

## ST. DOMINIC

(Translation of St. Dominic's Sequence in the  
Dominican Missal.)

### 1

**T**O the full celestial choir  
Novel descant let inspire  
Harmony before untried,  
While his sons who tread his way  
Tune it with a choral lay  
Rich with Dominic's holy pride.

### 2

Out of Egypt dim and waste  
He that made the ages vast  
Calls the man of His own heart,  
Who in skiff of poverty  
O'er the floods of vanity  
Comes to take the peoples' part.

### 3

Him, his mother ere his birth  
Sees, the preacher of the earth  
In the guise of a young whelp,  
In his mouth a torch ablaze  
As to charity's clear ways  
To relume the world and help.

### 4

Lo! the legislator new,  
Lo Elias! jealous, true,  
Shunning the unrighteous way,  
Sends, like Samson, foxes flaming,  
And with Gideon's trumpet shaming  
Breaks the enemy's array.

*Blackfriars*

5

Still while drawing mortal breath  
Back he brings a boy from death  
To his mother's long embrace :  
With his blessing, rain is sped,  
Brethren eat their fill of bread  
God's immediate gift and grace

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Blessed man, whose ecstasies  
Gladden to the very skies  
Holy Church receiving !  
While his offspring fills the lands  
In the heavenly choir he stands  
All his aim achieving.

7

So the grain of wheat low lies  
So the star is lost in skies,  
But lo ! He Who all things fashions  
Bids the star to break the gloom,  
Joseph's bones to bud and bloom  
For the healing of the nations.

8

How delicious, even to sense  
Shows his flower-like innocence  
Smelling sweeter in the tomb !  
Sick men thither haste for cure,  
Blind and lame be made secure,  
Marvels upon marvels come.

9

So to Dominic sing praise  
Of his wonder-working ways,  
Sing full-voicéd chorus :  
Cry him that he always plead,  
Let us follow in our need,  
Where he goes before us.

*St. Dominic's Sequence*

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And thou, Father loving-kind,  
Ever have Thy flock in mind,  
Master-shepherd, pray, oh pray!  
At the High King's court above  
Speak thine orphans' suit with love  
While the ages roll away.

*Amen, Alleluia.*

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