The First Christmas Canon

1. Christ is born;__ glo - ri - fy __ Him. Christ hath come__ from __ the

Hea - - - vens; re - ceive__ Him. Christ__ on the earth:___

el - ev - ate___ Him. Sing un - to the Lord,___ all __ the earth; and ye peo ple,

praise___ Him with joy; for __ He___ hath been glo - ri - fied.

3. Let us cry un - to the Son, born___ of __ the __ Fa - ther be - fore the

a - ges with - out __ change; O Christ__ God who was in - car - nate in

these __ last days___ of the __ Vir - - - gin, with - out___

seed,__ shout - - - ing, "O Thou Who hast el - e - va - ted our

state, Thou___ art ho - ly,___ O___ Lord."

4. O praised_____ Christ, a stem hath come_____ out of_ Jes - se, and from it hath sprout - - ed a flow'r from a dense and shad - owed mount - - - ain, O Im - ma - ter - ial God, com - ing in-car - nate_____ from the_ Vir - gin that hath not known_____ man. Glo - ry, there - fore, to Thy might,_ O_____ Lord.

5. O Lo - ver of Man-kind, since Thou art the God_ of peace and the Fa - ther of_ mer - cies, Thou didst send to us the an - gel of Thy great_____ coun - sel, grant - ing us_ Thy_ peace. Where - fore, have we_ been led_ a-right to the light_____ of di - vine_____ know - ledge, glo - ri - fy - ing Thee as we_____ come_____ out of dark - ness.

6. The sea - - - mon - ster did dis - gorge__ Jo - nah__ from its__
bel - ly, as it rec-eived___ him safe ly__ like__ a fe - tus. As for the
Word, when He dwelt_____ in__ the__ Vir - gin, tak - ing from
her__ a bo - dy,____ He was born, pre ser ving her__ with out cor - rup - tion
and with - out__ change, pre - ser - ving His Mo - ther with - out harm.

7. The youths__ hav-ing grown to - geth - er in true____ wor - ship,
des - pi - sing the com - mand__ of the in - fi - del, were not dis - mayed____
by the threat__ of fi - re; but were sing - ing
as they stood_____ in the midst_____ of the flames,
"Bless - ed art Thou,_____ the God__ of__ our Fa - thers."

Let us praise,— bless, and wor - ship the Lord.

8. Ver - il - y, the de - wy fur - nace did sha - dow the sign—

of the su - per - nat - ur - al won - der; for it burned—— not the

youths whom— it re - ceived, as the fire— of di - vin - i - ty——

al - so burned not the womb—— of the— Vir - gin in— which—

it— dwelt. Where fore, let us of - fer praise with— song,—— say - ing, "Let all

cre - a - tion— praise— the Lord, ex - al - ting Him——

ev - er - more, to the end— of a - ges."