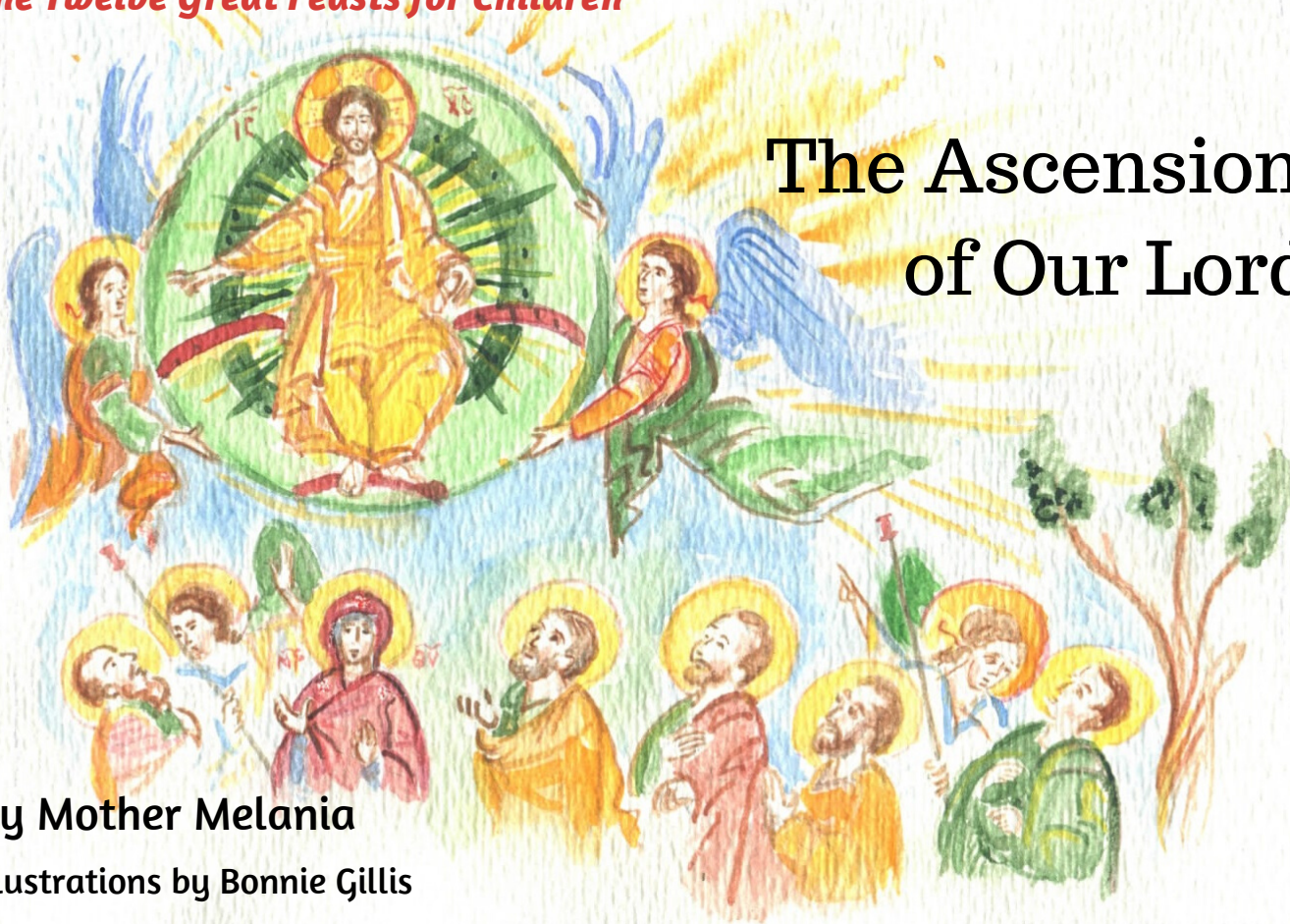


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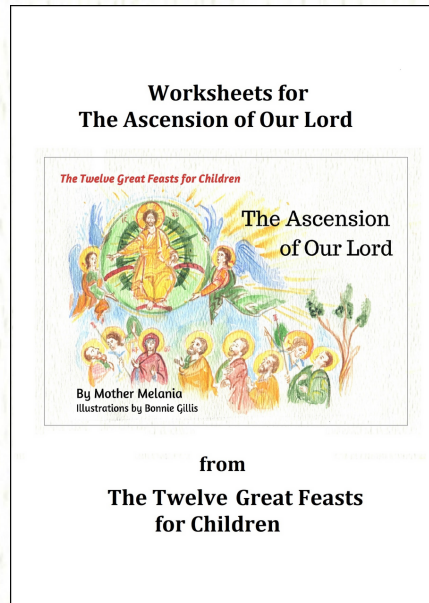


