When the bodiless one learned the secret command,
in haste he came and stood before Joseph's dwelling.

and spake unto the Maiden who knew not wedlock:

The One Who hath bowed the heavens by His descent.
is held and contained, unchanging, wholly in thee.

See ing Him receiv ing the form of a servant in thy womb,

I stand in awe and cry to thee: Re joice, thou Bride Unwed ded!

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