From the vault of heaven Gabriel flew down and came to Nazareth; and standing before the Virgin Mary, he cried to her: “Rejoice!” “You shall conceive a Son, more ancient than Adam, the Maker of all things and the Deliverer of
those who cry to you: // Re-joice, O pure Virgin!"

Gabriel brought the Good News from heaven to the Virgin,

and he cried out the greeting, "Re-joice!" "You shall conceive Him who can be contained in you, yet whom the world cannot contain;

and you will be seen to bear within your womb // Him who shone...
forth from the Father before the morning star."

The co-e-t er-nal Word of the Father who is from all e-ter-ni-ty,

without being parted from things on high, now has come among those

be-low, in His infinite compassion taking pit-y up-on our fall;

He has as-sumed the poverty of Ad-am// and taken a
form that is alien to Him.