

For Margaret Lillian Morgan-Hauptmann

From Lands That See the Sun Arise

John Mason Neale (1818-1866), transl. from
A solis ortus cardine, Coelius Sedulius (d. c. 450)

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2: In that chaste pa - rent's ho - ly womb, ce - les - tial grace hath found its home:
3: That Son, the roy - al Son she bore, whom Ga - briel's voice had told be - fore:
4: The heaven - ly cho - rus filled the sky, the An - gels sang to God on high,

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2: And she, as earth - ly bride un - known, yet call that Off - spring blest her own.
3: Whom, in his Mo - ther yet con - cealed, the In - fant Bap - tist had re - vealed.
4: What time to shep - herds watch - ing lone they made cre - a - tion's Shep - herd known.

1: Blest Au - thor of this earth - ly frame, to take a ser - vant's form he came,
2: The man - sion of the mod - est breast, be - comes a shrine where God shall rest:
3: The man - ger and the straw he bore, the cra - dle he did not ab - hor,
4: All ho - nor, laud, and go - ry be, O Je - su, Vir - gin - born, to Thee,

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2: The pure and un - de - fil - ed one con - ceiv - ed in her womb the Son.
3: A lit - tle milk his in - fant fare who feed - eth even each fowl of air.
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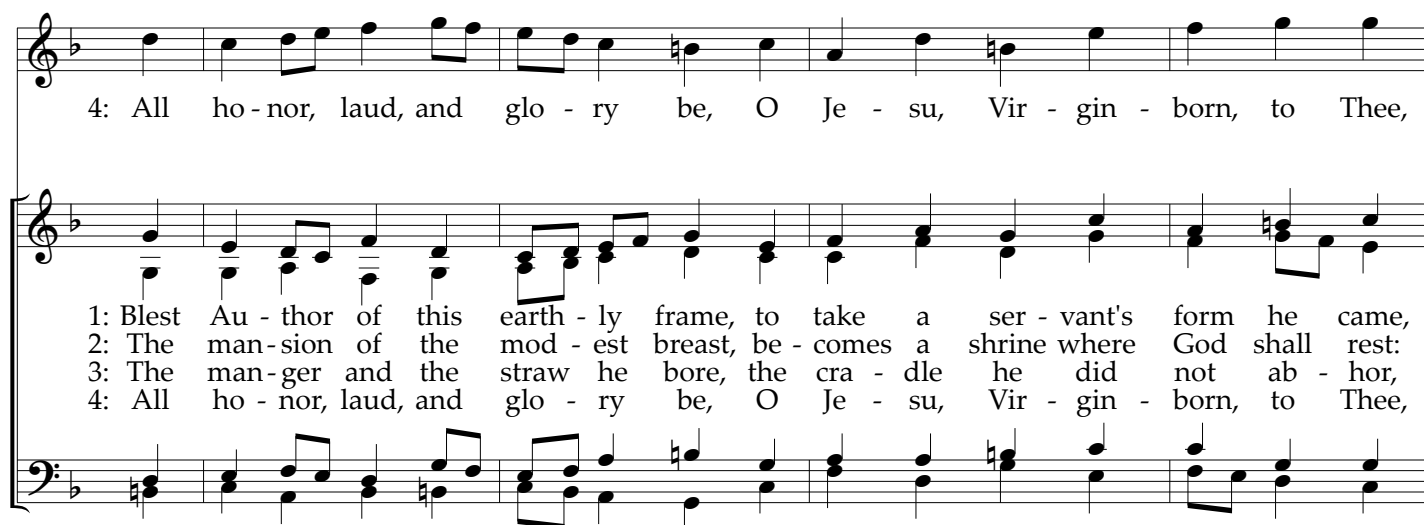
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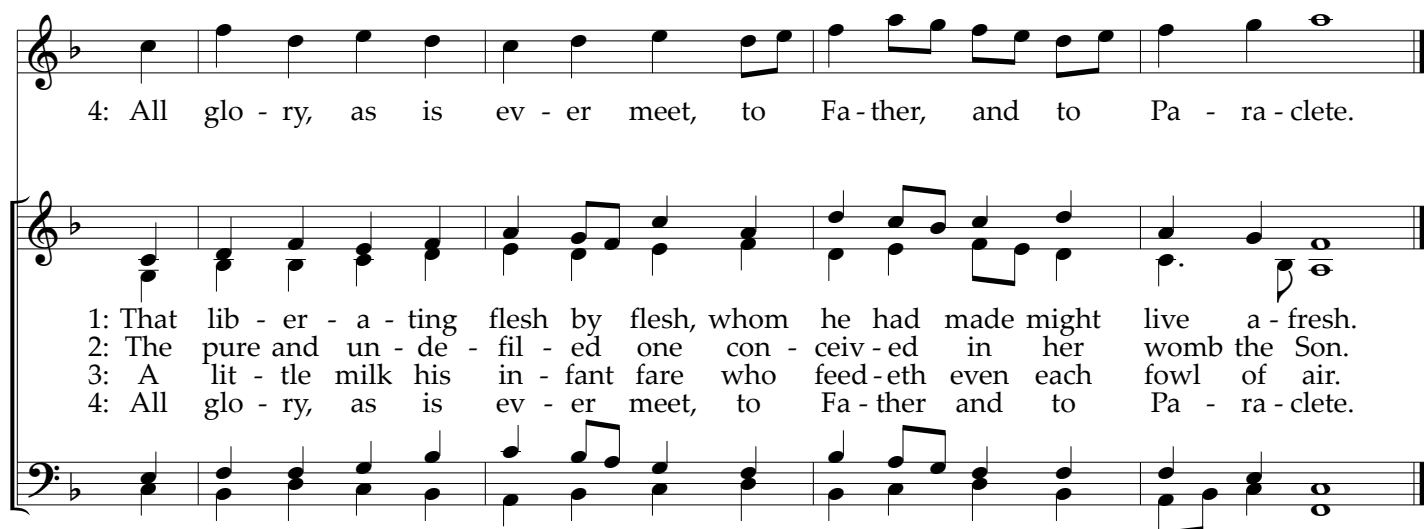
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