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To the Sacred Heart.



KNEEL before Thine image, Lord !
Its outstretched arms I see,
As if inviting weary souls
To seek for rest in Thee.

And like the ceaseless monotone
Of rippling, sapphire seas,
Or gentle sigh, in woodland lone,
Of fragrant summer breeze.

I hear an echo—O how sweet—
From Thy dear words of old ;
What tenderness and sympathy
Their accents blest unfold !

"Come, all who labor, unto me,
And I will give you rest !"
Behold ! most Sacred Heart, we come
With exile pains opprest.

Lord Jesus, make our sinful hearts
Each day more like to Thine,
And all the blossoms of their love
Around its beauty twine.

'Tis but a simple melody—
A thought, a sigh, a prayer—
That whispers low in spirit-aisles
Before this image fair.

Enfant de Marie,
St. Clares.

*—Lines suggested by a statue of the
Sacred Heart with the arms of Our
Lord outstretched as in Paray le Monial.