

Gentle Star of Ocean

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1. Gentle Star of ocean!
Portal of the sky!
Ever Virgin Mother
of the Lord Most High!
2. Oh! by Gabriel's Ave,
uttered long ago,
Eva's
name
reversing,
'stablish peace below.
3. Break the captive's fetters;
light on blindness pour;
all our ills expelling,
ev'ry bliss implore.
4. Virgin of all Virgins!
to thy shelter take us;
gentlest of the gentle!
chaste and gentle make us.
5. Still as on we journey,
help our weak endeavour;
till with thee and Jesus
we rejoice for ever.

Inspiration: "Ave maris stella", 9th cent.
Lyrics: 66.66; Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, in "Lyra Catholica", 1849.