

# Treble Clef Music Press

*Dedicated to Ted Hesse and the University Women's Choir,  
Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois*

## O Magnum Mysterium (O Great Mystery)

SSAA Chorus *a cappella*

Matins for Christmas Day  
Responsory

Guy Forbes  
(b. 1957)

Sustained reverence ♩ = 60

S 1  
O ma - gnum my - ste - ri - um,

S 2  
O ma - gnum my - ste - ri - um, O - um,

A 1  
O ma - gnum my - ste - ri - um,

A 2  
O ma - gnum my - ste - ri - um, O

Keyboard  
(for rehearsal only)

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Translation: *O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,  
that the animals should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger.  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia.*