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All accidentals present in at least one source. Brackets above notes indicate original ligatures. The two sources have minor differences in rhythm and underlay (including some notes swapped between voices in b27), but in all cases the most satisfactory solution is obvious (mostly the latter source).

GB-Och 463-467

c.1600

GB-Och 78-82

c.1750–1790

Laboravi in gemitu meo:
lavabo per singulas noctes lectum meum:
lacrimis meis stratum meum rigabo.

I am weary of my groaning:
every night wash I my bed:
and water my couch with my tears.

Laboravi in gemitu meo

Alfonso FERRABOSCO (i)
(1543–1588)

The musical score consists of five staves representing different voices: Cantus (top), Quintus, Altus, Tenor, and Bassus (bottom). The music is in common time. Key signatures change frequently, indicated by a clef and a key signature symbol. The lyrics are written below the notes. The vocal parts are as follows:

- Cantus: G clef, mostly in G major or C major.
- Quintus: C clef, mostly in A major or D major.
- Altus: C clef, mostly in A major or D major.
- Tenor: C clef, mostly in E major or F# major.
- Bassus: F clef, mostly in B major or G major.

Lyrics (underlay):

La - bo - ra - vi in ge - mi - tu me - - -
la - - bo - ra - vi in - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
la - - bo - ra - vi in - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
la - - bo - ra - vi in - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
la - - bo - ra - vi in - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

The continuation of the musical score shows the progression of the musical phrases and lyrics. The vocal parts are as follows:

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Lyrics (underlay):

o, la - - bo - ra - vi in - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
La - - bo - ra - vi in ge - mi - tu - - - - - - - - - - - - -
ge - mi - tu me -
ge - mi - tu me -
in ge - - mi - tu me -

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in ge - - mi - tu me - - - o, in ge - - -
me - o, in ge - - - mi -
ge - mi - tu me - - - o, in ge - - - mi -
vi in ge - - - mi - tu me - - - o, in
bo - ra - - vi in ge - - - mi - tu me - - - o, in

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mi - tu me - - - o: la - va - - -
tu me - - - o: la - va - - - bo
tu me - o: la - va - - - bo per
o, in ge - - - mi - tu me - - - o: la - va - - -
ge - mi - tu me - - - o: la - va - - -

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bo per sin - gu - las no - - - ctes le - - -
sin - gu - las no - - - ctes, per sin - - -
sin - gu - las no - - - ctes, per sin - gu -
bo per sin - gu - las no - - - ctes, la - va - - - bo per
bo, la - va - - - bo per

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- ctum me - - um, le - - - - ctum me -
 - gu - las no - - - - ctes, le - - - -
 - las no - - - - ctes, le - - - - ctum me -
 sin - gu - las no - - - - ctes, le - - - - ctum me -

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- um: la - - cri - mis me - - - is, le -
 - - - - ctum me - - um: la - - cri - mis me - is,
 - um: la - - cri - mis me - is, la - cri - mis me - - -
 - - um, le - - - - ctum me - um: la - cri - mis me -
 - le - - - - ctum me - um: la - cri - mis me - - - is

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- - ctum me - - um, la - - cri - mis me -
 le - - - - ctum me - um, la - cri - mis me - is
 - is, le - - - - etum me - - um, la -
 me - um: la - - cri - mis me - is, la - cri - mis
 - is, la - cri - mis me - - - is

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is stra - tum me - um ri - ga
stra - tum me - um ri - ga
cri - mis me - - - is stra -
me - - - is stra - tum me - um ri - ga

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- bo, ri - ga - - - bo, la - cri - mis me - - - is stra -
- bo, stra - tum me - - - um ri - ga - - - bo,
- tum me - - - um ri - ga - - - bo, la - cri - mis me -
stra - tum me - um ri - ga - - - bo, la - cri - mis
- - - - - bo, stra - - - tum

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- tum me - um ri - ga - - - - - - - - - bo,
stra - tum me - - - um ri - ga - - - - bo, stra -
- is stra - - tum me - um ri - ga - - - bo,
me - - is stra - - tum me - - um ri - ga - - - bo,
me - - um ri - ga - - - - - bo, stra - - tum

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stra - tum me - um ri - ga - bo,
 - tum me - um ri - ga - bo, stra -
 - ga - bo, la - cri - mis me - is stra - tum
 la - cri - mis me - is stra - tum me -
 me - um ri - ga - bo, ri -

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stra - - tum me - - um ri - - ga - - bo.
 - tum me - - um ri - - ga - - bo.
 me - um ri - ga - - - bo.
 - um ri - ga - - - bo.
 - ga - - bo, ri - - - ga - - - bo.