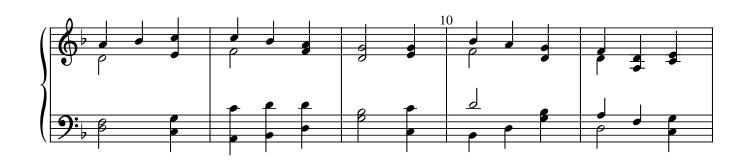
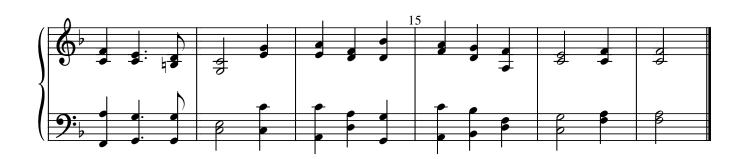
Why, impious Herod, shouldst thou fear







Why, impious Herod, shouldst thou fear Because the Christ is come so near? He who doth heavenly kingdoms grant Thine earthly realm can never want.

Lo, sages from the East are gone To where the star hath newly shone: Led on by light to Light they press, And by their gifts their God confess.

The Lamb of God is manifest Again in Jordan's water blest, And He who sin had never known By washing hath our sins undone. Yet He that ruleth everything Can change the nature of the spring, And gives at Cana this for sign— The water reddens into wine.

Then glory, Lord, to Thee we pay For thine Epiphany today; All glory through eternity To Father, Son, and Spirit be.

Caelius Sedulius