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Jos+AOK- de Anchieta

Depois de tudo criado
por conto, peso e medida,
disse Deus: +ACI-Seja formado
o homem, como treslado
de nossa imagem subida+ACI-.

E criou
a Ad+AOM-o, a quem dotou
da semelhan+AOC-a divina.
Mas foi tal sua morfina,
que mui depressa borrou

aquela imagem t+AOM-o divina.

Mas Cristo, Deus humanado,
glorioso S+AOM-o Francisco,
para limpar o treslado,
que Ad+AOM-o tinha borrado,
pondo o mundo em tanto risco,

quis pintar,
e consigo conformar
a v+APM-s, de dentro e de fora,
com gra+AOC-a t+AOM-o singular,
que vos podemos chamar
homem novo, em quem Deus mora.

+ANM- formoso patriarca,
+APM- ilustre capit+AOM-o
da sagrada religi+AOM-o,
dentro da qual, como em arca,
se salva o povo crist+AOM-o+ACE-

V+APM-s sois aquele var+AOM-o
cheio de justi+AOC-a e f+AOK-
e de toda perfei+AOC4w-o,
figurado, com raz+AOM-o,
no justo e santo No+AOK-

No+AOK- fez a grande arca
em que o homem racional,
junto com o bruto animal,
escapassem, como em barca,
do dil+APo-vio universal.

V+APM-s, por ordem divinal,
na religi+AOM-o, que fizestes,
a bons e maus recebestes,
e livres d'+AOE-gua mortal,
a Deus vivo os oferecestes.

V+APM-s sois o grande var+AOM-o
que de Deus fostes achado
segundo seu cora+AOC4w-o,
e no pai de Salom+AOM-o
altamente figurado.

O qual, como desprezado
por ser o filho menor,
sendo de ovelhas pastor,
apascentava seu gado
com gr+AOM- cuidado e amor.

Davi, com grande vigor,
um le+AOM-o mui carniceiro
e um urso roubador,
com o gigante espantador
matou, com ser ovelheiro.

Este tal, por derradeiro,
Deus o fez rei de Israel,
salvando o povo fiel,
por este gr+AOM- cavaleiro,

de toda a gente cruel.

V+APM-s vos t+AO0-nheis por menor,
tendo a todos por maiores,
e maior dos pecadores,
tendo-vos Deus por maior
de todos seus servidores.

Fez-vos pastor dos menores,
uns dos quais foram cordeiros,
mas mui fortes cavaleiros,
outros, do gado pastores
e guias, como carneiros.

Concedeu-vos tal poder,
que le+AOM-o, urso e gigante
mat+AOE-sseis, carne e Lucifer
destruindo mui possante.

Com tal capit+AOM-o diante,
aumentou-se a f+AOk- e lei
da igreja militante,
e v+APM-s, j+AOE- na triunfante,
sois coroado por rei.

Trepando sem nenhum medo
o pr+AO0-ncipe J+APQ-natas,
com seu criado de tr+AOE-s,
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alcan+AOC-ou vit+APM-ria e paz,

cometendo
o ex+AOk-rcito tremendo
dos inimigos, de repente.
E, com +AOI-nimo valente,
suas for+AOC-as desfazendo,
salvou toda sua gente.

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