

The Seven Sorrows of the Virgin

I would think my weeping
would need more tears
than there could possibly be,
if I was not first mindful
of how much grief
the Blessed Virgin
had for her son
before he took her to Heaven.

One of these sorrows
was when she fled to Egypt
as is written in the Bible,
because of the thousands
of infants who wicked Herod
had killed, two by two
in many places
to keep hold of his kingdom.

The second was when
her son was missing for
three days, and so as she thought
that the Jews might have hidden him
from her, and feared that
he might be dead or betrayed,
and as she wept for him
he appeared before her.

Her third sorrow
was great indeed,
when a messenger
told her that Jesus Christ
her true son, was taken
captive and bound
and all alone
abandoned by his own.

The fourth to give her pain
was when she saw her fair
son carrying the heavy
cross, bleeding from
whippings, with his beard
torn and spat upon
and the crowds of people
shouting against him.

The fifth grievous sorrow
was when they hung him on
the cross, and gave him
vinegar and gall for comfort,
They drew lots for
his clothing, and put
him to death,
which gave them pleasure.

The sixth was indeed
when they took him down
from the cross, and carried him
in a shroud to be buried
and fearing disturbance
put guards on the tomb,
but then, as he is my witness
they found him no longer there.

As Holy Scripture
relates, her seventh sorrow
cause her great sadness,
and was full of grief
when she saw God arise
to Heaven, whence he came
and she was left with regrets
and in the power of men.