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Born July, 1869 ; Died Feb., 1870.

O, Baby Margaret, my Pearl,  
My little summer blossom !  
Blooming ever more, in peace,  
Upon Our Lady's bosom !

Sweet fair Baby Margaret,  
In my selfish blindness,  
I begged hard to keep you, pet ;  
God, in truer kindness,

Took my little Margaret,  
My little fair white blossom,  
And laid her tenderly upon  
His Blessed Mother's bosom.

She will give you back to me  
Some quiet, quiet even,—  
When, my purgatory past,  
I may enter Heaven.

O, my darling, I am glad,  
When the thought comes o'er me,  
That when I am called to go,  
*You* are there before me !

O my little Margaret,  
Snow-white, sinless blossom !  
Pray for "mother," where you lie,  
On our Lady's bosom.