**Simon**

**—**Sr Raphael Consedine, PBVM

O happy Simon!

Your strong shoulders bore the weight

Of the tree from whence Life came.

From you in His sore need

God’s suffering Son drew aid.

It was your glory that you shared His shame.

When we shall meet to-day

Christ on His suffering way

May we gladly share His cross who bear His name.

Yes, Simon, blessed one,

May we do as you have done,

And in deeds the mystery of our faith proclaim.