

GENERAL
The Holy Family
Happy we who thus united

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"Ave Virgo" 15th Century melody

Allegro moderato

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1. Hap-py we, who thus u-nit-ed Join in cheer-ful mel-o-dy;
 2. Je-sus, whose al-might-y bid-ding All cre-at-ed things ful-ful,

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Prais-ing Je-sus, Ma-ry, Jo-seph, In the "Ho-ly Fam-i-ly!"
 Lives on earth in meek sub-jec-tion To His earth-ly par-ents' will.

Je-sus, Ma-ry, Jo-seph, help us, That we ev-er true may be,
 Sweet-est In-fant, make us pa-tient And o-be-dient for Thy sake;

To the prom-is-es that bind us To the "Ho-ly Fam-i-ly!"
 Teach us to be chaste and gen-tle, All our storm-y pas-sions break.

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| <p>3. Mary! thou alone wert chosen Virgin Mother of thy Lord: Thou didst guide the early footsteps Of the Great Incarnate Word. Dearest Mother! make us humble; For thy Son will take His rest In the poor and lowly dwelling Of a humble sinner's breast.</p> | <p>4. Joseph! Thou wert called the father Of thy Maker and thy Lord; Thine it was to save thy Saviour From the cruel Herod's sword. Suffer us to call thee father; Show to us a father's love; Lead us safe through every danger Till we meet in heaven above.</p> |
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