

*How can we all give enough thanks to God
for the many good things he did for us?*

He made heaven, earth and the sea for us
as he had no need of it himself -
anyone who will not believe this
denies the goodness of God.

The way he created light, my friends
may well seem a great work
but greater far was when he placed his light
in the Virgin's womb, to save his people.

And how he made the heaven and spread it out
may seem a work of great wisdom
but greater far, to those with eyes to see,
was when he came down from heaven to take human form.

And when he made the earth, he showed
how great was his power, but those who think on it
will see that the greater deed was when to redeem us all
he walked on the earth and bore great pain.

And when he made the moon and the shining sun
he did a great and noble work
but greater far was when they both turned black
as pitch, when for us he died on the Cross

And when he made the stars, I know for sure
that it was a simple task for him
but the greater deed was when through them
he was adored as King by the three kings.

And when in the water he created fish,
as I found written in a book,
it was a great deed, but greater by far
was when he walked on the water for us below.

And when he saw fit to create birds
to fly through the air it was a great work,
but I assure you he did much greater
when he rose up to heaven through the air.

And when as scripture says he created
more than a thousand species of animals
it was a great work, but greater far was when
the blessed child lay among them in the humble manger.

And when he created Man, in beauty and grace
and gave him wisdom and understanding
it was a great work, but greater still was when
for Man's redemption he suffered pain and cruel death.

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