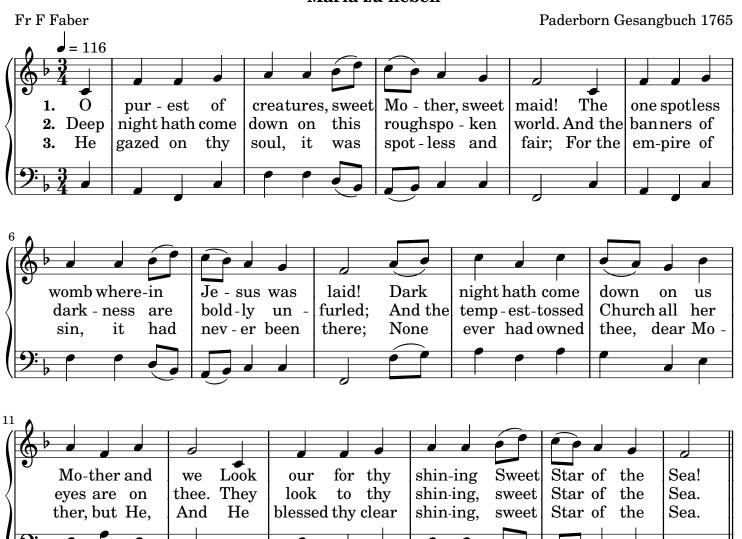
O Purest of Creatures

Maria zu lieben



- 4. Earth gave Him one lodging;
 'twas deep in thy breast,
 And God found a home
 where the sinner finds rest;
 His home and His hiding-place,
 both were in thee;
 He was won by thy shining,
 sweet Star of the Sea.
- 5. Oh, blissful and calm was the wonderful restThat thou gavest thy God in thy virginal breast;For the heaven He left He found heaven in thee,And He shone in thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea.