

*Intercessory Poetry*

To Ovr Blessed Lady the Aduocate of Sinners (1658)

- [279] Al hail, *O Virgin*, crownd with stars,  
aund Moone vnder thy feet,<sup>1</sup>  
Obtaine vs pardon of our sinnes  
of *Christ* our *Sauour* sweet.
- [280] For though thou art Mother of my *God*, 5  
yet thy Humility  
Disdaineth not this simple wretch,  
that flyes for helpe to thee.  
Thou knowst thou art more deare to me,  
then any can expresse, 10  
And that I do congratulate  
with ioy thy happinesse;  
Who art the Queen of Heauen and earth,  
thy helping hand me lend,  
That I may *loue* and praise my *God*, 15  
and haue a happy end.  
And though my sins me terrify,  
yet hoping stil in *thee*  
I find my soul refreshed much  
when I vnto thee fly. 20  
For thou most willingly to *God*  
petitions dost present,  
And dost obtain much grace for vs  
in this our banishment.  
The honour and the glorious praise 25  
by al be giuen to thee,  
Which *Jesus thy* beloued Son  
ordaind eternally  
For thee, whom he exalts in heauen  
about the Angels al, 30  
And whom we find a Patronesse,  
when vnto thee we cal.

*Amen.*

*O Mater Dei,*  
*Memento me.*<sup>2</sup> *Amen.*

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<sup>1</sup> “And a great sign appeared in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars” (Apocalypse 12:1, Douay-Rheims Bible).

<sup>2</sup> “O Mother of God, remember me.”