

O STRANGE WONDER

(Ὕμνος τοῦ παραδόξου θαύματος)

Plagal Fourth Mode

Ἦχος λ̣ δ̣ Νη

(N) O strange won - der! O dread mys - te - ry! He that by na - ture as God

(Π) (Δ↓) (Π) (N) is im - mor-tal and can - not die, How is He hanged on a tree? Can it be

(Δ↓) (N) (Π) (Δ↓) He doth taste of death? Is He con-demned Who of all is in - no - cent?

(N) (Δ↓) (B) Be-hold, O sun, hide thy light and quake with fear at this au-

(Π) (M) (Δ↓) - da - ci-ty! Thus the Vir-gin spake with groans as she be - held hang-ing on

(N) the cross the Sav - - iour Christ, Whom she had born.

O strange wonder! O dread mystery! * He that by nature as God * is immortal and cannot die; * How is He hanged on a tree? * Can it be He doth taste of death? * Is He condemned Who of all is innocent? * Behold, O sun, hide thy light and quake with fear * at this audacity! * Thus the Virgin spake with groans as she beheld * hanging on the cross the Saviour Christ, Whom she had born.

NOTE: If the Stichera begins with "Rejoice", the first line will normally have one too many syllables. In that case, insert an ison between the notes for "O" and "strange" or "O" and "dread" in the first section, depending on the syllabic stresses.