In the Red Sea there was once depicted an image of the unwed Bride. There Moses divided the waters; here Gabriel doth minister the wonder.

There the deep was trodden dryshod by Israel; now Christ is born seedlessly of the Virgin. The sea

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after the passage of Israel remained untrodden; the blameless

one after the birth of Emmanuel remained unfiled.

O Thou Who art and ever before didst exist, and hast appeared as man, O God, have mercy on us.