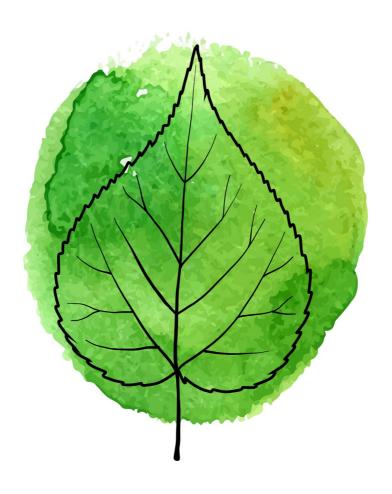
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There stood in heav'n a linden tree, But though 'twas honey laden. All angels cried 'No bloom shall be like that of one fair maiden.'

Sped Gabriel on wingéd feet, And passed through bolted portals. In Nazareth a maid to greet, blest o'er all other mortals.

'Hail Mary!' quoth that angel mild,
'Of womankind the fairest:
The Virgin ay shall thou be styled,
a babe although thou bearest.'

'So be it!' God's handmaiden cried, 'According to thy telling.' Whereon the angel sweetly hied up homeward to his dwelling.

This tiding filled his mates with glee: 'Twas passed from one to other, That 'twas Mary, and none but she, and God would call her Mother.

G.R. Woodward (1848-1934)

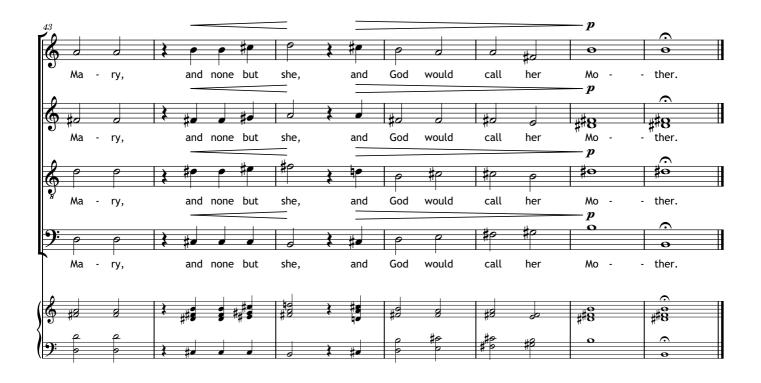
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