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## The Annunciation

**A**H! naught in Heaven, Divinity  
beneath,

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

**M**AID-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!

