble clef. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The music is a single melodic line. The notation includes quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

1. Rorate coeli desuper!  
Heavens, distil your balmy showers;  
For now is risen the bright Daystar,  
From the rose Mary, flower of flowers:  
The clear Sun, whom no cloud devours,  
Surmounting Phoebus in the east,  
Is comen of his heavenly towers,  
Et nobis puer natus est.

2. Sinners be glad, and penance do,  
And thank your Maker heartfully;  
For he that ye might not come to,  
To you is comen full humbly,  
Your soul's with his blood to buy,  
And loose you of the fiend's arrest,  
And only of his own mercy;  
Pro nobis puer natus est.
  
3. Celestial fowl's in the air,  
Sing with your notes upon height,  
In firths and in forests fair  
Be mirthful now at all your might;  
For passed is your dully night;  
Aurora has the clouds pierced,  
The sun is risen with gladsome light,  
Et nobis puer natus est.
  
4. Sing heaven imperial, most of height,  
Regions of air make harmony,  
All fish in flood and fowl of flight  
Be mirthful and make melody:  
All Gloria in excelsis cry,  
Heaven, earth, sea, man, bird, and beast;  
He that is crowned above the sky  
Pro nobis puer natus est.