



Annunciation

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Mary and the Angel
Wood-carved and in paint
A sense of the mysterious
Breaks through to earth

Mary in her kitchen
Mary sweeps the floor
Looks to the window
Pauses near the door

Mary in contemplation
Sits in prayer
Face becomes alerted
Eyes look elsewhere

Mary attends to the
Everyday chores, listens
To the message in the heart
Of what life brings

Interprets all that happens
In spirit-enlightened soul
Gleans the purpose
Accepts her role

A purpose with a passion
Answers the why
Lighthouse-like, a signal
For all who journey by

Know the hidden meaning
At the heart of all that lives
Pause to discern
How one can love and give

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45, fresco, 230 x 321 cm, Convent of San Marco,
Florence, Italy.