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## Venerable Margaret Sinclair Sister Mary Francis of the Five Wounds



Margaret Sinclair:  
Sister Mary Francis of the Five Wounds

**November 24th**

**Anniversary of Sister Mary Francis of the Five Wounds - Margaret Sinclair**

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## Margaret's Song



**F**lower in the crevice of a broken wall;  
petals drop and new seeds fall  
answering the silence of a voiceless call  
and the scent of hidden myrtle

Sister of the sparrows by the Edin Rock  
cleaner than the winds from burn and loch.  
Margaret you gave others hope and strength and space,  
in simplicity of faith.

Flower in the crevice of a broken wall;  
petals drop and new seeds fall  
answering the silence of a voiceless call  
and the scent of hidden myrtle

Through the reek of chimneys, from the heart of pain,  
Running down the cobbles in the rain  
You can see the blood that made the world again  
And the love that made it new.

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petals drop and new seeds fall  
answering the silence of a voiceless call  
and the scent of hidden myrtle

Flowing through the banks of life, from death to birth,  
Time, that changes all things on earth,  
like a river takes you out of love to love;  
only God can be enough.

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Daughter of St Clare with poverty your psalm,  
beggar with a basket on your arm,  
welcoming to all, you walk the extra mile  
with your well remembered smile.

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Born anew and dying you are smiling still  
even those who nurse you feel God's will  
hearing you say; Yes, it will be worth it all  
if I only gain one soul.

Flower in the crevice of a broken wall;  
petals drop and new seeds fall  
answering the silence of a voiceless call  
and the scent of hidden myrtle.

*Poem by a Cloistered Poor Clare Colettine Nun  
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