1) All of creation rejoiceth in thy conception today, O John, our Lord's Forerunner and His Prophet and Baptist; for thy divine birth is a token for us of the Master's nativity; and for this cause, with one voice, we upon the earth sing thy praises as is meet and right.

2) The Angel, finding the barren woman's conception to be a very wonderful witness, doth announce it to Mary, offering it as an as-
surance to her; wherefore let us now also laud both the once-barren Elizabeth and her spouse, Zacharias, with the Baptist John.

3) Lo, the divinely prepared lamp of the eternal Light, the Bride-groom's friend, the day-star of the great Sun of Glory, the living voice of God the Word, even Saint John, the Forerunner and messenger of Christ the Lord's coming hither is now conceived at the sounding of an Angel's voice.