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because the Christ is come so near?
He who doth heavenly kingdoms grant
thine earthly realm can never want.

Lo, sages from the East are gone
to where the star hath newly shone:
led on by light to Light they press,
and by their gifts their God confess.

The Lamb of God is manifest
again in Jordan's water blest,
and he who sin had never known
by washing hath our sins undone.

Yet he that ruleth everything
can change the nature of the spring,
and gives at Cana this for sign
the water reddens into wine.

Then glory, Lord, to thee we pray
for thine Epiphany today;
all glory through eternity
to Father, Son, and Spirit be.