

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight. A child came from thee and lived most of his life in Galilee. He worked with his father in his first thirty years, but dreamed of the day when he could do the works of his heavenly Father, healing people and quelling fears. The night he was born, there were others who dreamed...

- A man born blind, who lay awake that night..... dreamed of a day when he had sight
- A crippled boy in bed, tossed and turned in thought..... dreamed of a day when he could walk.
- A lonely leper, who lived each day in quarantine.....dreamed of a day when he was clean
- A prostitute, whose life was spent the men to lure.....dreamed that night that she was pure.
- A multitude of Israel's peasants, burdened by Roman taxation and oppression, felt weary and broken.....dreamed of a Saviour Messiah of whom the prophets had spoken.
- That night a child was born to virgin Mary. He was the Father's eternal Son sent from above. His main message was a kingdom of righteousness, peace and love. To enter, one must be born from above.

Jesus grew to be a man and fulfilled the dreams of many. He still fulfills dreams today. He took all the bad we had to die on a tree. It was prophesied 700 years before in Isaiah 53. All who put their trust in him will be with him for all eternity. God's gift to man is not found under a Christmas tree, but was crucified on a tree at Calvary. Three days later the gift was unwrapped at the resurrection of Jesus at the empty tomb.

God now calls us to receive his precious gift of Jesus as we open our hearts to him. I lay awake and pray at night.....and dream that you will be with me one day in that glorious city of light.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND ETERNAL CHEER !!!

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