

Mary watches her son enter Jerusalem

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Watching people flocking to hear him preach  
Holding their limbs up to be touched and healed,  
I pondered again the love I heard him teach,  
Knowing the Pharisees wanted to kill  
My son revered the heart, the very truths  
They twisted to their own ends. Puzzled, amazed.  
At all he knew, his purity of youth.  
I saw him, following him that deadly day  
He rode like David through the crowd, a king.  
Hosanna they shouted, throwing their garments down  
My flesh made strange, I felt my body sing,  
Palms now a green road as he swept into town  
A Caesar, soon to hear his subjects cry—  
My Lord, my own sweet child—be crucified.