

DEVIL

Who are you, and where do you come from?
You embraced me, and I led you forth,
But now by turning back you confound me.
Yet my assault will hurl you down.

SOUL

I recognized that all my ways were evil
And so I escaped from you.
But now, deceiver, I fight against you.
O Queen Humility, come help me with your medicine.

HUMILITY

O Victory, you who once overcame this
Evil one in the heavens,
Hasten with Your soldiers
And all of you, bind this Devil!

VICTORY

O bravest and most glorious soldiers, come,
And help me to vanquish that deceitful one!

VIRTUES

O sweetest warrior,
Who swallowed the voracious wolf in the boiling spring,
O glorious crowned one,
We gladly fight with you against this deceiver.

HUMILITY

Bind him, then, o gleaming Virtues!

VIRTUES

O our queen, we obey you,
And we fulfill your commands in all things.

VICTORY

Rejoice, O companions,
For the ancient serpent is bound!

VIRTUES

Praise to you, Christ, King of the Angels!

CHASTITY

In the mind of the highest, O Satan,
I crushed your head beneath my foot,
And in the form of a Virgin I brought forth a sweet miracle
When the Son of God came into the world.
Therefore you are cast down together with all your plunder.
And now let all who dwell in Heaven rejoice,
For your belly has been confounded.

DEVIL

You do not know what you bring forth,
For your womb is empty of any fair form received from a man.
In this you transgress the command God issued for pleasant intercourse.
Therefore you do not know what you are.

CHASTITY

How can what you say touch me
When your suggestion pollutes your words
With foul unchastity?
One Man I have brought forth,
Who gathers the human race unto Him,
Against you, through His own birth.

VIRTUES

O God, who are you, who held this great counsel in Yourself
Which destroyed the infernal poison among the publicans and sinners
Who now shine in celestial goodness?
For this, O King, may You be praised!
O Almighty Father, a foundation flows from You in fiery love.
Lead your children to a favorable wind for sailing on the waters
So that we may lead them in this way
To the heavenly Jerusalem.