



Heaven's Christmas Tree



1. I have heard of a tree, a great Christ - mas tree, It was
 2. There is one I be - hold in let - ters of gold, It
 3. There is one just a - bove, it's ti - tle is love, It is
 4. An - oth - er I see, it must be for me, The
 5. There are man - y, I'm sure, but just this one more I



fixed in yon Beth - le - hem's, Beth - le - hem's stall. The
 hangs on a limb near to, limb near to me. 'Tis
 marked by a deep crim - son, deep crim - son stain. For
 words "I will help you" I, help you I read. While
 speak of a - bove all the, bove all the rest. It



bles - ings of hea - ven for you and for me, A
 la - beled "sal - va - tion," and Je - sus, I'm told, Has
 there it was tied by the Lord when He died, And
 hold - ing His hand, by faith I can stand, And
 spells "hap - py home" with God near the throne, A

Christ - mas _____ pres - ent for all. _____
 bought that _____ pack - age for me. _____
 glo - ry _____ to His dear name. _____
 this is the pack - age I need. _____
 place where the wea - ry shall rest. _____

There is a pack - age for me on that tree; A pre - cious to - ken that

some - one loves me. Oh yes, I can see on

Cal - va - ry's Tree, That there is a pack - age for me. _____

Charles Albert Tindley (1851-1933) was the son of slave parents who taught himself to read while a janitor at Philadelphia's Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church. He took night classes and correspondence courses and was ordained a Methodist minister. In 1902 he was appointed the pastor of Calvary Methodist Church where he served with great success and distinction. It was rebuilt and despite his protest was named Tindley Temple Methodist Church, and grew to a congregation of over 7,000 African Americans, Europeans, Jews, and Hispanics. He has five hymns in *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989). The Civil Rights anthem, "We Shall Overcome," was based on his song, "I'll Overcome Someday." "Heaven's Christmas Tree" has never appeared in a Methodist hymnal.