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From a Parthian Manichaean Hymnbook: A Bifolio in Manichaean Script from the Berlin Turfan Collection Containing Alfabetical Hymns to the Father of Greatness

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The double sheet M 285 (= M 8700), from the Berlin Turfan Collection, is an exceptionally well preserved manuscript from a Parthian hymnbook containing hymns to the Father of Greatness, as the headlines inform us. The hymns are all alfabetical, literally well constructed and very interesting also for the contents. Some hymns are followed by the name of the composer. The paper will describe the manuscript, edit the texts, show the contents and elucidate some passages. Finally, a cantillated version of the beginning of one hymn, found in another manuscript from the Berlin collection, will be presented and commented on.