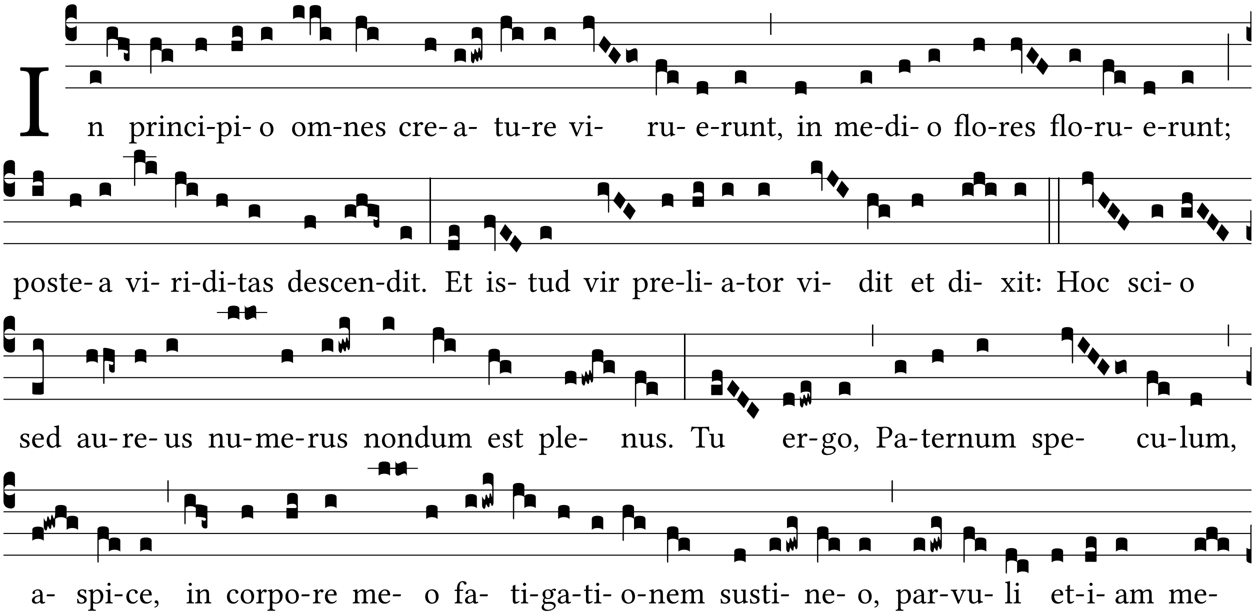
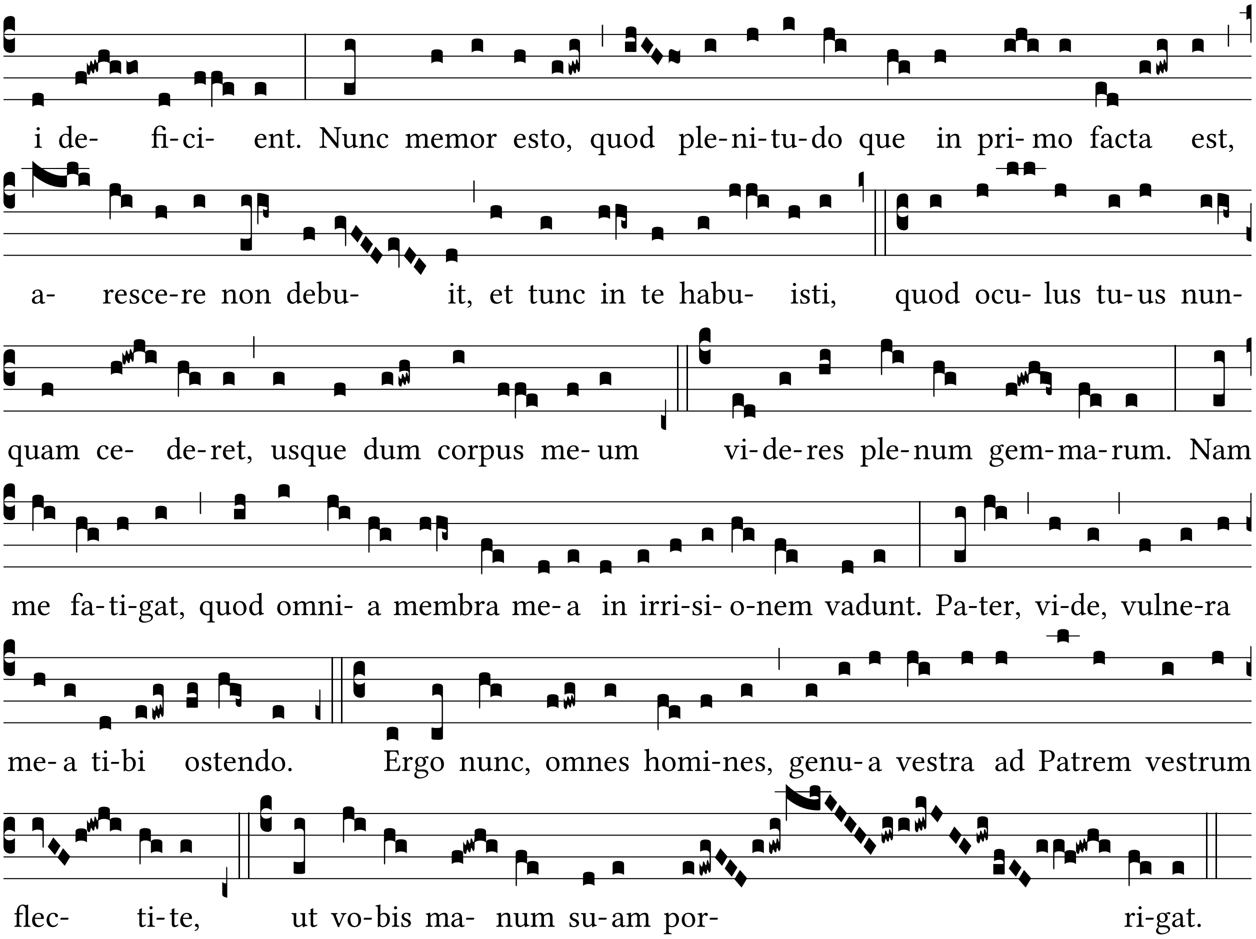
In Principio

