Te Joseph Celebrent

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Te Joseph celebrent agmina caelitum.

JOSEPH, pure spouse of that immortal Bride,
Who shines in ever-virgin glory bright,
Through all the Christian climes thy praise be sung,
Through all the realms of light.

2 Thee, when amazed concern for thy betrothed
Had fill'd thy righteous spirit with dismay,
An angel visited, and, with blest words,
Scattered thy fears away.

3 Thine arms embraced thy Maker newly born;
With him to Egypt's desert didst thou flee;
Him in Jerusalem didst seek and find;
Oh grief, oh joy for thee.

4 Not until after death their blissful crown
Others obtain; but unto thee was given
In thine own lifetime to enjoy thy God,
As do the blest in Heaven.

5 Grant us, great Trinity, for Joseph's sake,
Unto the starry mansions to attain;
There, with glad tongues, thy praise to celebrate
In one eternal strain.

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