



Crux fidelis

(Cross most faithful)

Words attributed to Venantius Fortunatus (c. 530-609)
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JOHN IV, King of Portugal
(1604-56)

SOPRANO
ALTO
TENOR
BASS

Crux fi - de - - lis, in - ter o - -
Cross most faith - - ful, high ex - alt -

(for rehearsal only)

p *cresc.* *mp*

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-mnes, Ar - bor u - na no - - bi - lis: Nul - la
-ed, No - ble tree be - yond com - pare: Nev - er

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sil - va ta - lem pro - fert, Fron - de, flo - re,
grew there one so bless - ed, Branch - es, blos - soms

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ger - mi - ne: Dul - ce lig - num,
green and fair: Sweet - est wood,

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mp *p*

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dul - ces cla - vos, Dul - ce
sweet - est nails, Sweet - est

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pon - dus su - sti - net. A - - men.
bur - den thou dost bear.

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cresc. *mp* *p* *pp*