**Katavasia of the Nativity**

First Mode

Chanted instead of "It is Truly Right"

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Andante  \( \text{♩} \cdot 80 \)

X O my soul, magnify
Me-gah-lee non psee hee moo
her who is greater in

\( \text{♩} \cdot 80 \)

ten tee mee o-teh rahn

hon or and in glory than

car ev do 
keh en dho kson teh rahn ton

the armies of heaven

\( \text{♩} \cdot 80 \)

ah no strah tev mah ton

I see here a strange parody and

\( \text{♩} \cdot 80 \)

Mee-stee ree on kseh non or o

dox ical mys 'try

\( \text{♩} \cdot 80 \)

καὶ πα ρα δο 
keh pah rah dho kson

For, behold the

\( \text{♩} \cdot 80 \)

ou-ρα vov to

oo rah non to
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The Nativity of Christ

The Virgin Mary is the mother of God, the Theotokos.

Christ is born in a manger, in a stable, in a cave, in a garden.

The angel Gabriel announces the good news to the shepherds in the field.

The shepherds are amazed and come to see the newborn Christ, the Lamb of God.

The wise men from the East, guided by the star of Bethlehem, arrive at the manger and offer their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The dowry is placed in the hands of the Virgin Mary, the mother of God.

The Magi wax adoringly approach the Christ Child, knelling before him and adoring his divine majesty.

The life of the Holy Family begins in Nazareth, away from the perils of the world.

The joy of the birth of Christ is announced to the world, and the angels sing their hymn of praise.

The exchanging of gifts is a act of love and reverence, as the wise men bring their offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The child Jesus is presented in the temple, meeting the priest Simeon and Anna, who recognize him as the Messiah.

The wise men depart, bearing the news of the newborn King of the Jews.

The Gentiles flock to the infant Jesus, bringing offerings of respect and adoration.

The infant Jesus' first words are heard by the wise men, who are filled with joy and praise.