

## **MORE THAN MEMORIES**

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We gather to remember how two hundred years ago,  
Imagination, faith and courage young men resolved to grow,  
With Mary calling gently, each one by his name,  
A family they created, their memory now we claim.

Ave ave Maria

2. Another time arriving needs more than memories now;  
Imagination, faith and courage, must begin again somehow  
So however Mary calls us we'll learn to hear again,  
And breathe her gentle spirit in ways we'd not foreseen.

Ave Ave Maria

3. While we celebrate our history our memories can't constrain  
Today's imagination as we look around again  
At a world without direction, whose deepest hunger hides  
In the noises of our cities and the rush of busy lives.

Ave Ave Maria

4. So Mary help us listen where God's Word may best be born.  
May your gracious choice sustain us, May your spirit be our home.  
May our founding grace soon risk again, may mission open wide,

May we honour and embrace this time while you stay by our side.

Ave Ave Maria

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*"Do not ask why earlier days were better than these, for that is not a question that is prompted by wisdom" Ecclesiastes 6, 10*