



# *Hymn On the Pearl*

I placed (the pearl), my brothers,  
on the palm of my hand,  
to be able to examine it.

I began to look at it from one side  
and from the other: it looked the same  
from all sides. (Thus) is the search  
for the Son inscrutable, because it is all light.

In its clarity I saw the Clear One  
who does not grow opaque;  
and in his purity, the great symbol  
of the Body of Our Lord, which is pure.  
In his indivisibility I saw the truth which  
is indivisible.

*Saint Ephrem*