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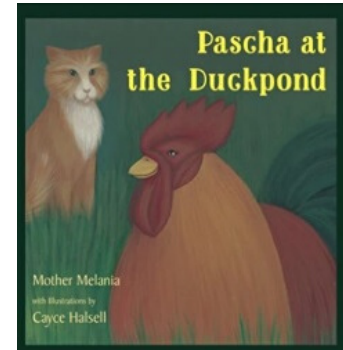
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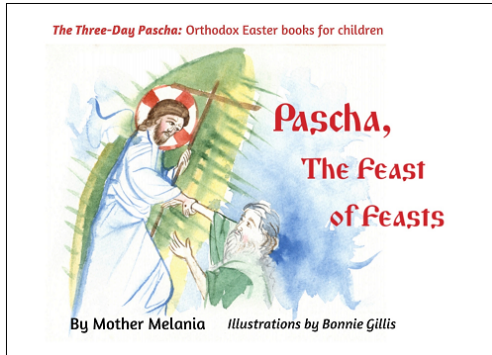
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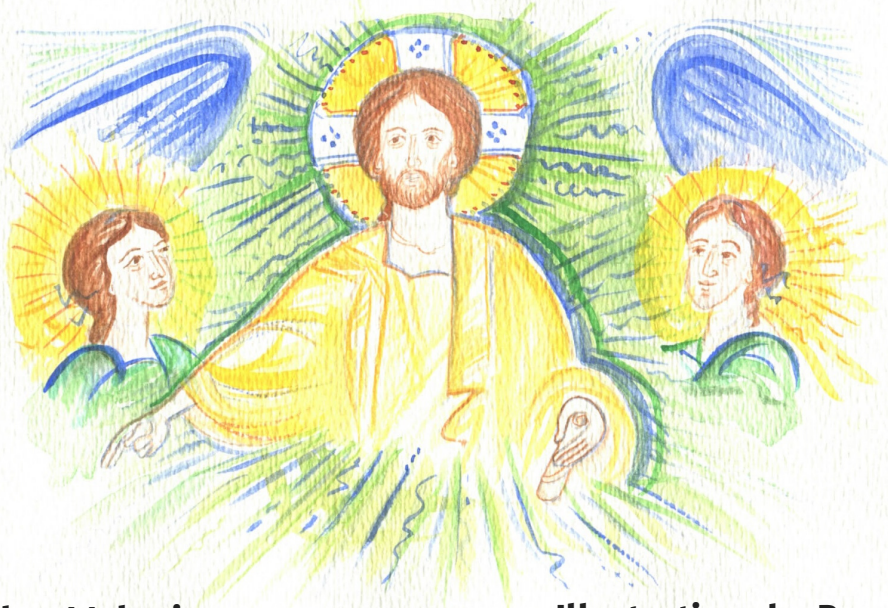
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Transfiguration of Our Lord

Feasts of the Theotokos

Nativity of the Theotokos

Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

Meeting of Our Lord*

(Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

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Dormition of the Theotokos

- The Meeting of Our Lord is also considered a Feast of the Lord

A final note - Theotokos, an ancient title for the Virgin Mary, means "birthgiver of God." Used since at least the third century, this title guards the truth that Mary's Son is not only fully human, but fully God.



