

TOTUS TUUS:

Karol Jozef Wojtyla, Karol Wojtyla's son
A soldier's son never once a man of war
But of peace and for peace did he rise like sun
From Poland to shine on Adam's children at war
From cradle to grave was he human and humane
All things to all peoples: *totus tuus*.

A man of faith from cradle to grave was he
Total love to the Triune God had he
And obedient too in times good and bad
With unfailing trust and anchored hope in times hard
Swan he through rough waves of life's changing tides
But to God through and through: *totus tuus*.

To Jesus' Heart was he drawn from birth
To that Ocean that washed Adam's dirt
The *fons et culmen* of his own heart's fire
At Eucharist: with Word, Body and Blood to sire
Many many sons and daughters in Christ's Church
And to that Sacred Heart all love: *totus tuus*.

To Heart of Mary "*Mater Christi, Mater Dei*"
Sang he often, "*Macula non est in te*"
"*Regina Apostolorum, Mater Ecclesiae*"
With filial love and unfailing trust in She
In Rosary daily and in journeys holy to say
My Mother, my Queen: *totus tuus*.

To men and women of every age, creed and clime
To the aged and the youth and infants at mothers' breast
Was he brother, friend, priest, bishop, father, in every state
Found no foe but spoke to each and with each in native tongue
And showed to one and to all the Face of Christ
And like Christ said to one and to all: *totus tuus*.

So thank we God for Christ, Love beyond all telling
For blessings too great human mind to know
For the Holy Church, the world God's love in Christ still telling
For holy pastors at every age and in our day to know
This love given through Karol Wojtyla, Pope John Paul II
Whose life, word and work to you, to us all do proclaim: *totus tuus*.

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