

The Annunciation.

Lo! the Brilliant Sun of Justice Leaves His Home in heav'n to day, Making His abode with Mary And exalting human clay.

Ingrate mortal, dost thou hear it?
Can such exaltation be?
Brightness of the Light eternal
Seeking Brotherhood with Thee!

Sight to mystify the angels, He Creation's Lord descends, Makes His dwelling with a Virgin As in prayer she lowly bends.

Lady! in that peaceful dwelling, What must Gabriel's thoughts have been? Waiting for the gentle accents, That proclaimed the Angel's Queen.