O tree most beautiful, made lovely with the regal purple blood, chosen from a worthy stock to embrace limbs so holy, limbs so divine.  

*Arbor decóra et fúlgida,*  
*Ornáta Regis púrpura,*  
*Elécta digno stipite*  
*Tam sancta membra tângere.*  

O fair and resplendent Tree! beautified by the scarlet of the King, and chosen as the noble trunk that was to touch such sacred limbs.

“**Chosen from a Worthy Stock**” • An ancient legend says the Cross of Christ sprang from the bough of a tree in Paradise. Some versions say Adam brought it from Paradise. It will be remembered that certain trees can live for thousands of years.

“**Regal Purple Blood**” • References not only the Precious Blood, but often signified power, wealth, and/or royalty. For example, the rich man in the story of Lazarus (Luke 16: 19) • *There was a certain rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen...*

Throughout the Old Testament, purple was required for Temple services, for example, Exodus 26: 1 • *And thou shalt make the Tabernacle in this manner: Thou shalt make ten curtains of fine twisted linen, and violet and purple, and scarlet twice dyed, diversified with embroidery.*

See also, Mark 15:17 • *They arrayed Him in a purple cloak, and put round his head a crown woven out of thorns...*