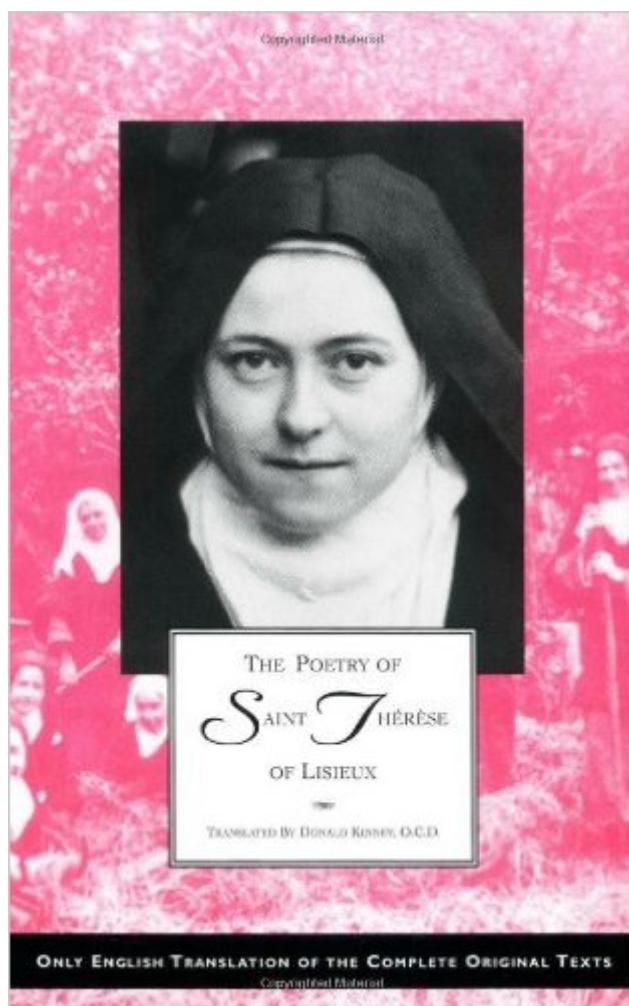


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"The Poetry of Saint Therese of Lisieux" is the English translation of the critical edition of Therese's poetry. For the first time it makes available in English all Therese's poems, her least known writings. Some ("Living on Love," "Why I Love You, O Mary," "The Unpetalled Rose") are major works; some, occasional writings. Fr. Kinney's intimate and delicate understanding of Therese has blossomed into a remarkably clear, faithful, and lyrical translation. Therese reveals herself completely in the poems,

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St. Therese always has great writings. This one is no exception.

As we all know, Therese Martin carries the burden of the late 19th century bourgeois French idiom. Having said that, if one is willing to look beyond that, these are wonderful poems. What courage this young woman had! I find particularly moving her poem, "the unpetaled rose." What unflinching courage she models for us.

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