

Mary Nothing Less

The Blessed Virgin Mary gave nothing less than everything.

Conceiving Christ Jesus as a virgin she had nothing with which to protect herself or the child within her womb

St Joseph had decided to divorce her informally

As a woman of the time and culture she would most certainly have been abandoned to destitution, even starvation.

In opening herself up to the will of God she was in conflict with a fallen world

But she trusted

Let it be according to your will.

There was no guarantee

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With less drama or urgency

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If I am going to live this life to the full I must risk nothing less than everything

When I lie upon my death bed

then the Father will call me

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At the wedding feast of Cana they had no wine

This the mother of God did not perform miracles

Seeing the pain and shame of others she turned to her son

She was powerless in a world that did not recognise her natural authority

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Standing beneath her crucified son at Golgotha a place of shame

This Mother could hear the mockery of the crowd

It was dangerous even for a helpless woman

She gave her son what she had as her faithfulness was tested

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How hard it is for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of heaven

All status, all prestige, all achievement

Have their place when recognised as little more than gift

The gift of our Father in Heaven

Fundamentally

Naked I came into this world

And naked I shall leave it

In the words of The Blessed Virgin Mary

My soul glorifies the Lord

My soul rejoices in God my saviour

And there will be such rejoicing

When we celebrate the few times

The few times

That I

That you

Have given nothing less than everything.