

*'Twas the Eve of The Holy Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
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*'Twas the night before Christmas, in heaven above.
All the world was astirring, Archangels and doves.*

*All humans had been in the world for a while;
and God from above saw a shortage of smiles.*

*God noticed His people were burdened and worried;
all stressed and anxious and all so much hurried.*

*His world was sore troubled and deep in its pain;
with tear drops and heart breaks from the Sea to the Plain.
So many lost souls in the world to be loved;
The Lord of all life was moved from above.*

*When down on the earth there arose such a clatter
the heavens above rang out - "What's the matter"?
And then through the cosmos and all through the skies;
the angels, and saints all opened their eyes.*

*The stars of the heavens shone with a new glow;
an anthem of starlight, God's cosmic "hello."*

*Then – what to the wondering world should appear?
but a baby, so tiny, so sweet and so dear.*

*"But how shall we send you" said Father to Son
said Spirit so Holy, a new world begun.
They knew in an instant of heavenly query;
of a faithful young Virgin, a Saint they called Mary.*

*And joy rang out in heaven and sky,
and Gabriel prepared to earth He to fly.
And he practiced and practiced to repeat what God said,
magnificent news even for an Angel's head.*

*"Now Father, Now Son now Bless'd Holy Spirit;
be with me now as I dare to share it".
And off to her bedside Angel Gabriel flew;
to Mary he went; to give the glad news.*

*Mary's mind was alighted her heart was delighted;
she took in her womb God's WORD now united.*

*The Angels in heaven all gathered together;
to sing out rich "Gloria – Alleluia forever!"
And shepherds in the fields; at work through the night;
heard the Angels sing out; "Good news – God's new Light!"*

*To Bethlehem they ran; to see this strange wonder
salvation for man, for a world torn asunder.*

*Wise men from the East; with large burdened beast;
a long way they traveled; "Messiah!" - they marveled*

*Gold, Incense and Myrrh; such gifts as they were;
to be laid at the manger; then fled they from danger.*

*And Mary and Joseph with Christ in the stable;
humble lodging for sure; the best they were able.*

*And there in the straw; they all stared in awe;
as they gazed on the Christ child; so meek and so mild.*

*The Savior of all, the Redeemer, The King;
no wonder the angels in heaven did sing.*

*On this Holy Eve; it is my task;
to tell you this story; its truth come to pass.
This Babe of the Manger is Jesus the Lord.
He came to spread love; more than we can afford.*

*He came to be with us; to save us from sin;
to bring us to heaven; to dwell there with Him.
And all you must do to realize this grace;
is embrace Blessed Jesus; for you his heart aches.*

*Now come to His table, this banquet, this feast;
and know deep in your heart; that no one is least.
His Body is present and also His Blood,
His love flows to you in a heavenly flood.*

*To each one here present,
I bid you, Christ's Light.*

Merry Christmas to all and Amen - Blessed night.