

Sons of Martha  
A Song of Dusk

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1 = 100

Voice & Piano

Piano

The Sons of Ma-ry seldom

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V&P

P

bother, for they have in-her-it-ed that good part; But the Sons of Martha favour their

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V&P

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Mo-ther of the care-ful soul and the troubled heart. And because she lost her

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V&P

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temper once, and because she was rude to the Lord her Guest, Her Sons must wait upon Mary's

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V&P

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1 = 110

Sons, world without end, reprieve, or rest.

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V&P

P

It is their care in all the ages to take the buffet and cushion the shock. It

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V&P

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is their care that the gear en - gages; it is their care that the switch-es lock.

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V&P

P

It is their care that the wheels run truly; it is their care to em-bark and en-train,

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81  
V&P Tal - ly, transport, and de - li - ver du - ly the Sons of Ma-ry by land and main.  
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91  
V&P They say to moun-tains, "Be ye removed" They say to the les-ser floods "Be dry." Under their  
P

101  
V&P rods are the rocks reprov'd; they are not a - fraid of that which is high. Then do the  
P

111  
V&P hill tops shake to the summit; then is the bed of the deep laid bare, That the Sons of Ma-ry may over-  
P

121  
V&P come it, pleasantly sleeping and un - a - ware. They  
P

132  
V&P do not preach that their God will rouse them a lit-tle be-fore the nuts work loose. They do not  
P

142  
V&P teach that His Pity al - lows them to leave their job when they damn well choose. As  
P

152  
V&P in the throng'd and the light-ed ways, so in the dark and the desert they stand, Wa-ry and  
P

161  
V&P watch-ful all their days that their breth-ren's days may be long in the land.  
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170  
V&P  
P

To these from birth is Be-lief for-bidden; from these till death is Re-lief a-far. They are con-

180  
V&P  
P

cerned with mat-ters hid-den; un-der the earth-line their al-tars are The

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V&P  
P

sec-ret foun-tains to fol-low up, wa-ters with-drawn to re-store to the mouth, And gather the

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V&P  
P

floods as in a cup, and pour them a-gain at a ci-ty's drouth. And the

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V&P  
P

Sons of Ma-ry smile and are blessed; they know the an-gels are on their side. They know in

218  
V&P  
P

them is the Grace con-fessed, and for them are the Mer-cies mul-ti-plied. They sit at the Feet; they

227  
V&P  
P

hear the Word; they see how tru-ly the Promise runs. They have cast their bur-den up-on the Lord,

237  
V&P  
P

and the Lord He lays it on Mar-tha's Sons!