

Prelude

Narration – Mary's birth and childhood

Mary's Dance

Narration – Joseph is chosen

Joseph's Song

Mary, virgin, child of light.

What a young man knows I once knew, in the very long ago:

How to heft my hammer on a roof beam,

So my muscles glimmered in the sun;

How to heft my drink in the tavern at night,

In the very long ago.

What a father knows I once knew, in the very long ago.

Taught my sons to drive a nail home with a single blow;

As they grew to men, they glimmered in the sun.

In the very long ago,

What a widow man knows I once knew

As the glimmering vision dimmed;

But the hammer drives the nail,

And the nail drives me to begin all over with Mary.

Mary, virgin, child of light, how can this be?

Narration – The Annunciation

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord,

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Narration – Jesus' birth

Ave Maria

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women,

And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, queen of heaven, sweet and pious.

O Mother of God, pray for us sinners

And let us see you with the elect.

Holy Mary, full of grace: Holy Mary, sweet and pious.

***Narration** – In the stable*

Dance of the Animals

***Narration** – The Wise Men*

Song of the Wise Men

***Narration** – Herod's wrath*

Rachel's Song

*Under the sun my babies danced, under the sun they laughed.
Under the moon my babies slept, under the moon they dreamed.
Under the stars my babies grew, under the stars they wished.
But wishes go where babies go when the dark grave covers all,
And the sweet rain of heaven turns black with my tears for the
children who are not.*

***Narration** – The shepherds*

Shepherds' Song

***Narration** – The wonderful news*

Mary's Lullaby

*Lullaby my little one, lulla lullaby,
Angels sang your coming from houses in the sky.
Lullaby my baby, lulla lullaby,
Wise men traveled from the East to kneel down where you lie.
Lullaby my lovely child, lulla lullaby,
Shepherds sang their songs for you, they echo through the night.
Lullaby my little lamb, how peacefully you sleep.
God's holy love moves in your breath, so wondrous and so deep.*

Postlude