Katavasia of the Nativity
from the Iambic Canon

First Mode
Chanted instead of "It is Truly Right"
on December 26th

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Andante  \( \downarrow \frac{4}{16} \)

\[ \text{Ma - gi and Shep - herds came} \]
\[ \text{Ma - yoi kai po - me} \]
\[ \text{Mah - yee keh pee - meh} \]

\[ \text{to wor - ship the Mes - si - ah who was} \]
\[ \text{eel - thon pro - skee - nee - seh} \]
\[ \text{born in Beth - le - hem, the cit -} \]
\[ \text{ston ton yeh - nee - then - dah en Veeth} \]
\[ \text{y of Da - vid} \]
\[ \text{em tee po - lee} \]
\[ \text{Eas - i - er for us, is from -} \]
\[ \text{Ster - yeen men - ee - mas os ah} \]

\[ \text{fear to love si - lence, free of} \]
\[ \text{keen dhee - non fo - vo rah - on} \]
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any period as it is. O

why do you deem us
strength to match

our devotion, your march

we pray you

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Vir-gin, where-as to weave

theh neh eem noos ee feh

stir ring hymns out of

neen seen doh nos teh theeg

long ing in earn est is dif-

meh noos er go dhess eh steen

fi cult; therefore, O Moth er,

ah lah keh mee teer steh nos

give us strength to match

o see peh fee ken

we pray you

σις δι δοου

see dhoo