CONSUMED IN GRACE

I first saw God when I was a child, six years of age.
the cheeks of the sun were pale before Him,
and the earth acted as a shy
girl, like me.

Divine light entered my heart from His love
that did never fully wane,

though indeed, dear, I can understand how a
person's
faith can at time flicker,

for what is the mind to do
with something that becomes the mind's ruin:
a God that consumes us
in His grace.

I have seen what you want;
it is there,
a Beloved of infinite
tenderness.

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All has been consecretad.
The creatures in the forest know this,
The earth does, the seas do, the clouds know
as does the heart full of
love.

Strange a priest would rob us of this
knowledge

and then empower himself
with the ability

to make holy what
already was
PRAYER OF ST CATHERINE

I see that you have endowed your vicar by nature with a fearless heart; so I humbly, imploringly beg you to pour the light beyond nature into the eye of his understanding. For unless this light, acquired through pure affection for virtue, is joined with it, a heart such as his tends to be proud.

Today again let every selfish love be cut away from those enemies of yours and from the vicar and from us all, so that we may be able to forgive those enemies when you bend their hardness.

For them, that they may humble themselves and obey this lord of ours, I offer you my life from this moment and for whenever you wish me to lay it down for your glory.

REST IN PRAYER

The sun hears the fields talking about effort and the sun smiles, and whispers to me, “Why don’t the fields just rest, for I am willing to do everything to help them grow?” Rest, my dears, in prayer.

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