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Carta da Companhia de Jesus para o ser+AOE-fico S+AOM-o Francisco

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+AOC-A4w-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+AOC-A4w-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,  
por um +AOE-spero penedo,  
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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