

Martha

Tonight our heroine's Martha,
A friend of Jesus, we know,
As often when he was weary
To their house he would go.

Martha and Mary were left
Alone when Lazarus died.
Four days had passed ere Jesus
Returned to be by their side.

She cried aloud when she met him,
"My Lord-our brother is dead.
If only thou hadst been here
He would be with us instead."

"Thy brother shall rise". "This I know,
In the morning of the very last day."
"I am the resurrection, he that believeth
Shall live"-did Jesus say.

Her belief and her trustful faith
The green fern does symbolize.
The broken column shows
The uncertainty of human lives.

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