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"Comfort of the Afflicted"

Most Gracious Lady, Mother of Our Lord,
Whose motherhood made open Heaven's gate,—
Whose sinless heart was stricken by a sword
Of suffering—who shared disconsolate
The Calvary of thy Son: no human tongue
Could speak a word of comfort to thy loss
When from His veins the saving drops were wrung
And thou didst stand alone beneath the cross.

Because of thy deep sorrowing I pray
Some solace for the mothers now bereft;
All Tender, be their comfort this sad day
Of broken hearts and homes; What is there left
Of laughter or of gladness anywhere
Unless thy comfort and God's Love be there?

—Lucy G. Clarkin