[1] Hymne an den heiligen Adalbert (1997)

Fulget in templo legifer lucens doctrine radio fortis armatus signifer custos potens in atrio.

Ferens crucem servorum in humeris signat facies prodigiis innumeris hostiles rumpit acies Pruthenos et Hungariam, Polonos et Bohemiam docet vitae mundiciam salutem monstrans previam.

Mandat Christum diligere mundi caduca spernere corda sursum dirigere celeste regnum querere salutis auctor petimus audi voces in iubilo da perfrui quod metimus in hoc paschali gaudio.

[2] Song of the Cherubim (1986)

Izhe kheruvimï tayno obrazuyushche, i zhivotvoryashchey Troitse trisvyatuyu pesn' pripevayushche, vsyakoye nïne, zhiteyskoye otlozhim popechenie. Yako da tsarya vsekh podimem, angel'skimi nevidimo doprinosima chinmi. Alliluya, alliluya, alliluya.

[3] Canticum Canticorum Salomonis (1973)

(Sponsa) 1:1-2, 12
Osculetur me osculo oris sui
Quia meliora sunt ubera tua vino
Fragrantia unguentis optimis
Fasciculus murrae dilectus meus mihi
Inter ubera mea commorabitur

(Sponsus) 1:14
Ecce tu pulchra es amica mea ecce tu pulchra
Oculi tui columbarum

(Sponsa) 1:15, 2:4-6
Ecce tu pulcher es dilecte mi et decorus
Lectulus noster floridus
Introduxit me in cellam vinariam
Ordinavit in me caritatem
Fulcite me floribus
Stipate me malis
Quia amore langueo
Leva eius sub capite meo
Et dextera illius amplexabitur me

(Sponsus) 2:7
Adiuro vos filiae Hierusalem
Per capreas cervosque camporum
Ne suscitetis neque evigilare faciatis dilectam
Quoadusque ipsa velit

(Sponsa) 2:8-9
Ecce iste venit
Saliens in montibus transiliens colles
Similis est dilectus meus capreae
Hinuloque cervorum
En ipse stat post parietem nostrum
Despiciens per fenestras
Prospiciens per cancellos

There shines in the temple the resplendent law-bearer armed with the ray of strong teaching the standard-bearer, powerful in the hall.

Bearing the cross of slaves on his shoulders, he brings about countless miracles and breaks the hostile Pruthenian swords and teaches Hungary, the Polish and Bohemia purity of life, showing the way of salvation.

He bids them love Christ, spurn worldly possessions, direct their hearts above, seek the celestial kingdom. We ask the author of salvation to hear our voices in rejoicing, grant that we enjoy what we reap in this paschal joy.

If the cherubims mysteriously appear, and unto the life-giving thrice holy Trinity chant intone, Lay aside all earthly care, So that we may raise the King of all, by the angelic invisible hosts. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(The Bride) 1:1-2 13
Let him kiss me with the kiss of his mouth, for better are your breasts than wine, fragrance with the best unguents, my beloved is a bundle of myrrh, he shall lie among my breasts.

(The Bridegroom) 1:15 Behold thou art fair, my love; thou hast doves' eyes.

(The Bride) 1:16, 2:4-6
Behold thou art fair, my beloved, and pleasant, also our bed is green.
He brought me to the banqueting house and his banner over me was love.
Stay me with flowers, comfort me with apples, for I am sick of love.
His left hand is under my head and his right hand doth embrace me.

(The Bridegroom) 2:7
I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he pleases.

(The Bride) 2:8-9
Behold he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.
My beloved is like a roe or a young hart.
Behold he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, showing himself through the lattice.

(Sponsus) 2:10-11, 13-14
Surge propera amica mea
Formonsa mea et veni
lam enim hiemps transiit
Imber abiit et recessit
Surge amica mea speciosa mea et veni
Columba mea in foraminibus petrae in caverna maceriae
Ostende mihi faciem tuam

[4] Kosmogonia (1970)

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[5] Strophen (1959)

Η γαρίεν έστ' άνθρωπος, αν άνθρωπος ή.

"Ωστε, θνητόν ὄντ', εκείνην την τελευταίαν ίδειν ήμεραν επισκοποῦντα, μηδέν' δλβίζειν, πριν αν τέρμα τοῦ βίου περάση μηδέν ἀλγεινόν παθών.

לאור וֹאַמִרִם בְּעֵינִדֶם וְעָר פְּנִידָם וְבֹנִים: לאור וָאַור לְחִשָּׁךְ שָׁמִים מִר לְמָחָוֹלְ וּמְתִּוּלְ לְמֵר: הוי הָאִמְרִים לָלֵע אִוּב וְלְפִּוּב לֵע שָׁמִים חַשָּׁךְ

לָב בֹּתֵּ בִּלְיֵת וְלְתַת לְאִישׁ בִּדְרָבֶׁו בִּפְּרָי מִעְּלְרֵיו:

از قعر گل سیاه تا اوج زحل کردم همه مشکلات گیتی را حل بیرون جستم زقید هر مکر و حیل هربند گشاده شد مگر بند اجل

English Translations:

- [1]: Keith Anderson
- [2]: Dr. Anastasia Belina-Johnson
- [3]: Keith Anderson, adapted from the Authorised Version of the Bible
- [5]: Keith Anderson, from the German translations on the printed score

(The Bridegroom) 2:10-11, 13-14
Rise up, my love, my fair one,
and come away. For lo the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
Rise up, my beloved, and come away.
O my dove that art in the clefts of the rock,
in the secret places of the stairs,
let me see thy countenance.

What a fine thing is man, if he is a man.

Menander - Stobaeus (Hense) III. 3. 12

Then, being mortal, man must think of that last day and none can be said to be happy until he has completed the course of his life, suffering no pain.

Sophocles: Oedipus Rex, 1528-1530

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness, that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Isaiah, V. 20

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Jeremiah, XVII. 9

From earth to heaven I have solved all the problems of the world, all tricks and falsehoods are gone. I am free of all chains, but the chains of death.

Omar Khayyam