

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

A Christ-centered adaptation by: Joel Klampert

- 1** 'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the world,
Man's minds were cloudy, their hearts were all swirled;
From beginning to end it's not often told,
This story is new and also quite old;
- 2** Our tale begins, of course from the start,
In the garden with Adam, followed by God's broken heart;
Eve was tempted by knowledge and pride,
While her husband stood passive, right by her side;
- 3** The greatest of love is to lay down one's own life,
So why didn't he act to save his sweet wife;
Ashamed they stood, pride divided their heart,
Riddled by fears, their whole world fell apart;
- 4** Countless years go by, many hours are spent,
Mans repair strategy never made a real dent;
Prophets spoke up, straight from the Lord,
Truth rang out, a loud hope had roared;
- 5** The Father above, a craftsman by trade,
Stared at the gifts that his hands had made
He made them whole and He made them right
Now they lay broken, shattered by night
- 6** The misfits were nestled all snug in their sin,
Awaiting redemption that soon would begin;
The father and son since the beginning of time,
Had a glorious plan to clean off man's grime;
- 7** An angel appeared to a young girl on that day,
Fear not, you have favor is what he would say;
And the peace from the creator poured out like an oil,
On the squeaky heart of Mary, faithful and loyal;
- 8** She knew she was pregnant, her heart now made whole,
Joseph stepped up, earthly father with soul;
The dark one, now frantic, did all that he could,
To stop the one who would crush death for good;
- 9** In the middle of a field stood the lowest of low,
Tending their sheep when the sky started to glow;
They shook in their sandals, Their eyes open wide,
As an army of angels appeared in the sky;
- 10** "I bring you good news" the angel had said,
"you'll find him wrapped snug, while resting his head";
Their voices soared, what a song they would sing,
Then the shepherds packed up to go find their new king;
- 11** They hurried to the village to see with their eyes,
Astonished, they saw Him, and heard his sweet cries;
The stories they'd tell, sharing with any who'd hear,
That Jesus had come, The Messiah was here!
- 12** A few years had passed when some magi had heard,
The prophecies were true and Herod got word;
He sent them all out to seek and to find,
With a ruse that he'd worship with all of mankind;
- 13** To Bethlehem they rode, navigating by star,
Which stopped over a home, a sight so bizarre;
They bowed down and worshiped leaving gifts at His feet,
And left to trick Herod so death they'd not meet;
- 14** Mary sat with Gold, Frankincense and myrrh,
Silently thinking, it's all been a blur;
She knew what would happen, but did she know the whole truth,
Did she trust that God's plan was completely foolproof?
- 15** Jesus grew up in wisdom and stature,
Fully God, fully man, the Grace dispatcher;
He took on flesh to save mankind's skin,
God became misfit to free misfits from sin;
- 16** From heaven to earth, From manger to cross,
He came to seek and save all who were lost;
As he Hung on a tree mary saw her small child,
Was now a man who's love was vivid and wild;
- 17** Too many are convinced that God turned his back,
Because He was angry and we were off track;
But The truth of this story comes in like the tide,
As we see the real Father with arms open wide;
- 18** Recklessly loving, His eyes peppered with grace,
All lives must change that look at His face;
He loves us with passion, our value He views,
Our God is alive!! Celebrate the good news!
- 19** When you sit with your family, as you unwrap and you eat,
Remember that death has suffered defeat;
We have been given a gift, receive His pure light,
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.

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