

Sons of Martha

A Song of Dusk

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Voice  $\text{♩} = 100$

The Sons of Ma-ry seldom bother, for they have in-

14 her-it-ed that good part; But the Sons of Martha fa-vour their Mother of the

23 care-ful soul and the troubled heart. And be-cause she lost her temper

32 once, and be-cause she was rude to the Lord her Guest, Her Sons must wait up-on

39 $\text{♩} = 110$

Mary's Sons, world with-out end, re-trieve, or rest.

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

62 is their care that the gear en-gages; it is their care that the switches lock.

72 It is their care that the wheels run truly; it is their care to embark and en-

80 train, Tal-ly, transport, and de-li-ver du-ly the Sons of Ma-ry by land and main.

89 They say to moun-tains, "Be ye removed" They say to the les-ser floods "Be

99 dry." Under their rods are the rocks re-proved; they are not a-fraid of that which is

107 high. Then do the hill tops shake to the summit; then is the bed of the deep laid

117 bare, That the Sons of Ma-ry may overcome it, pleasantly sleeping and un-a - ware.

126 $\text{♩} = 120$ They do not preach that their God will rouse them a lit-tle be-

138 fore the nuts work loose. They do not teach that His Pity al-lows them to leave their

147 job when they damn well choose. As in the thronged and the lighted ways, so

156 in the dark and the desert they stand, Wa-ry and watch ful all their days that their

164 breth-ren's days may be long in the land. To these from birth is Be-lief for-

174 bidden; from these till death is Re-lief a-far. They are concerned with matters hidden;

183 un-der the earth-line their al-tars are The sec-ret foun-tains to fol-low

193 up, wa-ters with-drawn to re-store to the mouth, And gather the floods as in a

201 $\text{♩} = 100$ cup, and pour them a - gain at a ci - ty's drouth. And the Sons of Ma-ry

211 smile and are blessed; they know the angels are on their side. They know in them is the

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

227 hear the Word; they see how tru-ly the Pro-mise runs. They have cast their bur-den up-

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on the Lord, and the Lord He lays it on Martha's Sons!