As the fruit of David's seed Mary was registered of old with the Elder Joseph in the little town of Bethlehem, when she conceived with a seedless and pure conception. Behold, the time was come that she should bear her Child, but no place was found within the inn for them;

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yet the cave proved a delightful palace for

the pure Lady ___ and Queen ___ of ___ all.

For Christ is born _____ now to raise the image

that had fallen a fore - - - time.

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