

Quem terra, pontus, aethera

The God Whom Earth and Sea and Sky

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1. The God whom earth and sea and sky
adore and praise and magnify,
whose might they claim, whose love they tell,
in Mary's body comes to dwell.
2. O Mother blest, the chosen shrine
wherein the architect divine,
whose hand contains the earth and sky,
has come in human form to lie.
3. Blest in the message Gabriel brought,
blest in the work the Spirit wrought;
most blest to bring to human birth
the long desired of all the earth.
4. O Lord, the Virgin-born, to you
eternal praise and laud are due,
whom with the Father we adore
and Spirit blest for evermore.

Inspiration: "Quem terra, pontus, aethera"; Venantius Honorius Clementianus Fortunatus, ca. 530-609.
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