

## MOTHER (approx 1945) Published in San Jose Newspaper By Carabel Hoffman San Jose, California (Submitted by Aletha L. Dunham, Chemeketa Park)

The Master Maker had labored for days
With careful, painstaking hands:
He had fashioned a World of wonderful thingsThe trees, the flowers, and the sands.

It lay before Him, a wonderful sight-Yet lifeless it looked just then. "I must fashion now a more perfect thing And call it "The Mother of Men".

So He chose for the form the gracefulness
Of the lily, pure and true:
Two stars for the eyes, He took from the skiesFor the color, the sky's deep blue.

The pearls from the sea for the deep, sweet soul-Rose petals for lips so sweet, Dancing gladness of sunshine bright For the beautiful hands and feet.

From the very finest of all He had made
He chose the best for this other;
Then awakened the form with His wonderful Love
And gave to the world-A Mother.