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; 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 aforetime.

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.