

## Beth Nielsen Chapman

### "Ave Verum Corpus"

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AVE VERUM Corpus  
Natum de Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum, immolatum  
In cruce pro homine,  
Cuius latus perforatum  
Fluxit aqua et sanguine,  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
Mortis in examine.

[Translation:]

HAIL, true Body, truly born  
Of the Virgin Mary mild  
Truly offered, wracked and torn,  
On the Cross for all defiled,  
From Whose love-pierced, sacred side  
Flowed Thy true Blood's saving tide:  
Be a foretaste sweet to me  
In my death's great agony.

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