

THE BLESSED VIRGIN  
Ave Maria ! O Maiden, O Mother  
Star of the Sea

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*Slowly : with expression*

1. A - ve Ma - ri - a! O Maid - en, O Moth - er, Fond - ly thy  
2. A - ve Ma - ri - a! the night shades are fall - ing, Soft - ly our

chil - dren are call - ing on thee, Thine are the grac - es un -  
voic - es a - rise un - to thee, Earth's lone - ly ex - iles for

claimed by an - oth - er, Sin - less and beau - ti - ful - Star of the Sea!  
suc - cor are call - ing, Sin - less and beau - ti - ful - Star of the Sea!

Refrain

1-4. Ma-ter A-ma-bi-lis, o-ra pro no-bis! pray for thy

chil-dren who call up-on thee; A-ve San-ctis-si-ma!

A-ve pu-ris-si-ma! Sin-less and beau-ti-ful-Star of the Sea!

3. Ave Maria! thy children are kneeling,  
Words of endearment are murmured to thee;  
Softly thy spirit upon us is stealing,  
Sinless and beautiful-Star of the Sea!

Refrain:

4. Ave Maria! thou portal of Heaven,  
Harbor of refuge, to thee do we flee:  
Lost in the darkness, by stormy winds driven,  
Shine on our pathway, fair Star of the Sea!