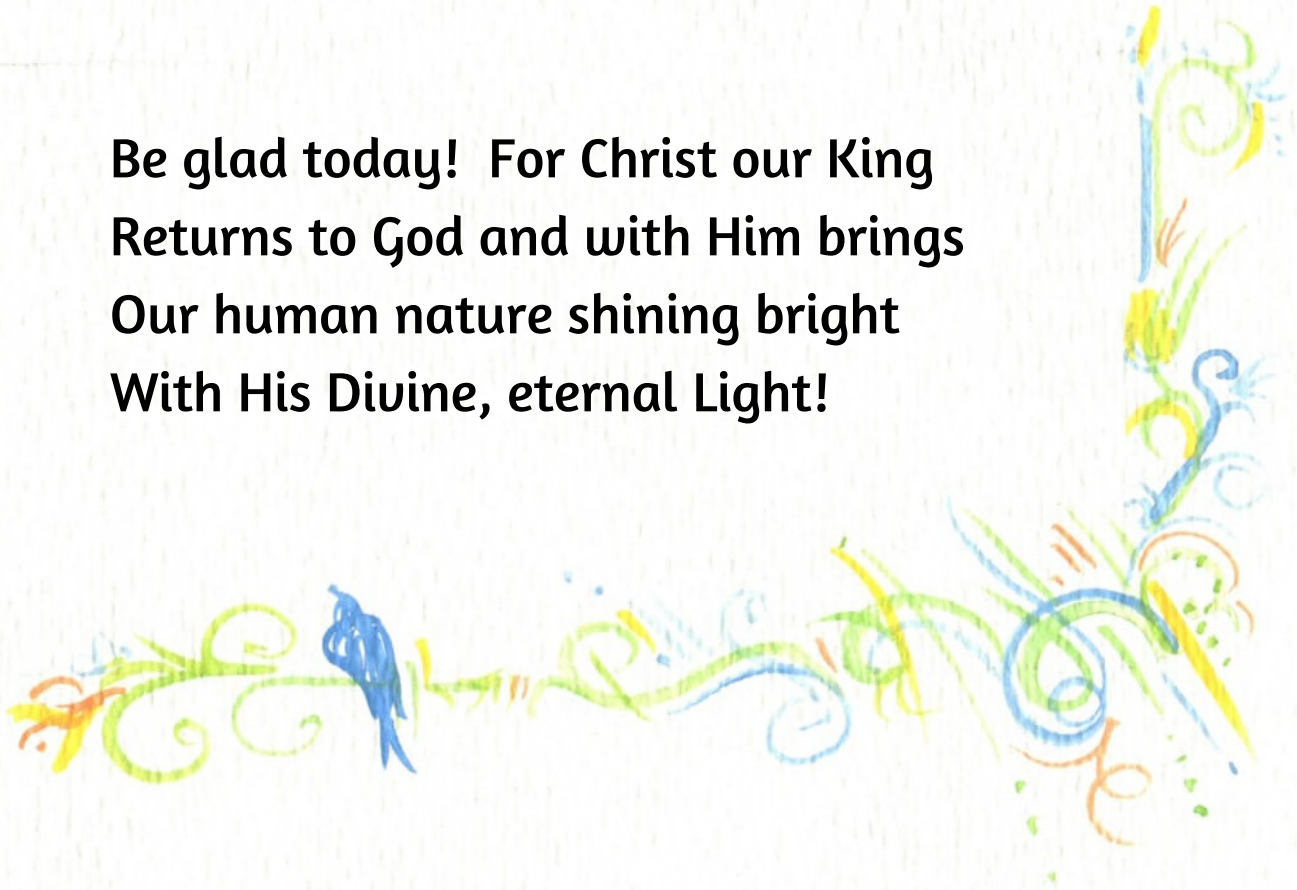
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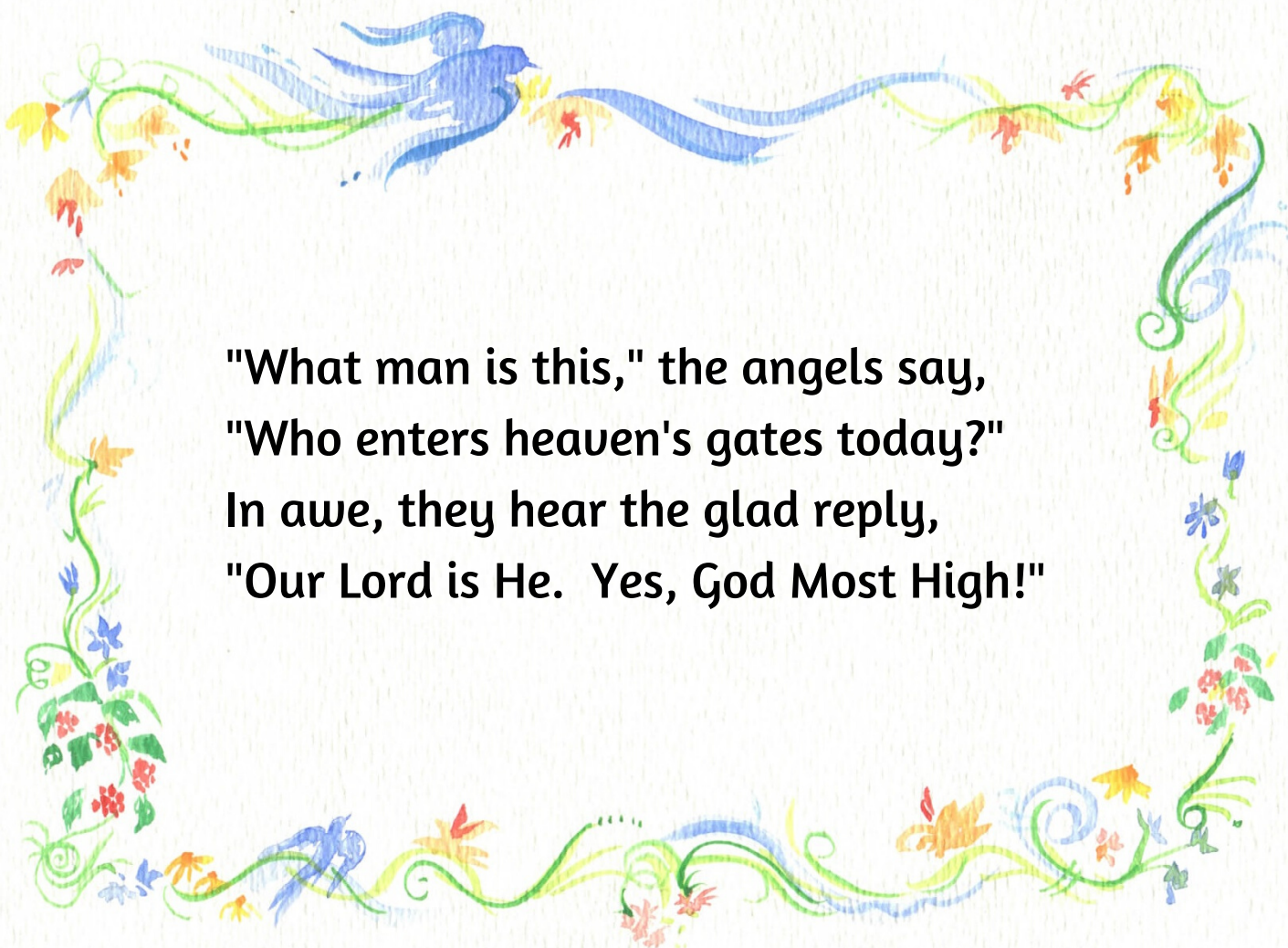
O Christ God,
Thou hast ascended in Glory,
granting joy to Thy disciples
by the promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing they were assured
that Thou art the Son of God,
the Redeemer of the world!

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**Be glad today! For Christ our King
Returns to God and with Him brings
Our human nature shining bright
With His Divine, eternal Light!**





