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# *Who Was Mary?*

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Who was Mary?  
Highly favored of the Lord,  
This maid, of David's lineage royal,  
Espoused to Joseph, rightful heir,  
(Though Rome and Herod did Judea spoil),  
Lived in simple Nazareth  
Among the hills of Galilee  
When told by Angel Gabriel  
The Messiah's Mother she would be.

Who was Mary?  
Handmaiden of the Lord,  
She was chosen of them all--  
Brought forth her holy firstborn son  
In a humble stable stall;  
Wrapped in swaddling clothes  
The Babe she laid  
In a hay-filled manger--  
As the angel said.

Who was Mary?  
Virgin Mother mild,  
She kept and pondered in her heart  
Each precious moment  
She was part  
Of her son's life as He  
Waxed strong in spirit, grew  
In favor with God and Man,  
In stature and wisdom, too.

Who was Mary?  
Called blessed by all generations,  
She asked His help at Cana feast,  
Saw multitudes whose lives He changed,  
(Both influential and the least),  
Stood sorrowing and helpless by  
As He drank the bitter cup,  
And as the prophets long foretold  
On cross was lifted up.

Who was Mary?  
Most blessed of all women,  
Her soul did magnify the Lord.  
How great her joy at Jesus' birth--  
The Counselor, The Word--  
Her sadness at his sacrifice,  
Her anguish and her pain  
Gave way to glorious gladness  
As He came forth again.

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*andante cantabile*  
*gva*

*p* *mp*

SOPRANO I *poco rit.* *mf poco piu mosso*  
SOPRANO II *poco rit.* *mf poco piu mosso*  
ALTO *poco rit.* *mf poco piu mosso*

Who \_\_\_\_\_ was Ma - ry?  
Who \_\_\_\_\_ was Ma - ry?  
Who \_\_\_\_\_ was Ma - ry?

*mf poco rit.* *mf poco piu mosso*

*a piacere* *gva*

High - ly fa-vored of the Lord, This

High - ly fa-vored of the Lord, This

High - ly fa-vored of the Lord, This

*f*

maid, of Da-vid's lin-eage royal, Espoused to Jo - seph, right - ful

maid, of Da-vid's lin-eage royal, Espoused to Jo - seph, right - ful

maid, of Da-vid's lin-eage royal, Espoused to Jo - seph, right - ful

*mf*

heir, (Though Rome and Her-od did Ju - de - a spoil),

heir, (Though Rome and Her-od did Ju - de - a spoil),

heir, (Though Rome and Her-od did Ju - de - a spoil),

*p*

Lived in sim - ple Naz - a - reth A - mong the hills of

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Lived in sim - ple Naz - a - reth A - mong the hills of

Gal - i - lee When told by An - gel Ga - bri - el The Mes -

Gal - i - lee When told by An - gel Ga - bri - el The Mes -

Gal - i - lee When told by An - gel Ga - bri - el The Mes -

*cresc.* *molto rit.*

*cresc.* *molto rit.*

*cresc.* *molto rit.*

si - ah's Moth - er she would be.

si - ah's Moth - er she would be.

si - ah's Moth - er she would be.

*maestoso* *ff* *Tempo 1<sup>o</sup>*

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*maestoso* *ff* *Tempo 1<sup>o</sup> p*

*poco rit.* *mf poco piu mosso*  
*poco rit.* *mf poco piu mosso* Who  
*poco rit.* *mf poco piu mosso* Who  
Who  
*poco rit.* *mf poco piu mosso*

was Ma - ry?  
was Ma - ry?  
was Ma - ry?  
*a piacere*

*guz*

Hand - maid-en of the Lord,

Hand - maid-en of the Lord,

Hand - maid-en of the Lord,

*mf* She was cho-sen of them all-- *mp dolce* Brought forth her ho - ly first - born

*mf* She was cho-sen of them all-- *mp dolce* Brought forth her ho - ly first - born

*mf* She was cho-sen of them all-- *mp dolce* Brought forth her ho - ly first - born

*p* Son In a hum - ble sta - ble stall;

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*p* Son In a hum - ble sta - ble stall;

Wrapped in swaddling clothes The Babe she laid  
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 Wrapped in swaddling clothes The Babe she laid

*rit.* In a hay-filled man - ger-- As the an - gel said.  
*rit.* In a hay-filled man - ger-- As the an - gel said.  
*rit.* In a hay-filled man - ger-- As the an - gel said.  
*rit.* In a hay-filled man - ger-- As the an - gel said.  
*rit.* In a hay-filled man - ger-- As the an - gel said.

