

“Twas the Night Before Christmas”

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The world’s greatest love story, the world’s greatest story, goes something like this...

T’was the night before Christmas - and throughout Galilee

All the people were traveling – cause Ceasar made a decree!

To Bethlehem they went- and it was no easy ride

For Joseph and Mary, his pregnant young bride.

They were tired and weary, it was such a long trip

The hotels were booked up – then they got a tip!

“A stable? For my wife?” Joseph asked with a frown

“But my Mary’s in labor – she’s got to lie down!”

But it was out with some cattle, the sheep, and the straw –

That the birth of our Savior came, The KING, LORD OF ALL!

Oh, those shepherds were gathered on the side of a hill

As sheep nestled together, it was so run of the mill.

When the Glory of God, and His angels appeared

The shepherds were speechless, they trembled and feared.

“All glory to GOD, and peace on the earth!”

Came this message of Joy, announcing Christ’s birth

So off to the stables their courses they flew

(to find) a Messiah, in a manger? And swaddling clothes too?

Oh, they found those young parents, so humble and mild –

They knew in a moment, this was the Christ child!!

Now, over in Persia, there arose such a clatter

The magi were summoned, to see what was the matter

And what to their studious eyes should appear?

But a new star in heaven - so bright and so clear.

Over mountains, through deserts, no armies or beasts

Could hinder the journey - of these kings from the east.

They stopped in at Herod’s.... and shared the good news –

“We’ve just seen the star of the King of the Jews!”

****HMMM Satan heard too, and he went right to work –

He called a big meeting - then turned with a jerk,

The demons then plotted a ssssssinister plan

“We’ll kill all the babies, using Herod our man.”

But while Joseph was sleeping a long winter snooze,

An angel came, said “GET UP! - There is no time to lose.”

They ran out at once and to Egypt they fled

Where they waited and waited Till Herod was dead.

***Well Jesus grew up, he was a godly young man

He was now ready to fulfill God’s plan.

The gospel, God’s kingdom, is what Jesus taught

And many a miracle, from His hand was wrought.

Then came a strange day, it was the Passover feast.

Satan used a disciple --- to betray Him...that devious beast!

(He was) Betrayed and beaten, oh the sorrow and grief

Those thorns - they encircled Christ’s head – like- a- wreath

Mary’s precious young baby, the fruit of her womb

Lay lifeless, and still, in a cold borrowed tomb.

(pause)

Then after three days ---He arose, in a flash

He loosed all the captives and tore open the temple sash.

And then He proclaimed – as He rose out of sight-

“GO TELL ALL THE NATIONS – THERE’S FORGIVENESS TONIGHT!”

“ Oh, ...and love one another till I come again

You better be ready, you won’t know just when!”

Well, it’s a few nights (days/weeks) before Christmas,

Now what would He say

If the King of Glory – were to come back today?

Friends there’s no need for the guilt and the strife –

The Messiah has come offering eternal life.

The Bible is true – He'll return with a shout

So (if you haven't) receive Him today and you won't be left out

When He opens His book, will He find your name???

Or will you stand condemned, with your head hung in shame

These days before Christmas – those angels still sing

Each time that a person makes Jesus their King

He reigns up in heaven – from His throne up above

Still offering to each of us, the gift of His love.

Forgiveness? And Heaven? It is hard to conceive

But that's what God promised to all who believe

OH, (if you haven't) please... trust Him my friend - He'll make your life right

It is the "REASON FOR THE SEASON", God bless you and Good night!