



What shall we offer Thee, O Christ,
 Who for our sakes hast appeared on earth as man?
 Every creature made by Thee offers Thee thanks:
 The angels offer Thee a hymn;
 The heavens a star;
 The Magi, gifts;
 The shepherds, their wonder;
 The earth, its cave;
 The wilderness, the manger
 And we offer Thee a Virgin Mother.
 O pre-eternal God, have mercy upon us.

from the Vespers of Christmas