

# PRENUPTIAL

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Most lovely blessed virgin,  
no God am I  
nor Joseph,  
but if I die  
Before I slake the urgent  
thirst I often have  
to model,  
nestled in your salve,  
That crucial solemn act  
involving Mary,  
unlike you  
I'll not go very  
peacefully—or intact.

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