

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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