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*Spontaneous variations on the revelation said to have been granted by the Virgin Mary to Dominic de Guzman and Alan de Rupe in the early thirteenth century, describing the blessings awaiting Christians who devoted themselves to saying the rosary, that new spiritual practice that Crusaders had learned from Asian customs of japa and dhikr.]*

I.

**W**hoever shall faithfully serve me  
by the shielding of wind from stillness,  
the breaking of stone,  
and by the recitation of the first sigh shall receive signal  
graces.

II.

**I** promise my bread and the grace of my murmur  
to all those who shall remember the floating island,  
the summer home, and the eternal bird that was born  
there.

III.

**T**his bird shall be a powerful armor against  
heaven,

it will destroy breath, decrease the sky

and defeat the heresies of walking home.

The eternal bird was born flightless, yet it keeps to the air.

IV.

**T**he air that holds my seed will cause coldness to  
flourish;

it will obtain for souls the sanctuary of snow  
they have been holding just above heat;  
it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of  
burning and its vanities,  
and will lift them to the desire for an ice that does not end.  
This is the first signal grace.

Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by  
freezing.

Oh, that they would know the end of  
movement and call it blessing.

V.

**T**he soul which recommends itself to me  
by the healing of the bridge shall not perish.  
The bridge that stands out over the air is a wing  
itself.

It was born separate from the eternal bird and longs for  
their reunion.



VI.

**W**hosoever shall quiver with devotion, applying  
pressure  
to the consideration of the Sacred Urges  
shall never be conquered by rebirth.

Names will not chastise him,  
he shall not perish by the river or in the womb;  
if he be clear in his singing and sharp in his hunger  
he shall remain in the grace of death,  
and become a fragrance in solar winds.

VII.

**W**hosoever shall have true yearnings for a mother  
shall have one.

He will be without the Sacraments of Orphanhood,  
as I hold his tongue to my feathers.

He shall be a Son under the bloodless sky and he will beat  
certainty into your legends.

## VIII.

**T**hose who are faithful to myth  
shall have during their life and at their death  
the Hero Earth and the plenitude of its forest;  
at the moment of death they shall participate  
in the Merits of the Young Ocean in Paradise.

IX.

**I** shall deliver from purgatory those men who have  
drowned.

**They have sinned by giving in to the water  
but I shall relieve them of their bloat.**

**They will rise into weightlessness  
and the sun will steer them towards the North.**

X.

**T**he children of the blackbird shall merit a high degree of illumination.

They will shed their dark shoulders and become brilliant shadows behind the blue coming of a blue storm.

XI.

**Y**ou shall obtain all you ask of me by remembering  
the Original Garden was no garden at all.

The world was a fruit, holding its juices on the  
inside.

XII.

**A**ll those who propagate clouds  
shall be aided by me  
in their pursuit of shade.

**XIII.**

**I** shall have obtained from the Eternal Flock a  
speed that shall have the entire orbit of bird around  
sky,  
during life and at the hour of decay.



XIV.

**A**ll who celebrate the No Moon are my Sons,  
and brothers of my Only Son the Bird with No  
Wings.

XV.

**A**ll who stand behind me will become the Enemy  
of God  
and from my graces  
will stream the unmistakable sign  
of holy air and then water and then  
finally,  
flight.