**Mary**

Mary of Nazareth

flowing bravely

with all the possibilities

for life,

touching close the deep centres

of being,

and present to the Holy Spirit

of God,

creating and moving,

and bursting through

membranes of pain and doubt,

through labour-filled passages

into the light

of the star-shine world

and the poor,

who kneel in hope

before the sign of God.