

The Apologist

“Maria Goretti”

(Tune from Cat Stevens' song “Wild World”)

“Maria Goretti, we will never forget you”

She was the daughter of poor share croppers
And her father Luigi no longer wanted to be bothered
with the hard-fought labor and poor pay in Corinado
so he thinks to himself “to Rome is where we’ll now go”
Give fairer wages to raise my family
No more managing a living with this bag of beans they handin’ me
So they had to leave to Ferriere in 1899
For a new life thinking everything would be fine
Their property was owned by Count Masolini
Who seemed to be a mean one wanting crops in season
Which means someone has to help Mr. Goretti get the crops ready
That’s when he hired Senor Serenelli
Now this fellow came with his son, Alessandro
An 18 year-old strong to help them with the job flow
But there was something unknown
Though they share the same home, Alessandro had a lust addiction full-blown

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And I’ll always remember you like a child, girl*

Hay drew mosquitoes in the area, her father died of Malaria
Now her mother’s alone so Maria has to carry the burden
At 11 years old she was told to cook, clean the household, wash and fold all clothes
Uphold she never did, she was made a new kid
Since her 1st Communion there grew in her a new strength
Cause soon her innocence was to be tested
by the very one in her house who no one had suspected
Alessandro watched Maria from a distance
insistent to act his fantasies was persistent
He attempted approaching her alone in the fields
But she pushed him away and ran and said that she would never yield
But he chased her and said,
“If you reveal what I tried to do, Maria, I swear it I’m gonna kill you!”
At this she was horrified Maria didn’t wanna die
So she tried not be alone with him and his taunting eyes
He kept awaiting the next opportunity
Thinking “Soon it will just be you and me!”
Then one day while Maria’s mom was out workin’

He said, "Oh I forgot my handkerchief at home so I'm returning"
Then with evil glee he ran back with great speed thinking,
"Ha Maria I got you now and I wanna hear you scream!"
He rushed in and said, "Maria come here!"
Such a madman did he appear Maria's heart filled with fear
She tried to run but she showed her his knife and said,
"Maria come now or I'm gonna take your life!"
He jumped on her and then she yelled,
"Stop this or you goin' to Hell! It's a sin God forbids it!"
Then he entered into a spell
Then down fell the blade stabbin' in her rib cage
He was mad and insane her panic changed to pure pain
And then the blood stains sobered him some his feelings numb
While Maria crawled pleading, "Please someone come!"
Then Alessandro's dad heard the baby crying on the second floor thinking,
"What's going on? What's all that crying for?"
Then he goes into the house and finds Maria half-dead saying,
"Oh my God who did this to you?"
"Alessandro..." she said
Before long the whole town knows the episode exclaiming,
"Maria's a saint and to jail with Alessandro!"
They tried to heal her wounds but she couldn't be saved
Then she forgave her attacker before she passed away

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