

1 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.

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