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Σιγησάτω πάσα σὰρξ βροτεία

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| <p>1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
 and with fear and trembling stand;
 ponder nothing earthly-minded,
 for with blessing in his hand
 Christ our God to earth descendeth,
 our full homage to demand.</p> | <p>3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
 spreads its vanguard on the way,
 as the Light of light descendeth
 from the realms of endless day,
 that the powers of hell may vanish
 as the darkness clears away.</p> |
| <p>2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
 as of old on earth he stood,
 Lord of lords, in human vesture,
 in the body and the blood,
 he will give to all the faithful
 his own self for heavenly food.</p> | <p>4 At his feet the six-winged seraphs,
 cherubim with sleepless eye,
 veil their faces to the presence,
 as with ceaseless voice they cry,
 alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, Lord most high!</p> |

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