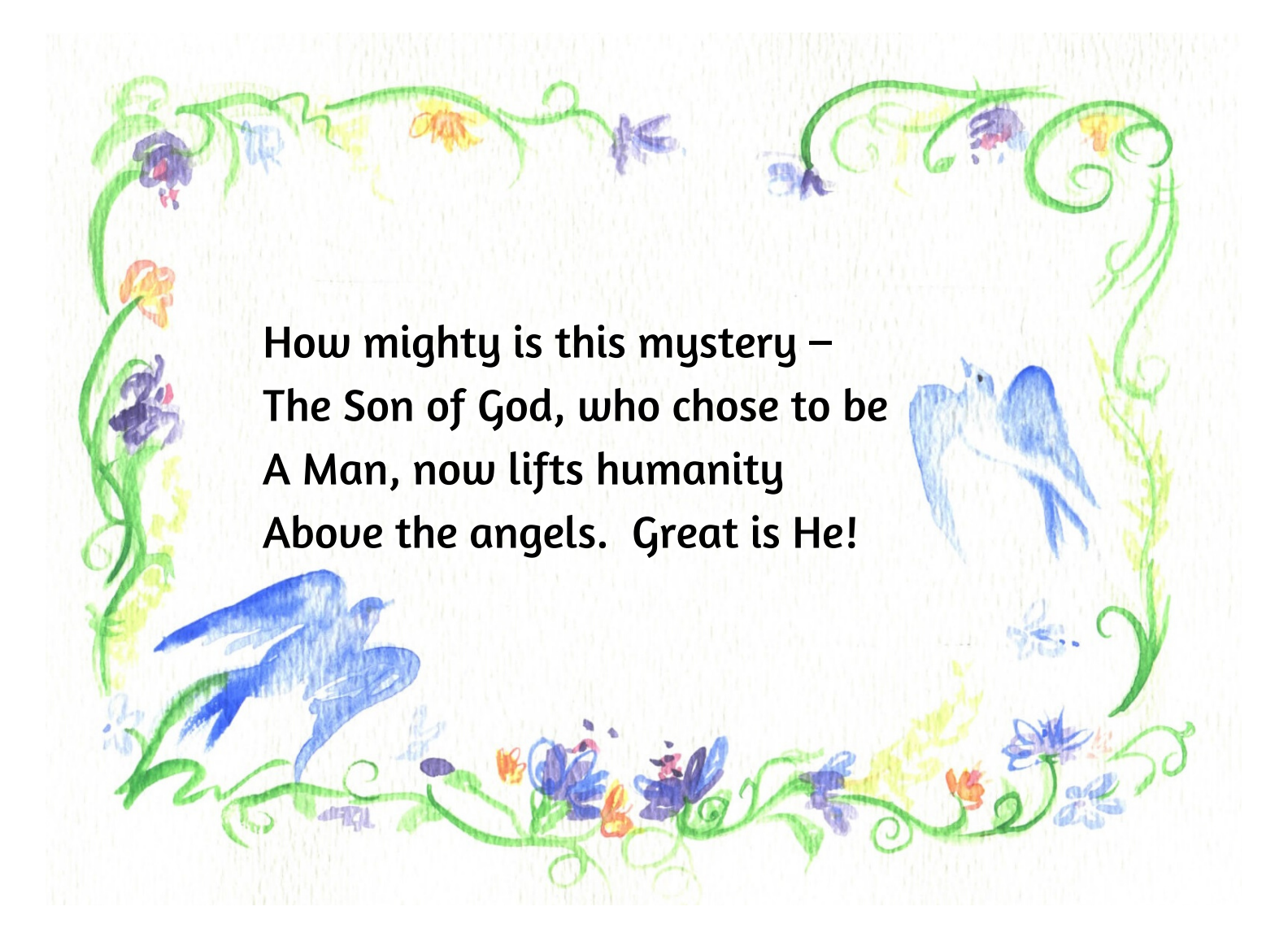
**"What man is this," the angels say,
"Who enters heaven's gates today?"
In awe, they hear the glad reply,
"Our Lord is He. Yes, God Most High!"**



