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Sancta Maria

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This is an arrangement of a piece (probably wrongly) attributed to Hernando Franco (1532-1585), who was born in Spain, went to the new world likely in the 1550s, and lived in modern-day Mexico and Guatemala. The piece, regardless of the real composer, was written in Guatemala for voices in the native Nahuatl language. It is one of a number of pieces composed by "Hernando don Franco", likely a native composer who took Franco's name as was custom upon conversion to Christianity. This arrangement is for accompanying instruments, for strings and/or winds and keyboard, with added ornamentationin the highest line and an optional intonation. The arrangement is based on the choral score accessible on CPDL: http://www3.cpdl.org/wiki/index.php/Sancta_Maria_(Hernando_Franco)

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