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## Mary, Mother of God



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Betrothal

*O*, my Beloved

How shamelessly

I have presumed to take Thee unto me!

... Because Thou first had taken me to Thee,  
If I am speechless, reckless,  
in my breathless love ...  
Too great, too great!  
It sunders bosom, breast,  
And takes this heart from out of me!  
Lest I should die, seize Thou this shattered heart  
Breathe once the whispered knowing of my love.  
... I am a fool ... and would you love me still?  
Do not tell me, either way lest I  
In knowing, surely come to die!

"In 1970, a pilgrim visiting the Shrine of San DeMarco, Italy, received a vision of a woman who told him to take a picture of the setting sun. Having a simple Polaroid camera, he only saw the sunset when he snapped this picture. When the picture was developed, this image of the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared (note the sunset at the lower right of the picture)." This image was taken from a home-made Christmas Card, and scanned December 24, 1997.



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