



“Regina Coeli Lactare!” Easter.\*



TEALETH soft celestial music  
 Of the Angel Gabriel's voice,  
 Listen, O thou mourning Mother!  
 Gentle Queen of Heaven “Rejoice!”  
 O that dear familiar “Ave!”  
 Heard of old in midnight calm,  
 Thrilling now with wondrous gladness  
 For the glory of the Lamb.  
 See, the golden dawn is breaking;  
 Snow white flowers the earth adorn,  
 Joyous birds are sweetly warbling,  
 Nature greets the Easter morn.  
 Passed the darksome Passion shadows,  
 Passed the anguish deep and pain,  
 Passed the three long hours standing  
 Sadly 'neath the Victim slain!  
 Jesus “dies no more” sweet Mother!  
 Echoes of an Angel-voice  
 Through the Holy Church are ringing  
 Blessed Queen of Heaven REJOICE!

—ENFANT DE MARIE.

\* Note from “The Beauties of Mary.” Vol. 1—Page 74: St. Gregory the Great states that it had been revealed to him that the Angel Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin the fact of our Lord's Resurrection, saluting her with these words which the Church says in Paschal time: “Regina Coeli Lactare!”