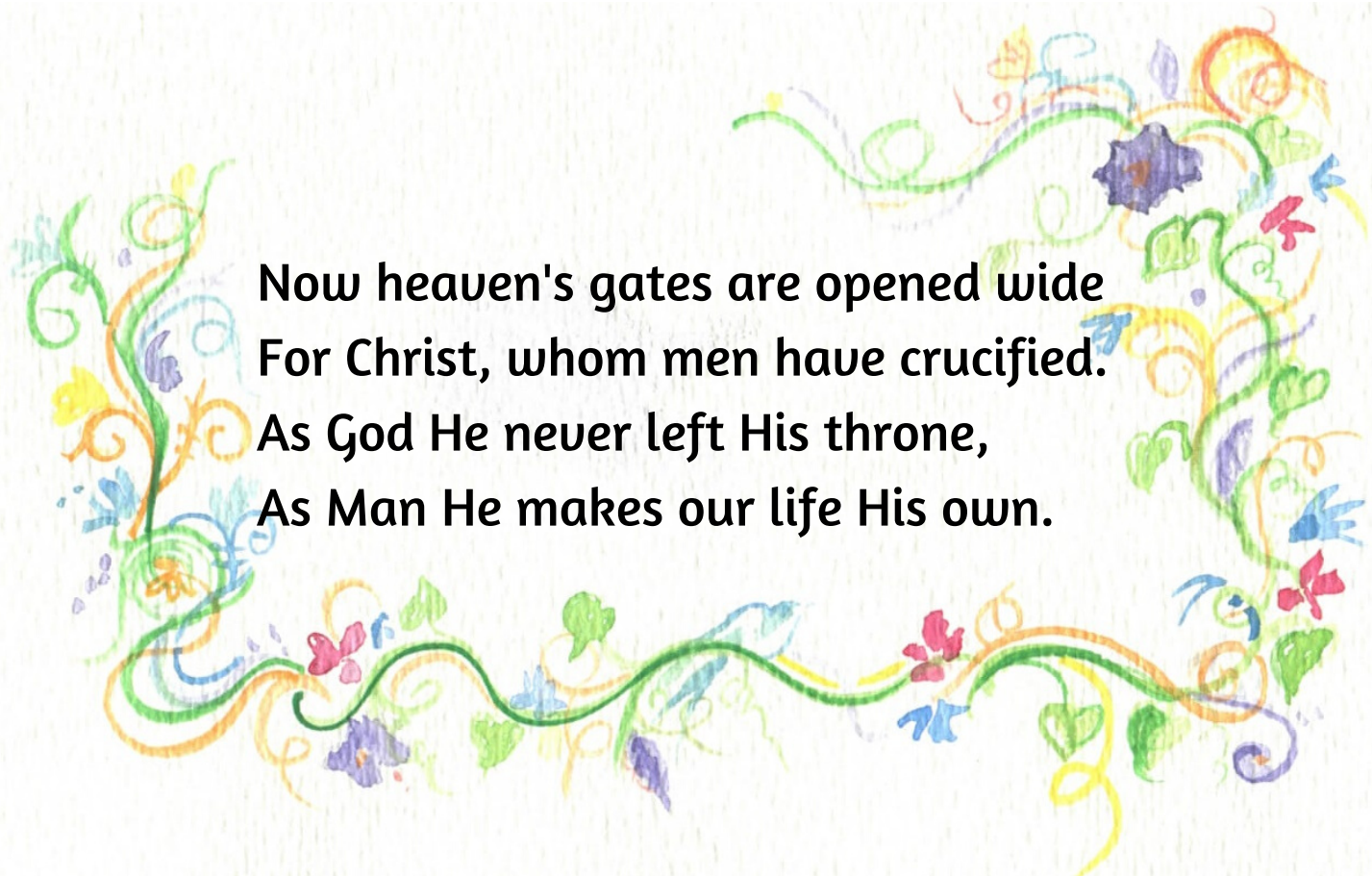


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**How mighty is this mystery –
The Son of God, who chose to be
A Man, now lifts humanity
Above the angels. Great is He!**

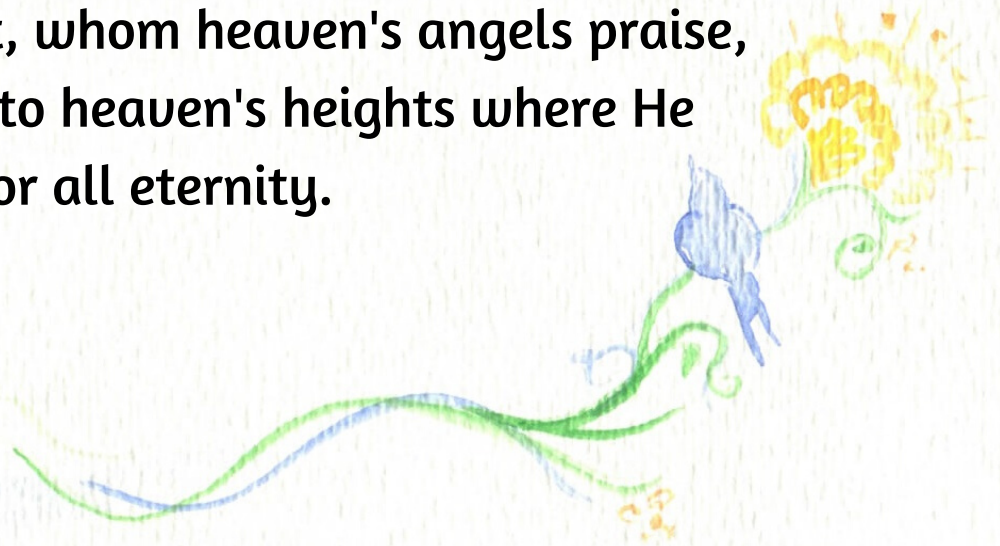


**Now heaven's gates are opened wide
For Christ, whom men have crucified.
As God He never left His throne,
As Man He makes our life His own.**





**The Lord's disciples stand and gaze
As Christ, whom heaven's angels praise,
Goes up to heaven's heights where He
Is King for all eternity.**



