

39. To the Immaculata

A Hymn to Honor St. Maximilian Kolbe

Text: Mary Oberle Hubley

Verse 3, line 2: St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941)

Verse 5: From traditional Latin patrimony

Refrain, line 2: William Wordsworth, alt. (1770-1850)

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Verse:

- 1 Mary's light in tragic gloom,
 Mary's dawn in Satan's high noon:
 Martyr of Auschwitz, victim of love,
 Servant of the Immaculata!

Refrain: Sing your praise to the Immaculata,
 Our fallen nature's solitary boast!
 Lift your hearts to the Immaculata,
 Mary, O wonder of the angel hosts!

- 2 Thanks be to God, in love did He raise
 Maximilian Kolbe to the highest grace;
 Servant of God and Mary's faithful son,
 Interceding for the Church as ages run.

Refrain: Sing your praise to the Immaculata,
 Our fallen nature's solitary boast!
 Lift your hearts to the Immaculata,
 Mary, O wonder of the angel hosts!

- 3 You, Immaculata, Mother of Peace,
 "Tell me who you are and what you want of me."
 Daughter of Sion, Woman of faith,
 Lead your pilgrim people to Heaven's gate.

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 Our fallen nature's solitary boast!
 Lift your hearts to the Immaculata,

Mary, O wonder of the angel hosts!

- 4 Son of Francis, faithful priest;
Child of Poland in its sore grief;
Man of unceasing, prayerful work:
Serving and nourishing the suffering Church.

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Our fallen nature's solitary boast!
Lift your hearts to the Immaculata,
Mary, O wonder of the angel hosts!

- 5 Glory to God, the Trinity in One:
Majesty enthroned while ages run;
Who from deepest shadows of night
Call us, His creatures, to glorious light.

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Our fallen nature's solitary boast!
Lift your hearts to the Immaculata,
Mary, O wonder of the angel hosts!

- 6 *Gratia plena, O Maria!*
Dominus tecum, O Maria!
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
Benedictus fructus ventris tui.

Refrain: *O Maria Immaculata,*
Ora pro nobis, ora pro me!
O Maria Immaculata,
Laudate Jesum Christum!

