THE STRONG SPIRIT

Sister Maura*

With eager brow to greet
The challenge of the days;
The peril of defeat
To face with dauntless gaze;
The threat of near despair
To turn to victory,
And guide with steady care
The march of destiny:
All this and more achieves
The spirit of the strong,
The courage that believes
Right triumphs over wrong,
The will that wins a foe
To loyalty and zeal,
But meets foursquare each blow
That fate or fiend can deal.
The spirit of the strong,
Unbowed by human strife,
Ascendent as a song,
Is victor over life.

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