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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 supplenth 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)

Life of Mary (II): Birth of our Lady

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Saints, Poets*

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