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Festal Gifts for Our Lady. ..



FLOW'RETS for thine Altar Maiden-Mother,
E'en though earth is robed in virgin snow;
Flow'rets blooming in the mystic gardens,
Where refreshing south winds gently blow.

Sparkling gems to crown thee royal Mother!
Higher far than Esther in thy state;
Robed in sunlight; fairer than God's Angels;
"Pearl of great price!" Immaculate.

Festal songs to greet thee, peerless Mother!
Wilt thou listen to an "Enfant's" lay?
"Ad te suspiramus!" this its burden;
Far from thee, "in vale of tears" away.

Hearts to love thee, these by far more welcome
Than bright gems of flowers of the world;
All earth's weary exiled children
In thy care maternal now enfold.

Dies my vesperal in plaintive cadence,
As I watch the old year sink to rest,
May I sing, with sweet and holy gladness,
When the new one dawns, O Mother blest!

— ENFANT DE MARIE.