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## 8 September: "Our Lady's Nativity"

For the feast of the birth of our Lady on September 8, here is a poem by Robert Southwell, who died a martyr for the faith in 1595.

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### *Our Lady's Nativitye*

Joye in the risinge of our orient starr,

That shall bringe forth the Sunne  
that lent her light;

Joy in the peace that shall conclude  
our warr,

And soone rebate the edge of Satan's  
spight;

Load-starr of all engolfd in worldly  
waves,

The card and compasse that from  
shipwracke saves.

The patriark and prophettes were  
the floures

Which Tyme by course of ages did  
distill,

And culld into this little cloude the  
shoures

Whose gracious droppes the world  
with joy shall fill;

Whose moysture suppleth every  
soule with grace,

And bringeth life to Adam's dyinge  
race.

For God, on Earth, she is the royall  
throne,

The chosen cloth to make His mortall  
weede;

The quarry to cutt out our Corner-  
stone,

Soyle full of fruite, yet free from  
mortall seede;

For heavenly floure she is the Jesse  
rodd

The childe of man, the parent of God.

**by Robert Southwell S.J.**  
**(1560-1595)**

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