

MARY'S SONG
(The Song of the Annunciation)

1. There was a girl of Jewish birth who lived in Galilee;
a gentle person, full of grace, and she was called Mary.
One night in April as she lay asleep upon her bed,
an angel came and called her name, and this is what he said:
2. 'O Hail to you, fair Mary, most favoured one on earth;
I bring this message from the Lord that you will soon give birth
to God's own child, His only Son, whose purpose He'll unfold,
the one whom seers and prophets spoke of in the days of old.
3. When Mary heard these awesome words she trembled deep within;
'How can I have a son', she said, 'and not commit a sin?
To Joseph I am promised true, but he would be aggrieved
if when we're not yet man and wife a baby I conceived.'
4. The angel told her, 'Do not fear, God's laws will stay the same;
the baby will be God's own child, Jesus will be his name.
The shadow of the Holy Ghost will pass across you soon
and in a way mysterious place Him inside your womb.'
5. Then Mary lifted up her heart and praised the Lord with joy;
'Be it according to His word, I'll have God's little boy;
He's not despised my womanhood but sanctified its place
within His purpose for the world and for the human race.'
6. O let's give thanks for Mary, the Blessed Virgin fair,
the one whom God invited His Holy Child to bear.
She's blest among all women for answering His call
to be His faithful servant, a pattern for us all.