DAM SINNED AND EARNED ALL SORROWS; likewise the world after his example, all guilt : And instead of considering how it should be restored, considered how its fall should be pleasant for it. Glory to Him Who came and restored it!

THIS CAUSE SUMMONED HIM THAT IS PURE : that He should come and be bap/ tized, even He with the defiled – Heaven for His glory was rent as under. That the Purifier of all might be baptized with all, He came down and sanctified the water for our baptism. Glory to Him Who came and restored it!

POR THAT CAUSE FOR WHICH HE ENTERED INTO THE WOMB, for the same cause He went down into the river. For that cause for which He entered into the grave, for the same cause He makes us enter into His chamber. He perfected mankind for every cause. Glory to Him Who came and restored it!

IS CONCEPTION IS THE STORE OF OUR BLESSINGS; His Birth is the treasury of our joys; His Baptism is the cause of our pardon; His Death is the cause of our life. Death He alone has overcome in His Resurrection. Glory to Him Who came and restored it!

T HIS BIRTH A STAR OF LIGHT SHONE IN THE AIR; when He was baptized light flashed from the water; at His Death the sun was darkened in the firmament; at His Passion the luminaries set along with Him; at His Epiphany the luminaries arose with Him. Glory to Him Who came and restored it!

REVEALED WAS HIS GLORY BECAUSE OF HIS MAJESTY; revealed was His Passion because of His Manhood; revealed was His Love because of His Graciousness; revealed was His Judgment because of His Justice. He has poured forth His attributes, on them that were His. Glory to Him Who came and restored it!

HAT WHOSO HAS LOOKED ON HIS GLORY AND DESPISED HIM, may look again on His Glory and worship Him; and whoso has scorned to taste of His Graciousness, may fear lest he be made to feel His justice; He has poured forth His helps on His worshippers. Glory to Him Who came and restored it!

C? THE EAST IN THE MORNING WAS MADE LIGHT? lo? the South at noon/ day was made dark? The West again in turn at eventide was made light. The three quarters represent the one Birth; His Death and His Life they declare. Glory to Him Who came and restored it!

IS BIRTH FLOWED ON AND WAS JOINED TO HIS BAPTISM; and His Baptism again flowed on even to His Death; His Death led and reached to His Resurrection, a fourfold bridge unto His Kingdom; and lo! His sheep pass over in His footsteps. Glory to Him Who came and restored it!

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