1 And God chose to be our mother in all things, and so made the foundation of his work, most humble and most pure, in the Virgin’s womb.

2 God, the perfect wisdom of all, arrayed himself in this humble place.

3 Christ came in our poor flesh to share a mother’s care.

4 Our mothers bear us for pain and for death; our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.

5 Christ carried us within him in love and travail until the full time of his passion.

6 And when all was completed and he had carried us so for joy, still all this could not satisfy the power of his wonderful love.

7 All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God, for the love of Christ works in us; Christ is the one whom we love.