1) O pure living palace of our God, O all-blame-less Virgin,

He Whom all the Heavens cannot contain hath been contained in thee.

Past all understanding, thou shalt bear Him in the cave;

for He hath been made poor and hath taken flesh that

He might deify and make rich me, who was rendered poor

by a surfeit of exceeding bitter food.

2) At Caesar's commandment, Thou, O Christ, wast enrolled with us Thy

servants in Thy tender compassion that Thou mightest come to grant

freedom and redemption and Thine everlasting life

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to us Thy thank-less servants, who worship Thy divine and saving Birth, O long-suffering and forbearing Lord, since Thou cam'est that Thou might-est save our souls.

3) Thē all-ho-ly Vir-gin free of blame hav-ing pondered on the great in-com-pre-hen-si-ble child-birth that trans-fig-ured and made new na-ture's stablished bound-ries, she cried out un-to her Son:

O most be-loved Child, I am sore a-mazed at this great mys-te-ry; how I gave birth, and am vir-gin still, by Thy pow-er, Who hast made all by Thy will.