

THE BLESSED VIRGIN
Ave Maria! O Maiden, O Mother
Star of the Sea

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From a Slovak Hymnal
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1. A - ve Ma - ri - al O Maid - en, O Moth - er, Fond - ly thy
2. A - ve Ma - ri - al the night shades are fall - ing, Soft - ly our

chil - dren are call - ing on thee, Thine are the grac - es un -
voic - es a - rise un - to thee, Earth's lone - ly ex - iles for

claimed by an - oth - er, Sin - less and beau - ti - ful - Star of the Sea!
suc - cor are call - ing, Sin - less and beau - ti - ful - Star of the Sea!

Refrain

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1-4. Ma-ter A-ma-bi-lis, o-ra pro no-bis! pray for thy

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cresc. molto

chil-dren who call up-on thee; A-ve San-ctis-si-ma!

cresc. molto

allarg.

A-ve pu-ris-si-ma! Sin-less and beau-ti-ful-Star of the Sea!

3. *Ave Maria!* thy children are kneeling,
 Words of endearment are murmured to thee;
 Softly thy spirit upon us is stealing,
 Sinless and beautiful-Star of the Sea!

Refrain:

4. *Ave Maria!* thou portal of Heaven,
 Harbor of refuge, to thee do we flee:
 Lost in the darkness, by stormy winds driven,
 Shine on our pathway, fair Star of the Sea!

Refrain: