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Easter: The Meeting of Jesus and Mary.



I.
SCENE of beauty haunts my prayerful hours,
A fragrance softly breathes of white Spring-flowers,
A song resounds—it is the grateful strain
That wafted o'er Judea's listening hills,
And through the cycles ever sweetly thrills
"Magnificat!" our Mother chants again.

II.

A scene of beauty! Yes! A vision bright
Illuming Mary with its golden light;
"The Lord is with thee," Mother of the Lamb!
All Passion-shadows now have passed away,
In golden radiance of this festal day,
Thy sea of anguish sleeps at last in calm.

III.

"Magnificat!" Celestial melody!
It echoes o'er the earth and sunlit sea,
Like chime of sweet bell's mystic silvery voice,
"Christ rising from the dead, now dies no more!"
And glorious are the Sacred Wounds He bore,
* O Queen of love! in Him thou doest rejoice.

—ENFANT DE MARIE.

* "Et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo."—MAGNIFICAT.