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Stained glass window depicting Elizabeth Seton.  
Daughters of Charity Provincial House, Rome, Italy.  
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What passion drove you,  
Elizabeth, house of God,  
from Leghorn prison  
to New York's altar  
crowned with a cross?  
More than a weathervane pointed you  
to your Savior's body,  
to the Eucharist of life.

What passion drove you  
to Baltimore haven  
and Emmitsburg hills  
where God's new house awaited you,  
in sickness and stone,  
dream and dailiness?

If you did it today,  
Elizabeth, house of God,  
what kind of home  
would you build  
for the Holy One,  
for a holy people?

Your black eyes flash,  
probe my face,  
my fears, my heart.  
"And you," you say,  
"what home are you building?"