The Canticle of Brother Sun

by Saint Francis of Assisi

Most high, all powerful, all good Lord!

All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all   
 blessing.

To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.

No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your   
 name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,

especially through my lord Brother Sun,

who brings the day; and you give light through   
 him.

And he is beautiful and radiant in all his   
 splendor!

Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;

in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and beautiful.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and   
 Air,

and clouds and storms, and all the weather,

through which you give your creatures   
 sustenance.

Be praised, My Lord, through Sister Water;

she is very useful, and humble, and precious,   
 and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire,

through whom you brighten the night.

He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and   
 strong.

Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Mother   
 Earth,

who feeds us and rules us,

and produces various fruits with colored flowers   
 and herbs.

Be praised, my Lord, through those who forgive   
 for love of you;

through those who endure sickness and trial.

Happy those who endure in peace,

for by you, Most High, they will be crowned.

Be praised, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily   
 Death,

from whose embrace no living person can   
 escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin!

Happy those she finds doing your most holy  
 will.

The second death can do no harm to them.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks,

and serve him with great humility.