The Presentation of Mary

Hopes...
Held in the heart
of one little girl.
Having been brought
to the Holy Place
where heaven meets earth
her heart rejoices.

She dances, runs
hands opened,
heart welcoming
all Life.

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The young girl stirred up a bit of a commotion by repeatedly asserting "...we're wise women!" I love the image of this strong girl, now a strong young woman, claiming this name for herself. She, too, has gifts to bear, unique offerings even more precious than gold...I long for her defiant words to be on the lips of every girl; for every child, female and male, to gaze at their hands and know that Wisdom's blood runs through them, that the gifts that they carry are a treasure, are a blessing, are a grace.

Jan L Richardson
In Wisdom's Path p. 28

Bless the young one,
the tender one,
the wise child

who comes with hands open,
with eyes wide,
with heart of wonder...

May we see the star that calls her.
May we protect the path he walks.
May we follow where they lead us.

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With Mary, Nano and all Presentation people,
we pray to our loving God

that we know and appreciate our own unique gifts
and that we recognise, draw out and celebrate the gifts of others.

And may we dance into life every day,
welcoming all that it offers us
in opportunities
to laugh
to lead
to learn
to live
to love
to nurture life.