

O House of Nazareth the Blest

Pope Leo XIII

O GESTE FELIX HOSPITA

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1. O House of Na - za - reth the blest, fair host - ess of the Lord,
2. We know thy hum - ble ten - e - ment was Heav - en's her - mi - tage:
3. There, Jo - seph toil - eth at her side her joys and griefs to share,
4. O then, in all the homes of earth, be Love the bond of life:

The Church was nur - tured at thy breast and shared Thy scan - ty hoard.
Ce - les - tial her - als came and went in end - less em - bas - sage.
With thou - sand ties knit to his bride, of love and work and prayer.
May it en - throne at ev - 'ry hearth the peace that hush - eth strife.

In all the spread - ing lands of earth the wand - 'ring sun may see
There, what - so - ev - er Jo - seph asks Christ has - tens to ful - fill;
Yet how their bos - oms con - stant burn and deep - er ar - dors prove
O Je - sus, born of Vir - gin bright, all glo - ry be to Thee,

No dear - er spot, no amp - ler worth than erst was found in thee!
While Ma - ry loves the house - hold tasks that wait her joy - ous will.
In love of Christ, whose eyes re - turn His glance of mu - tual love.
With Fa - ther and with Par - a - clete, Through all e - ter - ni - ty.