



Saint Rose of Lima.

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LOVELY flower of Lima!
 We may well call thee "Rose!"
 Love's sweetly scented symbol
 Which in the Summer blows.

Yet thorns are circling round thee
 O patient, suffering Rose!
 To guard thy pure heart's fairness
 Where Jesus will repose.

List to His invitation:
 "Be thou My spouse, dear Rose!"*
 To thy enraptured spirit
 It will His love disclose.

Thou art the New World's glory,
 O first-crowned, saintly Rose!
 And in the Lamb's blest nuptials
 Thy beauty softly glows.

Amidst His white-robed virgins
 Thy blessedness o'erflows;
 O shed on us thy fragrance,
 And pray for us, Saint Rose!

*"Rose of my heart, be thou My spouse!"—Words of our Lord to St. Rose.