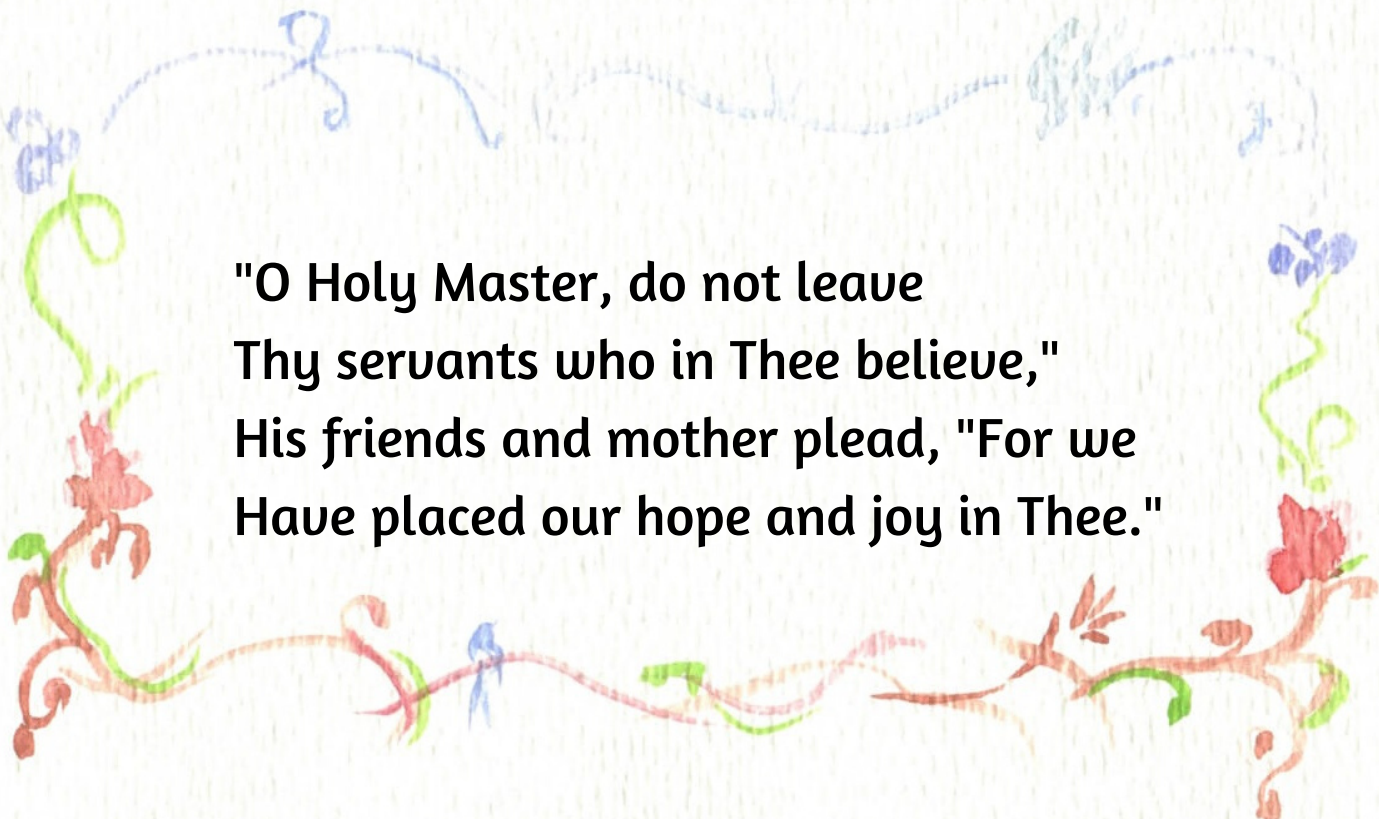


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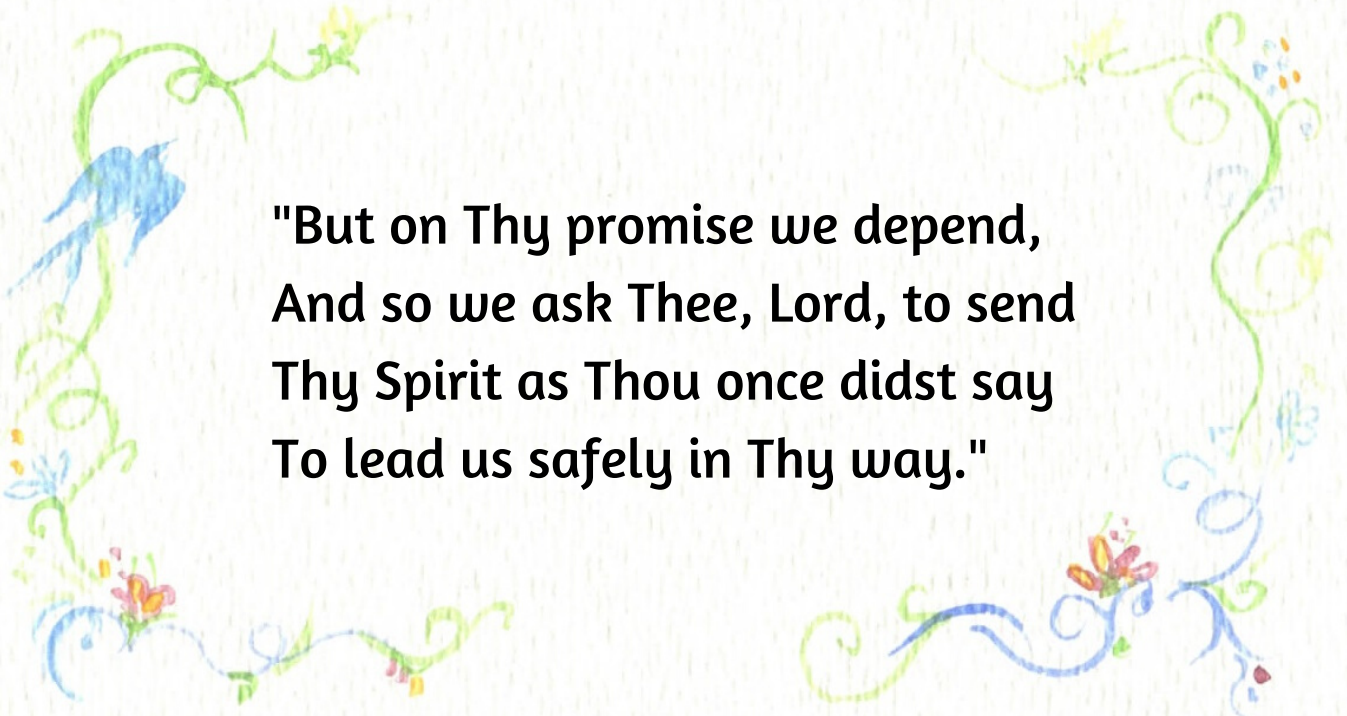
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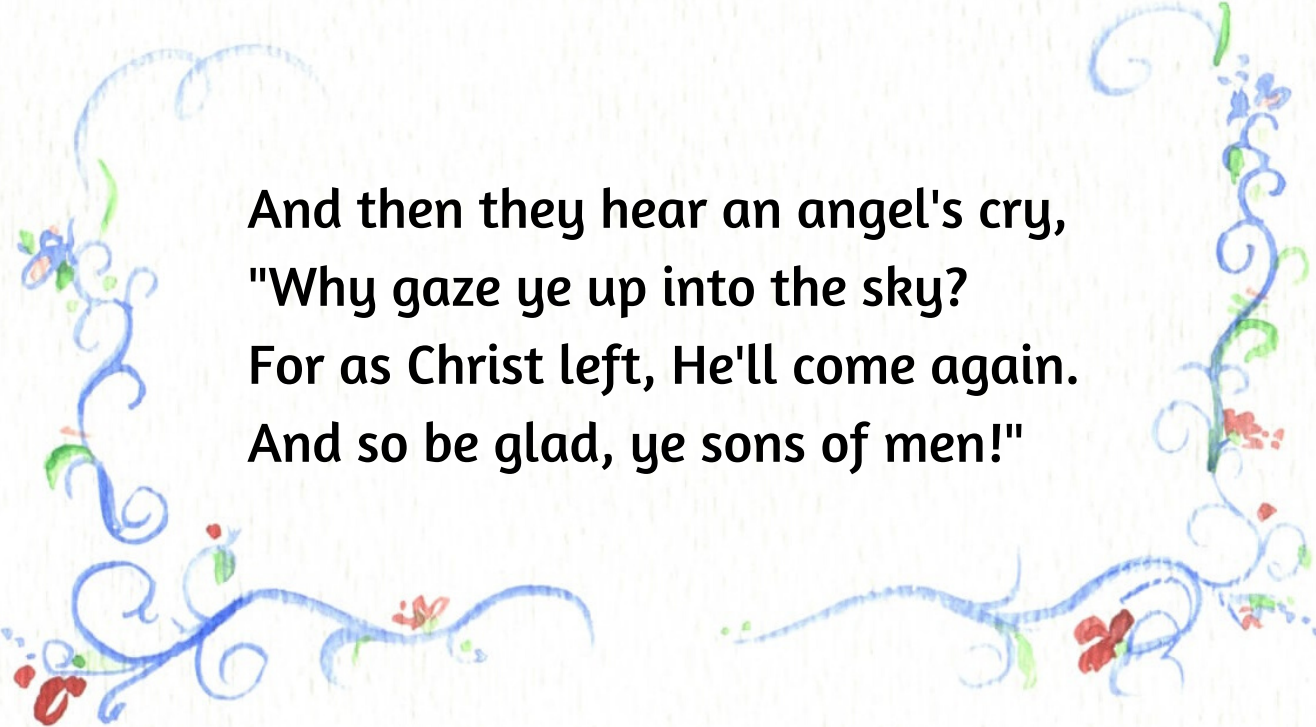
**"O Holy Master, do not leave
Thy servants who in Thee believe,"
His friends and mother plead, "For we
Have placed our hope and joy in Thee."**





