

## Benedictus

4.     And also to perform the oath,  
      Which he before had sworn:  
      To Abraham, our father dear,  
      For us that were forlorn.  
      That he would give himself for us,  
      And us from bondage bring:  
      Out of the hands of all our foes,  
      To serve our heavenly king.
5.     And that without all manner fearce,  
      And eke in righteousness,  
      And also for to lead our life,  
      And thou (O child) which now art born  
      And of the Lord elect:  
      Shalt be the prophet of the highest,  
      His ways for to direct.
6.     For thou shalt go before his face,  
      For to prepare his ways:  
      And also for to teach his will,  
      And pleasure all the days.  
      To give them knowledge, how that their  
      Salvation is near:  
      And that remission of their sins,  
      Is through his mercy mere.
7.     Whereby the dayspring, form on high,  
      Is come, us for to visit:  
      And those for to illuminate,  
      Which do in darkness sit.  
      To lighten those that shadowed be,  
      With death and eke oppressed:  
      And also for to guide their feet,  
      The way to peace and rest.