The Play of the Star

Hoc finito, DUO de majori sede
dalmaticis induti in utraque parte altaris stantes,
submissa voce inter se dicant:
Qui sunt hi qui, stella duce, nos adeuntes, in audita ferunt?
Who are these, star-led, who approach us with unheard of things?

Tune MAGI respondeant: The Magi answer:
Nos su-mus quos cer-ni-tis, re-ges Thar-sis et A-ra-bum et Sa-ba
We whom you behold are the kings of Tarshish, Arabia and Saba
donna
bearing gifts
fe-ren-tes Christo Re-gi-na-to, Do-mi-no, quem, stel-la de-du-cen-te, a-do-ra-re veni-mus.
to Christ, the newborn King, the Lord,
we whom, led by the star, are come to adore him.

Tune DUO DALMATICI, aperientes cortinam, dicant:
Ec-ce, Pu-er a-des-t quem que-ri-tis. Jam pre-pa-ra-te a-do-ra-re, qui-a i-pse est re dem-pti-o mun-di.
Behold, here is the child you seek. Now make ready to adore, for this is the world’s Redeemer.

Tune procidentes simul REGES,
ita salutent Puerum et dicant:
Sal ve, prin-ceps se-cu-lo-rum!
Hail, thou Prince of the world!

Tune PRIMUS offerat, ita dicens:
Su-sci-pe, Rex au-rum.
Accept, O King, this gold.

SECUNDUS offerat, ita dicens:
Tol-le thus, tu ve-re De-us.
Recieve this incense, thou very God.

Postea TERTIUS offerat, ita dicens:
Myr-ham, si-gnum se-pul-tu-re.
Myrrh, in token of burial.

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Three are the rich gifts brought by the Magi unto the Lord on this day,
they offered unto Him:

In gold the power of the king is shown;
Fulfilled are all the things spoken by the prophets.

Go, return by a different way,
lest ye betray such a king to the persecutors.

After the antiphon, the cantor shall begin
the responsory at the entrance of the choir:

In gold...