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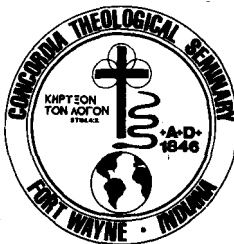
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Eternal Bringer of Breath

James Winsor

*O Christ, Eternal Bringer of the Breath of Life,
Always having been,
Always coming to be from the Father,
Thou breathy buoyant burst of penetrating light,
Always breaking forth in brightness.*

*All the weighty mass of stars and planets,
All the tons of treasure, crushing backs and heavy hooves,
And the burden-beast himself,
 beast and bail that he eats,
 earthbound weighty wheat,
All this hast Thou spoken into being
And the earth to which the seed is bound.*

*To the selfsame earth Thou, Seed, wast bound.
Bound to earth in Sarah's bosom,
 Abram's Seed, Satan's Weed,
 Good amidst his garden of rebellion.
Bound to earth while bound to Mary's breast,
Thou Bread who atest bread of heavy wheat,
And Thou Burden-Beast
 Who bore the weighty treasure up the mount,
 Whose laden feet the steps did count.
Then steel bound Thy flesh to wood, and
Gravity hath mixed Thy blood with soil.
Thou didst endure the darkness
And raise Thy tattered trunk
To draw yet one more heavy breath of life.*

*O Christ, Eternal Bringer of the Breath of Life,
Always having been,
Always coming to be from the Father,
Thou breathy buoyant burst of penetrating light,
Always breaking forth in brightness.
Thou art forever joined to man.*