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Caelius Sedulius c. 450

Hostis Herodes impie



Ho - stis He - ro - des im - pi - e,
I - bant ma - gi, quam vi - de - rant
La - va - cra pu - ri gur - gi - tis
No - vum ge - nus po - ten - ti - æ
Glo - ri - a ti - bi, Do - mi - ne,

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Chri - stum ve - ni - re quid ti - mes?
stel - lam se - quen - tes præ - vi - am,
cæ - le - stis A - gnus at - ti - git,
a - quæ ru - be - scunt hy - dri - ae,
Qui ap - pa - rui - sti ho - di - e,

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Non e - ri - pit mor - ta - li - a,
Lu - men re - qui - runt lu - mi - ne,
Pec - ca - ta quæ non de - tu - lit,
Vi - num - que ius - sa fun - de - re,
Cum Pa - tre et Sanc - to Spi - ri - tu

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This edition

1. Why, impious Herod, vainly fear
that Christ the Saviour cometh here?
He takes no earthly realms away
Who gives the crown that lasts for aye.

2. To greet his birth the Wise Men went,
led by the star before them sent;
called on by light, towards Light they pressed,
and by their gifts their God confessed.

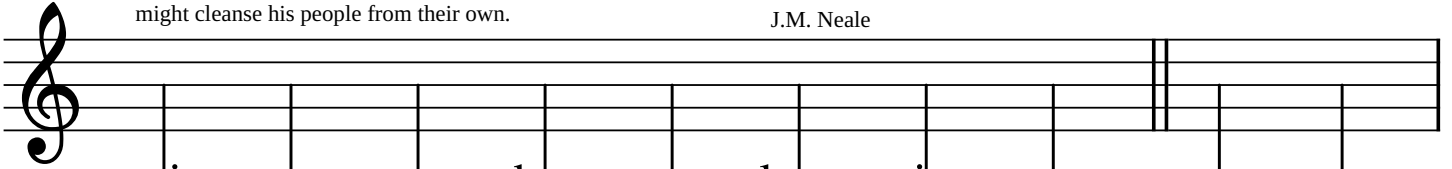
3. In holy Jordan's purest wave
the heavenly Lamb vouchsafed to lave;
That he, to whom was sin unknown,
might cleanse his people from their own.

4. New miracle of power divine!
The water reddens into wine:
He spake the word: and poured the wave
in other streams than nature gave.

5. All glory, Lord, to thee we pay
for thine Epiphany today;
all glory as is ever meet,
to Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

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qui re - gna dat cæ - les - ti - a.
De - um fa - ten - tur mu - ne - re.
Nos a - blu - en - do su - stu - lit.
mu - ta - vit un - da o - ri - gi - nem.
in sem - pi - ter - na sae - cu - la. A - men.