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## The Songwriter who was Given a Rhyme

Holy Mary, the mother of God, takes great pleasure in helping those who praise her in proses and songs.

On this I heard tell not long ago of a very great miracle which was done for an archdeacon who took great pleasure in writing proses in praise of her, telling of her goodness, her modesty, her virtue and her worth.

He was writing a prose and it was well crafted, except that it was lacking in just one rhyme, and he was unable to find one and feared that neither he nor any other learned man would ever be able to. find it.

And in despair that none in the world could find that rhyme, he went to an altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary and began to ask her to be his helper in completing this prose.

For it was a good poem praising Her and God, to help the unbelieving understand the Holy Trinity, and he just could not complete it, and he knelt before her so that she could find him an ending.

As he was at prayer, into his heart came the rhyme that was missing, which was these words in Latin: Nobile triclinium, and no other line could better have made

the rhyme I am speaking of, and it says "Noble dwelling place, there are three mansions in you;

God the father, and his son and the Holy Spirit came to dwell there in truth, to show their love.

Once he had completed the prose, the praised Holy Mary who had finished it so well for him, and he wept with joy. And moments later her statue bent its head, and said very softly "Thank you, Sir".

This miracle which Holy Mary saw fit to perform took place, not long ago, in the city of Paris, and you can see the statue to this day, if you wish to be sure, with its head bowed, in its place in Saint Victoire.