

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THOU ART COME
At last Thou art come, little Saviour!
And Thine angels fill midnight with song;

THOU ART COME
Thou art come to Thy beautiful Mother,
She hath looked on Thy marvellous face;

THOU ART COME
Thou art come to us, dearest, at last!
Oh, bless Thee, dear Joy of Thy Mother,

THOU ART COME
This is worth all the wearisome child of Mary!
Yet we hardly believe Thou art come—

THOU ART COME
It seems such a wonder to have Thee, New Brother! with us in our home.

THOU ART COME
Thou wilt stay with us, Master and Maker,
Thou wilt stay with us now evermore;

THOU ART COME
We will play with Thee, beautiful Brother!
On Eternity's jubilant shore.

CHRISTMASIDE AND CONTENT OF HEART

Christmas is the holiday of happy hearts. We all need Christmas because we all need happiness. For happiness we were made, for happiness we work on earth, toward eternal happiness we should all be tending.

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Far across the briny billows, Where the German people dwell, Parents tell a charming legend How the Christmas tree befell.

sulk in spirit. We have gone out into life to buy for ourselves a present, and we come back with one toy and a thousand disappointed desires.

Where is the mistake in all this and what will set us right? What will make our eyes older and bring our brains to manhood? What will take the frown out of our hearts and the disappointment out of our lives?

When the Christ Child opened His eyes first in this world and looked at the four walls of His stable nursery, what was the thought in the mind of the Divine Child?

When was Christ born? About 4,000 years after the creation of the world, in the second year of the reign of Emperor Augustus.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

The moon that now is shining, In skies so blue and bright, Shows signs since on Shepherds Who watched their flocks by night.

THE CHRISTMAS ROSE

Redolent of the great faith and the tender, generous character of the Irish people is the beautiful legend of the Christmas rose, which has come down in the folklore of the Emerald Isle.

THE TRUE CHRISTMAS

Oh, the Christmas that is truest is the Christmas in the cot, In the dwelling of the humble Hid in some sequestered spot;

THE THREE KINGS

When you visit the Crib on Christmas Day, you notice that, besides the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, only the shepherds are in adoration at the feet of the Christ Child.

Wondrous music filled the chamber, Angel music, so it seemed. Quick they drew aside their curtains, Peered without with eager eyes.

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Epiphany means manifestation; for, when the Kings came and found the Child, Christ was manifested, that is to say, made known, to the Gentiles.

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