

Nova, Nova!

(News, News!)

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Based on Luke 1: 26-31, 38, 46

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With joyful anticipation (♩ = 72)

Flute *mf*

Tambourine *mf*

Unison voices *mf*

The

Kybd *mf*

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an - gel, Ga - bri - el by name, Un - to the Vir - gin Mar - y came, with
said the an - gel, "Do not fear, I bring glad news_ for you to hear: You

"Nova, nova" means "News, news."

This original text is loosely based on that of a 15th century English carol. It depicts the Annunciation story in which the angel Gabriel appears to the Virgin Mary and tells her that she will give birth to the Son of God. The use of the dance-like triple meter, the pure minor scale (Ionian mode), and the optional use of flute and tambourine give this anthem a late Medieval/early Renaissance quality.

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Flute I

joy - ful news un - to the same. No - va, no - va!
will bring forth God's Son so dear."

f

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Flute I

Ti - dings of sal - va - tion! No - va, no - va!

f

17

Fl *mf* *f* *mf*

Al *mf*

1. *mf* *f* *mf*

Ti - dings of sal - va - tion! Then

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Fl *f* *mf*

Al *mp*

2. *f* *mf* *mp*

Then Mar - y looked un - to the sky: "Be