

Troparion Preparatory to Nativity



Make read - y, O — Beth - le - hem, for Ed-en hath been
op - ened for all. Pre-pare, O — Eph - ra - tha,
for the Tree — of Life hath bloss-omed forth in the cave — from the
vir - - - gin; for her womb — did — ap - pear as a
su - per - sen - su - al par - a - dise, in which — is —
plant - - - ed the Di - vine — Plant; where-of eat - ing we
shall — live, — and not die — as A - - -
dam. Ver - i - ly, Christ — shall be born, rais - ing the like - ness that hath
fall - en of — old.

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp). The time signature varies throughout: common time (C), 3/4, 2/4, and 3/2. The melody is written in a single voice line. The lyrics are in English and are placed below the corresponding musical notes. There are several long horizontal lines (breath marks) under the lyrics, indicating where to breathe. The score ends with a double bar line on the final staff.