

Why, Impious Herod

Words: Caelius Sedulius, translated by J. M. Neale

Music: Agincourt (English Melody)

Forceful, with energy



1

Why, impious Herod, vainly fear
That Christ the Saviour cometh here?
He takes no earthly realms away
Who gives the crown that lasts for aye.

4

New miracle of power divine!
The water reddens into wine:
He spake the word: and poured the wave
in other streams than nature gave.

2

To greet His birth the Wise Men went,
Led by the star before them sent;
Called on by light, towards Light they
pressed,
And by their gifts their God confessed.

5

All glory, Lord, to Thee we pay
For Thine Epiphany today;
All glory as is ever meet,
To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

3

In holy Jordan's purest wave
The heavenly Lamb vouchsafed to lave;
That He, to whom was sin unknown,
Might cleanse His people from their own.