

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE 2013

Christmas Eve is a magical time, a time of candles and stars, babies in mangers, flying reindeer and jolly old elves. It is a night of great expectation and high anticipation, a night set apart from the rest of our humdrum ordinary lives. It is a night of belief, a night when amazing and wonderful things happen, or at least could happen. It is a night of hope, and joy, and peace. It is a night of blessing!

Christmas Eve is a night of mystery and wonder. Will a messiah be born? Will Santa deliver the right present? Will we have peace on earth?

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the church
many creatures were stirring on benches and perch.
The stockings weren't hung but the tree was alight,
And the children were hopping excited this night!

The people had settled and sung a few carols
Of starlight and wisemen and angels that herald
The story of Jesus Christ born in a stable
Scripture and legend and religious fable!

No mention of Santa Claus nor of his team
of reindeer and elves flying fast like a dream
bringing presents to all who were good through the year
and maybe some coal chunks a few people fear.

The night it is magic, the candles are lit
to remind us of starlight a wonderful bit
for the cosmos is wondrous mysteriously big,
and our lives are like pudding that's made out of fig!

But on this night so merry and festive and all
we celebrate one life that stands very tall
of Jesus a baby who really did grow
to be an example of all we should show!

So fable or legend or religious story,
The lesson is clear how to get to the glory
it isn't the wealthy or even the wise
who are likely to end up with this evening's prize.

It might be the poor or the naked or humble
of this world who end up not making a fumble
but listen to messages sent from the heart
and learn to make living a blessing and art!

Now back to the rooftop the messengers fly
to bring presents and lessons to each girl and boy
and as they proclaim as they vanish from sight
be good and be merry this Christmas Eve Night!

Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas!