1 Ave Maria! Thou Virgin and Mother,
2 Ave Maria! the night shades are falling,
3 Ave Maria! thy children are kneeling,
4 Ave Maria! thy arms are extending,

Fondly thy children are calling to thee;
Softly our voices arise unto thee!
Words of endearment are whispered to thee;
Gladly within them for shelter we flee;

Thine are the graces, unclaimed by another,
Earth's lonely exiles for succor are calling,
Softly thy spirit upon us is stealing,
Are thy sweet eyes on thy lonely ones bending,

Sinless and beautiful, Star of the Sea.
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