# Songs for Blessed Mother in May<sup>1</sup>

# **Bring Flowers of the Rarest**

Bring flow'rs of the fairest,
Bring flow'rs of the rarest,
From garden and woodland
And hillside and vale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our Glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest
Rose of the vale.

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May, O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

Our voices ascending,
In harmony blending,
Oh! Thus, may our hearts turn
Dear Mother, to thee;
Oh! Thus, shall we prove thee
How truly we love thee,
How dark without Mary
Life's journey would be.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Song lyrics are specific to the YouTube videos in this playlist: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ld4FNjK4IEQ&list=PLE\_h0jkecpX30BsxXBE-lciOfTlsC8Ehx&index=1&t=11s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ld4FNjK4IEQ&list=PLE\_h0jkecpX30BsxXBE-lciOfTlsC8Ehx&index=1&t=11s</a>

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May, O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

O Virgin most tender,
Our homage we render,
Thy love and protection,
Sweet Mother, to win;
In danger defend us,
In sorrow befriend us,
And shield our hearts
From contagion and sin.

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May, O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

Of Mothers the dearest,
Oh, wilt thou be nearest,
When life with temptation
Is darkly replete?
Forsake us, O never!
Our hearts be thine ever
As Pure as the lilies
We lay at thy feet.

Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May, O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

# Hail Mary; Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, full of grace
The lord is with you
Blessed are you among women
And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus

Holy Mary, mother of God Pray for us sinner now And at the hour of death Amen

Gentle woman

Quiet light

Morning star

So strong and bright

Gentle mother

Peaceful dove

Teach us wisdom, teach us love

You were chosen by the father

You were chosen for the son

You were chosen from all women

And for women, shining one

Gentle woman

Quiet light

Morning star, morning star

So strong and bright so strong and bright

Gentle mother
peaceful dove
Teach us wisdom
Teach us love

Blest are you among women
Blest in turn, all women too
Blessed they with peaceful spirits
Blessed they with gentle hearts

Gentle woman

Quiet light

Morning star, morning star

So strong and bright

Teach us wisdom
Teach us love
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# **Hail Holy Queen**

Hail, Holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!
Hail, Mother of mercy and of love, O Maria!
Triumph all ye cherubim!
Sing with us ye seraphim!
Heaven and earth resound the hymn!
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!

Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!
Triumph all ye cherubim!
Sing with us ye seraphim!
Heaven and earth resound the hymn!
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!

And when our life breath leaves us, O Maria!
Show us thy Son Christ Jesus, O Maria!
Triumph all ye cherubim!
Sing with us ye seraphim!
Heaven and earth resound the hymn!
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!

To thee do we cry, poor sons of Eve, O Maria!
To thee we sigh, we mourn, we grieve, O Maria!
Triumph all ye cherubim!
Sing with us ye seraphim!
Heaven and earth resound the hymn!
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!

#### **Ave Maria**

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus, tecum, benedicta tu
Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus, tecum, benedicta tu

As I kneel before you,
As I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours
and fill me with your love.

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus, tecum, benedicta tu
Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus, tecum, benedicta tu

All I have I give you,
Every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,
Present them to my Lord

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus, tecum, benedicta tu
Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus, tecum, benedicta tu

As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face,
Every thought, every word,
Is lost in your embrace.

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus, tecum, benedicta tu Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus, tecum, benedicta tu

### **Immaculate Mary**

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing; You reign now in splendor with Jesus our King. Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria! In heaven, the blessed your glory proclaim;
On earth we, your children, invoke your sweet name.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!

We pray for the Church, our true mother on Earth; And beg you to watch o'er the land of our birth. Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!

We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth, And bless, dearest Lady, the land of our birth. Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, Maria!