

## A Martyr's Psalm

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Shere' Marie

O heavenly Mother of us all,

Queen of Martyrs blessed,

We adore thee Shere' Marie ~ Virgin full of Grace. To thee we glorify the blessed Fruit of thy womb

Savior of us all.

We offer up to thee the precious blood of

Our ancestors and martyrs of today.

Those who have sacrificed their lives for the Glory of the Word of God.

Your presence in the land of your people ~ Egypt Gives courage and hope.

Courage imbedded within the very core of our spirits.

A spirit of undying Faith, Truth and Wisdom.

Courage and faith to sow the seeds of Love

For the glory and honor of His Word.

The Spirit of our Lord grows stronger

In the hearts of His people.

Louder they proclaim His name,

With each drop of blood that is spilt.

The music and dance of life instilled

With the very grace of God

Becomes more intense with each beat.

The sigh of the human voice in their supplications

Magnified with the presence of God.

With each cry of the piercing bullet of death. Luminous is the light that shines from within, Glowing brighter as each life is taken.

A torch of luminous brilliance,

Impossible to dim.

Lord God, we are your strength,

Listen to the echoes of our song.

We, the unborn,

Slain within our mothers womb,

Children, destined to be leaders of Your kingdom.

Once alimmers of hope for all of Egypt ~

Now lifeless bodies left upon a pile of rubble.

We the proud young men marching ever so proud,

With heads up and hearts exposed.

Victoriously granted the heavenly reward.

We sing to thee our holy Theotokos,

Come, stay by our side,

Be our protection against all evil.

With steadfast courage we spill our blood without

Listen to the prayers of your people.

We humbly pray to bring peace

To the Holy land of Egypt

So that the cries of her people will be cries of Joy~

Not of sorrow.

O Comforter of the oppressed and persecuted,

We praise and glorify your name,

We hold forever on our lips,

In our minds and on our hearts...

We chant Your holy name ever so strongly

With each beating heart that is stilled...

Lord Jesus Christ

Son of the one and only true God

All honor and glory for Thee... Amen



