

Commissioned for Angelus women's choir  
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# In the Beginning was the Word

for SSA choir and string quartet

Adapted from John 1:1, 14, 16

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$\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 50$

**With great mystery**

*mp* *molto legato*

Unison women  
 In the be-gin-ning was the Word,

Violin I  
*pp*

Violin II  
*pp*

Viola  
*pp*

Violoncello  
*pp*

The string quartet invokes Genesis 1 and fragments of DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Vln. I  
*p*

Vln. II  
*p*

Vla.  
*p*

Vc.  
*p*

**A**

13

S. *mf* In the be-gin-ning was the Word,

A. *mf* In the be-gin-ning was the Word, and the

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

17

S. and the Word was with God, and the Word

A. Word was with God, and the Word was

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

21 **B**

S. was God. S. S.

A. God. *f* In the be-gin-ning was the

Vln. I *f* **B**

Vln. II *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

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S. *f* In the be-gin-ning was the Word, and the

S. *f* In the be-gin-ning was the Word, and the Word was with God,

A. Word, and the Word was with God, and the

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

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S. Word was with God, and the Word was

S. and the Word was God.

A. Word was God.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

33

S. God. **C** *mf* And the Word be-came

S. *mf* And the Word be-came flesh and dwelt a-mong us, *mf* And the Word be-came

A. *mf* And the Word be-came flesh and dwelt a-mong us, *mf* And the Word be-came

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

**D**

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S. flesh and dwelt a-mong us. *f* We be-held his

S. *mf* And the Word be-came flesh and dwelt a-mong us. *f* We be-held his

A. *mf* And the Word be-came flesh and dwelt a-mong us. *f* We be-held his

Vln. I **D** *f*

Vln. II *f*

Vla. *f*

Vc. *f*



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S. *legato* glo-ry, the glo-ry of the Fa-ther's on-ly son, *ff* full of grace and

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A. *legato* glo-ry, the glo-ry of the Fa-ther's on-ly son, *ff* full of grace and

Vln. I *ff*

Vln. II *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Vc. *ff*