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of mankind, appear,
Thee with full hearts
the virgin born we greet;
Let every age with
rapt amazement hear
That wondrous birth which
for our God is meet.

Not by the will of man,
or mortal seed,
But by the Spirit's breathed
mysterious grace
The Word of God became
our flesh indeed,
And grew a tender plant
of human race.

Lo! Mary's virgin womb
its burden bears;
Nor less abides her virgin purity;
In the King's glory
see our nature shares;
Here in His temple
God vouchsafes to be.

From His bright chamber,
virtue's holy shrine
The royal Bridegroom cometh
to the day;
Of twofold substance,
human and divine,
As giant swift, rejoicing on His way.

Forth from His Father
to the world He goes,
Back to the Father's face
His way regains,
Far down to souls beneath
His glory shows,
Again at God's right hand
victorious reigns.

With the eternal Father equal, Thou,
Girt with our flesh
dost triumph evermore,
Strengthening our feeble
bodies here below
With endless grace from
Thine own living store.

How doth Thy lowly
manger radiant shine!
On the sweet breath of night
new splendor grows;
So may our spirits glow

with faith divine,
Where no dark cloud
of sin shall interpose.

All praise and glory
to the Father be,
All praise and glory
to His only Son,
All praise and glory,
Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Both now, and while
eternal ages run.