**"But on Thy promise we depend,
And so we ask Thee, Lord, to send
Thy Spirit as Thou once didst say
To lead us safely in Thy way."**

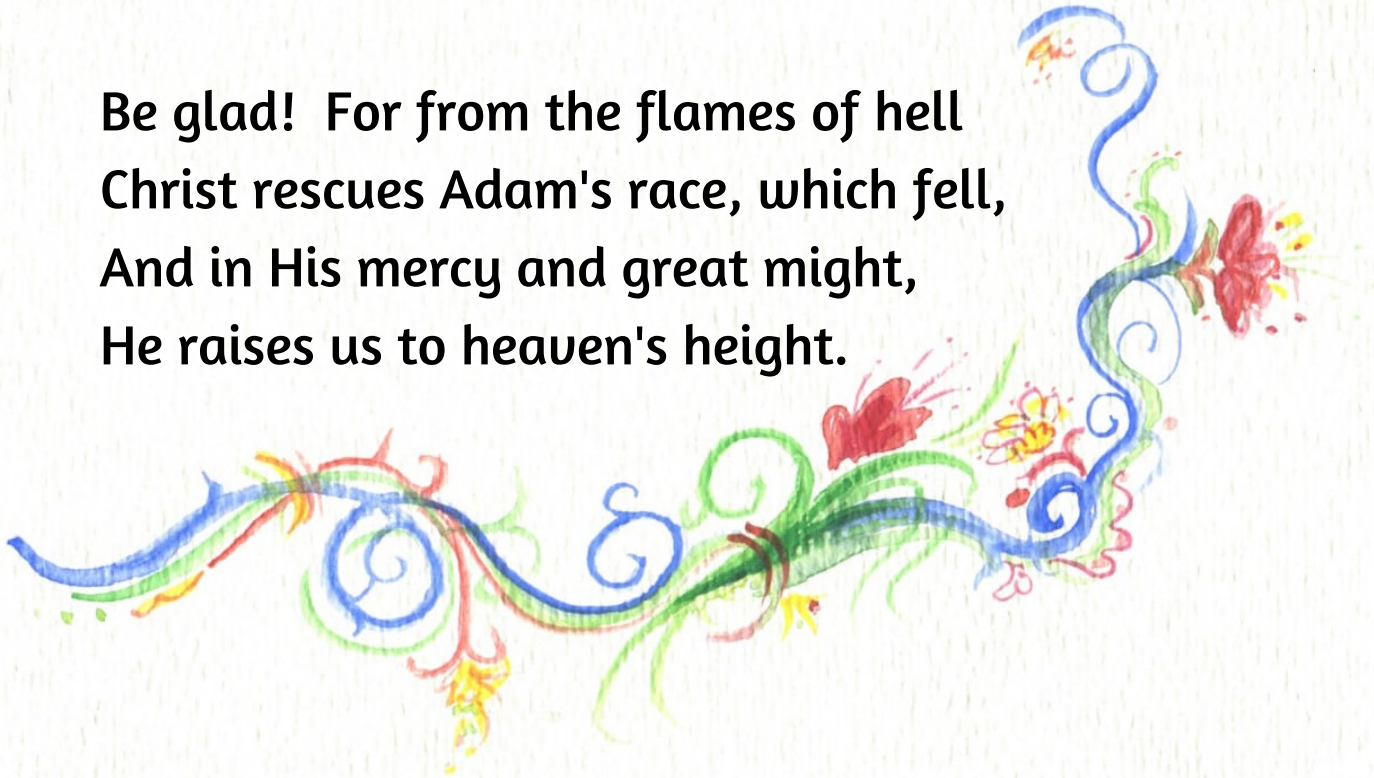


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**And then they hear an angel's cry,
"Why gaze ye up into the sky?
For as Christ left, He'll come again.
And so be glad, ye sons of men!"**

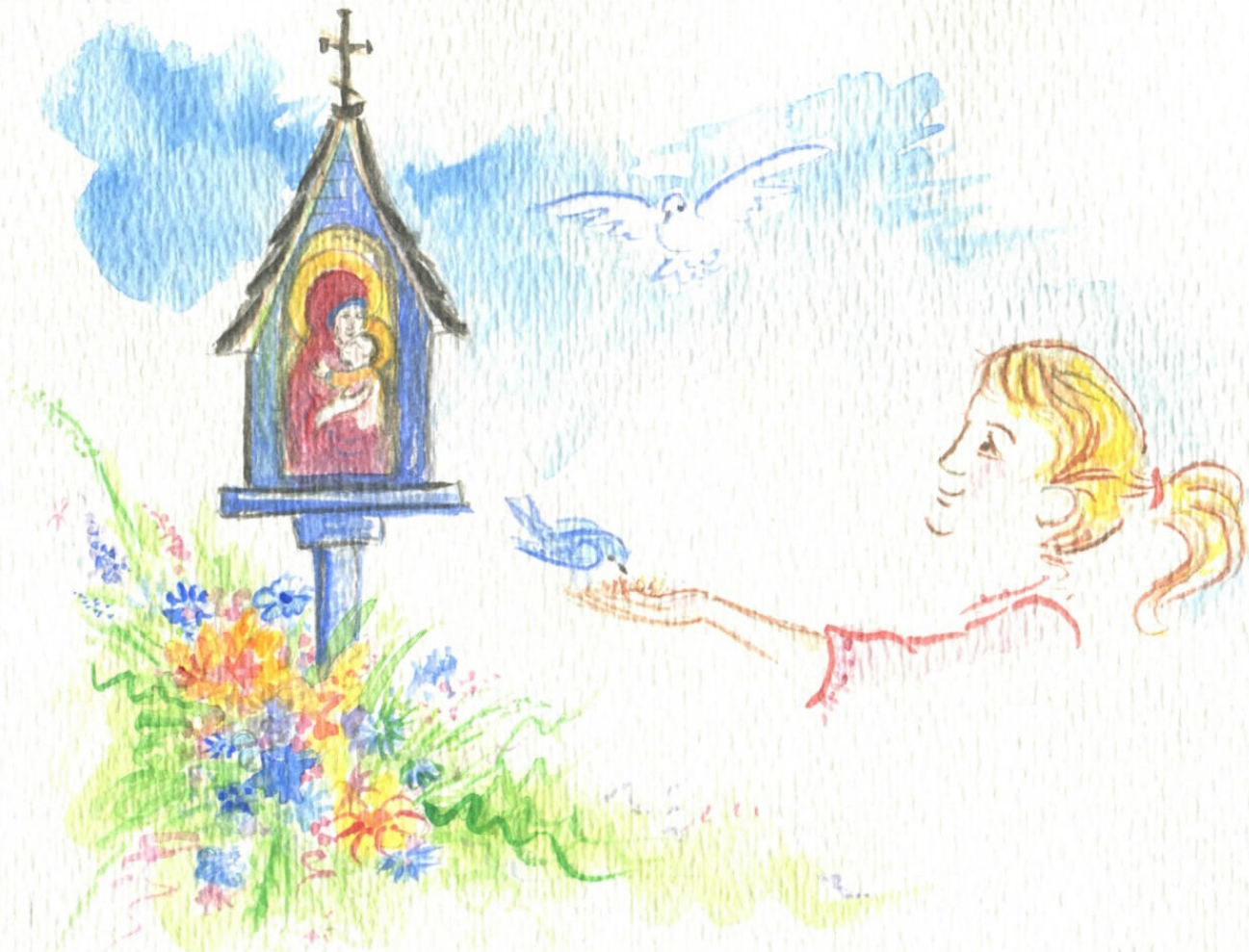


**Be glad! For from the flames of hell
Christ rescues Adam's race, which fell,
And in His mercy and great might,
He raises us to heaven's height.**

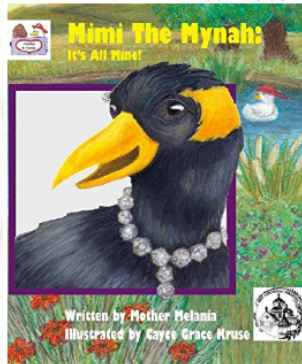


**Be glad! Be glad, I say again!
For God has joined Himself to men!
He shares in our humanity
To give to us divinity.**





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