*Hymn of St. Dominic*

*T*hou who, hero-like, hast striven   
For the cause of God and heaven!   
Dominic, whose life was given  
Sinners to recall.   
Saint of high and dauntless spirit,   
By thy vast unmeasured merit,   
By thy name which we inherit,   
Hear us when we call.  
  
*F*lower of chastity, the fairest   
Of her lily buds thou bearest,   
Snow-white as the robe thou wearest,   
Gift from hands divine.   
With thy brow of starry splendour,   
With thine eyes so mild and tender,   
Mary's client--truth's defender,   
To our prayers incline.   
  
*G*reat Apostle, ever claiming   
Souls for Jesus--by the naming   
Mary and her Son proclaiming   
Mysteries of faith;   
Still, O Dominic, the preaching   
Of those childlike beads is reaching  
Childlike hearts all sweetly teaching   
Christ's own life and death.   
  
*W*ith those Aves, first and plainest   
Of the Church's prayers, thou rainest   
Blessings on the earth and gainest   
Souls whom Jesus made.   
Loving Father I at thy station   
Of seraphic contemplation,   
In each hour of dark temptation,   
Give thy saving aid.