St. Hildegard

In principio omnes creature viruerunt, in medio flores floruerunt; postea viriditas descendit. Et istud vir preliator vidit et dixit: “Hoc scio, sed aureus numerus nondum est plenus. Tu ergo, paternum speculum aspice: in corpore meo fatigationem sustineo, parvuli etiam mei deficient. Nunc memor esto, quod plenitudo que in primo facta est arescere non debuit, et tunc in te habuisti quod oculus tuus numquam cederet usque dum corpus meum videres plenum gemmarum. Nam me fatigat quod omnia membra mea in irrisionem vadunt. Pater, vide, vulnera mea tibi ostendo.” Ergo nunc, omnes homines, genua vestra ad patrem vestrum flectite, ut vobis manum suam porrigat.

In the beginning all created things were green, in their midst flowers bloomed; afterwards the *viriditas* declined. And that warrior man saw this and said: “I know this, but the golden number is not yet accomplished. You, therefore, look upon the image of the father: in my body I suffer weariness; indeed, my little ones grow faint. Now be mindful, that the fullness which was made in the beginning ought not have grown dry, and then you had in yourself that your eye would never depart until you would see my body full of gems. Now I grow weary, for all my limbs rush toward mockery. Father, see, I show you my wounds!” Therefore now, all you men, bend your knee to your father, since he offers you his hand.

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quam ce- de-ret, usque dum corpus me- um vi-de-res ple-num gem-ma-rum. Nam
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flec- ti-te, ut vo-bis ma- num su-am por- ri-gat.