

Canticle of the Creatures

(Canticle of the Sun)

Gregorian chant 'Beati mundo corde'

St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

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Baritone



1
Most High, all pow - er - ful good Lord

2
all praise is yours, all glo - ry, hon - our and bless - ing.

3
To you a - lone Most High do they be - long,

4
No mor - tal lips are wor - thy to pro - nounce your Name.

5
All praise be yours, my Lord through all of the crea - tures you have made,

6
and first Sir Brother Sun who brings the day, through whom you give us light.

7
How beau - ti - ful is he, how ra - di - ant in all his splen - dour;

8
of You, of all the Most High, he bears the like - ness.

9
All praise be yours, my Lord through Sis - ter Moon and all the stars;

10
in the heav - ens you have made them bright and prec - ious and beau - ti - ful.

11

All— praise be yours, my Lord through Bro-thers wind— and air,—

12

cloud-y and ser-ene, and eve-ry kind of weather by which you— cher - ish all you made.—

13

All— praise be yours, my Lord through our— Sis - ter— wa - ter,

14

which is so use - ful and hum - ble and pre - cious— and chaste.—

15

All— praise be yours, my Lord through Bro-ther Fire— who— lights the night,

16

how— beau-ti - ful is he, how play - ful, and power - ful— and— strong.—

17

All— praise be yours, my Lord through our— Sis - ter— Moth-er Earth

18

who— gov - erns and sustains us and pro-du-ces var-ied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.—

19

All— praise be Yours My Lord— be You— through those who

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give— par - don for Your love, and bear in - firm - i - ty and— trib - u - la - tion.

21

Bless - - ed are those— who en - dure in peace,—

22

for by— You,— the— Most— High— they— shall be crown - ed.

23

All— praise be Yours, my Lord,— through Sis - ter Death, from whose em -

24

-braceno mo - tal can es-cape. Woe to those who die in mor - tal sin!—

25

Hap - py those who find your will! The sec - ond death can do no harm.

26

Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks, and serve him with great hu - mil - i - ty.—