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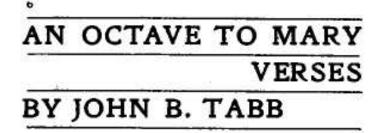
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The Annunciation

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So pure as is this lily-gleam of earth Whereat the highest angel holds his breath,

In telling of a God's incarnate birth.

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Mary

MAID-MOTHER of humanity divine, Alone thou art in thy supremacy, Since God Himself did reverence to thee And built of flesh a temple one with thine, Wherein, through all eternity, to shrine His inexpressive glory. Blessed be The miracle of thy maternity, Of grace the sole immaculate design !

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