

doubts whether there be any enduring peace here below, yet he joyfully proclaims that in heaven man will arrive at it. He strongly believed that man was made for happiness and that his desires would be fulfilled in heaven which was opened to man by Christ. So ardently does Dante teach the doctrine of the Incarnation that his *Commedia* has been called a "ladder to God."

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### NATALIS CHRISTI

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Nox sollemnis, profundus, quietus;  
 Subito supra colle remoto  
 Chori coelestis cantus auditus;  
 Nuntians Natum mundo.

"In excelsis," cum gusto cantemus,  
 "Gloria omnis, Deo Supremo;"  
 Ante Infantem Jesum oremus  
 Vivere nos in coelo.