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Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

(Addressed to Carmelite Fathers.)



IS said of virgin souls above
In land of blissful calm,
Their robes are "white," their song is "new,"
They follow "Christ the Lamb."

To-day a festal radiance shines
O'er Carmel's Mount of prayer,
And sweet those mystic whisperings
That waft in gentle air.

We see Elias' holy sons
Arrayed in mantles "white";
And hear them praise with gladness "new"
The Lord of life and light.

Who called them to the narrow way
His sacred footsteps trod,
Where, strengthened by angelic food,
They reach "the mount of God."

And with their plaintive melody
That murmurs to and fro,
More soothingly than summer breeze
Or mountain streamlet's flow.

It is a "salve" to their Queen,
The "sweetness" of our life,
Whose watchful "eyes of mercy" beam
Like star-rays o'er its strife.

Who pleads as "advocate" above
With Christ, for every grace;
And "after exile" shows, unveiled,
The beauty of His face.

Sweet summer feast! to Carmelites
So glorious and so dear;
The brightest of "bright days" that strew*
Their firmament each year.

O may celestial blessings fall
Like dewdrops from above,
My fathers, on your souls to-day
And those of all you love.

Enfant de Marie.

*—"Bright days that strew the year
like stars."—Faber.