*poco meno mosso*  
*poco meno mosso*  
*poco meno mosso*  
*poco meno mosso*

*semplice* Who was Ma - ry? Vir - gin Moth - er mild, She  
*semplice* Who was Ma - ry? Vir - gin Moth - er mild, She  
*semplice* Who was Ma - ry? Vir - gin Moth - er mild, She  
*semplice* Who was Ma - ry? Vir - gin Moth - er mild, She



kept and pondered in her heart each pre-cious mo-ment she was part Of her son's

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*poco rit.* life as He Waxed strong in spir - it, grew In fa - vor with God and

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man, In stat-ure and wis-dom, too.

man, In stat-ure and wis-dom, too.

man, In stat-ure and wis-dom, too.

*mf poco più mosso*

Who was Ma - ry?

*mf poco più mosso*

Who was Ma - ry?

*mf poco più mosso*

Who was Ma - ry?

Called

Called

*gva* Called

*a piacere*

bles - sed by all gen - er - a - tions, She

bles - sed by all gen - er - a - tions, She

bles - sed by all gen - er - a - tions, She

asked His help at Ca-na feast, Saw mul-ti-tudes whose lives He

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changed, (Both in-flu-en-tial and the least), Stood

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*mp doloroso* sor-row-ing and help-less by As He drank the *cresc.*

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*allargando* *molto rit.*

bit - ter cup, And as the proph - ets long for - told On

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*allargando* *molto rit.*

*ff gravemente* *poco rit. mf piu mosso*

cross was lift - ed up. Who

*ff gravemente* *poco rit. mf piu mosso*

cross was lift - ed up. Who

cross was lift - ed up. Who

*ff gravemente* *poco rit. mf piu mosso*

was Ma - ry?

was Ma - ry?

was Ma - ry?

*a piacere* *gva*

Most ble - sed of all

Most ble - sed of all

Most ble - sed of all

wom - en, Her soul did mag - ni - fy the

wom - en, Her soul did mag - ni - fy the

wom - en, Her soul did mag - ni - fy the

*giubbiloso*  
Lord, How great her joy at Je - sus' birth-- The

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*sffz riten.* *p espressivo* *f con forza* *a tempo* *mp*

Coun - se - lor, The Coun - se - lor, The Word-- Her

*sffz riten.* *p espressivo* *f con forza* *a tempo* *mp*

Coun - se - lor, The Coun - se - lor, The Word-- Her

*sffz riten.* *p espressivo* *f con forza* *a tempo* *mp*

Coun - se - lor, The Coun - se - lor, The Word-- *gua* Her

*meno mosso patetico*

sad - ness at His sac - ri - fice, Her an - guish and her

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sad - ness at His sac - ri - fice, Her an - guish and her

*cresc.* *allargando*

pain Gave way *cresc.* to glo - rious

*cresc.* *allargando*

pain Gave way *cresc.* to glo - rious

*cresc.* *allargando*

pain Gave way to Glo - rious

*maestoso* *ff* *poco rit.*

glad - ness As He came forth a -

*maestoso* *ff* *poco rit.*

glad - ness As He came forth a -

*maestoso* *ff* *poco rit.*

glad - ness As He came forth a -

*tempo I*

*gain. tempo I*

*gain. tempo I*

*gain.*

*gva*

*tempo I dim.* *poco rit.*

*mp a tempo* *perdendosi* *gva* *fp*

Other Songs by Ruth B. Gatrell

# Circles of Influence

Moderato

SOPRANO I

rip - ples From a peb - ble

SOPRANO II

rip - ples From a peb - ble

ALTO

rip - ples From a peb - ble



## America - Land Choice <sup>above</sup> <sub>all</sub> <sub>other</sub> Lands

Andante con moto

*mf* A - mer - i - ca *ff*

*mf* A - mer - i - ca *ff*

*mf* A - mer - i - ca *ff*

Andante con moto

*mf* *ff*

*8va* *8va*

