

# MARY

*for September 24*

Here is a girl  
about whom we could speculate:  
mere, undemanding,  
deferring to tame predictabilities of youth  
that offer only a poor life-time's obscurity,  
shocked  
by wild uncertainties of faith  
into mysteries deep-beyond-measure;  
then hoping  
with hardest hope  
in the One Who is All Mercy;  
contesting her way  
to kindest, wisest womanhood;  
and now  
herself reflecting  
the Merciful One  
with feminine genius,  
design full of grace and  
beauty of a truth unending.

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