

Jesu, the Virgins' Crown

From the Latin.

William Monk(1823-1889)

Jesu, the virgins' crown, do Thou  
Accept us as in prayer we bow,  
Born of that virgin whom alone  
The mother and the maid we own.

Amongst the lilies Thou dost feed,  
And thither choirs of virgins lead,  
Adorning all Thy chosen brides  
With glorious gifts Thy love provides.

And whither, Lord, Thy footsteps wend,  
The virgins still with praise attend;  
For Thee they pour their sweetest song,  
And after Thee rejoicing throng.

O gracious Lord, we Thee implore  
Thy grace on every sense to pour;  
From all pollution keep us free,  
And make us pure in heart for Thee.

All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee,  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
For ever and for evermore.