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To - day the Vir - gin giv - eth birth to the Lord in - side the cave.  
Ver - i - ly, it is eas - i - er for us to en - dure\_\_ si - lence  
since there is no dread dan - ger there - from for us. But be -  
- cause\_\_ of our strong de - sire, O Vir - gin, and Moth - er of  
same - ness, to in - dite well - bal - anced songs of praise, this be -  
- com - eth in - deed\_\_ on - er - dous to us. Where - fore, grant us  
pow'r to ē - - - qual our nat - - - u - ral  
in - cli - na - - - tion.