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Mors et vita duello Confluxere mirando; Dux vitae mortuus regnat vivus.	<i>Death and life contend In a remarkable conflict; The Lord of life is dead, yet reigns alive.</i>
Dic nobis, Maria, Quid vidisti in via? Sepulcrum Christi viventis, et gloriam vidi resurgentis: Angelicos testes, sudarium, et vestes.	<i>Tell us, Mary, What did you see on the way? I saw the tomb of the living Christ, And [saw] the glory of His rising: Angels as witnesses, The shroud and garments.</i>
Surrexit Christus spes mea: praecedet suos in Galilaeam.	<i>Christ my hope has risen: He goes before his own into Galilee.</i>
Scimus Christum surrexisse a mortuis vere: tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere. Amen. Alleluia.	<i>We know Christ has truly risen From the dead; You, Victor King, have mercy on us. Amen, Alleluia!</i>

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