

# Beginning Again

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*The Choir of the Capuchin Church in Rome*, François Marius Granet, 1814–15

**The lights of** the Roman villas went dark  
In Britain sixteen centuries ago,  
But you raised up the Light of Christ across  
The land, building many churches and abbeys  
And filling them with godly-minded folk.

The Light of Christ is now fading among  
Your children in the West, Holy Fathers  
Illtud and Dyfrig, who find themselves  
Ensnared and deceived by digital worlds  
And drugs that bend the mind—doorways into  
The perilous realm of raging demons.

Gracious Fathers, you once saved Wales from  
The deadly snares and savage claws of evil  
Wights. Wearing masks of science and healing  
They have descended deep into our souls.  
And you must drive them out lest we perish  
With a darkened nous decaying within  
Our heart and a fool's grin upon our face.

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