Be thou ready, Bethlehem, Eden hath opened unto all.

Ephraetha, prepare thyself, for now, behold, the Tree of Life hath blossomed forth in the cave from the holy Virgin. Her womb hath proved a true spiritual Paradise, where in the divine and saving Tree is found, and as we eat thereof we shall all live, and shall not die as did Adam. For Christ is born now to raise the image that had fallen a foretime.

Please note: In some places in the Antiochian Patriarchate, this hymn is sung using the hard chromatic version, or Palatine mode, of "Joseph was amazed." Properly, it should be done in this soft chromatic, Dismissal Hymn, version.