

A Child of Carmel

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**It was many and many a time I know
I stood in this same gym, to put on a show.
It was many, many times I still can see
Here I stood with the spotlight just on me.**

**However, soon that spotlight from me did fade
Graduation came and my gown was made
I walked down the aisle in my cap and gown
Smiling, happy, but a tear was trickling down.**

**I realized that this was the end of the line,
As a student of Carmel no more to shine.
But on how wrong can one person be!
But oh how wrong! That night I just could not see.**

**I was a child of Carmel – the stamp was there.
Mary’s child forever – Her love I did share.
It is many and many a time I feel
Her mantle of love – just as though it were real.**

**The education that I received from here
Will live with me and guide me Oh so sincere.
The material things have helped me I know,
But it’s the love of Mary I want to show.**

**I want to share with others this revered thing-
Love for the dear Mother of our great King.
Although the halls of Carmel I no more roam,
To me it will always be a place like home.**

**Studies--exams—graduation—that’s not all
That’s just the beginning—all so very small.
It is afterwards when the cruel world you face
That the Child of Carmel needs his Mother’s grace.**

**O Star of the Sea, Carmel’s bright shining star,
Guide this Carmel Child and Oh never be far.
For your child dear Mother I always will be
Till my hair turns to silver, watch over me.**

**And when it’s all over and death be my state,
As a Child of Carmel I will meet my fate.
And then, dear Mother, if your mantle I show
I know you will open to me Heaven’s door.**