

Adolescentulus sum ego

Descant Recorder

Though I am immature and despised, I do not forget your precepts. Your justice is eternal, and your law is truth.

William Munday (c1529-c1591)

The musical score consists of nine staves of music for Descant Recorder, arranged in two columns. The music is in common time, with various key signatures (C major, G major, F major, D major) indicated by the treble clef and the number 8. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the musical phrases. The lyrics are in Latin, referring to the speaker's immaturity, forgetfulness, and dependence on divine justice and law.

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A- do- le- scen- tu-lus- sum e- go. a- do- le- scen- tu-lus sum

8
e- go, a- do- le- scen- tu- lus sum e- go, et con- tem- ptus,

14
et con- tem- ptus; ju- sti- fi- ca- ti- o- nes tu-

20
as non sum ob- li- tus, non sum ob- li- tus.

27
non sum ob- li- tus, non sum ob- li- tus. Ju- sti- ti- a tu-

33
_a, ju- sti- ti- a tu- in ae - ter num. ju- sti- ti-

39
a in ae- ter-num, in ae- ter- num. et lex tu- a ve- ri-

45
tas, et lex tu- a ve- ri- tas. et

48
lex tu- a ve- ri- tas, ve- ri- tas.