The salutation carol

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- When that he presented was
 Before her fair visage,
 In most demure and goodly wise
 He did to her homage;
 And said, "Lady, from heaven so high,
 That Lordés heritage,
 For he of thee now born will be,
 I'm sent on his message.
- 3. "Hail, Virgin celestiàl,
 The meek'st that ever was!
 Hail, temple of the Deity!
 Hail, mirror of all grace!
 Hail, Virgin pure! I thee ensure,
 Within a little space
 Thou shalt conceive, and him receive
 That shall bring great solàce."
- 4. Then bespake the Maid again And answered womanly, "Whate'er my Lord commandeth me I will obey truly."
 With "Ecce sum humillima Ancilla Domini;
 Secundum verbum tuum."
 She said, "Fiat mihi."